

# The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

## Annual Report

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*1989 to 2007*



Chicken Polypore mushroom found at Hunt Hill August 2007

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The Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary  
Owned by the National Audubon Society  
Managed locally by  
The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

## **Our Mission:**

Hunt Hill is a wildlife preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation, and protection of the environment. (from Strategic Planning 2005)

## **Board of Directors' Highlights**

2007 has been a year of new directions for the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc. (FIGGAS). These developments mean new and exciting times are ahead for Hunt Hill.

New directors Tracey Mofle, Carolyn Cleveland, Adam Liegl, and Sue Menzel all joined the Board in 2007; and have all become very active with various operating committees.

Strengthening our operating committees (Facilities, Finance, Membership, Program) at Hunt Hill is a key part of our long-term strategic plan, as set forth by the Board of Directors. This is being accomplished through higher expectations, assigning responsibilities, and seeking new members. The committees have become more organized and functional as the chairs have stepped up. Additional members have joined each committee, bringing new perspectives and enthusiasm. The long-term strength and successes of FOHHAS can only increase as more volunteers get involved.

Only one Board member retires this year – we are sad to say good-bye to Carol Heim in her formal Board role, but are hopeful to have her continue as an active volunteer member of Hunt Hill. The addition of at least two new Board members will mean the Board is growing as we move into 2008. The past Bylaws revision allowing from twelve to fifteen board member positions gives us this opportunity to grow.

## **2007 Year-To-Date Highlights Including Facility Improvements (through 9/30/07):**

- New Head Cook Erik Severson did a good job all summer
- Day Camps expanded to 8 weeks of single day camp offerings
- “New” used copy machine purchased to replace non-functioning office copier.
- New furnace in the Farmhouse Camp Office
- Program Learning Center (garage) sheet rock ceiling – unfinished since the ‘70’s – cleaned, taped, mudded, sanded, primed, and painted by volunteers, under direction of Waldo Asp
- New hillside steps east end of Program Learning Center near maintenance area
- New double-hung windows in Square dorm for improved ventilation for summer staff
- New Borell Beach Waterfront Gateway and laser-etched dedication sign
- New front entrance sign
- Log Cabin repairs and replacement of rotted logs, and exterior staining
- Revitalization and reorganization of the “Prairie” bluebird house trail with guidance of Dr. Kent Hall, Stevens Point and Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW)
- Donation received from Bill and Maureen Farrell of used golf cart for use by the disabled to see Prairie Trails
- Receipt from the Wisconsin Audubon Council and the National Audubon Society of a Bird Observation Kit (binoculars and field guides) for outreach programs in northwest Wisconsin
- 2008 Annual Program Guide is being written now – to focus on the summer camps and programs for 2008. Additional special Hunt Hill events will be highlighted in the quarterly newsletter and on the website throughout the year

- expansion of the international language camps to include a full week of a new Swedish Language and Cultural camp under the enthusiastic direction of Eva Apelqvist; as well as three full weeks of the “Time of Your Life” Spanish Immersion Camp. One of the original Hunt Hill donor Frances Andrews’ wishes was to foster international exchanges of goodwill, cultural understanding and environmental education, so this fits very well with the mission of Hunt Hill.
- More Upward Bound camps (UW-Green Bay, UW-Eau Claire, and UW-BC and LCO College)
- Expanded participation in the spring Crane Count
- Fourth annual bird hike and program at the Reclaimed Flambeau Mine nature area, Ladysmith
- Addition of a Fall Artists’ Workshop
- SoupStock weekend celebration of local foods, local artisans, local writers, sustainability, alternative energies, new technology and old-fashioned family and community values
- Hosting the beginning and end points of the “Get Runnin’” relay race around Long Lake, sponsored by the PLAY (Promoting Lively and Active Youth) Foundation, Inc., Rice Lake, WI
- New interpretive materials added to the Nature Trail signs around Hunt Hill, through a grant from the WEEB (Wisconsin Environmental Education Board), Stevens Point, WI
- New outreach programs including Earth Day celebrations in Spooner and Hayward; and presentations about Hunt Hill to the Rice Lake Golden K Kiwanis, Spooner Kiwanis, Sunshine Rotary, Rice Lake Fortnightly Club, The Birkie Girls at Hayward, , the Blue Hills Unitarian Universalist Church, and the Gull Lake Association



Borell Gate going down to the waterfront

## Land

FOHHAS, Inc. currently is responsible for managing land totaling 513 acres. Approximately 180 acres are designated part of the State Natural Area. The Hunt Hill property includes 12 buildings. There are almost ten miles of trails and two foot bridges. Future changes in the land holdings are being pursued and additional land buffers around the core property of Hunt Hill will hopefully be acquired to prevent development too close to Hunt Hill. New State Natural Area signs have been put up along our road to show people which areas are included.

