



October 2010

Don't Miss the Big Events of October 23

Saturday, October 23, promises to be one of the biggest days in the Museum's recent history. Be sure to make plans now to be at the Museum between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. You will experience not one, but two exciting events all rolled into one. Read on

Experience the 2010 Annual Meeting

Building on the success of the last two years, our 2010 Annual Meeting promises to be a special event. For that reason, we have extended an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting to many past members and prospective members in a separate mailing that you also should have received by now. You will be treated to music and a light lunch. In addition, our current exhibits will be on display.

At our annual business meeting, we will announce the results of the board elections, say farewell to outgoing board members, and recognize and honor volunteers from the past year. The 2009 Annual Report will also be available for you to pick up. Of course, Claudia will give her annual report on the state of the Museum.

Then, without further ado, we will roll right into the unveiling of our beautiful and newly named and remodeled Davis & Randall Founders Hall, where we will also honor our Founders, Builders and Trailblazers. You will want to attend and congratulate the honorees that are able to attend.

Davis & Randall Founders Hall Unveiling

Our Museum has done an excellent job of preserving artifacts representing the past of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in this area. Our exhibits display some of our finest artifacts and tell big stories of events and places. Until now, we have not done an equal job of ensuring that the people who have made Scouting and our Museum go are both collected and recognized.

The Davis & Randall Founders Hall is an attempt to remedy the recognition shortcoming. Everyone who has worked with Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting can probably name at least five people, corporations, or organizations that have made a difference to Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in our area. Through this new permanent exhibit, we will select people who have made a difference each year, and induct them into the Founders Hall, where we can begin to tell their stories.

Our honorees will be divided into three groups:

Founders – an individual who has played a substantial role in the advancement of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or the North Star Museum. A Founder is a visionary leader who has played a meaningful role in the creation, innovation or direction of these Scout institutions over a significant number of years.

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Davis & Randall Founders Hall Unveiling

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This year's charter Founders are:

- Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen
- Richard E. Carroll
- Robert S. Davis
- Albert C. Holler
- Frank Neibel
- The Randall Family

Builders – a person or an organization that has made a meaningful impact on one of the Scouting institutions, described above, through their financial support or gifts of influence. A Builder is a transformative leader, persuasive and insightful in their leadership; one who helps make the Founders' vision a reality.

This year we have selected our first Builders and they are:

- 3M
- Sarah Andersen
- Cargill
- Howard and Betsy Guthmann
- George and Dusty Mairs
- Bob and Joyce Rosene

Trailblazers – a person or group that has provided exceptional direct volunteer leadership to Scouting at the grass roots level. In Boy Scouting, often referred to as a "Red Jacket Scouter, or in Girl Scouting, a person with "Green Blood", they carry out the ideas brought forth by Founders and Builders and deliver them to youth.

Our first Trailblazers to be recognized are:

- Doree Gamble
- Dave Moore
- Robert Nelson
- James Rupert
- The Order of the Odor, or Skunks
- Troop 39 of the former Viking Council

You will not want to miss the opportunity to attend the Davis & Randall Founders Hall unveiling and dedication. **See you October 23!**

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Planning for Girl Scout Centennial Begins

The year 2012 marks the Girl Scout Centennial in the United States. As we know from our experience with the Boy Scout Centennial, these dates sneak up on us fast. This summer, our first Girl Scout Centennial preparations began. Jennifer Stevenson volunteered with the Museum for the summer, working on a project to identify primary source material relating to the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys Council in the collection of the Council Archives.

Jennifer is from Woodbury and is a senior at St. Ben's. She has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten and has worked several summers at camp as a Caddy. She is considering a career in museums. She is off to a great start!

With Jennifer's efforts, valuable information concerning the history of our local Girl Scout councils will be available for program and exhibits. Jennifer did not get as far into the project as she wished, but, according to Executive Director Claudia Nicholson, we can already envision multiple uses for her work.



This year, the Museum provided vintage Pinewood Derby artifacts to Northern Star Council for use in its Minnesota State Fair exhibit. Thousands of people saw the exhibit in the Education Building.



GIVE TO THE MAX DAY RETURNS

For the second year in a row, GiveMN.org is sponsoring “Give to the Max Day.” This year, Give to the Max Day will be on November 16. Last year, the event set the single-day record for online philanthropic giving. Give to the Max Day 2009 saw more than 38,000 donors log on to GiveMN.org to give \$14 million to 3,434 Minnesota nonprofits. This year the organizers want to top 40,000 donors.

In 2009, our North Star Museum year-end giving letter was timed to encourage a year-end gift via Give to the Max Day and this year will be no exception. GiveMN.org featured our Museum on its web page earlier this year and last year’s matching gift program gave us a nice boost. This year’s Give to the Max Day incentives include giving \$20,000 and \$10,000 to the non-profits that attract the largest number of individual donations. In addition, every hour a random donor will be picked and \$1,000 will be added to that person’s donation. To up our chances, just log on and make our donation in the middle of the night—less competition. Whatever time of day you are logged in, why not try to leverage your Museum year end gift by submitting it online during Give to the Max Day? To participate, just go to GiveMN.org on November 16. The Museum appreciates your generosity.



