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at Sugarloaf Cove*



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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.

Growth–Progress–Changes at Sugarloaf Cove!

By Russ Baker - Board Chair



Thank You –

For supporting Sugarloaf! Members who contributed to Sugarloaf during the past year are listed in this newsletter. As a 501c3 non-profit, your donations and memberships allow us offer educational programs to the public and maintain the property! Membership revenue has increased 32% and members has increased 7% in the past year. We attribute some of this increase to our capital improvement campaign which allowed us to re-design our parking lot and increase visitor visibility. In 2017 approximately 14,000 people visited Sugarloaf, compared to 8,000 two years earlier, a 60% increase!

Instituting a Non-Member, Visitor Parking Policy

WHAT: In 2018, we will be asking non-member visitors to pay \$5.00 to use our parking lot. Sugarloaf members will receive a parking pass in a June mailing. Please attach the sticker to the rear or a side window of your vehicle. A new sign in the parking lot will explain the fee and instruct non-member visitors to pay the \$5.00 Fee.

WHY: Of the 14,000 people who visited Sugarloaf in 2017 and used our facilities (trails, parking lot, bathrooms, etc.) many were non-member visitors. Sugarloaf needs additional revenue to maintain our property, offer educational programs (such as bird banding, geology programs, etc.), and facilitate stewardship programs for North Shore landowners (including our Lost Forest programs and our invasives shed workshops).

PLEASE: Attach the parking pass to your vehicle when you visit Sugarloaf. Our goal is that when non-member visitors see your 2018 Sugarloaf Parking Pass, they will comply with the Sugarloaf Parking Policy.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Member Meeting and Ice Cream Social August 11, 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 a special speaker will follow.

You do not need to be a member to attend.

Sugarloaf Updates

Volunteers Needed at Sugarloaf Cove

Have you considered becoming a volunteer site host at Sugarloaf Cove? It's a fun way to engage with visitors to the North Shore as well as get to know North Shore regulars that often stop by. If you like to meet new people and talk to them about the beautiful North Shore, this is for you.

You can easily learn the specifics about volunteering at Sugarloaf Cove by attending one of two duplicate orientation sessions: Saturday, May 26 from 9:15 to 11:00 am (with rolls and

coffee) or Saturday, June 2 from 10:30 to noon (with lunch following). If neither date works, volunteers can be trained on an individual basis. If you want to attend the volunteer orientation without committing to volunteer, that is okay too.

To attend one of the orientation sessions or ask a question, simply email Margit.berg7@gmail.com.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

Welcome Tammy Smith– Sugarloaf's summer site host and more!

This summer, if you drop by on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, you will be greeted by Tammy Smith, our new site host/volunteer coordinator/gift shop manager. She has a B.S. in Recreation Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin and has recently used her teaching and photography skills as a volunteer naturalist at the Cut Foot Sioux Visitor Center in the Chippewa National Forest. She also volunteered at the Visitor Center's front desk and handled their gift shop sales.

Tammy and her husband Greg recently

retired back to the Duluth area after living in North Dakota and around Minnesota. Tammy and her family have always valued Lake Superior and the North Shore State Parks for camping, enjoying the North Shore waterfalls and, of course, Duluth's shipping industry and Canal Park.

Tammy served as a volunteer site host at Sugarloaf last year and we are thrilled to welcome her as an employee this summer.



Gift Shop Expanding

Be sure to check out our new gift shop display this summer. We are expanding our selection of items to more than just books and notecards. New items will include jewelry, nature toys, pins, new Sugarloaf shirts and more. All items will be Lake Superior and North Shore related with many made locally. Shopping at the Sugarloaf Gift Shop is another great way to support our mission because all proceeds support our various programs.

Mark Your Calendars

A North Shore Evening in the Twin Cities

October 28, 5:00 pm

Join fellow Sugarloaf and North Shore enthusiasts for an evening of great food, friends and fun in the Twin Cities.

The evening includes a silent auction, a fabulous speaker, dinner and refreshments.

Watch the website and your email for more information in the upcoming months.

Sugarloaf's Master Naturalist Class of 2018

By Master Naturalist Shawna Willis

Lake Superior holds 10% of the world's surface fresh water, and if you stand with your back to the wind and point left, THAT is where the low-pressure system is. These are just two incredible facts we learned during Sugarloaf's Master Naturalist program this winter and spring. Under our fabulous instructor, Margie



Sugarloaf's Master Naturalist Class of 2018

Menzies, and with the assistance of Don Wendel and John Bathke, we were busy, busy every other Saturday from February to May. Just a few examples of our intensive hands on learning experiences were regional tree identification (in winter of course), rock identification (mostly igneous here on the North Shore!), and raptor identification.