## Programs 2007

In 2007 we changed the scheduling of our Day Camps for 5-13 year olds. We instituted 8 weeks of daily Day Camps – each day a new program with the option to sign up for one week or to select any convenient day. We combined the teen and pre-teen groups into one week of River Ecology Adventure on the Namekagon. In April, Resource Center of the Americas cancelled Spanish Immersion Time of Your Life and we took over management of that camp. With the help of previous Spanish Immersion staff, we recruited and held one week of Spanish Immersion camp in August – receiving rave reviews from campers. We continued the Cakes at the Lake program with Long Lake Preservation Association monthly with outstanding programming and increased attendance. We once again hosted the UWGB Math and Science youth in July and co-sponsored SoupStock in September.

Program Name	2006 (Camper Days/Attendance)	2007 (Camper Days/Attendance)
Summer Camps	396	416
Schools	1,045	1234
Programs	302	110
Contracted	2491	1549
Cakes at the Lake Series	458	953
Total	4692	4262

## Program Staff

In 2007 we have been blessed with superior staff for both school and summer programs. School educators for 2007 were Marlo Schield, Sue Menzel, Janine McNulty, Amanda Kostner, and Amy Young. Summer Educators were Megan Pierce, Seeley, WI; Ashley Lokken, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Katie Haines, Birchwood, WI; Jessica Pettersson, Sweden; Natalia Sudakina, Ukraine. We were very fortunate to have two international staff hired through the Camp America program.

We certified all summer staff through the Red Cross program and had on the spot lifeguards for all our summer programming.



Ashley, Natalia, and Jessica with Day Campers

## Fall 2007 Upcoming Fall Events

October 27, 2007 Trail of Myths 4:00-6:00 p.m.

## Membership

As of December 31, 2007, there was an increase of 10 members from 2006 to 2007. (375 in 2007 and 365 in 2006). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 68% Wisconsin, 21% Minnesota and 11% other (CA, CO, IL, KY, MI, MT, ND, NH, PA).

## 2007 BOARD MEMBERS

Wayne Sabatke, President  
 Nick Allen, Vice President and Facilities Chair  
 Jan Bliss, Secretary and Fundraising Chair  
 Adam Liegl, Treasurer and Finance Chair  
 David Haessig – until June 2007  
 Carolyn Cleveland  
 Carol Heim

Tim McRaith, Program Chair  
 Sue Menzel  
 Tracy Mofle  
 John Neste  
 Linda Thompson, Membership Chair  
 Tracy White  
 John Works

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (not Board or Staff)

*Website:* Nancy Chick

*Finance:* Vicki Shaffer

*Legal:* Katherine Stewart

*Program:* Alex Bezzerides, Cary Komoto

*Facilities:* Chip Wood, Larry Piskie

## Staff 2007

### Executive Director

Storme Nelson

### Program Coordinator

Brian Arnold until June, 2007

### Office Manager

Karen Kress

### Maintenance Team

Larry Piskie

Colette Piskie

### Cook

Erik Severson

### Season/Educational

Katie Haines

Megan Pierce

Ashley Lokken

Natalia Sudakina

Jessica Pettersson

### Volunteer Educators

Chris Cold

Arda and Gary Davis

### School Educators

Janine McNulty

Amy Young

Amanda Kostner

Sue Menzel

Marlo Schield

Dana Butler

Sean Tisdell

### Contract Educators

Terry Dorsey

## Our 2007 Volunteers

(as of September 1, 2007)

