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**The “Call to History Road Show” Returns**

Riding on the success of our 2021 fundraiser - the Call to History Road Show - the Call to History Road Show returns on Saturday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. This time the event is LIVE at the Museum. Mark your calendar now and look in your mail or your email for the invitation. In fact, registration is already open on our [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org) website. Don't wait for the invitation, sign up now. Registration is only \$50, proceeds benefit the Museum, and your registration fee includes lunch.

When the Call to History Road Show first occurred two years ago, we were all in COVID lock down so the event was filmed and shown virtually. The video is still on our website for all to see. The concept is simple and fun. The Museum's collection contains many treasures that have been seen by only a few folks and these treasures come with rarely heard stories. So, we featured several of these stories and items in what we dubbed the “Call to History Road Show.” What better way to learn about and appreciate the Museum you have supported over the years, while having a great time, all to the benefit of the Museum.

In 2021, we featured Camp Minnesota (1920's Girl Scout adult outdoor training camp off the end of the Gunflint Trail), the story of the Golden Eaglet, the story of the Bronze Medallion given to local Boy Scouts for selling the most war



**In this screen shot from the 2021 virtual Call to History Road Show, Prof. Kurt Leichtle explains the Museum's unique Liberty Bond Medallion to Barb Herrmann. This year's Call to History Road Show is LIVE at the Museum.**

bonds during World War I, and two large scrap books belonging to Charles Summers from his early history of involvement in Scouting in the St. Paul area. Our 2023 edition of the Call to History Road Show will use the same format but it will be LIVE at the Museum and will reveal several more hidden treasures from the Museum's collection. For each item, an expert will tell the audience about the object's history and significance.

Join us on Saturday, March 18 for a fun and informative look at some hidden treasures. At the Call to History Road Show, we gather to financially support the Museum and learn about some neat items and their story in light of the bigger picture of the country and of Scouting and Girl Scouting. Come to see what we found to show you this year. Register at the Museum website [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org).

## Plan to Attend Our 2023 Derby Night at the Museum

The Museum's Derby Night at the Museum *for adults* was so much fun last November that people were inquiring about the date for our 2023 event within days. Responding to popular demand, the event committee started its work and selected a date. Put the 2023 North Star Museum Derby Night at the Museum on your calendar now! November 4 at 6:00 pm is the date and time.

Now that you know **when**, start thinking about **what** car you will use to win the race. You should also start thinking about **who** you are going to invite to join you at the event so you can

share the fun with more people. If you're not sure how to put your car together, sign up for one of the Museum's car building sessions that will be held during the summer months. Dates will be announced on the Museum's web site and in the *Museum News*.

Derby Night at the Museum promises to be a great time for one and all whether you race a car or whether you are just there to watch, bid on the silent auction items, and have a good time. The event will include appetizers, dessert, wine/beer, and a silent auction to increase the fun. And, for added fun, wear a



“derby hat” and compete for the best design of the evening.

The 2023 Derby Night at the Museum will feature specially designed cars by Chicano artist Jimmy Longoria. You will have a chance to bid on one of his unique cars and use it as your own race car during the main event. Derby Night at the Museum is guaranteed to be a fun evening for adults. It is the ultimate “fundraiser.” Come and check it out for yourself!

## Announcing our Second Gallery Talk – Something for You to Do on the Afternoon of March 4

In the December 2022 issue of the *Museum News*, we announced a new way you can enjoy the Museum and learn more about the history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting—our Gallery Talks series. Historian and History Professor Emeritus Kurt Leichtle will present the Museum's second Gallery Talk on Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the Founders Hall.

Dr. Leichtle is the former interim director of the Museum, a current Museum Board member, and professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. The Gallery Talk topic will be "When Regions were Councils: Charles Sommers and the

Development of the Boy Scouts in the Upper Midwest." The Gallery Talk will explore the developments of Regions in the BSA and how Sommers used his position as Chair to develop and mold the Scouting program in what became Region 10, which includes what is now the Northern Star Council. Sommers was a pivotal person in the development of the national Scouting movement. The Museum happens to own several important Charles Sommers artifacts.

Come and join the discussion. Light Refreshments will be served. The Gallery Talk is free for members. For non-members, the charge is \$10, which includes



**Kurt Leichtle presenting the Museum's inaugural Gallery Talk in January.**

admission. See you in the Gallery!

