

INTERNATIONAL OWL CENTER

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The future is looking pretty exciting here! We received some really great ideas for our future facility from the Design Concept Contest that wrapped up this spring. We are now interviewing construction management firms to take us through the entire process from hiring an architect to completing construction. We are also removing the third house from our building site and using one house for online programs, storage and extreme cold weather housing for our owls.

Our free Virtual Owl Expert Speaker Series last winter, borne of global COVID shutdowns, was an extreme success. We averaged 358 devices logged in live each week from a total of 49 countries! We plan to continue this series in a smaller fashion this winter.

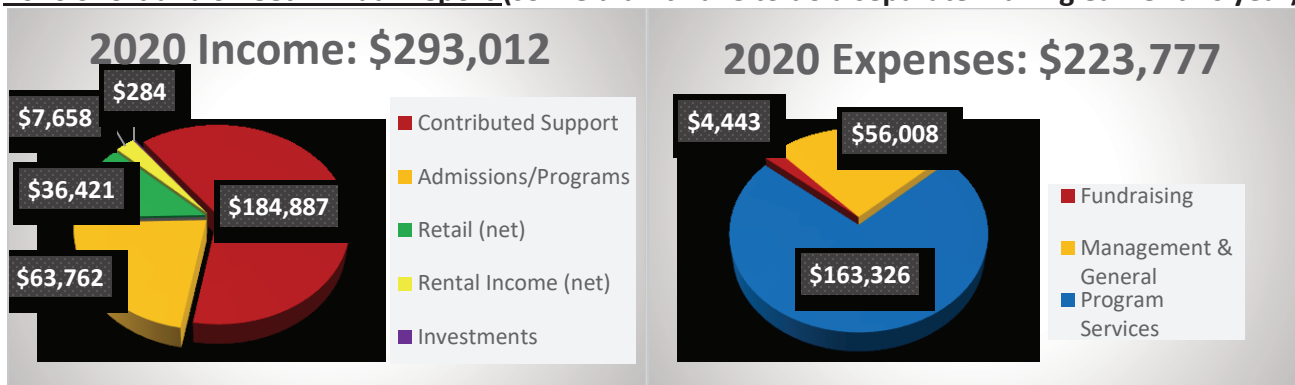
We got a bit sidetracked this year working hard to save the prairies, rare species, owls and human neighbors on the bluff on the south edge of Houston from a proposed jeep, dirt bike and ATV trail system. The International Owl Center partnered with the grassroots "Save Our Bluffs" group, and we are happy to announce the Federal Highway Administration is investigating the MN DNR's handling of the project. It seems the DNR failed to do required environmental review prior to land acquisition, and while no formal decisions have been made yet, we anticipate the project will not move forward.

Our Barn Owl acoustic monitoring research continued this year. We detected wild Barn Owls at an amazing FIVE different locations (of six monitored) in southeastern Minnesota, plus the first known nest in Wisconsin in 22 years.

COVID does still affect us. Expect our International Festival of Owls to move to April 30 – May 1 so we can hold it outdoors. We also pushed back the World Owl Conference another year to October 16-20, 2023.

THANK YOU for helping us to educate the world about owls and conduct owl research. **We would especially appreciate your continued support to help us realize our future facility so we have a better setup for both you and the owls!**

2020 Short and Sweet Annual Report (so we didn't have to do a separate mailing earlier this year)



In 2020 we were closed five months due to COVID, right after **2,187 people attended the International Festival of Owls**. We still **educated 4,486 visitors at the Center**, plus educated **2,823 people at 34 special programs** including our new, free Virtual Owl Expert Speaker Series. We helped **transport 21 sick/injured raptors**, **purchased two properties**, started **researching Barn Owl presence** using acoustic monitoring, **published a paper on Barn Owls** in MN, started planning the next **World Owl Conference**, exhibited **kids' owl art at The Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis** and created **street banners in Houston** featuring the international kids' owl art.

Join or Donate Today!



Annual Membership Levels	10% Gift Shop Discount	Member only events	Member discount on events	Free member admission for (X) people	Free admission for your kids under 18	Free admission for your grandchildren under 18	Free guest admission for (X) people	Photo card and one of Uhu's feathers
\$25 Individual	✓	✓	✓	1	✓			
\$45 Household	✓	✓	✓	2	✓			
\$65 Grandparent Plus	✓	✓	✓	2	✓			
\$125 Burrowing Owl	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	2	2	✓
\$250 Spotted Owl	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	2	4	✓
\$500 Snowy Owl	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	2	6	✓
\$1,000 Blakiston's Fish Owl	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	2	8	✓

Member Benefits:

10% discount online and in-store at the Owl Center Gift Shop

Free Admission to our International Festival of Owls, held during the first weekend in March

Members also receive discounted admission at The [Minnesota Marine Art Museum](#) in Winona, MN and the [National Eagle Center](#) in Wabasha, MN.

Owl Level Members (Burrowing Owl and above) also receive an art card from our children's owl art contest and a molted feather from Uhu our Eurasian Eagle Owl. *(This is only legal for species not native to the United States. Please note that we can only ship feathers within the United States, not to other countries.)*

Circle One: Individual = \$25 House = \$45 Grandparent = \$65
 Burrowing = \$125 Spotted Owl = \$250 Snowy = \$500
 Blakiston's = \$1,000 **Donation Amount:** \$ _____

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