The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report for 2012

New Amphitheater Cedar Deck with Pergola (located between Cross Dorm and Square Dorm)

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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 wildlife preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation and protection of the environment.”

2012 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 always open to the general public. Priorities for 2012 included:

- conducting a strategic planning session for the Board
- pursuing Hunt Hill ownership transfer from National Audubon to FOHHAS
- securing funding for major facilities additions and improvements
- finding new ways to serve families in northwest Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota
- growing our membership
- building our financial base for Hunt Hill’s operations through new events like Prairie Fling
- strengthening relationships with non-profit partners in our area such as the Shell Lake Arts Center, Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, LLPA, WCLRA, charter schools, community education programs, UW-Barron County and WITC
- seeking new outreach partnerships with other community organizations like Heartwood Conference & Retreat Center, after-school programs
- preparing for Board member and staff leadership transitions in the near future – including dealing with board members’ serious health issues
- incorporating new staff members into camp day-to-day activities

Land:
The Board, Facilities Committee, Hunt Hill maintenance staff of Larry Piskie and John Hartman and many other seasonal staff members and volunteers have worked hard all year to improve buildings and grounds at Hunt Hill.

Facilities improvements included: more bog mats installed for educational purposes; approximately 15 new Leopold benches donated around the central camp and hiking trails, a new outdoor amphitheater between Square and Cross Dorms; the new cedar deck at the Amphitheater, rebuilding the final chimney at the original Andrews’ Cabin on the hill; replacing firewood used in program activities; an Eagle Scout service project by Grant Evans, Chippewa Falls to replace the handrail posts and rope to the Borell Waterfront.

Future projects coming soon will be: new member-sponsored cedar Bluebird houses (nest boxes) on the Prairie Bluebird Trail, repair the rickety boards on the Beaver Pond Footbridge before they become a safety hazard for hikers, replace battery smoke alarms with hard-wired smoke alarm system in the dorms, reroofing the Long Dorm (last building in camp), heating system in the Barn Dining Hall, brighter lights in the Program Learning Center, invasive plant removal in the “hot spot” areas around camp, Farmhouse re-sided, Log Cabin repairs (insect damaged logs), repair the historic root cellar/storm shelter by the cabins on the hill and improve or widen main driveway access into camp.
### Programs 2012

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<th>Program Name</th>
<th>2012 (Camper Days/Attendance)</th>
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<td>Summer Camps</td>
<td>499</td>
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<td>Schools</td>
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<td>Programs</td>
<td>743(with Prairie Fling)</td>
<td>584</td>
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<td>Contracted</td>
<td>608</td>
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<td>Cakes at the Lake Series</td>
<td>674</td>
<td>522</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3930</strong></td>
<td><strong>4394</strong></td>
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### 2012 Program Staff

In the spring we hosted 19 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 spring educator staff included: Colleen Johnson, Charlotte Snarski, James Denucci, Jaclyn Ramsey, Amy Schmidt, Michelle Gregg, Ellen Daniels, Bambi Forcey, Robin Heier, Tobin Clark, Sharon Johnson, Nikki Rukamp, Jessie Schalkowski, Beverly Stencel, Michelle Jondreau, Tony Diehl and Storme Nelson. Thanks to all the spring educators!

To help with our day camp programs as well as the daily camp life Hunt Hill welcomed summer educators: Nikki Rukamp, Sage Dunham, Catie Kriplean, Kevin Zacharyasz and “Sam” Samantha Anderson. Nikki Rukamp returned for her third year and was a wonderful motivator, educator and overall positive ball of energy that the rest of the summer staff looked up to. Nikki is at UW-Steven Point where she is a dorm RA and is pursuing a major in nursing. Sage, a local of Shell Lake, did a wonderful job - especially as our youngest staff member, leading many of our day camp programs in addition to developing some great displays for our nature center. Sage is attending Soka University of America in California and currently exploring her options. Catie returned for her second summer after graduating from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in early education with a minor in library science. Catie was a great leader to the new staff and the campers. She is now teaching 4th grade in Texas! Kevin came to us from Miami University in Ohio. He worked as the LLPA/Hunt Hill intern working on clean boats/clean waters and helping with our day camp programs. Sam is a native of Minnesota but recently graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. She was a happy educator who really enjoyed spending time with the youth in our programs. She is now the Local Foods Program Manager at Rural Advantage in Minnesota.

In addition to our summer educators, we also invited many specialty educators to Hunt Hill to assist and lead overnight programs during the summer. Laura Erickson and Steve Betchkal led our birding camp. Terry Dorsey also returned to help with the UW-Green Bay RCMS program. We welcomed back Pete Ducos as the Spanish Immersion Director. He did a fabulous job and brought with him Maria Nelson and Virginia Elsen.

