

## Sugarloaf joins the fight against Invasive Species

The Minnesota North Shore of Lake Superior is a treasured statewide natural resource with some of the state's most unique landscapes and ecosystems. The combination of rugged terrain and the vast expanse of the largest freshwater lake in the world has been a draw for visitors, artists, and residents for centuries. As the North Shore attracts more visitors and residents, external pressures – such as second home and condominium construction – have increased on the very natural resources that draw those people.

One of the current and future challenges for the North Shore is the control of non-native invasive species. Left uncontrolled, these species can damage the ecological integrity of the North Shore by displacing native plants that once provided food and shelter for native animals. Invasive plants can also form dense stands, thereby lowering the diversity of plant species found along the North Shore and lowering the aesthetic value of the region.

With increased visitation and construction along the North Shore, the introduction of invasive plant species such as tansy, spotted knapweed and non-native thistles has become an increasing concern. These invasions are considered small in comparison to other areas of Minnesota, and therefore little attention has been given to their identification and control along the North Shore. But with each passing year, the presence of these species is increasing. Fortunately, the North Shore still has time to limit the economic, environmental and social impacts caused by invasive species and Sugarloaf will be leading the fight.

With funding from a grant from the Lake Superior Coastal program, this summer Sugarloaf will begin conducting hands-on workshops about the threat and control of invasive plant species along the North Shore. These workshops will be offered in Cook and Lake counties for community members, public and private

landowners, and managers. Additionally, volunteers will be trained to use GPS units to record the location of select invasive plant species and to document them through photographs. This information will be downloaded into Google Earth and will be readily available for use by county



**Common Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)**

A noxious weed in Minnesota found along the North Shore

Photo: Steve Dewey, Utah State University, Bugwood.org

land managers and landowners to help in the identification and containment of invasive species.

Sugarloaf will not be alone in the fight against invasives along the shore. Recently, the Cook County highway engineer has begun organizing a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) in Cook County. CWMA's are local organizations that share invasive plant management resources across jurisdictional boundaries in order to achieve widespread invasive plant prevention and control in a broader geographic region. Sugarloaf will be part of the CWMA and the data we collect will be an invaluable resource for this effort.

If you would like to be trained as a volunteer to collect invasive plant data, please contact Sugarloaf at 218-525-0001 or [sugarloaf@boreal.org](mailto:sugarloaf@boreal.org). We will provide training and have GPS units for use. We promise it will be easy!

*SUGARLOAF'S VISION  
 is 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.*

# Upcoming Events at Sugarloaf Cove

Check our website for more upcoming summer programs including "Summer Sensations at the Cove".

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 10 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2 PM

***Your Land, Your Legacy -***  
*A question and answer session relating to land stewardship and long-term planning.*

What will happen to your land over time?

Bring your questions, and share your stories about 1) passing your dreams and land to the next generation, 2) woodland property tax and incentive programs and 3) timber income from family owned woodlands. Allison Eklund, Attorney at Law, and Mike Reichenbach, Extension Educator, University of Minnesota will listen, answer questions and help you find reference materials and identify legal tools for succession planning. Come and join us anytime between 10 AM and 12 PM for this open forum. If you wish to send questions in advance, please send them to Mike Reichenbach at reich027@umn.edu.

*No registration is necessary. Sponsored by Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association with support from the University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Forestry Association, the Minnesota Forest Stewardship Committee, and the University of Minnesota Northeast Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnership.*

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1 PM

***Tree planting workshop - Help restore the Lost Forest***

Sugarloaf Cove naturalist, Alexis Berke, will begin this workshop with a presentation about North Shore forest ecology and what factors are keeping the native North Shore forest from returning. Then it will be off to the woods to learn how to plant and protect native tree seedlings. Participants who help plant seedlings at the Cove will receive free seedlings to plant on their own property. Dress appropriately for working outdoors.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 10 AM

***Wildflowers and Native Plant Communities of Sugarloaf Cove and the North Shore***  
*with Chel Anderson*

As part of your Independence Day celebration come to Sugarloaf and join plant ecologist and botanist Chel Anderson as she identifies wildflowers, trees and shrubs living at the edge of Lake Superior on shores, in wetlands, upland forests and streamside. Enjoy the glories of a summer day by the Lake hiking the trails to explore Sugarloaf's plant communities and learn about their members. The natural history of individual species, as well as the origins and change of vegetation through time in northeastern Minnesota will provide insights into how species and communities of present-day Sugarloaf and the North Shore came to be and thrive here. All ages and levels of familiarity with plants are welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 10 AM - 4 PM

***Celebrate Lake Superior Day at Sugarloaf Cove***

Lake Superior Day is held annually the third Sunday in July to encourage people to take action to help protect or restore one of the world's largest freshwater lakes. Events are being held in communities across the Lake Superior Basin including Canal Park in Duluth.

