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# the President's Report



Lee T. Johnson

## GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we celebrate the start of the New Year, this is a good time to look back and reflect on the significant events of 2010, and also to look ahead to the challenges and opportunities that 2011 will present.

2010 saw some major transitions for the Friends. Last summer, Nancy Haugen, Visitor Services Manager and advisor to the Friends, retired from the Fish and Wildlife Service. She leaves a lasting legacy with the Friends, particularly for her service to the Friends Board of Directors, and coordination of the fall and winter festivals. Hers will be very large shoes to fill! Also, Patty Crockford, our long-time gift shop manager, has decided to pass the torch after many years of service. She contributed immensely to the success of the gift shop, especially with her introduction of many delightful and unique children's items.

Without a doubt, the event in 2010 that will have the longest-lasting impact to the Friends is the loss of the Old School House. If there is any "silver lining" to be found in this loss, it is that a lot of attention has been focused on the need for a Visitor/Discovery Center on the refuge. We have received supportive statements from both Senator Franken and Congresswoman Bachmann regarding our efforts. We have also garnered the editorial support of several local newspapers. Perhaps this loss will be the catalyst needed to finally bring a Visitor Center to the refuge. Rest assured the Friends will work diligently to keep this vision alive.

Lastly, I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and thank you for your valuable contributions and support of the Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.

The Friends of Sherburne held their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Due to the closing of the Old School House, the meeting was held at KJ's Refuge Bar & Grill, in Orrock. Friends President Johnson and Vice-President Hix presented the 2010 Annual Report, which included, among other items, a review of highlights from 2010, and the proposed budget and goals for 2011. There was a spirited discussion regarding the Old School House situation.

Shawn Peck was elected for a one-year term to the Friends Board of Directors, to replace Jenny Grasswick, who has resigned from the board. Sue Hix, Carol VanHeel, Su Johnson and Lee T. Johnson were all re-elected to three-year terms on the board.

Following the Annual Meeting, the board of directors met to elect their slate of officers. Elected to one-year terms were Sue Hix, President; Lee T. Johnson, Vice-President; Su Johnson, Secretary; and Carol VanHeel, Treasurer.

The 2010 Annual Report will be available as a PDF download on the Friends' website: [www.exploresherburne.org](http://www.exploresherburne.org).

### Friends of Sherburne NWR 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Manager

## New Board Members

*The following candidates for the Friends' Board of Directors were elected at the Annual Meeting on January 11, 2011.*

**Sue Hix:** A refuge volunteer since the mid-1990s, Sue joined the Friends of Sherburne board in 2002. Since then she has served as vice-president for 3 years and president for 5 years. Much of this time her work for the Friends has focused on administration and advocacy, with an emphasis on advocacy for a refuge visitor center.

**Lee T. Johnson:** Lee was reelected for another three-year term on the board. For the last two years he has served as president of the Friends.

**Su Johnson:** Su says her past posi-

tion as Secretary of the Board has been an awesome experience. She looks forward to the challenges ahead and especially wants to be part of the decision making processes as the Friends work to overcome the loss of the Old School House. As a volunteer Su is well known for her photography, which appears on many cards in the Friends store, and her work as a seed collector, public outreach representative, crane and turkey counter.

**Carol VanHeel:** A refuge volunteer since 2006, Carol is a retired accountant. After asking the question "How can I get more involved with the Friends?" she accepted the job of Treasurer of the Friends of Sherburne NWR. She has held that office for the past three years. *Continued on the next page.*

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For more information, contact Betsy Beneke, Visitor Services Manager, 763-389-3323, ext. 13, or [betsy\\_beneke@fws.gov](mailto:betsy_beneke@fws.gov).

**Shawn Peck:** Shawn lives in Princeton with his wife Amy Jo, daughter Sienna Jo (5 years old), and son Griffin David (1.5 years old). He says, "I have always wanted to learn more and spend time in the refuge. I grew up in Big Lake and this treasure has always been in my backyard. I feel it is time to get involved and share it with my family. This opportunity allows me to learn with my family, and contribute to helping the refuge preserve its treasures for generations to come. Becoming a board member takes commitment and I am willing to do that. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as a board member."



