

# THE PRAIRIE'S EDGE



**FRIENDS OF SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**  
**www.exploresherburne.org** **Spring 2011**

## Sherburne Refuge Names Sue Hix Volunteer of the Year

**Sue Hix**, Princeton, MN, was named Volunteer of the Year for Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge by Refuge Manager Anne Sittauer at an awards dinner held at the Carousell Works in Big Lake on March 3. Hix was recognized with this honor for donating more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service to the refuge during the past twelve years. Sue tallied her hours through involvement with a wide variety of volunteer activities, which include assistance with refuge events, updating a Prairie Education Trunk, and expanding the refuge's environmental education program by visiting classrooms, organizing teacher workshops, and staffing outreach booths at community expos. Sue also currently serves as President of the Friends of Sherburne. The refuge awarded her with a framed wildlife print. Deb Steiskal, Constituent Services Officer for Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, was also on hand to present Sue with a congratulatory letter from the Congresswoman and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

At the dinner, the refuge recognized a total of 884 volunteers for 8,540 hours of service during the past year. This number includes 265 individuals from local communities who are regular volunteers, as well as 619 members of local scout troops, families, school classes, 4-H clubs, and conservation groups. The time donated to the refuge by volunteers during the past year is equivalent to that of four full-time employees.

Other volunteers receiving distinguished awards included Bruno Gad, Clear Lake, who was honored for 1,500 hours of service, and C. Perry Schenk, Clear Lake, who was honored for 1,000 hours of service. Su Johnson, Big Lake, and Diane Onerheim, Monticello, were honored for 750 hours of service. Brad Johnson, Big Lake, was honored for 500 hours of service. Robert B. Janssen, Chanhassen, received a 20-year pin. Helen DeLong, Princeton, and Josh Nelson, Big Lake, received 10-year pins. Josh began volunteering at the refuge when he was only 6 years old and was singled out as the youngest recipient of a 10-year pin.

The refuge offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities from adopt-a-trail and adopt-a-road programs to wildlife interpreters for the Wildlife Drive, native plant seed collecting, wildflower garden tending, invasive plant removal, and assisting with special events. For more information on the refuge volunteer program, or to receive a volunteer application form, call Betsy Beneke, Refuge Visitor Services Manager, at 763-389-3323 ext. 13.



*Anne Sittauer, refuge manager, presents Volunteer of the Year, Sue Hix, a framed wildlife print in recognition of her service to the refuge.*

**Saturday - May 7**

**Bird Tour - 8-11 a.m.**

**Friends' Plant Sale**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**FREE  
nature craft  
for kids  
during the  
Plant Sale**



**Saturday - May 14**

**International  
Migratory Bird Day**

**7:00 a.m. Songbird Search**

**8:30 a.m. Birds in the  
Wetlands**

**See articles inside  
for more information.**



# The from President

Sue Hix

This winter marked the beginning of life without the Old School House. Like people putting one foot in front of the other to adjust to the death of a loved one, we took time to mourn our loss but then began considering creative ways to host the public without our “old friend.”

### Annual Meeting

We moved our annual meeting down the road to the Refuge Bar and Grill, had almost a full house, and successfully conducted business in the new quarters.

### Snowshoe Treks

We invited school groups to come explore the refuge on snowshoes, and when they accepted, the refuge supplied a necessary amenity - a portable toilet for the schoolhouse parking lot. Although weather forced us to cancel 2 visits and reschedule another one 3 times, environmental education volunteers, with the help of refuge staff, guided snowshoe treks for more than 60 preschoolers and nearly 50 first-graders, plus teachers and parents, during February and March.

### Spring/Summer School Group Visits

Lack of an indoor retreat has not discouraged student groups from planning refuge visits. The intrepid preschoolers and first-graders will return in May, and other groups are planning “camp days” at the refuge during the summer. *Do you know a school group that may be interested in visiting the refuge to explore and learn?* The Friends of Sherburne may be able to help with transportation costs. Please contact me or another board member for more information.

