

June - September, 2003

## Ripley Rendezvous



Doing the quiz at the Ripley Rendezvous.

Over 1,300 Scouts and Scouters viewed our exhibits. We had over 40 feet of displays set up. By answering a simple quiz on the displays you could get a small candy bar.



Now what year was that book?

Thanks to all who helped staff the exhibit.

## The History of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting In Ramsey County

Our new exhibit has opened at the historic Landmark Center in St. Paul.

It will be in the North Court until October 6.

The exhibit took over 250 hours of preparation. Special thanks to Crystal Boyd for research and also to Joan Robbins, Terri Anderson, John Raymond and Richard E. Carroll.

It is hosted by the Ramsey County Historical Society and was put together with the cooperation of the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley and the Indianhead Council Boy Scouts of America.

Take a friend and stop by and view it. For more information visit our web site [nssm.org](http://nssm.org).



Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in Ramsey County.

## Long - Range Strategic Plan

At the July board meeting our first Long - Range Strategic Plan was approved. It sets some very challenging goals for the Museum for the next four years. These include building our membership base, the start of planning for a permanent facility, and fund raising.

The full plan will be being posted on our web page in the near future.

## Veteran Scouter Reunion



The Order of the Odor and Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp are both celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

On June 21<sup>st</sup> the annual Veteran Scouter Reunion was held at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp. Our first Saturday event in many many years.

The program included materials from our archives



on the beginning of the Order of the Odor. The skunk actually did spray the founders as they were at the campfire.

As is traditional as part of the activity a member was recognized as the Skunk of the Year. Don McShannock was presented the 2003 Award.

Don McShannock 2003, Skunk of the year.

## Volunteer Thanks

Special thanks are given to all of the Board members who left the board this year. Their service was excellent. Julian Plante PhD, Bill Lenker of Sioux Falls, Robert Szczys MD of Colorado, Jim Rupert, Carol Magnusson and Sonia Palmer. During their tenure, the Museum has taken some giant leaps forward.

Also thanks to all of you who helped out during the past year. Typing, sorting, moving exhibits, doing education and outreach, recruiting new members or new materials for the collections, whatever you did it was helpful and appreciated. Without the help of all of you we would not be able to be successful.

## Museum News in Living Color

This will be our first issue of the *Museum News* that will be printed and mailed in full color. We have the ability to print it at a reasonable cost and thought that you would enjoy the pictures in their original color.

We will continue to put the current issue of the *Museum News* on the web site. If you would like help stretch the museums dollars then consider getting notified of each issue by email.

## Minnesota State Fair

At our annual booth in the Education Building at the 2003 Minnesota State Fair close to 10,000 trading cards were passed out to youth visitors.

Visitors from as far away as Northern Ireland and Switzerland signed our guest books. Some 400 persons signed either our Adult Guest book or our Eagle/Gold Award book.

We collected 110 requests for information on how to join Scouting. A special thanks to Terri Anderson for doing most of the prep work, to the over 60 volunteers who staffed it and to Dick Carroll for the design of the booth.



Something for everyone. State Fair 2003.