Some homework assignments we have been asked to explore include, "Who lives in a Minnesota tree?", and "Putting a price tag on natural goods - Is it necessary to preserve them"? These questions sparked lively conversation among us and sometimes a little debate as well, as we were moderated and guided by our fearless leaders.

A requirement of all Master Naturalist participants is the completion of a capstone project. The goal of a capstone project is to encourage us to use our knowledge to go out and educate. A sampling of capstone projects undertaken by our class include: creating a Sugarloaf Cove bird checklist by Michelle Strangis; conducting a nature program for a preschool class by Teresa Vollbrecht; exploring Sugarloaf phenology using Nature's Notebook and the Minnesota Phenology Network by Christopher Beal; updating the moose and beaver display at Sugarloaf by

Anna Swarts; and I, Shawna Willis, am writing this article as my capstone project.

This course is very popular. There have been six Master Naturalist courses at Sugarloaf so far, with approximately 100 people involved. There have also been two Master Naturalist courses at North House Folk School in Grand Marais in partnership with Sugarloaf, with another 34 students. There have been six Sugarloaf Board Members who have taken the class and then become board members or were board members and then took the class. At least 18 graduates have become Sugarloaf volunteers! I, myself, cannot wait to go forth into the world and share the enthusiasm for Minnesota nature that Margie and our other teachers and speakers have bestowed upon us in this course. I will never forget Margie and her incredible passion and energy. She really, really knows her stuff, and how to teach it with gusto! Thank you so much to all the people who worked so hard to make Sugarloaf itself a reality (Margie taught us this incredible history lesson too). Also, thank you to all my classmates: newfound friends who share this passion to teach and learn about the natural world. I look forward to a lifetime of collaboration!

Surprise Visitor to Sugarloaf Cove

On May 11, naturalist Margie Menzies was surprised to find a Northern Mockingbird at one of Sugarloaf's bird feeders. Fortunately, Margie had her camera on hand and was able to snap some photos of the bird and post them on the eBird app. The next day, birders from around the region dropped by to see if they could see the bird, but like many North Shore visitors, it had moved on. This is only the second recorded sighting of a Northern Mockingbird at Sugarloaf that we are aware of. Be sure to attend a Thursday morning bird banding session this summer to discover all of the birds that call Sugarloaf home.



Northern Mockingbird on Sugarloaf birdfeeder by Margie Menzies



Wish List

Are you interested in making a special donation to Sugarloaf Cove? The items listed below are on our wish list and your donation for one of these items would be the perfect way to honor someone or to show your love of Sugarloaf.

- Trail signs to replace the current trail brochure.
- New exhibits in the nature center.
- Trail Counter - to count the number of visitors to the Cove
- Sun shade for bird banding activities
- Bird seed and suet

Please contact Molly Thompson at 218-525-0001 if you would like to discuss a donation for one of these items further. Thank you!

Join the Sugarloaf Legacy Club

Did you know you can contribute appreciated stock directly to Sugarloaf? You can transfer appreciated stock directly to Sugarloaf's brokerage account. You get the full tax deduction for the value of the stock and won't have to pay capital gains tax on the gain.

Contact Molly Thompson at 218-525-0001 for more information.

A scenic photograph of a lakeshore at dusk or dawn, with a forested shoreline and a few buildings. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

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2017 Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
Business Checking - US Bank	34,983
Cash drawer	80
Savings - Restricted & Reserves	114,470
Schwab account	347,749
Accounts Receivable	16,938
Other Current Assets	
Investments	266
Unrecorded incoming funds	5,924
Total Other Current Assets	6,190
Total Current Assets	520,411

Fixed Assets

Accumulated depreciation	-84,101
Building and improvements	251,118
Equipment	1,525
Land	570,989
Total Fixed Assets	739,531

Total Assets 1,259,941

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Total Accounts Payable	3,192
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred revenue	46,317
Sales Tax Payable	172
Total Other Current Liabilities	46,489
Total Current Liabilities	49,680
Total Liabilities	49,680

Equity

Unrealized Gain (Loss)	73,973
Unrestricted Fund Balance	741,605
Unrestricted Net Assets	384,431
Net Income	10,252
Total Equity	1,210,261

Total Liabilities & Equity 1,259,941

2017 Statement of Activities (Jan - Dec)

Ordinary Revenue/Expense

Revenue

Contributions Income	20,650
Grants*	223,985
Interest earned	59
Membership Dues	34,522
Merchandise Sales	2,562
Program Fees	16,940
Total Income	298,718

