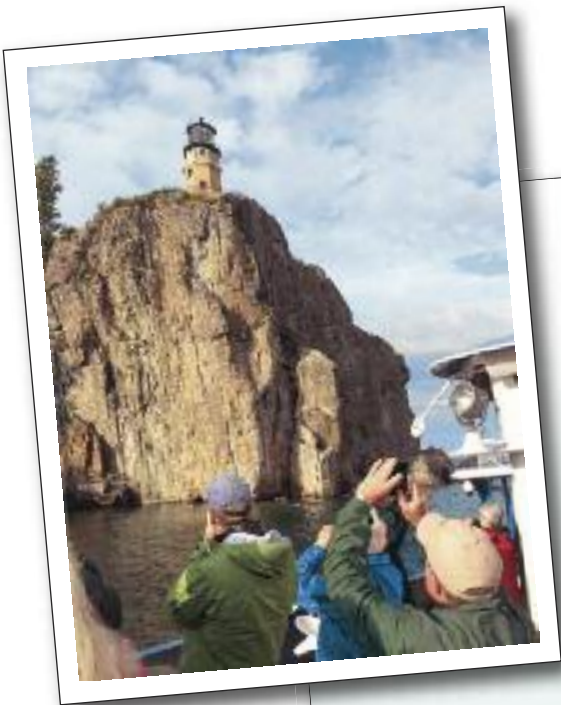


Sugarloaf Cove New Signs and Parking Lot Celebration

***Join us for a Celebration!
Friday, June 24, 1 pm***

You are invited to The Installation Celebration of our beautiful new interpretive signs and trailhead entrance at Sugarloaf Cove.

The festivities start at 1 pm. After a short installation celebration there will be refreshments and a guided walk.



*Make your reservation—
Cruise the North Shore
July 23, 5:00 - 7:30 pm*

Join us July 23 for a scenic cruise along the North Shore aboard the *Wenonah*.

Enjoy a 2 hour tour of the North Shore with fellow Sugarloaf supporters.

*Boarding begins at 5 pm at the Silver Bay Marina.
Departure at 5:30 pm.*

The tour includes beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and live music by the Two Harbors Ukulele Group (THUGs).

\$50 per person. Register online at sugarloafnorthshore.org

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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.

Forest Stewardship Updates

North Shore Forest Restoration— 2015 Accomplishments

By Duane Lula, NSFC Coordinator



Restoring the coastal forest along Lake Superior in Northeast Minnesota is critical to supporting a healthy North Shore ecosystem that will sustain wildlife, residents, and visitors alike. 2015 was a busy year that brought significant progress towards restoring conifers and treating invasive species along Minnesota's North Shore forest.

The North Shore Forest Collaborative (NSFC) and its many members were hard at work last year planting trees, protecting them from deer browse, treating invasive plants, holding educational forums and field trips, and planning for future restoration activities. The collaborative as a collective entity undertook some restoration activities, but the individual organizations, agencies and private landowners that make up the collaborative accomplished many activities themselves. The bottom line is that much more is being done to restore the North Shore forests by working together towards common objectives.

Here is a brief summary of all restoration activities accomplished by NSFC and members in 2015:

Invasive Species treated –

550 hours of volunteer time, with a total of more than 53 acres treated

Trees planted and/or protected –

many thousands of trees (mostly white pine, white cedar, red oak, and red maple) planted across a total of approximately 1000 acres

Site preparation for planting –

78 acres treated for planting in 2016

Strategic Management Plans –

2 completed, 2 underway

Programs offered –

field tours, landowner workshops, training sessions, public meetings and educational presentations

Assistance to private landowners –

Additional foresters have been hired by our partners to assist landowners with their restoration efforts.

For a detailed description of 2015 restoration activities performed by the collaborative and its many members visit northshoreforest.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Member Meeting and Ice Cream Social August 6, 1 pm

Help us celebrate another successful year of North Shore stewardship at our annual Ice Cream Social and membership meeting.