Thanks to all of our educating staff for making 2012 a GREAT year!
Membership:
As of November 1, 2012, there was a 26% increase of 131 members from 2011 to 2012. (505 in 2011 and 636 in 2012). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 72% Wisconsin, 18% Minnesota and 10% other (AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, IL, MA, MI, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, OH, TX). Family Membership is counted as three members; Individual as one member; Senior as one or two, depending on payment.

2012 BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS:

Carolyn Cleveland, President
Nick Allen, Vice President
William Stewart, Past President
Jessica Schalkowski, Secretary & Program Chair
Adam Liegl, Treasurer
Gary Davis, Facilities Chair
Carlotta Romsos, Membership Chair
Gary “Gus” Stelzer, Fundraising Chair
Paul Amacher
Jack Nessen
Dennis Grivna
Taylor Page
Wayne Sabatke
Park Taylor
William “Chip” Wood

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (not Board or Staff)
Legal: Katherine Stewart
Facilities Committee: Gene Romsos, Tobin Clark, Tim McRaith, John Neste, Linda Thompson
Finance Committee: Jan Bliss
Fundraising Committee: Jan Bliss, Kathy Hanson, Diane Erdman, Bobbi Freitag, Linda Angeloni, Jill Lehmann, Sharon Tarras
Program Committee: Gary Dunsmoor, Dave Seis, Gene Romsos, John Haack
2012 - Hunt Hill Staff
Nikki R., Storme, Sage, Catie, Ruger, Nikki N., Jan, Sam, Larry, John.
Missing- Carla, Kim & Kevin

2012 Staff
Executive Director
    Storme Nelson
Program Director
    Nikki Nelson
Office Manager
    Jan Killian
Maintenance Team
    Larry Piskie
    John Hartman
Cooks
    Carla Cewe
    Kim Stephanites

2012 Spring Educator Staff
    Toby Clark
    Ellen Daniels
    James DeNucci
    Bambi Forcey
    Michelle Gregg
    Robin Heier
    Colleen Johnson
    Sharon Johnson

Jaclyn Ramsey
Amy Schmidt
Charlotte Snarski

Summer Educators
    Nikki Rukamp
    Catie Kriplean
    Sage Dunham
    Samantha Anderson
    Kevin Zacharyasz

Volunteer Educators
    Beverly Stencel
    Tony Diehl
    Laura Erickson

Contract Educators
    Terry Dorsey
    Chris Cold
    Steve Betchkal
    Maria Nelson
    Pete Ducos
    Virginia Elsen
Our 2012 Volunteers (as of November 1, 2012):

Nick Allen
Maryann & Paul Amacher
Anna Angell
Linda Angeloni
Eva Apelqvist
Barron Conservation Club
Mark Beise
Cecilia Brierton
Katelyn Brenholt
Jan Bliss
Kathy & Lenny Chenault
Tobin Clark
Carolyn & Dave Cleveland
Gary Davis
Arda Davis
Libbie Detrent
Tony Diehl
Toni Dougherty
Anne Drake
Anita Drost
Sara Ducos
Gary Dunsmoor
Laura Erickson
Diane Erdman
Linda & Jim Farrell
Paul Finger
Linda Flottem
Jess Gravesen
Josiah Gregg
Dennis Grivna
Kathy Hanson
Kay Harness
Jill Hartman
Brittany Hedlund
Nancy Hedlund
Krissi Hoffman
Maxine & Dick Indrebo
Emily Jackson
Lois Jackson
Tonya Jahnke
Christopher Jahnke
Taylor Johnson
Karen Kaufman
Jan Killian
Alyssa King
Lorna Kology
George Lever
Adam Liegl
Becky Licht
Sue Menzel
Ted Moravec
Marissa Myers
Dawn Nelson
Mary Nelson
Nicole Nelson
Storme Nelson
Jack Nessen
Lois Nissen
Taylor Page
Steve Parliament
Students of RCMS
R.L.H.S. Conservation Club
Carrie Romgos
Carlotta & Eugene Romans
Dale Romans
Charlotte Ross
Janine Rueter
Wayne Sabatke
Jessica Schalkowski
Todd & Sally Schieffer
Michael & Sue Schroeder
Katrice Schuler
George Seever
Dave Seis
Jim & Kathy Shattuck
Mark Sherman
Lisa Short
Cathy Sigmund
Kaitlyn Sigmund
Alex Snarski
Charlotte Snarski
Gigi Stafne
David Stariha
Gus Stelzer
Beverly Stencel
Bill Stewart
Katherine Stewart
Amy Strupp
Sharon Tarras
Jan & Larry Tarnow
Park Taylor
Tom Terhorst
Linda Thompson
Mary Thostenson
Joe Thrasher
Marsha VanBuskirk
Phyllis VanWyhe
Keith Veldhuizen
Emmanuel Vives
Emma Voight
Alissa Young
Adrianna Young

Over 145 volunteers and 2038 hours worked through November! Thank you!

