



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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History Calls

One of the Museum's most unique events, **A Call to History**, is just around the corner, on Wednesday, April 26. What is **A Call to History**? This is the Museum's main fundraising activity of the year. Proceeds from this event will provide funding for the Museum's exceptional collections, exhibits, and educational programs. Our past events have been successful, but to continue moving forward with new ideas and opportunities for members and visitors, we must continue to raise funds to support our efforts.

A Call to History also provides an important opportunity to present the Museum to individuals who are not familiar with us. It is imperative that we continue to broaden the Museum's circle of friends--people like you--who would find our building and offerings of value; who are interested in history, civics, and education; and who are hopefully able to support us financially, now and in the



Those attending last year's Call to History enjoyed great food and fellowship in addition to the Museum's great story.

future. Broadening our circle of friends is the second--and just as critical--goal of this event.

As with last year's **A Call to History** event, we will have a breakfast session (7:30-8:30 am) and a lunch session (noon-1 pm). During the program, our attendees will learn about the Museum, hear wonderful stories, dine with new friends, and have the opportunity to pledge their support in the form of a donation, future membership, or ongoing interest in our mission.

As a current member, what can you do to help? There are *four* ways you can participate in **A Call**

to History:

- Serve as a Table Host and bring SEVEN guests who are NEW to the Museum
- Purchase a seat at the event for \$200
- Donate items needed for the event
- Volunteer to help at either session (or both!)

Your participation or attendance at this event is welcome. Simply choose the way(s) that you'd like to get involved, then call Diana at the Museum soon (651-748-2880) to let her know. Our event chairperson, Kristie Wanstrom, is working hard to make **A Call to History 2017** a success—and you can be a part of it!

Holiday Hop and Bazaar a Smashing Success



On December 10, the Museum held its annual Holiday Hop and Bazaar. By every measure, it was a huge success. We were prepared to give a big crowd a joyous holiday experience and the public delivered. The event featured a Cub Pack selling hot food and baked goods. Then, there was the Northern Lights Girl Scouts Service Unit giving away hot chocolate and meeting people on the street to bring them into the Museum.

But the event was not just about food. There was also entertainment, holiday gifts available for purchase, and an opportunity to make a holiday gift or personal item. First, not one but TWO

Santa's paid us a visit. Along with guests to the Museum, our Santa's enjoyed their own visit from the famous North St. Paul Snowman. We had six Girl Scout troops on hand selling their incredible hand-made gifts. We also had our own "Sami Laplander" teaching kids and families how to make an old-fashioned tin ornament.

With all the preparations for a well-rounded and full experience in place, we could not have been more pleased with the number of visitors. In only a four-hour period, 369 people came into the Museum and participated in the event. Talk about holiday cheer!

The Holiday Hop and Bazaar could not have happened without a lot of old-fashioned hard work and dedication. Thank you to our group of Girl Scouts and leaders: Mary Yapp and Troop 52924; Lisa Pycher and Troop 50927; Theresa Welinski and Troop 13275; Demetris Hall



and Troop 55325; and, Roberta Peterson and Troops 13426 and 11951. Thank you also to Emily White and the Northern Lights Girl Scout Service Unit. For our Cub Scouts, thanks to Kristie Wanstrom and Cub Pack 73. Finally, there is our cast of characters: Jim Lindfors as our Sami Laplander who helped all the kids make a tin ornament; Paul Bartyzal as Santa Claus; Paul's lovely daughter Jill as Santa's Elf; Chuck and Judy Clausen as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus; and, Claudia Nicholson as our check-in/greeter/hostess. If you missed the event, don't wallow in regret—just plan on attending the 2017 Hop.



Exciting Times

The Board of Directors and staff have been working very hard on a new educational initiative at the Museum. This will help increase our educational classes and programs both inside the Museum and off-site. We will continue to update you with more ideas on the new educational initiative as we move forward.

As part of this initiative, we have had staff changes. We have said goodbye to Shirley De La Torre as an employee but you will still see her around as she remains committed to volunteering. We wish Shirley all the best in her new endeavors. In addition, we have had amazing volunteers step up and help us as we move forward. If you are interested in helping the Museum by volunteering, please contact us with your ideas of how you would like to help us with whatever expertise you have to lend. If you want to volunteer but you do not have something specific in mind, we have a few ideas of our own. Check out these opportunities:

- Social media assistance
- Museum Gift Shop and online sales
- Program assistance
- Docent Program – *be the first to join our new training program!*
- Inventory assistance
- Data Base assistance
- Cleaning and general maintenance

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Museum. To volunteer, just call Diana at 651-748-2880.



New Since December 2016

New Members:

Boy Scout Troop 283
 Peter Johnson
 Chris Sandberg
 Kevin Balfanz
 Dorothy Magnuson
 Carl Baumeister
 William Dorgan
 Thomas Frame
 Charlton McArthur
 David Mundale
 Carol and Bob Oldowski
 Steve Ryhn

New Gift Memberships (BOGO):

Ben Magnuson
 Amy Schneider
 Steve Flood
 Zach Cardille
 Paul Kariuki
 Chris Myers

Memorials and Tributes:

Roger Forman - Memorial Gift Don Forman
 Catherine Hoena - Memorial Gift Elsie Mooers
 Emily White - Dedication to Ben Webster
 Warren Plaisance - Tribute to Tom Turba
 Richard Wendland - Tribute to Tom Turba
 Chris Sandberg - Tribute to Claudia Nicholson

Get Your Merit Badge On - Literally

The Museum is planning to offer more merit badges and a greater variety of merit badges for the 2017 series of Merit Badge Workshops. Many are scheduled already and many more are in the works. As with 2016, the cost for all workshops remains \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members and a snack is included.