The activities start at 1 pm with a short general membership meeting. Ice cream sundaes and a presentation by our own naturalist, Margie Menzies, will follow. Bird Stories from the Cove is the title of Margie's talk.

You do not need to be a member to attend.



Arrowhead Invasives Team Update

This year is a year of change for the Arrowhead Invasives Team (AIT). Laurel Wilson, invasives team coordinator for the last year, stepped down from her position to become the Executive Director of a new nonprofit – Northwoods Volunteer Connection. She will be connecting volunteers with natural resource and recreation projects in northeastern Minnesota. During her time with the AIT, Laurel lead volunteer weed pulls, educated landowners about invasive species and how to control them, conducted weed surveys and coordinated fellow AIT members efforts – always with a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed.

For 2016, the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District has hired Max Forster, as the Interim AIT Coordinator who will be working for Lake County SWCD this summer managing the Arrowhead Invasives Team website and Facebook page. Max will also be working on field surveys/inventories, aquatic invasive species outreach, and a few other items over the summer. Max brings a lot of great marketing and social media management/development skills to his position, as well as experience with terrestrial invasive species management. We are thrilled to have him on board!

Sugarloaf Updates

Congratulations Master Naturalist Class of 2016

By Brian Neil, Master Naturalist

On May 7, 2016, ten individuals celebrated the completion of the Minnesota Master Naturalist “Northwoods, Great Lakes” program at Sugarloaf Cove.

The 10 individuals pictured included a delightful range of ages and backgrounds, from lifelong residents of the North Shore to recent arrivals from other states, attracted to the North Shore by their enthusiasm for its varieties of natural magic.

As part of the program, participants completed “capstone projects” to explore in-depth a particular aspect of the North Shore biome. Projects ranged from forest restoration (at Sugarloaf and other properties), collation of bird banding observations, recording of naturalist observations for future education/interpretation opportunities, and participation in formal naturalist programs.

The Master Naturalist program is a joint effort of the University of Minnesota Extension Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This specific Master Naturalist Program focused on the boreal forest/Great Lakes biome. The course consists of six full Saturdays of formal presentations, field trips, and informal discussions. Guest lecturers facilitated “nature geek” enthusiasm for seagulls, ferns and other delightful topics, which were also open to the public and



Master Naturalist class of 2016

packed the visitor center.

This is the fourth time that Sugarloaf has hosted the course, which was led by Sugarloaf Naturalist Margaret Menzies and Sugarloaf Board member John Bathke. Naturally (pun intended), Sugarloaf is an ideal location for such a program, considering its mission to promote preservation and restoration of the North Shore, and its robust natural site – Sugarloaf Cove.

Congratulations to the newly “graduated” Master Naturalists!

NEW PROGRAM— Nature's Raw Materials

Fridays beginning in July, we will be exploring working with natural materials to create a wide variety of products. Each class will include an exploration of the natural history of the materials



used along with the experience of making something from those materials. Classes are limited to 15 participants, and preregistration via our website is important if you want to participate. Walk-ins will be accepted as long as spaces remain up to 15. Times vary. See our website for more details.

July 1 - Make a Dreamcatcher. Use willow and red osier dogwood to create a Dreamcatcher. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

July 8 - Birch Bark Creations. Birch bark is an amazing material that can be used to create a wide variety of items. Take a stab at making birch bark ornaments such as folded stars, woven hearts, flying geese, or miniature birch bark canoes. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

July 15, 10 am – 4 pm - Cattail Creations. Ever wondered if you could make use of all those cattail leaves that are so abundant in the area? Join fiber artist Tina Fung-Holder in this workshop and learn how to weave a basket. The leaves and other supplies will be provided but you will need to bring your scissors and notebook. \$50 non members; \$45 members.

July 22 - Rock Painting I - Flowers. Create a one-of-a-kind acrylic rock painting! Join artist Sandy Danus and naturalist Margie Menzies to see what's blooming and learn how to paint these flowers to create your own masterpiece from the North Shore.

