

# The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

## Annual Report for 2013

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**Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary  
owned by the National Audubon Society  
but managed locally by F.O.H.H.A.S., Inc.**

### Our Mission:

“Hunt Hill is a nature preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation and protection of the environment.”

## 2013 FOHHAS Board Highlights:

The FOHHAS Board usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5 pm in the Farmhouse Board Conference Room. Meetings are open to the general public. Priorities for 2013 included:

- working on strategic plan goals by the Board committees and staff
- pursuing Hunt Hill ownership transfer from National Audubon to FOHHAS
- securing funding for major facilities improvements – like the smoke alarms
- growing our membership
- buy 83 acre Seever Miniature Horse Farm for FOHHAS adjoining Hunt Hill
- building our financial base for Hunt Hill’s operations through new events (2<sup>nd</sup> annual Prairie Fling, Ladies’ Night Out, Spooner Chamber of Commerce Food & Wine Tasting, Harvest Dinner and Dance)
- continue strengthening relationships with non-profit partners in our area such as the Shell Lake Arts Center, Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, LLPA, WCLRA, charter schools, service clubs, churches, community education programs, UW-Barron County and WITC, after-school programs, garden clubs
- continue outreach partnerships with other community organizations like Heartwood Conference & Retreat Center, busing tour groups and Namekagon Transit
- preparing for Board member and staff leadership transitions
- hiring and training new staff members into camp day-to-day activities

### LAND:

Facilities projects for 2013 at Hunt Hill included completion of the new, hard-wired smoke alarms project in the dorms; replacing the old John Deere lawn tractor – special thanks to Grand Foundation for donating the brand new John Deere diesel lawn tractor w/mowing deck - front loader bucket - brush cutter - ballast box; removal of dead/dying oak trees and large limbs around the lower parking lot; re-planting grass over the new underground wiring between dorms and Farmhouse; preparing the “Prairie” for a fall prairie burn by the DNR; and making new replacement trail signs Hunt Hill hiking trails – also, the signs have now been installed by the Wisconsin Volksport Dairyland Walkers.

Facilities projects at the new Seever property, now owned by FOHHAS, included general clean-up of the farm yard areas, mowing, fence removal, shutting down and winterizing the buildings for the winter and re-opening logging trails in the woods.

We welcomed new Assistant Maintenance staff members Jim Gruenhagen Jr. and John Moravec. Jim is in training to become the new Maintenance Supervisor in anticipation of Larry Piskie’s retirement next year.

Finally – a big thanks to our volunteer gardeners Carlotta Romsos, Anne Drake and Audrey Cusick.

**PROGRAMS 2013**

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>2013 (Camper Days/ Attendance)</i>	<i>2012 (Camper Days/Attendance)</i>
<i>Summer Camps</i>	436	499
<i>Schools</i>	1480	1406
<i>Programs</i>	1223 (with Prairie Fling)	743 (with Prairie Fling)
<i>Contracted</i>	426	608
<i>Cakes at the Lake Series</i>	820	674
<i>Total</i>	4275	3930

**2013 PROGRAM STAFF:**

2013 turned out to be another great year for programming at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary!

This year we hosted 25 school groups who had the opportunity to discover Hunt Hill through hands on exploration and activities. Programs varied based on each school’s needs, and popular topics included: habitats, insects, survival and water programs. We had a great mix of new and returning staff that created positive experiences in nature for our visiting youth. The 2013 school educator staff included: Colleen Johnson, Charlotte Snarski, Amy Schmit, Amy Frye, Sage Dunham, Jessie Schalkowski, Beverly Stencel, James Denucci, Steve Vork, Anna Demers, Jennifer Makosky, Bill Kind and Karen Kaufman. Thanks to all the school educators!

To help with our day camp programs as well as the daily camp life Hunt Hill welcomed summer educators: Sage Dunham, Elise Marty, Nicole Zappitello, Elizabeth Elliott and Callie Bernier. Sage Dunham returned from last year and we were glad to have her back as an awesome educator and leader. Sage is currently attending Soka University of America in California and currently exploring her options. Elise Marty, a native of Eau Claire, brought to camp a kind and enthusiastic attitude that was contagious. Elise is back at UW-Eau Claire where she is completing her degree in elementary education. Nicole Zappitello aced juggling the responsibilities of being the LLPA intern and Hunt Hill summer educator. She is originally from Barron, but currently back at school at UW-Superior finishing her degree to become a High School science teacher. Elizabeth Elliott did a wonderful job creating programs and developing our reptile display. Elizabeth joined the Hunt Hill staff all the way from Ames Iowa where she is currently completing a degree in Animal Ecology. Callie, a native of Land O’ Lakes, did a great job as a supportive staff member and creative educator. She is currently attending a graduate program in Ireland. Great work girls!