## Great News for the Museum!!

The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting (aka North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc.) recently received a \$159,000 grant to replace our heating and air conditioning system (HVAC) that is well over twenty years old. The grant was awarded by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. The funds come from tax revenue collected under a Legacy Grant program created by an amendment to Minnesota's Constitution. Our Legacy Grant is being managed by the Minnesota Historical Society.

The grant was awarded after a two-year process with two separate projects and proposals. The work has already started with mechanical design by Erickson, Ellison and Associates. Their design will be supervised by Quality & Solutions Engineering who will approve the design before the project goes out for public bid. We will be replacing both of our rooftop heating/air conditioning units, adding humidity



controls, and installing a mini-split heat pump in the office area. The project will allow the Museum to better control the atmospheric conditions for our collection while insuring that our staff and volunteers are comfortable in the office area and in the building generally.

Our building was designed and built to be a library, which required different lighting, heating, and air conditioning conditions. The Museum updated the lighting several years ago through an earlier Legacy Grant while our HVAC needs were put on hold. The timing is right for this work as the current heating system is getting very difficult to maintain. Stay "tuned" to future editions of the *Museum News* for updates on our Legacy Grant HVAC project. Or, stop in to see (or feel) for yourself.



**New Members**  
• Jay & Laurie Herbrand

**Know of anyone  
interested in joining?**  
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## Meet Your New and Returning Officers and Board of Directors Members

In December, the Museum distributed election ballots to all members for the purpose of electing board members and officers. After compiling the votes, all of the proposed candidates were elected. As a result, we now have a wonderful group of new and returning Officers and Board members. They all took office in January. Let's start by welcoming our new Board members.

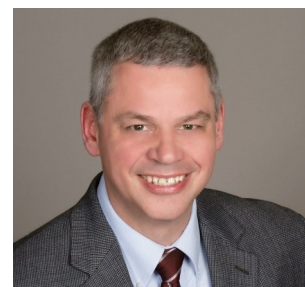
**Terri Anderson** – Terri was elected to return to the Board as Secretary after many years volunteering for the Museum in numerous other ways. Terri has been involved in Scouting as an employee of Northern Star Scouting and its legacy council since 1991. Her current position is Donor Relationships Manager in the Development Department. She was a unit-level volunteer for ten years during which time her son earned his Eagle award. Around 1993, Terri became the Museum's Secretary before eventually becoming the Board Vice Chair. After leaving the Board, she continued as a Museum volunteer, working on a number of projects. Currently, she assists the Board as recording secretary; the Marketing/Communications Committee Chair, including responsibilities as webmaster, production specialist, and editor of the *Museum News*; and eTapestry (fundraising) consultant. With her retirement from Northern Star Scouting in the next 14

months, Terri looks forward to participating more fully in Museum activities.

**Joe Glenski** - Joe is a long-time Museum member, supporter, and volunteer. However, this is his first stint on the Board. With Joe's election, service on the Museum Board is a family affair as Joe's mother is a former Board member. Joe has been a Boy Scout leader over 45 years, and a member of the Museum for over 15 years. He is an Eagle Scout and he is active on multiple BSA levels. He has served as a Scoutmaster, District Commissioner, Council Activities Chair, and NOAC Lead Adviser, among other roles. Joe works as a Senior Distinguished Technologist at Hewlett Packard Enterprise, leading a team focused on supercomputer performance. He is an active member of Holy Spirit Parish in Saint Paul, where he has been a Men's Club officer, Liturgy Committee member, and Delegate to the 2022 Archdiocesan Synod.

The Museum is also fortunate to have five returning Officers and Board members. It is an understatement to say that each has been an important leader in recent years.

**Lorena Palm** – Lorena is continuing as Chair of the Board. Lorena has been a Girl Scout for 57 years and is a retired Girl Scout council CEO with 22 years' experience. She served as



The Museum welcomes Joe Glenski (pictured above) to the Board of Directors

a Realignment Consultant for GSUSA for 2 years following retirement and served another 10 years as a National Volunteer Partner for them. She has been a NSSM board member for nine years, also serving as Vice Chair, Development Committee Chair, and member of the Finance Committee.