Discovery Center

## Discovery Center Without Walls – Really, NO WALLS!

By Sue Hix

Walls or no walls, the Friends are still working to attract visitors to the refuge. Here's a summary of activities.

### Visits by Student Groups:

- Nearly 850 area students participated in **Sherburne County Environmental Education Days** at the refuge and Sand Dunes State Forest during the week of September 20. The Friends supported EE Days with some funding, the refuge co-hosted them, and refuge staff and volunteers were among those who presented learning modules on subjects including soils, friendly fire, eagles, groundwater and watersheds, forests, wetlands, and more.
- Approximately 175 **preschoolers (ages 3 – 5) and elementary students (grades K – 2)**, along with teachers, parents, and volunteers, visited the refuge in September and October to look for signs of fall and learn how wildlife adapts to the coming winter.
- The same groups of **preschoolers and first-graders**, as well as scout troops and other groups, have already reserved dates to visit the refuge this winter to explore on snowshoes and discover signs of the creatures that are active during winter months.
- The Friends of Sherburne have encouraged student visits by using **grant funds to help with school group transportation expenses**. This year we provided more than \$1,400 for "bus money" so that over 800 students and teachers could use the refuge as an outdoor classroom.
- We continue to explore **other grant opportunities** that will promote partnerships with schools and lead to more visits by area student groups.

### Events and Programs:

- The final *public* event held at the Old School House — **Wildlife Festival 2010** — was hosted by the Friends and refuge staff on October 9. The beautiful fall day and impressive offering of activities and presentations attracted approximately 1,500 visitors and volunteers. (See cover photos)
- It was significant that the final *group* activity at the Old School House was the **environmental education workshop** for teachers and refuge volunteers on October 21. Thirty-five teachers, volunteers, staff members, and school children joined facilitator David Ellis to get first-hand experience using the refuge as an outdoor classroom. This workshop not only exemplified the schoolhouse tradition at the refuge; it foreshadowed the changes to come.
- **Winterfest** will again take place in 2011, schoolhouse or no schoolhouse. See information elsewhere in this issue about this great event, scheduled for February 5 in the area around the Old School House.
- **Nature's Circles Women's Group**, which celebrated its first anniversary in October, will continue to meet each month. Winterfest on February 5 will take the place of a February meeting, but regular meetings are planned for March 6 and April 3, 3 – 5 PM, and May 1, 4 – 6 PM. The group will continue to explore the refuge but use the headquarters building or members' homes for indoor activities. For more information, contact Mary Brennen: [brennen\\_mary@yahoo.com](mailto:brennen_mary@yahoo.com)

# Friends Establish Endowment Fund

– Help Us Meet the “Legacy Fund Challenge”!

Nearly 3 years in the making, the Friends of Sherburne NWR Fund is now active at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls, MN. The foundation’s experts will manage fund investments and other transactions leaving the Friends free to focus on our missions of refuge volunteering and advocacy.

The new fund consists of two components—an endowment fund (Legacy Fund) and a “spendable” component (Discovery Fund). Friends’ leaders are concentrating first on funding the endowment to a \$20,000 minimum so that we may begin receiving annual grants to support refuge environmental education and interpretation projects. To that end, 12 Friends’ members – **Mary & Ken Brennen, Cliff & Patty Crockford, Sue Hix & Dean Kleinhans, Anne & Kevin Sittauer, Carol & Dan VanHeel, and Sherry & Larry Winter** – have together pledged \$10,000 to the Legacy Fund. Added to other donations received from **Lee Johnson, Gene & Mary Lou Seipp, Doug Stucki, C. Perry and Lola Schenk, Peggy Lange, Betsy Beneke, Brad & Su Johnson, Kathryn & Allan Ferber, Laurie Chasteen, Gary Laurent, Lisa & Brian Nelson, and Jim & Paula Borer**, we are already more than three quarters of the way to our \$20,000 goal! We challenge our membership to join us in raising the \$20,000 – or more – by Winterfest on February 5. Thanks to all who have made generous donations to the Legacy Fund and also to **Tami & Randy Duke, and Suzanne Ross** for their donations to the Discovery Fund.