Nick	Allen	Dan	Hansen	Don	Ruedy
Brian	Arnold	Ashley	Hanson	Linda	Ruedy
Irene	Asp	Caleb	Hanson	Janine	Rueter
Waldo	Asp	Peggy	Hanson	Wayne	Sabatke
Mike	Behling	Levi	Harrington	Barb	Sabatke
Tray	Benham	Carol	Heim	Laura	Sandstrom
Thor	Benham	Kurt	Holtz	Sue	Schroeder
Alex	Bezzerrides	Josh	Hunter	Michael	Schroeder
Julie	Bezzerrides	Bruce	Konkler	Dave	Seis
Jan	Bliss	Marilyn	Konkler	Erik	Severson
Janae	Breunig	Adam	Liegl	Dee	Smith
Cecilia	Brierton	James	Lola	Alyssa	Smith
Mark	Brigham	Tony	Lyne	Jesse	Sprenger
Pam	Campbell	Mary	Manson	Marsha	Stelzer
Nancy	Chick	Tim	McRaith	Carlin	Stelzer
Carolyn	Cleveland	Sue	Menzel	Linda	Thompson
Chris	Cold	Angela	Merritt	Mary	Thostenson
Peter	Davidson	Tracey	Mofle	Chad	Uran
Arda	Davis	Jonah	Mofle-Bisonette	Marsha	Van Buskirk
Gary	Davis	Storme	Nelson	Amelia	Wack
Denise	DeGidio	Judy	Nelson	Arianne	Wack
Georgia	Dettmers	Dawn	Nelson	Aaron	Weaver
Diane	Dorsey	John	Neste	Amanda	Wells
Betty	Dreis	Cader	Olive	Tracy	White
Bob	Dreis	Colette	Piskie	Lorna	Wilson
Jessica	Floren	Terry	Podulke	William	Wood
Greg	Furtman	Gene	Prigge	Jan	Wood
John	Haack	Jean	Rasmussen	John	Works
Alyssa	Hack	Students	Rice Lake	Students	Spooner
David	Haessig	Carlotta	Romsos		
Jeneice	Haessig	Eugene	Romsos		
Mary	Hamilton	Jennifer	Rothe		



**Over 90 volunteers and 2098 hours worked through August! Thank you!**

**2007 Year to Date Budget Summary**

As of August 31, 2007

Total Income	\$161,790.40	Income/Loss	\$7450.72
Total Expense	\$135,927.25	Current Assets	\$93,336.47

**In Kind Donations** (Gifts & Services)

Sue Gunder	Karen Kress
Marilyn Vig	David and Carolyn Cleveland
Linda Thompson/Jeff Southern	Mort and Stephanie Dahl
Pam Campbell	Waldo and Irene Asp
Carlotta and Eugene Romsos	Wayne and Barb Sabatke
Barb Emerson	Buzz and Karen Flolid
Tracey Mofle	Ashley Lokken
Bill and Maureen Farrell	Don Buckman

**Donations of Funds**

David and Carolyn Cleveland	Shell Lake Cooperatives	Antonia Foundatin
Randy and Linda Poznansky	Flambeau Mining Company	Jan Wise
Carolyn and Hokey West	Birchwood Christian Women's	Walmart
Paula Haus	Fellowship	Gail Fuad
Allan and Judie Barta	Linda Thompson	Grand Foundation
Duffy and Bill Sauer	Terry and Diane Dorsey	Minneapolis Foundation
Forthnightly Club	Allan and Carol Bensman	
Nancy La Freniere	Lakeview Medical Center	
Gull Lake Property Owners	Ann Fox	

**Scholarships and Grants**

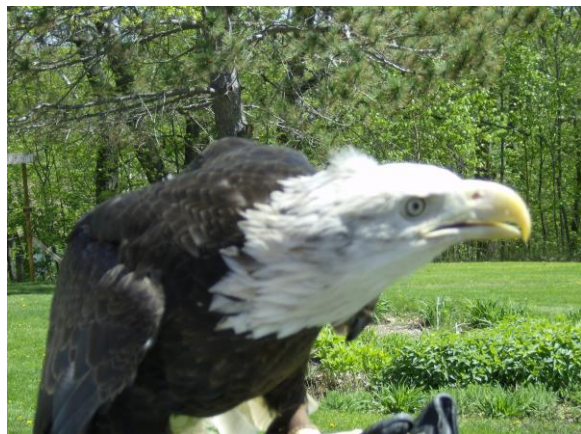
Long Lake Preservation Association

**Endowment**

Donations to Endowment Fund in 2007 totaled \$10. Donations in 2006 totaled \$250. Total endowment value as of 8/21/07 is \$17,708.13.



**Day Campers in August**



**Eagle from May program**