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Thanks to all of our volunteers

Because of your time and help North Star has made great strides this past year in continuing to fulfill our mission.

It may have been financial support, recruiting new members, your time in getting displays to events, sorting items, raising funds working on acknowledgements, or stuffing envelopes ... you get the idea.

A very special thanks to **3M** for 7,306 square feet of storage, workshop and office space.

Special highlights of our year include:

- **36,000** people who have seen our displays.
- **35,000**, the total number of items now in our collections.
- **4,600** Arrowmen who saw our displays at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- **80** volunteers who helped staff the Minnesota State Fair booth and the over **5,000** visitors who stopped to visit.

The major challenges facing the museum for this year:

- Increasing our membership.
- Increasing our funding.
- Continuing our work to find a permanent location.
- Upgrading our displays.
- Adding to our volunteer workers.

John Guthmann
Chairman of the Board

Our Mission

The mission of North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc. is to operate a museum dedicated to acquiring, restoring, preserving and displaying the memorabilia of the Scouting movement in order to commemorate and enhance the awareness of the contributions and values of Scouting since its inception as an international movement in 1908, and to hold an annual reunion of veteran Scouters.

- We are a Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation founded in 1976.
- We are a Federal 501(c)(3) organization.
- We are an all volunteer group.
- Our membership is non-discriminatory and includes more than 200 members from across the United States.
- We are a member of the American Association of Museums, one of only three Scouting Museums in the United States who are members.
- We are a member of the Association of Midwest Museums.
- We are a member of the Association of Scout Museums International.
- We adhere to the Code of Ethics for the American Association of Museums.
- We adhere to the donor Bill of Rights of the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel.
- Our collections cover both Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.
- Over 36,000 youth and adults viewed our exhibits and traveling displays at events between May 1, 2000 and April 30, 2001.
- We annually exhibit in the Education Building during the Minnesota State Fair. Over 350,000 people visit the building.
- We have over 35,000 artifacts in our collection, including movies, audio and videotapes, photographs, books, magazines, patches, uniforms, equipment and other items

Upcoming Events in 2001

- August-September – Minnesota State Fair, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Anticipated attendance: 350,000.
- September – Order of Arrow Section Conclave C-1A. Anticipated attendance: 420.
- September – Order of Arrow Section Conclave C-1B. Anticipated attendance: 350.
- October – Indianhead Council Pow Wow. Anticipated attendance: 800.
- November – Viking Council College of Commissioner Science. Anticipated attendance: 125
- November – Agaming Lodge OA Fall Fellowship Anticipated attendance: 250.
- December – Agaming Lodge Order of the Arrow Lodge Leader Development. Anticipated attendance: 100.

Upcoming Events in 2002

- Gamehaven Lodge OA Winter Event
- Tonkawampus Lodge OA Winter Event
- Agaming Lodge OA Winter Event
- IHC Show and Do
- IHC Court of Recognition.
- District Dinners
- IHC Polar Cubs

Special 2002 Girl Scouting Exhibition

From March through September 2002 we will have an exhibit to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. at the Landmark Center in St. Paul, MN. The exhibit will be co-hosted by the Ramsey County Historical Society.

Our Contributors

Guardian Level:

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- Annually we receive about 4,000 additional artifacts for our collections.
- We are not financially supported by the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.



A mannequin with an older Brownie uniform from our collection of Girl Scouting uniforms.



Scouts viewing our displays at an Order of the Arrow event

Membership Report

The Museum's membership continues to grow. Current prospects come from guest registers from the Minnesota State Fair, current accession donors and many Scouting events where the Museum displayed its collection.

Current membership is 232 at the following levels:

Category	Number	Giving Level
Senior	26	\$10
Individual	84	\$15-25
Family	78	\$25-99
Unit	2	\$25
Century	34	\$100-199
Patron	4	\$200-499
Sponsor	3	\$500-999
Guardian	1	\$1,000+
Total:	232	



Visitors at our exhibit at the 2000 Minnesota State Fair.

Reunion

The 2000 Veteran Scouter/Order of the Odor Reunion was held at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp. There were 50 members and guests in attendance. During the afternoon there were displays from the museum available. We also received some artifacts from the members.

The program included a talk by retired CEO Ron Phillippo of the Indianhead Council on Scouting during his professional career.

For the first time ever two individuals were honored with Skunk of the Year Award Lou Schroth and Ron Phillippo were the honorees.



Viewers at one of the four District Dinners where we had displays.

Some of our Girl Scout displays at the Frey Dinning Hall at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls, Minnesota. This was for the Annual Meeting/Dinner Dance of the Girl Scout Council of Cannon Falls.



Making a close study of one of our displays at the Tonkawampus Lodge of the Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet/Lock in.

An Air Scout Uniform from the 1940's (left) and an Explorer Scout Uniform from the 1950's (right) at our workshop area.



1930's Merit Badge sashes from our collections.

Accessions

This year there were 109 different donations, which totaled 4,545 items. This is an average of 42 items per donation. Some donations were over 300 items. This brings the total number of items of memorabilia in our collections to over 35,000.

The collections continue to grow largely through the Museum's increasing status as a repository for both Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting memorabilia. Items received range from handbooks, and printed materials to mugs, patches, uniforms, prints, photos, videos, diaries, equipment and many other miscellaneous items.



Displays bring back Scouting memories.

Artifacts wanted!

We are looking for donations of additional materials. Specifically needed are Girl Scout items from any year. They could be used in our Girl Scouting display at the Landmark Center in Saint Paul in 2002. We are also looking for additional Boy Scout materials. If you have any of these items that you wish to donate, please contact us.

Computer

The addition of an Olympus Digital Camera to our technological capabilities has allowed us to eliminate the use of film and the associated cost of developing it. Prints are made from our color ink jet printer. This has already improved signage for our displays and the quality of the printing and photos in the *Museum News*.



Part of our storage and workshop.

Facilities

During the year, we have continued to work on finding a permanent home for the Museum. Leads are being examined and followed up on. Ideally we are looking for approximately 10,000 square feet. This size is what is required to adequately show the collection, create displays, and store the collection. Other requirements are being handicapped accessible, being climate controlled, having acceptable fire and police protection, having adequate parking, and, if two storied, having an elevator.

An insurance risk management assessment of our facilities was performed. As a result of the recommendations we have been replacing our shelving units with new ones. We are working on carrying out the other recommendations.

We continue to upgrade our workshop with new tools and have purchased additional light weight tables for working on the collections.

We may be contacted at: Web Master at nssm.org or Terri Anderson at 651 254 9151.

Education and Outreach

The outreach program has had an exceptional year. During the last 12 months as many as 375,712 persons have viewed our displays at numerous events.

Event	Number
Minnesota State Fair	350,000
Boy Scout Council Activities	2,124
6 Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Activities	1,345
7 Boy Scout and Cub Pack Unit Activities	998
5 Scouting District Dinners/Meetings	1,246
Ripley Rendezvous	10,000
National Order of the Arrow Conference	4,600
Other Events	5,399

All display events are handled by 25 museum volunteers, who pick up, set up, monitor, take down and return Museum displays in all kinds of weather, both near and far. For a single 2-hour evening event, the staff volunteers spend an average of 3-4 hours, excluding travel time (bad weather conditions, add 2-3 additional hours).



Pointing out a handbook from the early years of Scouting.



Some of our many Girl Scout items on display.



One of our permanent display cases at the Indianhead council Hulings Scout Service Center.