### Winterfest

The festival committee and refuge staff forged ahead to plan Winterfest without the schoolhouse. An expanded event venue included the Blue Hill and Mahnomen Trails as well as the refuge headquarters and the new hilltop event site south of the schoolhouse. The Winterfest “tent city” hosted more than 1,000 visitors and offered the perennially popular programs and activities as well as new options.

### Spring & Summer Events

The Friends will continue to co-sponsor bird and wildflower tours with the refuge this year; watch for new meeting places. The second Buzz about Bees is in the works as well, as is our annual Plant Sale. Please check elsewhere in this issue or see our Facebook page and website for more details. Hope to see you there!

**Nature’s Circles Women’s Group** continues to meet on the first Sunday of each month. Meeting time is 4 – 6 PM from May – October, and meeting places will vary since we no longer have the schoolhouse to call home. This is an informal group of women who meet to learn about,



*Princeton preschool visit for snowshoeing on February 10, 2011. This little adventurer went easily from her wheelchair to a special sled and poled her way along with the rest of the class that was on snowshoes. Photo by Betsy.*

explore, and experience nature on the refuge and to discover and express themselves through these experiences. For more information about program topics and meeting locations, contact Mary Brennen: **brennen\_mary@yahoo.com** and ask to be added to the group’s email notification list.

### Getting the Word Out

We are continually amazed at how many people live with the refuge literally in their own backyard but have never visited. To encourage new visitors and attract new Friends, the Friends are spending a lot of time “on the road” taking our exhibit, stacks of brochures, and fur pelts to business expos and fairs in surrounding communities. April 15 – 17 we will again be in Minneapolis for the Midwest Mountaineering Outdoor Adventure Expo. If you see us at a community event, we hope you’ll stop and say hi. And if you would like to help staff a booth, please let us know—we’d love to have your help spreading the word about the refuge.

In these days of budget cuts at every turn, the refuge needs our support more than ever. Your Friends’ membership not only provides financial support for refuge programs, but it adds power to our voice when we speak with decision-makers about the needs of Sherburne Refuge and the Refuge System. **Thank you for your membership and your ongoing commitment to the refuge!**

# 2011 WINTERFEST

ATTENDED BY OVER 1,000



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## Friends' Plant Sale Saturday – May 7

The Friends of Sherburne will hold a Plant Sale on May 7, 2011 at the the refuge headquarters from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Native wildflowers as well as domestic annuals and perennials donated by Friends members will be available. A FREE Nature Crafts for kids activity will be offered and hot beverages and cookies will be for sale. Proceeds support projects on the refuge. Several Sherburne County Master Gardeners will be on hand for short consultations.

### Plants WANTED for the Friends Plant Sale on May 7, 2011



1. Thin your perennials.
2. Pot and tag plants with name and growing conditions.
3. Donate plants by bringing them to the refuge headquarters by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7.

## International Migratory Bird Day Saturday, May 14, 2011



International Migratory Bird Day, a celebration of the return of millions of migratory birds to their breeding areas, will be observed at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, May 14 with guided bird programs free to the public.

### The first program, "Songbird Search," begins at 7:00 a.m.

Jay Hammernick will meet the group at the Blue Hill Trail then car pool to the Wildlife Drive and nearby trails to look for migrating songbirds. Warblers heading north to breeding grounds are likely to be seen. Intermediate and experienced birders will find enjoyment and challenge with this program. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and a field guide to birds.



### The second program, "Birds in the Wetlands," begins at 8:30 a.m.

After meeting at the the Blue Hill Trail, Doug Stucki and Barb Kull will accompany participants to the Wildlife Drive to look for birds using the wetlands, grasslands and woodland edges. Bald eagles, great blue herons, sandhill cranes, ducks and geese may be seen as well as the red-winged blackbird, yellow warbler, and other songbirds. Beginning birders and families will enjoy this program. Bring binoculars, if you have them.