No experience necessary or expected. You supply the rock (smooth surface, approx size 4"- 5" across) Sandy will supply everything else needed, including all supplies and step-by-step cheerful instruction. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

July 29 - Plein Air Art. Explore the world of Plein Air painting with visiting artist Aryn Bergsvern. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

Aug. 5 - Pine Needle Craft. Discover what you can create using simple pine needles. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

Aug. 12 - Nature Photography. Photography exploration with professional photographer Chris Sandberg. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

Aug. 19 - Fiber Art. Weaving and twining with grasses and other long leafed fibers. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

Aug. 26 - Rock Painting II - Insects with Sandy Danus and naturalist Margie Menzies. This week we will concentrate on migrating insects. Who's a migrator, how far do they migrate, do they actually come back here to Northern Minnesota? You supply the rock (smooth surface, approx size 4"- 5" across) Sandy will supply everything else needed, including all supplies and step-by-step cheerful instruction. \$12 non members; \$10 members.

Bird Banding 2015 Season

Sugarloaf Cove Summary by Margie Menzies, Naturalist and Bander



Cedar Waxwing

The 2015 season was the fourth year for banding at Sugarloaf Cove. For the first time this year we did some banding during the month of March to catch some of the winter Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin traffic at the feeders. The regular banding season began May 23 and continued weekly through the end of October for a total of 28 banding days.

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banding season began May 23 and continued weekly through the end of October for a total of 28 banding days. During the season, 917 birds were captured of which 765 were banded, representing 65 species. This was the greatest diversity exhibited at Sugarloaf yet, with an increase of 10 species over previous high counts. 152 birds were recaptured during the season, some repeatedly, through the season for a total of 95 individual birds recaptured from previous years banding efforts. This year we captured 8 new species for Sugarloaf with early season species like Common and Hoary Redpolls as a result of some March banding. New summer captures including Golden-winged Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, a Broad-winged Hawk, and a couple of late season species: Harris's

Sparrow and Lapland Longspur. Although we have captured a Savannah Sparrow before, this was the first year that we banded Savannah Sparrows. The ongoing list of bird species captured at Sugarloaf jumped to 77 species this year.

New Sugarloaf website launched

Thanks to funding from the William Wood estate, Sugarloaf hired Red Pebble Design of Duluth to redesign our website. The site is mobile friendly and includes an easy to read program calendar. Take a moment to visit and keep up to date on what Sugarloaf is up to. Sugarloafnorthshore.org.

For a complete list of birds captured and recaptured and monthly summaries visit sugarloafnorthshore.org/education-and-outreach/bird-banding/.



In Memory of David Vose

At Sugarloaf there are pine trees. Many of them grow in clumps as a result of seed dispersal. They huddle together, relying upon each other for protection and the sharing of a common canopy. But continue down the trail. There buffeted by the cold winds of Lake Superior, you may find a solitary pine, standing tall and proud. This is how I would like to think of Dave Vose.

Dave and I taught together for over forty years at the University of Minnesota Duluth. We sometimes agreed on things but equally disagreed on issues. Both of us delighted in being argumentative. It was always cordial and friendly. We typically shook hands afterwards. I believe that it was our mutual ways of learning. This aspect of Dave was forcefully brought forth at his memorial service earlier this year.

Paramount in Dave's nature was his inclination for fairness and inclusion. He always sought facts and logical reasons for any decision. He taught me very much. His imprint upon the board was strong and forceful. He was an individual who listened intently and did not tolerate fuzzy thinking.

Above all else, he loved his wife (Bobbi), children, and grandchildren. In his building of various components of his house, I am sure that it was his way of expressing his feelings towards them. When I sometimes spoke to him about them, tears came to his eyes. In spite of being a rough-and-tumble football jock (University of Illinois), he had some very soft aspects. I was fortunate to share certain of these with him.

These may not have been known to many of the directors on our board. Yet, it endowed upon him a compassion and dedication for Sugarloaf that should provide a model for all of us associated with the Cove.