Time Capsule

Following the Indianhead Council Jamborall '92 event, the North Star Museum planted a time capsule under a concrete slab at Tomahawk Scout Reservation with instructions to open the capsule during the Centennial of Scouting. Pictured above is the time capsule being removed in August 2010. It was opened on October 2 at the Northern Star Council Base Camp dedication.



Bob Nelson 1920-2010

Board Member Bob Nelson Passes Away

Both the North Star Museum and Boy Scouting lost a great friend and supporter on July 13, 2010 when Bob Nelson passed away. Bob served on the Museum Board for several years and was a member of the committee that produced *Honor Bright: A Century of Scouting in Northern Star Council*. Bob committed his life to scouting and youth through his involvement with the BSA. Bob was Scoutmaster of Troop 71 in Woodbury for over 50 years and he was a founder of the College of Wilderness Knowledge and the Eagle's Nest Program. In addition to his many activities, Bob was also a long time member of the Pine Bend Scout Club. We extend our condolences and best wishes to Bob's family.



TIGERMANIA RULES!

Tigermania's "Learning to Roar" program invaded the Museum August 7 & 8. As the boys and their parents arrived, they were given materials to braid Tiger tails and learned a song about Tiger Cubs to sing at the flag ceremony. Kurt Leichtle and Nell Nere taught the boys how to do a simple flag ceremony with their Tiger partners. Under the guidance of Nell the boys made a trip out to the front flower bed to see what they could find. What they found were caterpillars nibbling away at the milkweed, bees removing nectar from the hostas and leavings of the Japanese beetles, which seem to have visited us in abundant numbers this summer. The boys went inside and recorded what they found.

Meanwhile the parents were learning about Scouting. This was followed by a joint activity of parents and boys making kites. The session ended with a CD about Scout Camps, striking of the colors and lunch. About ten cubs and their parents participated each day.



Nell Nere describes the mystery and excitement of milkweed and monarchs to some of the boys at Tigermania.

EVERY YEAR IS ELECTION YEAR

In addition to your Founders Hall dedication mailing, you also should have received your annual election mailing in recent days. The Nominating Committee worked hard to give you a strong slate of candidates, so please review the mailing, vote and return your ballot so we can receive and tabulate your selections prior to the October 23 Annual Meeting. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

A number of current Board members are running for reelection. They are: Kurt Leichtle, Charlie Opp, Reid Christopherson, and Tom Welna. We are also pleased to introduce a number of excellent new Board candidates. Our new treasurer is Faith Anderson. Faith was selected and elected by the Board of Directors to fill the last few months of Susan Ostland's term following her resignation. Faith now seeks a full three-year term. She joined FlexMation, Inc. in Burnsville in November 2006 as their Financial Manager. Before then, Faith spent 29 years at Machine Tool Supply, where she served as Operations Manager and Assistant Treasurer. Faith has been involved with Scouting since her oldest son joined Cub Scouts back in 1985. Today she is still active in the Venturing program serving as the NSC Venturing Committee Chair.

Complimenting Boy Scout professional and current Board member Kent York is Girl Scout Professional Shelly Losinski. If elected, she will be the first Girl Scout professional to serve on our Board! Shelly is the Girl Program Director for the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys. Shelly has worked with the Girl Scouts for more than 10 years in the program department, where she has been responsible to ensure girls meet the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and the three keys to leadership—Discover, Connect, and Take Action. Most recently, Shelly championed River Valleys' strategic planning process. Currently, she is responsible for ensuring that program resources, curriculum, and events are developed and implemented to meet the needs of girls. Shelly earned her Bachelor's degree from Mankato State University. Prior to working for Girl Scouts, Shelly served in various public relations roles within athletic departments in the Midwest. When she isn't working, Shelly enjoys traveling, spending time with her husband, children and dog and cheering on the Green Bay Packers.

Our third nominee is long time Boy Scout volunteer Hugh Gwin. Hugh is a prominent attorney in Hudson, WI. Hugh has been active in Scouting ever since he was a Cub Scout in his hometown of Hudson, WI. His involvement and recognitions include: Eagle Scout; Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor; Tomahawk camp staff; Scoutmaster; Explorer Post Adviser; Wood Badge graduate and staff; Asst. District Commissioner; adult trainer; District FOS Chair; District Award of Merit; Silver Beaver Award; and he is a James West Fellow. Hugh helped found the Tomahawk Alumni Association and served as its Secretary for three years. He has been on the Troop Committee of Troop 9140 for 36 years, serves on the Northern Star Council Centennial Monuments Committee, and on the President's Cabinet. He earned a history degree from the University of Wisconsin and now practices with the Eckberg Lammers Law Firm of Stillwater and Hudson. His parents, Hugh F. and Edna Gwin, were very active in both Boy and Girl Scouting. In their memory, he is currently working to improve the history resource room and collection at the new Hudson Public Library.

The fourth and final nominee for your consideration is Girl Scout volunteer and First Class Scout, Roberta "Nite-N-Gale" Moore. She has been active in Girl Scouting for 37 years—13 as a girl, including Campus Scouts, and 24 as an adult volunteer, trainer and SU officer. She is currently employed at the University of Minnesota Clinics as a Registered Nurse. Roberta has a Master's Degree in holistic Nursing. As a second generation Girl Scout she is the Council flag trainer and teaches outdoor and first aid skills. She especially enjoys outdoor cooking.

Please return your vote right away. As always, we thank you for your participation in the governance of the Museum.

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