



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

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Order of the Odor Meets Again

On May 30, 2009, twenty-eight Skunks and their guests attended a successful Skunk Reunion at the spanking new Swanson Lodge located at Fred C. Andersen Camp. The attendees boasted of 1,186 years in Scouting, an average of 42 years per person. Thanks to the efforts of Todd Levig, Joan Robbins and Mike Lund, a delicious brunch was enjoyed by all.

This year, the keynote speaker was David Kenney, author of the upcoming and much anticipated Centennial History of Northern Star Council. Mr. Kenney regaled the Skunks with historic photographs and stories that he has gathered as part of his book research. The group was also treated to a reenactment of a Skunk membership induction ceremony read directly from a recently discovered script dating back to the 1930's. The ceremony was most odorific.

Of course, an annual highlight of the Reunion is the awarding of the Skunk of the Year. This year's honoree is long-time Scouter Roy Nauertz. Congratulations Roy! Start making plans for next year's reunion. As soon as the date is set, you can be sure to find it in the *Museum News* and on the Museum website. Remember, you can nominate a Skunk of the Year. Application form and criteria are available on the museum website.



David Kenney and Ron Phillippo



Jim Rupert



Mike Galvin

Dana and Galvin to Lead Museum Fund Raising Campaign

The next two years mark a crucial period in the history of the North Star Museum. In 2010, the \$250,000 contract for deed that the Museum obtained from Ramsey County to finance our building comes due. In addition, although individual contributions have steadily increased in recent years, the Museum’s five year plan to run deficits while furnishing the building, designing and implementing new programs, and staffing the Museum is about to end and can no longer continue. The time for self-sufficiency has arrived.



Nancy Randall Dana

In response to the financial needs of the Museum, the Board of Directors voted to initiate a 1.5 million dollar fund-raising campaign at its December 2008 meeting. The Board’s decision followed a Feasibility Study that was generously funded by a grant from the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation. The Board of Directors also agreed to retain John Martin and John Schwietz of MGI Fund Raising Consulting, Inc. as campaign counsel. The campaign is in the pre-campaign phase, which includes leadership recruitment and finalizing the case statement.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Campaign leadership is being provided by Co-Chairs Mike Galvin and Nancy Randall Dana. They are busy assembling their Campaign Cabinet. Mike was the final President of the former Indianhead Council and is a current Northern Star Council Board of Directors member. Nancy is a member of the Board of Directors of both the Northern Star Council and the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, and has deep family roots in both Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in this area. Their enthusiasm and insight will guide the campaign to a successful conclusion.

The money raised through the campaign will pay off the note with Ramsey County, provide funds for ongoing maintenance of our building, and assist with operating and program support. The campaign will also help the Museum build a fund-raising infrastructure that will place it in a better position to meet annual operating fund needs in the future. When called upon, please lend your support to the campaign.



New signs have gone up at the Museum!



Tigermania is Coming

This summer a new program will be coming to the North Star Museum. On June 27 and 28, August 8 and 9, Tigermania will be coming to the Museum! During the Tigermania program, kids entering the first grade will have a chance to see the Museum, learn something about

Boy Scouts and make something to take home (our famous kites). Food is included for the hungry Tigers.

Tigermania is a joint program being produced in collaboration with the Northern Star Council. Special thanks to North Star volunteers Barb Herrmann and Linda Rawlings for being the driving forces behind the program. John Overland and Courtland Bolles from Northern Star Council also deserve our thanks for making the program possible.

If you would like to help out on any of the four dates, just give Claudia Nicholson a call or drop her an email. And, don't forget to encourage any potential Tiger Cubs and their families to participate in Tigermania at the Museum.

Your Chance to Access Accessions

The best way to experience the history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting is to work hands-on with the Museum's extensive collection. This summer, we are going to begin inventorying the collection. In addition, there is accessioning that needs done. "Accessioning" is a museum term that represents the process by which a museum takes legal title to its collection. The Collections Committee has done a great job of moving proffered donations through the initial screening process and making recommendations to the Board of Directors, which must formally vote to accept a donation into the collection.

Right now we have a bottleneck in the accessioning process due to a buildup of donated materials. We could use your help. The work can be done during the week (except Monday) and on Saturday. Accessioning requires data entry skills, photography skills, and the ability to physically number objects. All materials will be provided. Just give Claudia a call.

Making the Case

For years, a key feature of both our traveling exhibits and our Museum-based exhibits has been the display case. Display cases can be costly, unwieldy and difficult to assemble and de-assemble. Now, we can thank Joe Reding and Chuck Clausen for their great work refurbishing exhibit cases for a new Tiger Cub exhibit that will open in June, just in time for our Tigermania events.

In addition to their work on the new Tiger Cub exhibit, Joe and Chuck have volunteered to help refurbish old displays and build new ones. They have a great idea for creating a pair of cases in which we can display some of our 10,000+ patches. Through the efforts of Joe and Chuck, our exhibits will be of higher quality and we will be able to change out our exhibits more frequently. We can always use more volunteers like Joe and Chuck to assist in either the intellectual or practical aspects of exhibit creation. You too will be able to "make the case."

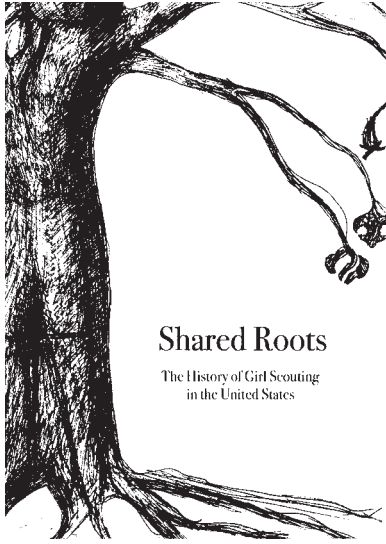
From the Director

I've been dealing with a family medical emergency this week, and as I have shuttled between home, work, and the hospital, I came to realize that the Museum still depends a great deal on me to keep things open and moving forward.

We have made great strides in enlisting the aid of volunteers to do the variety of tasks that need to be done here in order to keep the place open and functioning. We are in particular need of people who are willing to staff the Museum during its open hours. Our hours are 1-5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Aside from previously-scheduled visits, our visitation is relatively light so this is not an onerous task. If you are the type of person who is willing to just "be there", and entertain yourself reading a book, we have a place for you. And if you are the sort who prefers to have something to do while you keep your eye on the door, we have a place for you too.

Please call Gary Gorman at 651-428-6097 if you think helping us out in this way would be your cup of tea. We clearly need you.

Claudia Nicholson



Shared Roots

The History of Girl Scouting
in the United States

Gold Award Project is Golden

Did you know that the North Star Museum makes Eagle Scout and Gold Award service project opportunities available for youth? Through service projects, youth can advance in rank, learn Boy Scout and Girl Scout history and help the Museum. To date, hundreds of service hours have been donated to the museum by local youth. Recently, our first gold award project was completed by Laura Larsen. Laura is a member of Girl Scout Troop 1170 in White Bear Lake.

For her project, Laura created a film entitled "Shared Roots: The History of Girl Scouting in the United States." The film is available for viewing at the Museum. In addition, a copy of the DVD can be borrowed for use at a troop meeting. Congratulations Laura!

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