Boys will have an opportunity to earn the most challenging of the three Citizenship merit badges—Citizenship in the Community, on Saturday, March 11 with counselor John Capocchi. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The registration limit is noon. You cannot over prepare for this badge, so sign up now and get cracking.

Boys will also be able to earn another Eagle-required Citizenship badge in March. Counselor Mike Fratto will work with boys on Citizenship in the Nation on Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Mr. Fratto's registration limit is 12 boys. Mr.

Fratto is also scheduled to counsel 15 boys on Family Life merit badge from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 15.

For boys looking to earn Emergency Preparedness merit badge, plan on Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. At that time, Counselor Steve Ryhn will work with up to 12 boys hoping to earn the badge.

Two merit badges are already scheduled for May. Will Sulzbach will counsel Personal Management merit badge from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 6. Mr. Sulzbach's registration limit is 10 boys. This is another badge requiring plenty of advance work so it is definitely not too early to start now.

Will Sulzbach and Claudia Nicholson will team counsel American Heritage Merit Badge on Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Be one of the lucky 10 to sign up for this one. It is sure to be interesting.

A couple of additional offerings are in the works. Look on our web site for an opportunity to earn Geology Merit Badge in April and Signs, Signals & Codes in May. The dates are being firmed up. Finally, the weeks have been chosen for our most popular merit badge program of all—Super Merit Badge Weeks. This summer's weeks are June 19-23, July 10-14, and August 7-11. Be ready to sign up fast when the schedule is announced.

As you may know, Museum members get merit badge registration information in advance of release to the general public. We also maintain a list of individuals who are interested in receiving notice of our workshops. If you would like to be added to this list, simply e-mail Claudia Nicholson at cnicholson@nssm.org. So, this spring there will be plenty of chances for boys to get their merit badge on—their sash.

Get Well Soon, Ron!

For the last several years, your North Star Museum Board of Directors has been led by the firm and creative hand of Board Chair, Ron Phillippo. About six weeks ago, Ron took quite a fall on the ice around his house resulting in a severe head injury. Since then, Ron has steadily recovered and is now recuperating

at home. If you have a chance, please drop him a note and help encourage an even speedier recovery. The address is: 576 Perch Lake Road, Hudson, WI 54016-6825.

In Ron's absence, Lorena Palm, Tom Welna, and many others have stepped up in the volunteer



ranks to help our staff keep the Museum going. Thanks to all of you. Ron, get well soon!

Save These Dates and Join the Fun at the Museum

The 2017 Museum schedule of fun, exciting, and educational activities for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is up and underway. The first six months of the year offers plenty of variety. Make sure to sign up for these events as soon as you can.

The Museum is planning two opportunities for girls in March. From 10:00 to noon on Saturday, March 18, sign up for a **Service Saturday**. Girls can learn how to use a sewing machine and put that knowledge to work making an item, perhaps blankets or animal toys. The event is free for members and there is a \$5 fee for non-members.

Also in March is another edition of **Late Night at the Mu-**

seum. This event will take place on Friday evening, March 24th from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. The program is designed for 4th grade and older Junior Girl Scouts. Plan to work on the Detective Badge. The cost is only \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members. However, the pricing includes two free adults per troop and a snack is included.

On Tuesday evening April 4, the Museum will offer its first ever opportunity for boys to learn the art of pie-iron cooking. Sign up your Cub Scouts from 6-10 years old for **Pie Irons for Cub Scouts**. The program runs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is limited to 25 participants. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members.

We will run an identical **Pie Irons for Girl Scouts** on Friday, May 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This time girls (6-12 years) can learn how to cook with pie irons. As with the Cub Scout program the previous month, the program is limited to 25 participants. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members.



Test and Practice Your Pinewood Derby Skills at the Museum

Some of you may not know that the Museum has a state-of-the-art Pinewood Derby track. It is beautifully constructed and comes equipped with a computerized finish line and race timer. There is no need for a photo finish with our track and you will know how fast your car runs!

You might ask yourself, "How can my kids get their hands on this track?" Well, the Pinewood Derby track is available for Cub Packs or Girl Scout service units this winter and spring. It could be you just want to come out and practice to see how fast the

cars run. Maybe your kids wonder if their cars will stay in one piece under stressful racing conditions. Or, perhaps you want to use our track and the Museum for your official Pinewood Derby event.

Regardless of your reasons, the Museum can accommodate your unit. The admission and use charge is only \$10 for youth racers and \$12 for adult racers. Spectators need only pay the admission fee of \$6 for adult spectators and \$4 for children. Of course, members are always free. Weekends are filling up

already so book your event soon. Weekday evenings also available. Just call Diana at 651-748-2880.



Whether you are running a school bus or a race car, you can test its performance on the Museum's state-of-the-art Pinewood Derby track.

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Entrance Fees for Non-Members Took Effect January 1, 2017

In the last newsletter, we addressed the need to establish museum entrance fees for non-members.

As is the case with nearly all museums, establishing an entrance fee helps our patrons recognize the value of the exhibits they see and educational opportunities they experience. In return, entrance fees help pay for continuing educational programs and events at the Museums.

If you are a Museum member, your entrance to the Museum will continue to be FREE. For non-members admis-

sion is \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth, students, seniors, and military members with proper ID. Children under the age of 4 are free.

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and of this change and for their support. It is amazing to see the dedication and commitment of visitors to the Museum, who not only pay the entrance fee but continue to make financial donations to the Museum itself – what a great way to help us succeed! Thank you.

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