2012 Year to Date Budget Summary (As of November 30, 2012)

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<td>Current Assets</td>
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Our apologies if we missed anyone. Please let us know ASAP!
In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services):

ABC Lumber                  Hayward Rotary                  Derrick Olson
Mark Beises/Rice Lake       Ed Jansin                       Fred Pfannes
Conservation Club           Taylor Johnson                  Rainbow Home Center
Bernick's Pepsi             Linda Kewith/Eith Raven          Rice Lake Printery
Ed Bolles                   Jan & Barry Killian
John Bolles                 Mike Lillyblad
Ron/Jeannie Brown           Jim Lindberg
John & Rose Brunclik         Long Lake Bait & Tackle
Burnells Décor              Lou/Fresh Start
Burnett County Coop          Louies Finer Meats
Anne Busses                 Lynn's Honey Wagon
Chris Clements              Kevin McMullin
David & Carolyn Cleveland   Sue Menzel
Betty Dreis                 Molly Dancers
Jeff/Dexie Dunham           Ted Moravec
Gary Dunsmoor               Denis Murray
Fresh Start Coffee Roasters  Jack Nessen
Carol Gainer                Northwest Strings
Perry Grap                  Old Dutch Potato Chips
Greener's Reel em Inn        Olson' Custom Upholstery
Richard Hamilton Smith      Greg Hill

Donations of Funds (9/1/11 to 10/31/12):

Anderson, Hager, Moe        Jim & Carol Heim                  Duane & Marjorie Peterson
Arnold & Linda Angeloni     Taffy & James Hirsch             June Platz
Nick Allen                  Julie & Jennifer Hoeft           Terri Sabby
Allan & Judie Barta         Jean Howell                   Laura Sandstrom
Maureen Borell/Keith Collis Indianhead Credit Union    Wayne & Barb Sabatke
Tara Burns                  Richard & Maxine Indrebo   Sam's Club
Centurylink c/o Tom Braml  Bill & Connie Jones
David & Carolyn Cleveland   Gene & Angie Katterhagen
Community Bank of Northern  Linda Kewith/Keith Raven
Wisconsin                   Kohl's Care
Earl & Linda Cook           Linda Krach
Gary & Arda Davis           Lakeview Medical Center
Ed & Georgia Dettmers       Jill & Mike Lehmann
Terry Dorsey                Mike Lillyblad
Lyle & Ann Drake            Michael Maguire
Betty Dreis                 Dick & Linda Martens
Jackie Eastman              Karen & Jim McConkey
Catherine & Gary Erickson   David McMullin
Diane & Jim Erdman          Minneapolis Foundation
Farm & Fleet                Minnesota River Valley
Edwin & Akemi Fischer       Audubon
Fortnightly Club            Judith & Michael Mollerus
Jim & Sharon Gary           C. John & Judy Neste
Grand Foundation           Diane & Rodger Noe
Dale & Kathy Hanson         Linnea Olesen

Southern                   Dave Tomesh
Gig Staff
Tri County Dairy Promoters  Keith Veldhuizen
Waste Management
Memorial Donations:

To Rick Thompson Memorial:
Keith Anderson
Eva Apelqvist
Martha Arterberry
Byron & Janet Binstock
Mary Bitz
John & Sandy Bonneville
Grace & Roger Branham
Laurie Broome & Steve Parliament
Edward & Linda Brunner
Dave & Jeanne Chamberlain
David & Carolyn Cleveland
Cindy & Mike Cragg
Sarah Craley & Family
Gary & Arda Davis
Joseph & Clarice Fall
Michael & Jean Farrell
Jude Geneceaux
Burnell & Paulette Hanson
Connie & Keith Hardie
Lona Haughian
Jim & Carol Heim
Dick & Sue Howenstine
Mary Hubler
Clare Janty
Mark & Barbara Johnson
Bruce & Carolyn Kaupanger
Randy & Lucinda King
Edward & Lucinda King
Paula Kodesh
Cheryl Krattiger
Karen Kress
Diane LaDue
Dale & Harriet Larson
Nancy Lawson
Harold & Marjorie Lindemann
Jon & Beth Luikart

To Chip Wood Memorial:
Elaine & Kent Adams
Allan & Judi Barta
Luann Bergman
Jan Bliss & Jay Hands
Dave Clausen
David & Carolyn Cleveland

Scholarships or Grants:

- Long Lake Preservation Association
- 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, 2012 is $17,874.30 compared to $16,506.52 at the same time last year.