**Advance registration for the guided bird tours is requested.** Call the refuge at (763) 389-3323 ext. 13. TTY users may access the refuge through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

## Legacy Fund Challenge: Help Us Go Over the Top!

In our last issue we announced the Legacy Fund Challenge to raise the first \$20,000 for our Friends' endowment fund at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls. **Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we have already raised more than \$17,500!** However, the challenge remains. For the Friends to receive annual grants from this fund, the balance needs to be **at least \$20,000.**

DETACH FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO: Initiative Foundation  
ATTN: Friends of Sherburne NWR Fund, 405 First Street SE, Little Falls, MN 56345

### COUNT ME IN! Sherburne Refuge Friends' Legacy Fund

I/We want to provide ongoing support with a gift to the Friends' endowment fund.

Please accept this endowment gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

This is a one-time gift.  This is an annual pledge to expire in \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

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Please consider a gift to support environmental education and interpretive programs and events at the refuge! Because the Legacy (endowment) Fund is like a "forever savings account," your donations to the fund will remain intact; only a portion of the earnings will be spent. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your contribution will be providing support for refuge programs for many years to come.

#### Please help us meet the challenge!

To make a gift to get us "over the top," use the donor form provided here. Or, to donate online, go to the Friends of Sherburne page on the GiveMN website: <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Friends-Of-Sherburne-National-Wildlife-Refuge>.

## 2011 Programs and Events

April 16	Bird Tour <sup>1</sup>	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
May 7	Bird Tour <sup>1</sup>	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
May 7	Friends of Sherburne Plant Sale <sup>2</sup>	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
May 14	Bird Tour (for experienced birders) <sup>1</sup>	7:00 a.m.
	Bird Tour (for beginners and families) <sup>1</sup>	8:30 a.m.
May 21	Buzz about Bees II <sup>3</sup>	10:00 a.m. - noon
June 4	Bird Tour <sup>1</sup>	7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
June 11	Wildflower Tour <sup>3</sup>	10:00 a.m. - noon
September 3	Bird Tour <sup>1</sup>	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
September 10	Wildflower Tour <sup>3</sup>	10:00 a.m. - noon
September 17	Wildlife Festival	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
October 9	"The Big Sit" Bird Count <sup>4</sup>	Daylight Hours
December 17	Christmas Bird Count <sup>2</sup>	8 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<sup>1</sup> Meet at the Blue Hill Trail.      <sup>2</sup> Meet at the refuge headquarters.

<sup>3</sup> Meet at the Old School House parking lot.

<sup>4</sup> Meet at the beginning of the Wildlife Drive on the observation deck.

For additional information on the above events check the refuge web site at [www.gov/midwest/sherburne](http://www.gov/midwest/sherburne) or contact Betsy Beneke, Visitor Services Manager, at 763-389-3323 ext. 13 or toll free at 877-721-4295 ext. 13.

## Saturday - May 7 Bird Tour

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.



This bird tour will meet in the parking lot at the beginning of the Blue Hill Trail.



## The Buzz about Bees II

Saturday, May 21  
10 a.m. - Noon

Bees are important pollinators for crops as well as for wildflowers, grasses, and trees in prairie and oak savanna habitats on the refuge. Learn about bees and how they make honey from a member of the MN Hobby Beekeeping Association (10 a.m.), then find out from beekeeper Dave Martin what is involved in raising honey bees (11 a.m.). You will have a chance to get "up close and personal" with honey bees that will be coming to the event in a safe, fully enclosed container. See how honey is spun from the comb, and enjoy a sample. Plenty of time for questions, "bee talk," and related activities for children. This is a free family event co-sponsored by the refuge and the Friends of Sherburne.