Sugarloaf Cove will be offering a variety of activities and information from 10 am-4 pm. Drop by and celebrate the greatest Great Lake with us! Watch our website for more information.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 10 AM

***Field and Screen - Tips and Techniques for Outdoor Photography with Chris Sandberg***

Landscape photographer Chris Sandberg ([www.cksandbergphoto.com](http://www.cksandbergphoto.com)) will lead a workshop designed to help outdoor photographers improve their artistry and technical skills. The two-hour class will focus on two important parts of the photographic process: finding and capturing outdoor scenes that reflect the photographer's vision, and presenting those images in the best possible prints. Topics in the class will include:

- *Avoiding the Obvious Picture*
- *What to take in the Woods (and what not to take)*
- *Going beyond your camera's program settings*
- *How much money do I have to spend to get good photographs?*
- *Using Adobe's new Photoshop Elements 6 to produce great prints*

The class will be appropriate for photographers of all skill levels, and will be held in the Cove's main Center. Attendees will also have a chance to win one of Chris' prints of the beautiful Cove lakeshore! Space in the class is limited; please call 218-525-0001 to reserve a spot.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009, 10 AM

***Tales of the Road with MPR host Cathy Wurzer***

MPR host Cathy Wurzer will discuss her book "Tales of the Road." Cathy explores the 440 mile route of highway 61 as it snakes through Minnesota from La Crescent to the Canadian border in her book *Tales of the Road: Highway 61*. In this companion book to the Twin Cities Public Television documentary, Wurzer travels into the past to spotlight the famous, fascinating and forgotten locations along the way. From tourist cabins, lodges and supper clubs, to historic industries, Wurzer unearths stories about each delivering an illustrated tale with historic and current views to show how much—or how little—Highway 61 has changed.

**All programs take place at SUGARLOAF COVE and are FREE**  
**Sugarloaf Cove is located on Highway 61 at mile post 73.3, between Little Marais and Schroeder.**

## *Sugarloaf to celebrate National Trails Day*

On June 6, 2009, Sugarloaf will host a trail clean up and improvement event in celebration of American Hiking Society's 17th annual National Trails Day.

We will start work at the Cove at 9 am and work until 4 pm. You can join in at any time. Lunch will be provided for participants.

For more information about Sugarloaf's National Trails Day event please contact Molly Thompson at [molly@sugarloafnorthshore.org](mailto:molly@sugarloafnorthshore.org) or call 218-525-0001.

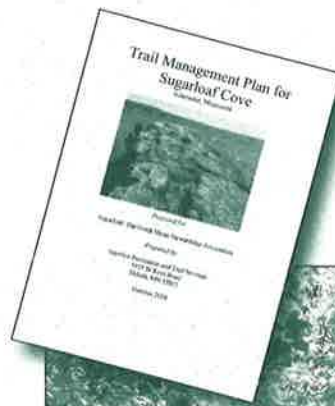
# Highlights of 2008

## Improvements at Sugarloaf Cove

- Hired a professional trail planner who created a 5-year improvement plan for the trail.  
*The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation provided funding for this project.*
- Extended the boardwalk in the Scientific and Natural Area with the help of volunteers and Minnesota Conservation Corps.



- Installed a new informational display case near the front door of the visitor center.  
*Funding for this display case was from an Arrowhead Electric Foundation grant.*
- Updated the Sugarloaf Cove trail guide and added a shorter format trail guide.  
*Funding for this project provided in part by the Coastal Zone Management Act, by NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, in conjunction with Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program and by our generous community partners.*
- Our intern, Kelsey Bauer, initiated a phenology tracking program to keep track of what is happening in nature throughout the year.
- Established a partnership with Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. In exchange for help with maintenance and educational programming, Wolf Ridge brought a variety of their summer groups to the Cove.
- Continued reforesting the Cove with a variety of native trees.
- Repaired visitor center windows and doors that would no longer close due to the building settling.



*New boardwalk segment in SNA built by MCC crew, summer 2008*

## Programs at Sugarloaf Cove and Shore Wide

- Welcomed nearly 5000 visitors to Sugarloaf Cove.
- Hosted field trips from University of Minnesota Department of Geography, University of Minnesota International Studies, Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, St. Mary's College International Program, Grand Marais elementary school.
- Hosted two high school groups and one Family program group from Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.
- Learning Cart program reached over 4000 people in locations from Duluth to Gooseberry Falls State Park.