Like a “forever savings account,” donations to the Legacy Fund will remain intact; only a portion of the earnings will be spent. It’s a way to “pay it forward” with the knowledge that your contribution will be providing support for refuge programs for years to come. Although in the next year we are likely to be launching a campaign to fund a project related to facility needs, today we are focusing on an existing goal—that is, to ensure that the Friends’ Legacy Fund is ready to help us maintain our momentum in attracting people of all ages to reconnect with nature and learn about the special habitats and wildlife at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.

Please consider becoming a “charter funder” of the Legacy Fund by pledging financial support at a level comfortable for you. To contribute, 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>

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.

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**Honorarium**

**Robin DeLong**

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**Memorial**

**Mary Donahue for Pat Donahue**

## 2011 Programs and Events

**Feb 5 Winterfest** .....10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sleigh rides, snowshoe walks, crafts, talks, food, live birds & more!

**May 7 Friends' Plant Sale** ..... 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
At refuge headquarters. Get your spring plants & help fund refuge programs.

**May 14 Int'l Migratory Bird Day** ..... 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.  
Celebrate the return of our migratory birds by joining one of two different bird tours being offered. Meet at refuge headquarters.

**Bird & Wildflower Tours - Family Programs - Summer & Fall, 2011**  
Visit our web site or call the refuge for dates and times.

**Sept 24 National Public Lands Day** ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Join us for a volunteer work project that benefits refuge wildlife.

**Sept 24 Wildlife Festival** ..... 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Live birds! Speakers, booths, crafts, tours, wagon ride, food & more!

**Oct 9 The Big Sit** ..... During Daylight Hours  
Join our "Savanna Sitters" team for this sedentary annual bird count!

**Dec 17 Christmas Bird Count** ..... 7:30 a.m.  
Join Friends of Sherburne to count birds on the refuge.

Check our website frequently for program updates.

For more information on the above events or to register, check the refuge website at [www.fws.gov/midwest/sherburne](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/sherburne) or contact the refuge Visitor Services Manager, at 763-389-3323 ext 13 or toll free at 877-721-4295 ext 13.

## Friends' Gift Shop

A Great Place to Shop for family and friends

OPEN DAILY - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Refuge Headquarters

During Winterfest - Saturday, February 5, 2011

the Friends' Gift Shop will open at the Refuge Headquarters and many Kids' items will be available in the Main Tent.

## FEBRUARY SALE

Friends of Sherburne Jackets, Sweatshirts, Hats, and T-shirts (Long & Short sleeved)

Micro-fiber Jackets . . . . \$35 Member \$31.50 (reg. \$45)

T-shirts . . . . . \$12 Member \$10.80 (reg. \$15)

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### Kids' Books

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### FOR FUN

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Friends Members receive a 10% discount.

Your purchase helps support the Friends' educational programs at the refuge.

Thank you!

# Join us for Winterfest 2011

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Scavenger Hunt

Bird Feeders • Winter Nature Crafts

Wildlife Expo • Animal Tracks

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Friends of Sherburne Gift Shop • Silent Auction

Brat & Hot Dog Lunch • Birthday Cake



For more detailed information visit our website at [www.exploresherburne.org](http://www.exploresherburne.org)  
or call the refuge at 763-389-3323 ext.13. TTY Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339.

## *Advocacy in Action: Responding to the Loss of the Old School House*

by Sue Hix

After experiencing the initial shock and grief from losing the Old School House, most of you probably wanted to do something about it. You weren't alone. Fueled by a passion to maintain positive momentum for environmental education programs and increased visitor interest in the refuge, your Friends' leadership team sprang into action.

After consulting with one another as well as with refuge management, it became apparent that if a financial investment in facilities were to be made, it should be to construct a facility already included in plans for the proposed visitor center, at the site of the proposed visitor center. One option would be to construct one of the planned out-buildings, such as the garage—along with necessary infrastructure, including access road, electrical service, and well—to use as a temporary facility to host visitors until the visitor center can be constructed.

Our next step was to decide how to tell our story. The result is a photo album describing the history of the schoolhouse, its key role as the refuge's hub for public and volunteer activities, its importance as a staging area for reconnecting people of all ages to nature, and issues and opportunities related to losing it as a facility to host the visiting public. We concluded with a situation summary and request that our decision-makers in Washington, D.C., obtain funding to enable the refuge to host visitors until a visitor center is constructed.