In addition to our summer educators, we also invited many specialty educators to Hunt Hill to assist and lead overnight programs during the summer. Terry Dorsey returned to help with the UW-Green Bay RCMS program as well as the UW-Green Bay Upward Bound group. We welcomed Pete Ducos as the returning Spanish Immersion Director. He did a fabulous job and brought with him Maria Nelson and Beth Peterson in addition to volunteer Sara Ducos. Thanks to all of our educating staff for making 2013 a GREAT year!

**MEMBERSHIP:**

*As of November 1, 2013, there was another 3% increase of 19 members from 2012 to 2013 which follows a huge increase in membership from 2011 to 2012 of 23% increase. (636 in 2012 and 655 in 2013). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 83% Wisconsin, 10% Minnesota and 7% other (AZ, CA,CO, FL, IA, IL, IN, MI, MO, MT, ND,NE, NH, NM, OH, PA, TN, TX). Family Membership is counted as three members; Individual as one member; Senior as one.*

**2013 BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS:**

- Gary Davis, President
- Nick Allen, Vice President
- Jessica Schalkowski, Secretary & Program Chair
- Adam Liegl, Treasurer
- Gary Erickson, Facilities Chair
- Carlotta Romsos, Membership Chair
- Gary “Gus” Stelzer, Fundraising Chair
- Paul Amacher
- Denis Murray
- Jack Nessen
- Deborah Neuheisel-Smith
- Wayne Sabatke
- Katrice Shuler
- William Stewart
- Larry Tarnow

**COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS** (not Board or Staff)

*Legal: Katherine Stewart*

*Facilities Committee: Gene Romsos & Linda Thompson*

*Special Events Committee: Jan Bliss, Kathy Hanson, Diane Erdman, Linda Angeloni, Jill Lehmann, Sharon Tarras*

*Program Committee: Gary Dunsmoor, Dave Seis, Gene Romsos, John Haack*

***2013 Hunt Hill Staff***



*Top: Nicole Kim, Carla, Terry, Sage  
Standing: Larry, John, Jim  
Sitting: Callie, Elizabeth, Storme, Ruger, Nikki, Elise, Jan*

## 2013 Staff

### **Executive Director**

Storme Nelson

### **Program Director**

Nikki Nelson

### **Office Manager**

Jan Killian

### **Maintenance Team**

Larry Piskie  
James Gruenhagen  
John Hartman  
John Moravec

### **Cooks**

Carla Cewe  
Kim Stephanites

### **Spring Educator Staff**

Anna Demers  
James DeNucci  
Amy Frye  
Colleen Johnson

Karen Kaufman  
Sharon Johnson  
Jennifer Makosky  
Amy Schmidt  
Charlotte Snarski  
Stephen Vork

### **Summer Educators**

Callie Bernier  
Sage Dunham  
Elizabeth Elliot  
Elise Marty  
Nicole Zappitello

### **Volunteer Educators**

Anna Demers  
Tony Diehl  
Beverly Stencil  
Stephen Vork

### **Contract Educators**

Pete Ducos  
Terry Dorsey  
Chris Cold  
Maria Nelson  
Beth Peterson

## **OUR VOLUNTEERS:** (as of October 31, 2013):

Nick Allen

Maryann Amacher

Paul Amacher

Linda Angeloni

Lee Balek

Joe Barther

Marlene Bjorkquist

Cecilia Brierton

Keaton Brueggeman

Jan Bliss

Rosa Bixler

Kathy Chenault

Lenny Chenault

Carolyn Cleveland

Dave Cleveland

Pam Collins

Audrey Cusick

Gary Davis

Arda Davis

Libbie Detrent

Sam Detrent

Bruce Dewey

Tony Diehl

Tom Doyle

Toni Dougherty

Anne Drake

Sara Ducos

Kayla Ducos

Gary Dunsmoor

Diane Erdman

Cathie Erickson

Gary Erickson

Katie Espersen

Lynn Espersen

Linda Farrell

Paul Finger

Amy Frye

Anne Gallagher

Jude Genereaux

Denis Grivna

Helen Goosby

John Haack

Jeneice Haessig

Kathy Hanson

Manssa Haroldson

Kay Harness

John Hartman

Nancy Hedlund  
 Greg Herriges  
 Lois Jackson  
 Christopher Jahnke  
 Joel Jahnke  
 Tonya Jahnke  
 Taylor Johnson  
 Sharon Johnson  
 Connie Jones  
 Steve Jones  
 Karen Kaufman  
 Ethan Kiffmeyer  
 Jan Killian  
 Alyssa King  
 Kinship of Rice Lake &  
 Cameron  
 Ava Kvittem  
 Greta Kvittem  
 Don Kology  
 Lorna Kology  
 George Lever  
 Clarity Lewis  
 Adam Liegl  
 Sara MacDonald  
 Penny Melendez  
 Sue Menzel  
 Jenny Makosky  
 Ellen Mitchell  
 Kathy Mitchell  
 Ted Moravec  
 Denis Murray  
 Dawn Nelson  
 Gene Nelson  
 Nicole Nelson  
 Sara Nelson  
 Storme Nelson