**Sandy Craighhead** – Sandy is also continuing in current role as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. Sandy has been a Girl Scout for 70 years and has served on the NSSM board for several years. She has been a troop leader, camp counselor, board member, and chair of the former St. Croix Valley Council. Currently she serves as chair of the Planned Giving Committee for River Valleys Council. She also serves on the World Foundation Board of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. She has been a community volunteer most of her adult life. Her real passion is Girl Scouting and helping girls develop the skills to become the leaders of the future.

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## Year-End Merit Badges Coming to the Museum

**Jim Stevenson** – Jim has been an outstanding Treasurer for the Museum and he was elected for a new term. Jim has been a CPA for 37 years and he is a partner with Lethert, Skwira, Schultz & Co. He is an Eagle Scout with over 30 years as a Boy Scout volunteer. He is currently the chartered organization representative for Troop and Pack 9817. Jim is also an active community volunteer. He is past chair and current member of the community board for the Woodbury YMCA, he is past president and a current member of the Rotary Club of Woodbury, and he serves on the finance council and men's club at Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale.

**Kurt Leichtle** – Kurt returns to the Board following a two-year stint as Acting Executive Director of the Museum, a role he assumed as a volunteer. Kurt is a Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls. He has broad experience both in Boy Scouts, history, museums, and the use of three-dimensional artifacts to teach history. Previous experience includes work for the Ramsey County Historical Society, including management responsibility for the Gibbs Farm Museum. Kurt serves on the Museum's Program and Exhibits Committees.

**Bonna Scherer** – Bonna is a former Museum Board member

who is returning to the Board. She has been a Museum volunteer for nearly ten years. Her activities include the Exhibit Committee, Membership Committee, docent volunteer, and Volunteer Coordinator. She has also served as a Girl Scout volunteer for over 30 years and she has over 14 years of service as a member of the River Valleys Heritage Group committee.

No non-profit organization can function without a strong Board. All Museum members should be confident that the Board of Directors will continue its strong and innovative stewardship of our organization.

## Please Help Us

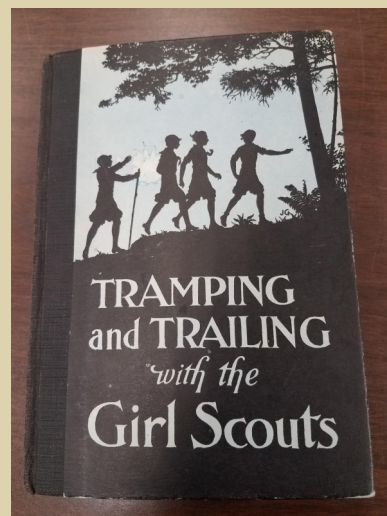
For visitors to the Museum, one of the highlights is the camping exhibit. The exhibit makes the camping experience of years past come alive. To achieve its magical impact, the exhibit includes many vintage artifacts that bring back fond memories for anyone who grew up in the Boy Scout or Girl Scout programs.

One of those artifacts was a book called *Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts*. The book was loaned to the Museum by the River Valleys Heritage Group of the Girl Scouts. First published in 1927, the book was written “[s]o that the joys of tramping may be

passed on to Girl Scouts throughout the land... It aspires to be a working handbook of tramping and trailing for both leaders and girls, to give suggestions for programs and menus, and working directions for fire building, over-night hikes and camp site activities.” This quote comes from the forward of the book.

Unfortunately, the book is now missing. If you took the book or know who did, please return the book to the Museum. We need to return the book to its right-

ful owner. No questions will be asked. Thank you.



**This copy of *Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts* was removed from the Museum's Camping Exhibit. If you have it, please return it no questions asked.**

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## Don't Miss Your Next Escape Room Opportunity

The Museum's Escape Room was busy in January. Everyone got out but there were a few close calls. The Escape Room, with its Egyptian theme, may be a perfect activity for the groups you work with. Now that our January dates have come and gone, we are looking at the calendar to schedule our next set of Escape Room dates.

Watch the Museum's web site for the announcement of our next Escape Room dates. The cost for the Escape Room is \$15 per person. You can also call the Museum at 651-748-2880 or email Carissa Meyer at

[carissa.meyer@nssm.org](mailto:carissa.meyer@nssm.org) to express your interest in scheduling your unit or your group for a visit to the Escape Room. Ask anyone who has experienced the Museum's Escape Room – it is a must-do adventure.



Members of Troop 113 with souvenirs of their escape from the Lost Tomb in March of 2022.

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