## Wildflower Tour

June 11 - 10 a.m. - noon

A Wildflower Tour of prairie openings in the oak savanna will be held at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, June 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Dazzling spring flowers such as wild lupine, hoary puccoon, columbine, wild geranium and large-flowered beardtongue are expected to be seen. Participants will also learn to recognize plants that flower later in the season. This tour celebrates National Pollinator Week. The future of wildflowers relies on pollinators such as bees, moths, butterflies, and other insects plus birds and wind. Tour leaders will be Marv Ziner and Robin DeLong, volunteer naturalists experienced with wildflowers. The tour will begin at the Old School House and from there car-pool to the Wildlife Drive. This program is free and open to the public. To pre-register, call the refuge office at (763) 389-3323, ext.13.

## Don't forget to shop at the Friends Bookstore and Gift Shop

Located at the Refuge Headquarters

Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

Check out the new additions and expanded book selection

# ONE DAY SALE

# 15% OFF

## ALL JACKETS AND SWEATSHIRTS

That is 25% OFF for Friends members!

## Saturday, May 7, 2011

during the Friends' Plant Sale

(10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Check out the Friends of Sherburne T-shirts

(Long & Short Sleeved)

Friends members receive a 10% discount on all merchandise over \$3.00.  
Gift Shop purchases help support the Friends' educational programs at the refuge.  
Thank you!

## MINNESOTA'S BREEDING BIRDS NEED YOUR HELP!

Minnesota is in the middle of the most comprehensive bird conservation project ever conducted in the state. The project is the Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas (MNBBA), a 5-year program that will give us a current, science-based, snap-shot of which species are nesting and where in the state they nest. The best part is that the Atlas depends on citizen scientists to collect the information – that means that if you can identify birds, you can add your observations to the project! Participating in the Atlas is a great way to make a lasting contribution to bird conservation in Minnesota.

**There are two ways to participate;** a volunteer can be a Field Observer or a Surveyor.

**Field Observers** record 1) species they see anywhere in the state, with 2) an evidence code that describes what they see (e.g. pair observed in nesting habitat), 3) the date and 4) the location of the observation. Or, a volunteer can become a Surveyor.

A **Surveyor** selects and registers a priority block, then makes multiple visits during the breeding season to that block. There are 2352 priority blocks in the state, systematically and randomly selected throughout the state to provide unbiased and comprehensive coverage. To survey a block is basically a 3-step process: find and explore a priority block, get out and bird, and then report your observations.

Surveyors use the same data collection methods as Field Observers, the difference is that all observations are for the same location (block) and surveyors only need to report a species more than once if they can upgrade the evidence. It takes about 20 hours of active surveying between March and August to complete a block survey; this is a very effective approach to completing the project. The goal of a block survey is to identify as many different species found within a block and record the strongest breeding evidence for each species (e.g. adult carrying nesting material). You do not need to find nests and you can schedule visits at your convenience.

Participating in the Atlas is an opportunity to contribute to something that matters to all bird enthusiasts, to 'bird with a purpose'. Volunteers will:

- **Improve identification and observational skills**
- **Learn more about bird behavior**
- **Have fun**
- **Explore new birding sites**
- **See things you have never seen before**
- **Contribute to MN bird conservation**

**For more information** check out the Atlas website at [www.mnbba.org](http://www.mnbba.org), or contact Bonnie Sample, Project Coordinator, at 651-739-9332, ext. 20, or [bsample@audubon.org](mailto:bsample@audubon.org). We would love to have you be a part of the Atlas.

## Congress Members Show Their Support

Staff members from the offices of Senators Franken and Klobuchar and 6<sup>th</sup> District Congresswoman Michele Bachmann joined us at Winterfest. They enjoyed touring our event, meeting volunteers and visitors, and seeing firsthand how Minnesotans can rally to put on a successful event outdoors in the middle of winter. We took the opportunity to make another pitch for support of funding for a visitor center for the refuge. As of March 7, all three of our Congress members had sent letters of support to the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although funding is tight, attention from our Congress members helps keep our need in front of decision-makers in Washington, DC. If you should see Congressional staffers – or the Congress members themselves – at chamber meetings or other community events, please say “thank you” on behalf of the Friends of Sherburne.

