



2011 ANNUAL REPORT



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Front cover photos, clockwise, from top: Brownies at Cadette Troop 50219's Try-It Day, a project in partial fulfillment of their Silver Award; attendees at the Geology Merit Badge Workshop identify rocks; volunteer and merit badge counselor Gary Gorman reviews requirements for Citizenship in the World during a workshop; Windom residents view the Museum's portable displays at the Riverfest Celebration.

Introduction to the North Star Museum

Operated by North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc. (NSSM), The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting is an independent, non-profit corporation, founded in 1976 by veteran Scouters from the east side of Saint Paul, who felt compelled to preserve the material remains of their Scouting past for future generations.

The North Star Museum is the only museum in the Upper Midwest dedicated to the history, traditions, and cultural impact of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). Its mission is to "collect, preserve, share, and interpret the history and significance of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in the upper Midwest." While the Museum's collection of over 150,000 items includes artifacts from all over the world, the primary geographical focus for its outreach and collections is the Upper Midwest, with emphasis on Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

For its first 28 years the growing collection had no permanent home, and was stored in various locations: the Dakota County Historical Society, a bank vault, Midwest Plastics of West St. Paul, and a household basement. In 1999, the collection was moved into a space leased by 3M Company and gifted annually by 3M to North Star Museum. This clean, secure, dry, and pest-free industrial space was ideal for storing the collection, and indeed still serves the Museum as an invaluable storage facility. However, liability concerns made the 3M property inaccessible to anyone under age 18, limiting the ability to share the collection with the community, as its founders had intended.

The purchase of a North St. Paul library building in 2005 gave the Museum a permanent home, opening to the public on April 22, 2006. With a



home base established, with increased programming, with continued cultivation of relationships with local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Councils, and with a positive impact on the community of North St. Paul, the Museum's visibility and reputation has continued to grow.

In 2011, the North Star Museum made great strides in fundraising, programming, collections management, and community outreach. As Executive Director Claudia Nicholson stated, after a bright and busy 2011 Fall at the Museum, the past year brought "a level of activity that we have been striving for – a Scouting community gathering place that is in constant use, offering a variety of fun, enlightening, and educational programs for a broad audience."

Highlights

Annual Meeting

On October 8, 2011, members gathered to celebrate the Museum's successes of the previous year and great plans for future progress, as highlighted in Claudia Nicholson's heartening State of the Museum address. Keynote Speaker Kurt Leichtle shared his research on the life of Charles L. Sommers, which he plans to turn into a book. Members enjoyed his many anecdotes about the life and career of Mr. Sommers who was so important to Boy Scouting in our region.



Kurt Leichtle during his well-received talk on Charles Sommers.

Attendees welcomed newly-elected returning Board members Nora Slawik, Bill Rust, John Guthmann, and Howard Guthmann, and new Board member George Baldwin. The Museum paid tribute to outgoing Board member Julie Joyce, who will continue to lend her talents to the Museum through committee work.

Dan Knuth was introduced as the Chair of a new Friends of the Museum fundraising campaign. Dan shared some of the exciting new plans in the works for raising funds for ongoing Museum operations and programs.

Davis & Randall Founders Hall Event

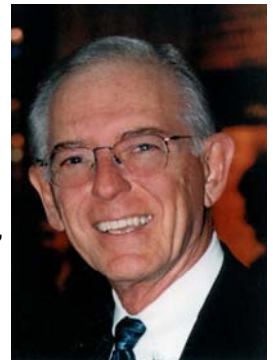
On November 5, 2011, a crowd of 96 attended our second annual Founders Hall recognition event at

the Museum. Museum members, family and friends of the six honorees, members of the Davis and Randall families (for whom our Founders Hall is named), and several of 2010's inaugural inductees were able to truly experience the Museum, as they lunched at tables spread throughout the exhibit halls. A panel for each honoree—recognized as a Founder, Builder, or Trailblazer—was unveiled in Davis & Randall Founders Hall.



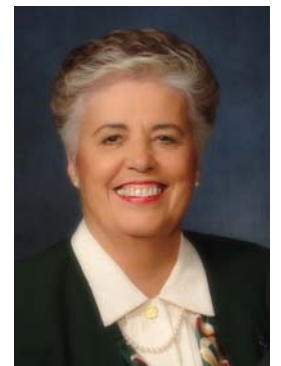
Elsie Mooers

Recognized as Founders in 2011 were Elsie Mooers, Ron Phillippo, and Phyllis Willerscheidt. A Founder is a visionary leader who has played a substantial role in the creation, innovation or direction of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or the North Star Museum over a significant number of years. Ron Phillippo, Phyllis Willerscheidt, and family members of the late Elsie Mooers were in attendance.

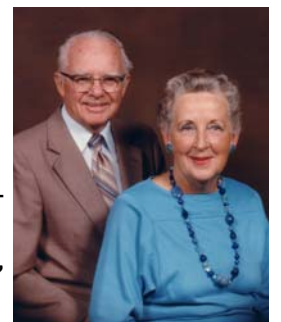


Ron Phillippo

Honored as Builders, and represented by family members at the event, were the late Hugh and Edna Gwin and the late Lee and Dorothy Whitson. A Builder is one who has made a meaningful impact on Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or the North Star Museum, through their financial support and gifts of influence. A Builder is a transformative leader, persuasive and insightful in their leadership; one who helps make the Founders' vision a reality.