Meanwhile, our advocacy team got busy contacting the offices of Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and Senator Al Franken. Less than 2 weeks after the closure of the schoolhouse, we had an appointment with our Congresswoman's constituent services officer, Deb Steiskal, who has met with us and visited the refuge on many occasions, most recently during the Wildlife Festival. She of course could not make any promises but understood our need and committed to telling our story for us in D.C.

Since that meeting in mid-November, Congress has been occupied with the business of the lame duck session, preparations for their holiday break, and convening of their new session in January. Stay tuned for updates as they become available. **Meanwhile, please contact your Congress member and our two Senators. Request their support for funding a facility to meet the needs of refuge visitors, including students and people of all ages who wish to connect with nature at the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.**

We invite you to read and enjoy the Old School House Album by going to the Friends' website, [www.exploresherburne.org](http://www.exploresherburne.org). Once there, click on "Updates," then on "Happening Now at the Refuge." You will find a link called "Old School House Album" beneath the photo of the schoolhouse. Or just type this address into your browser: [http://www.exploresherburne.org/images/School\\_House\\_Album.pdf](http://www.exploresherburne.org/images/School_House_Album.pdf).

Many thanks to Dave Martin, Cliff Crockford, Lee Johnson, and Carol VanHeel for their input during creation of the album and especially to Mary Brennen for her outstanding graphic design work to bring our story to life.

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## **REFUGE MANAGER'S NOTEBOOK**

*by Anne Sittauer,  
Refuge Manager*

### **The Old School House**

As most of you have already heard, the Old School House has been closed for health and safety reasons. The clincher was the sagging roof, but the closing was caused by a series of major failures in the building. First the well failed, then the septic system stopped functioning properly, then mold issues became evident, and finally the roof problems caused the closing. With knowledge of the health and safety risks, we just cannot use the building anymore. There are bats inhabiting the attic of the building, so as we move forward we will adjust any plans to accommodate the wildlife.

Over the years, the schoolhouse was maintained, but major repairs and renovations were not undertaken. It was regarded as fiscally irresponsible to renovate a building that would still be inadequate to meet the long-term needs of the ever increasing numbers of refuge visitors. Even if we had repaired each issue as it arose, the building would have been altered to the point that it would not be the same Old School House we see today.

For now there are no immediate or definite plans for the building, but in 2011 we will have more information about how we will move forward. Before any action is taken, the Fish and Wildlife Service will be conducting a historic and architectural history investigation of the building to verify any concerns with its historic features. We do not have an exact date of when the building was last used as a school, but it was probably around 1949 or 1950; the building was used as a residence from that time until 1972. The refuge acquired the building in 1972 and has been using it as a meeting place since then.

We made do with what we had for as long as we could. It is hard to say good-bye to the Old School House, but change and time force us to move on. Stay tuned for more change in the New Year.



## **Christmas Bird Count 2010**

Thirty one volunteers participated in Sherburne NWR's contribution to the December



18 Christmas Bird Count (CBC), a nation-wide annual event for the past 110 years. Starting at 8 A.M. participants spent an average of four hours systematically driving all the roads within a 15 mile diameter of the intersections of County Roads 9 and 5, counting birds where ever they found them. Dean Kleinhans, organizer of our 2010 CBC, reports the following results.

The total count of 1832 birds was 58 percent of the number counted in 2009. However the number of species identified, 39, was the same for both years. The highest count was for the Black-capped Chickadee with 272 birds reported, followed by Blue Jays with 255 birds counted. The most unusual sighting, which was supported by a photograph, was a Golden Eagle. Two large differences in numbers were noted for the Dark-eyed Junco (198 this year, 883 last year) and the American Tree Sparrow (116 this year, 352 last year).

These numbers alone are not highly significant but when forwarded to the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union and then combined with numbers from the entire state and the nation they help to clarify patterns and trends in bird populations.

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*Please make checks payable to Friends of Sherburne NWR, 17076 293rd Ave., Zimmerman, MN 55398  
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