Jack Nessen  
 Connor Neste & Fresh Start  
 Deborah Neuheisel-Smith  
 Lois Nissen  
 Cal O'Flanagan  
 Linnea Oleson  
 Sue Olson  
 Derrick Olson  
 Spencer Page  
 Taylor Page  
 Joan Quenan  
 Students of RCMS  
 Mike Reese  
 Michelle Ritter  
 Nelissa Rodriquez  
 Carrie Romsos  
 Carlotta Romsos  
 Eugene Romsos  
 Dale Romsos  
 Charlotte Ross  
 Janine Rueter  
 Wayne Sabatke  
 Laura Sandstrom  
 Jessica Schalkowski  
 Sydney Schieffer  
 Katie Schleife  
 Kerry Schleife  
 Kirk Schleife  
 Chris Schneider  
 Michael Schroeder  
 Sue Schroeder  
 Katrice Schuler  
 Dave Seis  
 Mark Sherman  
 Lisa Short  
 Katrice Shuler

Jayda Shutter  
 Bob Sigmond  
 Michelle Smith  
 Bernie Snarski  
 Charlotte Snarski  
 Gus Stelzer  
 Beverly Stencil  
 Bill Stewart  
 Katherine Stewart  
 Terrie Strand  
 Megan Talbot  
 Sharon Tarras  
 Jan Tarnow  
 Larry Tarnow  
 Park Taylor  
 Tom Terhorst  
 Linda Thompson  
 George Thostenson  
 Mary Thostenson  
 Joe Thrasher  
 Marsha VanBuskirk  
 Phyllis VanWyhe  
 Keith Veldhuizen  
 Stephen Vork  
 Sam Watson  
 Tony Weber  
 Ryan Wieters

Our apologies if we missed anyone, please be sure to sign in as a volunteer at the events so we can acknowledge you. Please let us know so we can include you for 2013!

***Over 147 volunteers and 1892 hours worked through November! Thank you!***

**2013 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET SUMMERY:** (As of October 31, 2013)

Total Income	\$414,063.87	Income/Loss	\$26,679.70
Total Expense	\$358,220.34	Current Assets	\$206,035.74

**IN KIND DONATIONS:** (Gifts & Services):

American Excelsior	Hayward Rotary	Derrick Olson
Eva Apelqvist	Taylor Johnson	Erik Ostrum
Susan Armstrong	Roger Karr	Tom Perlick (Perlick Farms)
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Sara Ducos	Lynn's Honey Wagon	Second Wind String Band
Duck for the Oyster	Wanda McFaggen	Kevin Scheosow
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Richard Graves	Marketplace Foods	Pam Steffan
Greeners Reel em Inn	Kevin McMullin	Beverly Stencil
James Gruenhagen	Maybe Molly Dancers	Katherine Stewart
James Gruenhagen Jr.	Ted Moravec	Second Wind Band
John Haack	North Forty Sound	Tice Computers
Dan Harrington	Old Dutch Foods	Tri County Dairy Promoters
John Hartman	Olson' Custom Upholstery	Steve Vork
	On Twin Lakes Farm	Waste Managemen

**DONATIONS OF FUNDS:** (10/31/12 to 10/31/13):

Sheila Aldrich	Stephen & Brigitte Cornelius	Morris Gillett
Nick Allen	Ann Davey	Judith & David Goggin
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Barbara Kratochvil  
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Harold & Marjorie Lindemann  
Joanne & Richard Linden  
Irene Lindberg  
Jim Lindberg  
Dan Lubensky  
Charla Magee  
Karen Margolis/Robert Simonds  
David McMullin  
Peter Medchill  
Robert & Dorothy Moe  
Denis Murray  
Neighbor 2 Neighbor  
Ann & Keith Nelson  
Nikki Nelson  
Storme/Dawn Nelson  
Jack & Leila Nessen  
C. John & Judy Neste  
Deborah Neuheisel/Mike Smith  
Lois Nissen  
Carole Ott

John Peter  
Duane & Marjorie Peterson  
Peter & Karen Quam  
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Gene/Carlotta Romsos  
Alan & Charlotte Ross  
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Liz Wentworth  
Lois Whitehorn  
Donald Williams  
Jan Wood  
Dr. John Work

### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS:**

#### **Allen Mantell Memorial**

David/Carolyn Cleveland  
Don Williams  
Keith Dunder/Katie Kraemer  
Ed & Linda Dunklau  
Joseph Holas  
Jay & Marilyn Schuster  
Bonnie Ristola

#### **Loretta Ballard Memorial**

Steven & Susan Arnold

### **SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS:**

*Long Lake Preservation Association*  
*RCMS/ Green Bay*  
*WCLRA*

### **F.O.H.H.A.S. ENDOWMENT:** (separate from the Andrews' Endowment managed by NAS for Hunt Hill)

Total endowment value as of November 1, 2013 is \$22,524.20 compared to \$17,874.30 at the same time last year.