Thanks to our wonderful capital campaign donors, Sugarloaf Cove underwent a major facelift this year. The parking lot was enlarged, new interpretive signs were added throughout the site, and the nature center was beautified on the inside and outside.

Improvements in the nature center include a new office area for our naturalist, beautiful new storage cabinets, a new greeting desk, a beautifully polished floor, more storage in the kitchen area, and a new entrance area. Thank you to everyone who helped with moving items in and out of the building.

At the urging of our visitors, we have installed a new trail map sign and a box for trail maps along the entrance trail near the bridge. Thank you to Russ Baker for diligently working to get the sign in the ground – not easy to do when the bedrock is so close to the surface!
New office area

Entrance near front door

New walls were added and a new greeting station set up

The floor in the building was ground down and refinished with amazing results.

New storage cabinets
Annual Meeting Report

Sugarloaf’s annual membership meeting and ice cream social took place on August 6, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Mike Monten, board president, and began with approval of the 2015 annual meeting minutes. The president’s report followed. Mike reported that the capital campaign was a tremendous success. He thanked Margit Berg and many board and other members for their hard work. Due to raising 20% more than planned, we are able to accomplish more than we anticipated. Mike noted that many projects are complete or nearly completed, including the parking lot, trail improvements, and signage by the beach. He also thanked Russ Baker, David Gredzens and Tammy Magney for an excellent and detailed plan for the organizing and making changes to the interior of the Nature Center.

Mike concluded by thanking the staff and board for all their hard work, especially outgoing board members Skip Lamb, Mary McDermid, and Jerry Meigs. He commended Greg Koschinska for his years of board service including two terms serving as Board Chair and serving as Board Treasurer. He also remembered Dave Vose, former treasurer, who passed away earlier this year and is greatly missed.

Executive Director Molly Thompson reported on programming and partnerships during the last year including Sugarloaf’s work on North Shore Forest stewardship and restoration. Margie Menzies, staff Naturalist, has had a busy year starting with one Master Naturalist class at Sugarloaf, and another at North House Folk School co-sponsored by Sugarloaf. On Thursdays, Margie conducted bird banding demonstrations and on Fridays she offered a nature art program. On Saturdays we hosted a variety of guest speakers and Sunday mornings Margie’s geology hikes were always popular.

Russ Baker, site committee chair, reported that, in order to complete renovations and new furnishings to the Nature Center, everything will have to be moved out and back in. The Nature Center will be closed from Friday Sept. 16 through Sunday Sept. 25, 2016.

Anne McKinsey, chair of the Nominating Committee, recommended one new board member for approval - Peter Juhl. Mike Monten called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he moved the election of Peter Juhl to the board. Seconded by Anne McKinsey. Carried.

After Mike adjourned the meeting, attendees enjoyed ice cream sundaes and a presentation about the birds of Sugarloaf Cove by Margie Menzies.
Meet Our Newest Director – Peter Juhl

Peter Juhl has been an avid North Shore visitor all his life, and his family has been vacationing here since the 1920s. On a trip to Schroeder in the mid-1990s he discovered that rocks on the beach could be balanced on one another, creating striking ephemeral sculptures. He has since developed and promoted this art form, holding workshops, presentations, and photo exhibitions around Minnesota and at national and international stone balancing events. In 2013, he published "Center of Gravity: A Guide to the Practice of Rock Balancing."

Peter also enjoys a fulfilling thirty-year career in the information technology field, most recently as a database administrator for Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines. He believes in community engagement, serving as a board member for his church, Schroeder Area Historical Society, Danebod Family Camp, and in various volunteer capacities with several other non-profit groups.

Feed the Birds!

We have a bunch of hungry birds at Sugarloaf Cove. Help us keep them fed throughout the year by donating black oil sunflower seed or suet. Contact Molly at 218-525-0001 to make a donation of either cash or seed.

‘Tis the Season!

This holiday season take a moment to remember Sugarloaf Cove and the North Shore as you are making your year-end donations. When you donate to Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association, you are supporting our exciting programs at Sugarloaf Cove and our mission to restore and protect the North Shore.

Working together, we can all make a difference that will last for generations!

You can send your donation in the enclosed envelope or make it online at sugarloafnorthshore.org.

Thank you!
North Shore Forest Stewardship Updates

Sugarloaf is a founding member and fiscal agent of The North Shore Forest Collaborative (NSFC). The NSFC is a coordinated effort between local, state, and federal land management agencies as well as public and private organizations and individuals who want to work together to assure a healthy forest environment. Working together with the NSFC, Sugarloaf has been able to reach more landowners and make a bigger impact along the North Shore. Everyone is invited to attend our general meetings and workshops. Visit northshoreforest.org for more information.

Want Trees? Got Deer? Get Fence! – A success story

As many North Shore landowners know, planting trees (or anything else for that matter) along the North Shore is like opening up an all-you-can-eat buffet for deer. The only way to stop the buffet customers is to fence every tree you plant, which can get expense and labor intensive very quickly.