The Cove and I will truly miss him. His wisdom, gentle prodding, sly grin, attention to budgetary details, always questioning, yet always cordial, are attributes that should be representative of the Cove to all of its constituents. His legacy will stand tall as a pine. At our Board meetings his presence will forever be felt. As we as an organization move forward, it truly will be upon the shoulders of individuals such as Dave.

When a pine is gone, we are sad in its passing. Its silhouette against the western sky goes missing. What remains, however, is the memory of what was once there and what it represented. That tree spread seeds and provided strength. Dave Vose blazed a trail for Sugarloaf that will remain for years to come. Had it not been for him, I would not be a director. He persisted in my recruitment, and for this I am forever grateful. As years go on and as Sugarloaf extends itself into new directions, Dave Vose will be remembered as a one of our true leaders.

He indeed is one of my heroes.



David Vose

Steve Hedman

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2015 Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
Business Checking - US Bank	38,033
Schwab account	199,592
Cash drawer	80
Savings - Restricted & Reserves	107,296
Total Checking/Savings	345,001
Accounts Receivable	4,923
Other Current Assets	
Investments	266
Unrecorded incoming funds	3,047
Total Other Current Assets	3,313
Total Current Assets	353,236

Fixed Assets

Accumulated depreciation	-74,199
Building and improvements	242,989
Equipment	1,525
Land	570,989
Total Fixed Assets	741,303

Other Assets

Investment in non-traded stock	119,583
Total Other Assets	119,583

Total Assets 1,214,123

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Total Accounts Payable	3,432
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred revenue	33,117
Sales Tax Payable	228
Total Other Current Liabilities	33,345
Total Current Liabilities	36,777
Total Liabilities	36,777

Equity

Unrealized Gain (Loss)	7,227
Unrestricted Fund Balance	741,605
Unrestricted Net Assets	276,720
Net Income	151,793
Total Equity	1,177,346

Total Liabilities & Equity 1,214,123

2015 Statement of Activities (Jan - Dec)

Ordinary Revenue/Expense

Revenue

Contributions Income	168,101
Grants	239,070
Interest earned	81
Membership Dues	28,462
Merchandise Sales	3,690
Miscellaneous Income	82
Program Fees	4,935
Total Revenue	444,422

Expenses

Advertising	135
Bank Service Charges	762
Contract Labor	157,468
Depreciation Expense	5,205
Dues and Subscriptions	375
Fundraising	1,234
Insurance	3,407
Internet expenses	1,467
Merchandise purchases	3,014
Miscellaneous	566
Office Supplies	1,253
Payroll Expenses	87,210
Postage and Delivery	931
Printing and Reproduction	4,641
Program Expense	1,040
Rent	3,325
Subscriptions	100
Telephone	996
Training	40
Travel	6,175
Visitor's Center Expenses	13,442
Total Expenses	292,628

Net Ordinary Revenue 151,793

Note: This revenue includes restricted funds for capital improvements.

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Margit Berg, Sugarloaf Volunteer Coordinator

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We are also looking for volunteers interested in helping maintain our trails, host booths at local events, and assist our naturalist with programs.

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Anyone who enjoys greeting visitors from around the world and sharing their love of Sugarloaf Cove and the North Shore. *Absolutely no experience is necessary. We will train and teach you.* Visit our website or contact us at 218-525-0001 or at sugarloaf@boreal.org for more information

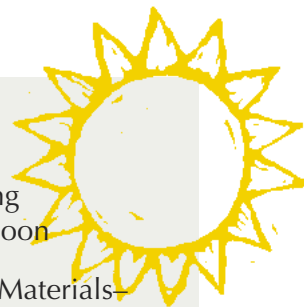
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- Aug. 6** Annual membership meeting and Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 13** Nature Photography tips with Chris Sandberg
- Aug. 20** Bugs, Bugs, Bugs. Who needs them? With Clinton Nienhaus
- Aug. 27** Fall Migration Magic with Dave Benson

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