The Friends  
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gratefully acknowledge  
recent donors

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**Friends of a Feather**



*By Lizzy Berkley*  
*Refuge Wildlife Biologist*

A group of local conservationists and sportsmen interested in restoring the St. Francis River Valley instigated the establishment of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge. The land was purchased by the USFWS in 1965 under the authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act primarily to provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Because of the habitat needs of our feathered friends, we can all share and enjoy this beautiful place along with other wildlife!

The refuge lies within the Mississippi Flyway, a major flight “highway” used by migratory birds during the spring and fall migrations. As such, the refuge serves as an important stopover location for many migrating birds to rest and refuel for their long journeys. Many waterfowl species also use the refuge to nest and raise young. Surveys to monitor waterfowl migration and estimate waterfowl production on the refuge have been conducted since 1966. Waterfowl numbers peak around 24,000 birds in the spring and 40,000 birds in the fall. There are typically 15 to 18 species observed, with the majority being Canada Geese, Mallards and Ring-necked Ducks. The pair counts from the spring survey are also utilized to estimate waterfowl production of local breeding birds on the refuge. On average, the refuge produces approximately 2,000 Canada Geese, 700 Mallards, 700 Blue-winged Teal, and 1,200 Wood Ducks.

Another migratory friend of the feather that uses the refuge is the Greater Sandhill Crane. This is the largest of the subspecies: 5 feet tall, 10-14 pounds, with a wingspan of 6 feet wide! Historically, this species suffered from over exploitation and habitat loss. By the 1930's fewer than 3 dozen birds remained in Minnesota and probably less than 1,000 birds in North America. Through federal protection and regulated hunting the species was able to recover and population estimates are now 650,000 in North America. In 1975, the first breeding pair was confirmed on the refuge since the near annihilation of the species. The



“unison calling” census has been conducted on the refuge every spring since 1981 to track the breeding population of cranes. The census is performed by volunteers in late April during the peak of the crane nesting season. The unison calls usually occur around sunrise as pairs exchange incubation duties. In 1981 the census estimated 8 breeding pairs and in recent years we have had approximately 40-50 breeding pairs using the refuge. Cranes are also dependent on the refuge as a roosting site primarily during fall migration. Crane counts are conducted on a weekly basis in the fall. Last year we recorded a new record of 4,314 birds on

October 22, 2010. In addition to these surveys, last year 2 cranes were trapped and one was fitted with a satellite telemetry device to delineate the breeding and wintering distribution, track migratory corridors, and determine migration chronology. Bird locations are being mapped on a public database that you can access to track the crane. Her identification number is 98797 and she can be tracked on the following website: <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/research/lpwwrf/index.jsp?lang=EN&targetpg=lpwwrfcranetracker>. After fitted with the transmitter, the crane stayed in the area through late November, then proceeded to migrate to southern Wisconsin and remained there through the end of November. On December 8, 2010, she was documented near Chattanooga, Tennessee where she likely overwintered. In early-March, she began her migration north and was documented in northern Illinois, then Wisconsin by mid-March, and returned to the refuge-area by March 28th for the summer!

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## Membership Form (Check a box below to select your category.)

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Senior (62+) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	Lifetime . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	
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(Student or civic group)

- Please send email link for the newsletter.
- Please send information about the Refuge Volunteer Program.

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Please make checks payable to Friends of Sherburne NWR, 17076 293rd Ave., Zimmerman, MN 55398  
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(Check a box below to select the donation you wish to make.)

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- Common Loon . . . . . \$250 – \$499
- Mallard . . . . . \$100 – \$249
- Red-headed Woodpecker . . . . \$ 50 – \$ 99
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