Realizing that fencing can be a barrier to landowners planting trees, the NSFC, in partnership with Sugarloaf, requested and received funding from the Weekes Family Foundation and the Minnesota Power Foundation for a new reduced cost tree-fencing program for landowners – the first of its kind on the North Shore. Thirty-eight landowners purchased 249 rolls of 6 foot fencing and rebar posts from Izak Hansen Hardware in Lutsen, MN at 1/3 the regular price. They then fenced 1029 trees of 4237 trees that they planted!

Comments from the participants included:
- This is a great program. I could never have done this on my own. Thanks again for your support.
- Thank you for helping us give the North Shore Forest a little help!
- Thank you so much for letting me be part of this North Shore collaboration.
- I really appreciate being able to purchase low-cost fencing, and I look forward to watching these pines grow.

The program was such a success that we have received word from the Weekes Family Foundation that we are receiving additional funds to continue this program in 2017.

Watch for upcoming email announcements from Sugarloaf and the North Shore Forest Collaborative. To be added to our email updates, send your email address to sugarloaf@boreal.org or nsfcstaff@gmail.com or visit northshoreforest.org.

Neighbors helping Neighbors – We Need You

Sugarloaf and the North Shore Forest Collaborative share the monumental goal of restoring the North Shore Forest. We believe restoring the North Shore Forest is possible, but will take the cooperation of all landowners to be effective. The question is, how do we get more landowners to join the cause?

One idea we are going to implement is a North Shore Neighbor-to-Neighbor (NSNN) program. Research and experience have shown that when people need to make a decision about their land, they often turn to a trusted friend, neighbor or
family member. We are pleased to announce that Sugarloaf and the NSFC are receiving a grant from the Lake Superior Coastal program to investigate how to implement a neighbor-to-neighbor program. We will be looking at the costs of the program, how to recruit landowners to be ambassadors, incentives for ambassadors, materials needed for all participants, and the best way to manage this program. Once this work is completed, we will be ready to seek funds to start a full-scale NSNN program.

Once implemented, the North Shore Neighbor to Neighbor program will:

- Recruit Ambassadors who will help their neighbors conduct restoration projects on their properties along the North Shore.
- Create awareness about the need to take action restoring the North Shore forest,
- Provide training for landowners
- Help connect landowners to resources for restoration

This project gets underway in January. We will be looking for landowners interested in hosting a meeting with their neighbors and other North Shore landowners to discuss ways they can work together to restore their bit of paradise on Lake Superior. Call 218-525-0001 or email sugarloaf@boreal.org if you are interested.

SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING!

Becoming a sustaining member of Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association means less mail, no renewal notices, and uninterrupted membership. Sugarloaf receives a more predictable stream of revenue, and allows us to direct more dollars and energy to the work we all care about. Your secure monthly payment via our website is quick and easy.

Sign up on sugarloafnorthshore.org or call Sugarloaf for more information: 218.525.0001.

Help us preserve Sugarloaf Cove and the North Shore landscape.

Thank you to our Sustaining Members in 2016!

- Marty and Kathy Duchscher
- Anne McKinsey
- Michael and Rosanne Monten
- Ella and Richard Slade
- Jane Sweet
- Lisa Tinucci
- Joseph Witchger

Local Businesses Support Sugarloaf

Thank you to the following businesses for their support of Sugarloaf during 2016:

Bluefin Bay Family of Resorts, Tofte, MN; 1-800-BLUEFIN (258-3346); bluefinbay.com

IComp Payroll Services, St. Paul, MN; 651-429-4260; icomppayroll.com

Lamb’s Resort on Lake Superior, Schroeder, MN; 218-663-7292; lambsresort.com

Lutsen Mountains– Ski and Summer resort, Lutsen, MN; 218-663-7281; www.lutsenresort.com

Lutsen Resort on Lake Superior, Lutsen, MN; 218-663-7212; www.lutsenresort.com

North Shore Federal Credit Union, Silver Bay, MN; 218-226-4401; www.northshorefcu.org

Organic Consumers Association, Finland, MN; 218-226-4164; www.organicconsumers.org

Temperance Liquors, Inc., Schroeder, MN; 218-663-0111; www.northshorecabins.com
Please enroll me as a member of Sugarloaf in the category I have indicated:

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- Anne McKinney, Minneapolis, MN
- John Wytais, Tofte, MN

**Staff**

- Molly Thompson, Executive Director
- Margie Menzies, Naturalist

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association strives to inspire the preservation and restoration of the North Shore's unique environment through education and exemplary stewardship, especially at Sugarloaf Cove.

**NEW VISION**

Sugarloaf values and believes in a healthy Minnesota North Shore of Lake Superior where an informed citizenry takes personal and group responsibility to ensure that natural and ecological systems and human economic and social systems coexist in a fashion sustainable into the future.

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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

- $25 White Spruce
- $50 Balsam Fir
- $100 Tamarack
- $250 Red Pine
- $500 White Cedar
- $1000 White Pine
- $2500 Other

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