## Association Members

*Names listed are for new or renewing memberships received between December 2007 and December 2008.*

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## Sugarloaf 2008 Balance Sheet

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
Business Checking - US Bank	8,661.84
Checking — Grand Marais Bank	242.64
Cove petty cash	40.00
Endowment (Schwab)	13,963.31
Savings — US Bank	22,894.09
Total Checking/Savings	45,801.88
Accounts Receivable	
Grants Receivable	1,750.25
Total Accounts Receivable	1,750.25
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	245.19
Unrecorded incoming funds	-3,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	-2,754.81
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>44,797.32</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Accumulated depreciation	-38,623.01
Building and improvements	183,180.00
Equipment	15,389.00
Land	570,989.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>730,934.99</b>

**Total Assets** **775,732.31**

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	3,071.65
Total Accounts Payable	3,071.65
Deferred revenue	8,185.20
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,185.20
Total Current Liabilities	11,256.85
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>11,256.85</b>

#### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	245.19
Permanently restricted net asset	-1.18
Retained Earnings	8.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	-6,430.39
Unrestricted Fund Balance	776,957.50
Net Income	-6,303.66
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>764,475.46</b>

**Total Liabilities & Equity** **775,732.31**

## 2008 Financial Statement (Jan - Dec)

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Contributions Income	24,775.30
Grants	29,411.80
Interest earned	12.77
Membership Dues	22,595.45
Miscellaneous Income	713.58
Program Fees	7,800.00
Sales	733.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,042.40</b>

#### Expense

Advertising	10.00
Bad debt	1,130.00
Bank Service Charges	26.36
Contract Labor	8,129.82
Dues and Subscriptions	265.00
Equipment Purchase	818.92
Fundraising	606.59
Insurance	3,091.98
Internet expenses	691.53
Miscellaneous	72.64
Office Supplies	952.24
Payroll Expenses	54,618.48
Postage and Delivery	2,141.77
Printing and Reproduction	6,258.94
Program Expense	1,891.26
Rent	3,250.00
Retail COGS	303.94
Supplies	15.12
Telephone	2,081.41
Training	674.00
Travel & Ent	1,476.50
Visitor's Center Costs	3,839.56
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>92,346.06</b>

**Net Ordinary Income** **-6,303.66**

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## Volunteers Needed at the Cove

We are starting a new volunteer program this summer and are looking for volunteers to greet visitors, maintain trails and our gardens, and help with office work. You do not have to commit for the entire summer. Short time volunteers are welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Molly at  
molly@sugarloafnorthshore.org  
or 218-525-0001.



## Meet the Board – Joe Stasney

Joe and his wife Kirsten are residents of Schroeder and live a couple of miles from Sugarloaf Cove. They moved to the area from the Twin Cities in the fall of 2000. Joe is a

founding member and past President of the Sugarbush Trail Association, which manages and maintains the 65K crosscountry ski trail system in the Tofte/Lutsen area. Joe is currently employed as a commercial lender at the North Shore Federal Credit Union in Silver Bay. Joe's hobbies include running, cross country skiing and enjoying the outdoors with Kirsten and their two beautiful black labs.

## ATTENTION TWIN PORTS MEMBERS – New and renewing

*Double your membership and  
donation dollars*

Thanks to the generosity of the Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation, any Duluth area member who renews their membership at a higher level or makes an additional contribution to Sugarloaf, their dollars will be matched by the Andersen Foundation. New Duluth area members will also have their contributions matched. Thanks!

## Help Sugarloaf save the North Shore... *one native plant at a time.*

Every spring we turn to our supporters to help us with our stewardship efforts. With the purchase of native trees or wildflowers, you can help us continue to restore Sugarloaf Cove and further our mission of restoring and protecting the North Shore.

Here's how you can help! Become a...

### **Naturalist: \$200**

Select a wildflower or tree to be planted at the Cove. We will label it with your name or dedication. Trees to select from are: White Pine, Balsam Fir or White Cedar. Flowers to select from are: Columbine, Bunchberry or Fireweed. Please make your selection when you order.

### **Forester: \$100**

Support one native conifer planted and protected with your name (or the name of someone else you wish to honor) on it.

### **Gardener: \$50**

Support multiple native wildflower plantings

### **Planter: \$30**

Support a native wildflower planting

*We need your help!* Working together, we can continue to restore and preserve the North Shore. Order your tree or wildflower on our website [www.sugarloafnorthshore.com](http://www.sugarloafnorthshore.com) or contact us at [sugarloaf@boreal.org](mailto:sugarloaf@boreal.org) or 281-525-0001.

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Please enroll me as a member of Sugarloaf in the category I have indicated.

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