Gross Revenue 298,718

Expenses

Advertising	616
Bank Service Charges	1,192
Contract Labor	86,394
Depreciation Expense	4,697
Dues and Subscriptions	1762
Endowment Transfer	1,032
Fundraising	802
Insurance	2,680
Internet expenses	1,986
Merchandise purchases	968
Office Supplies	861
Payroll Expenses	54,220
Postage and Delivery	764
Printing and Reproduction	3,540
Program Expense	118,560
Rent	3,000
Subscriptions	57
Telephone	839
Travel	2,084
Visitor's Center Expenses	5,027
Total Expenses	288,465

Net Ordinary Revenue 10,252

* \$172,000 for stewardship specific projects

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North Shore Forest Stewardship Updates

Sugarloaf is a founding member and fiscal agent of The North Shore Forest Collaborative (NSFC). 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 is able to reach more landowners and make a bigger impact along the North Shore. Everyone is invited to attend the general meetings and workshops. Visit northshoreforest.org.



John Paulson, NSFC Coordinator

Goodbye and Hello!

For the last four years, the North Shore Forest Collaborative (NSFC) has been fortunate to have Duane Lula as its coordinator. Duane came to the coordinator position with an extensive background in forestry and planning, both in the U.S. Forest Service and with the National Scenic Byway Program. During Duane's time with the NSFC, the collaborative became known

across the MN Forestry community as the best forest collaborative in the state. Duane began by writing a strategic plan for the NSFC. He then secured funding and managed the Reduced-Cost Fencing Program while leading meetings and being a well-regarded spokesperson for the Collaborative. Duane and his wife Kelly have recently moved to Kentucky. We wish them happiness in their new home.

With the departure of Duane Lula, the North Shore Forest Collaborative has now hired John Paulson as Coordinator to support the ongoing work of cooperating agencies, organizations, and private landowners in restoring and revitalizing the North Shore's forest landscape.

John is a familiar face to many as he has been working, and recently retired, as a land manager at Minnesota Power for the past 32 years, as well as serving on the boards of Sugarloaf, Hartley Nature Center, Boulder Lake ELC, and was key in developing a recent regional forest landscape initiative known as the Rajala Woods Foundation. John's familiarity with the issues surrounding North Shore forest restoration and history of cooperation will serve to inform, inspire and contribute to the Collaborative's expanding goals.

2018 Reduced-Cost Fencing Program restoring the North Shore Forest

Thanks to the generosity of the Weekes Family Foundation, the NSFC and Sugarloaf were able to offer reduced-cost fencing for North Shore landowners for the third year this spring. Through this program, landowners purchased 50-foot rolls of 6 foot fencing, along with posts and ties at 1/3 retail cost. Landowners will use this fencing to protect mainly white pine and white cedar seedlings from deer.



As of this writing, 115 landowners have purchased 256 rolls of fence and have begun planting and fencing their trees. Like last year, we were extremely fortunate to have Isak Hansen Hardware in Lutsen agree to distribute the fencing. And, this year we were happy to have Two Harbors Lumber agree to distribute fencing for people with properties in Lake County.

Thanks to the success of this program, from 2016 - 2017, landowners reported planting and

fencing 6787 trees and planting an additional 11,000 trees without fencing! This year we anticipate similar success. **A big thank you** goes out to the Weekes Family Foundation and all those planting and fencing trees for supporting this program and helping to restore conifers to the North Shore!

Get your invasive plants under control

Do you want to remove invasive plants like tansy or Canada thistle from your land but don't know how or don't have the right equipment?

The Community Forest Restoration Shed at Sugarloaf Cove houses tools, herbicide application equipment, and herbicides that are available for anyone to use.

People wishing to use herbicides must participate in a two-hour training on herbicides, safety, and invasive plants of the North Shore.

Class dates are:

June 13	6:00 pm
June 17	5:00 pm
July 7	4:00 pm
July 24	6:00 pm
August 1	6:00 pm
August 13	6:00 pm

During the training, Becca Orf, Botany Technician with the USDA Forest Service, will teach you how herbicides work, how to apply herbicides correctly and safely and alternate control methods. Herbicides and herbicide application equipment will be available only



Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)

during training times. We are currently able to provide herbicide to treat species listed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture as Noxious Weeds. To access this list and a list of other equipment available, visit our website.

Course fee: \$10 per person / \$8 for Sugarloaf members. Payment will be taken on the day of the training. (Cash, check or credit card accepted).

You must pre-register to attend a class. Visit our website or call Molly at 218-525-0001 to register.



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