Phyllis Willerscheidt



Hugh and Edna Gwin



Lee and Dorothy Whitson

On hand for his induction as 2011's Trailblazer was long-time Scoutmaster C. Edward Buchwald. A Trailblazer 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, someone with "Green Blood", they carry out the ideas brought forth by Founders and Builders and deliver them to youth.



C. Edward Buchwald

We will gather to honor our third group of Founders Hall inductees on November 10, 2012.

Skunk Reunion & Skunk Booya

On June 4, 2011, twenty-five Skunks attended the Skunk Reunion in Swanson Lodge at Fred C. Andersen Camp. Keynote speaker Fred Riehm regaled his appreciative audience with tales of his adventures as a 16-year-old Scoutmaster during World War II. Donated Skunk Game lottery tickets provided fun for Skunks and \$28 in scratch-off winnings for the Museum. Special thanks were extended by Claudia to the Skunks for their collections work in 2011. Paul Bartzyl and Art Marty were the recipients of Skunk of the Year Awards.

On October 23, Skunks and friends attended the first annual Skunk Booya at the Museum. Booya,



Paul Bartzyl



Art Marty

an upper Midwest tradition, is both the name for a friendly, sociable event and the hearty stew at the center of it. All enjoyed the well-spiced booya provided by Jim Rupert. Claudia Nicholson gave attendees a tour of Museum storage and made some brief remarks about 2011 Skunk projects, but the majority of the event was given up to booya-based fellowship and fun.

The Skunks Annual Booya returns to the Museum on October 20, 2012.

Accomplishments

Collections/Preservation

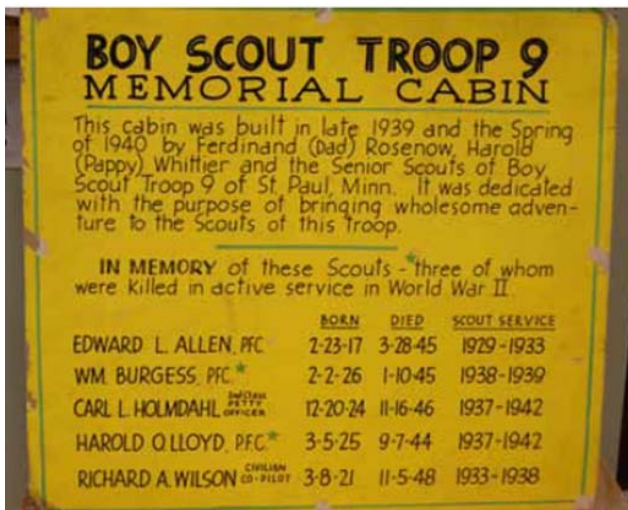
Thanks to the dedication of the Collections Committee, volunteers, and staff, as well as the invaluable work of two Museum interns, 2011 saw tremendous progress in our ongoing efforts to organize and refine our collection to best support the Museum's mission.

In 2011, two important Scouting collections were gifted to the Museum. In January, we received the invaluable archive of St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop 9. The troop's meticulously kept records span the Troop 9's long history, from its begin-



Items from the Thornsjo collection, a Girl Scout and Cub Scout uniform.

nings on the East Side in 1917 to the present-day troop in the El Sol district. Included in the collection are troop charters, rosters, ribbons, patches, awards, and a 1922 photo album. In April, Lucille Thornsjo gave her excellent collection of Girl Scout



From the Troop 9 collection, the original sign from the cabin at Beaver Valley Scout Camp, a privately operated camp in Wisconsin

and Boy Scout materials to the Museum. There are items from Lucille’s Girl Scout youth in Washington, DC, as well as materials from her time as both leader of a Brownie troop and a Den Mother in Minnesota. Among the objects in this collection are a 1937 Girl Scout beret, a 1950s Girl Scout Leader hat, a 1963 First Edition Cadette Girl Scout Handbook, and a 1942 BSA Air Scout Manual.

The Collections Committee worked hard to draft the Museum’s first formal Collections Management Policy, which was passed by the Board in October 2011. This new Policy gives us a solid foundation for our ongoing project to process the collection according to current museum best practices and the mission of the North Star Museum.

In the spring of 2011, University of Wisconsin-River Falls history major and Eagle Scout John Buechel worked with our collections for his internship. John began work on the Museum’s backlog of accepted collections, helping us



John Buechel

on our way to process donated items, clear our workroom, and get gift documents out to donors more quickly.

Thanks to Joyce and Bob Rosene, who donated funds for a summer internship, the Museum welcomed Cooperstown Graduate Program student Amy Hollister to pick up where John left off. Amy not only made tremendous inroads into our collections backlog, but also set up procedures so that volunteers could continue this crucial work after her departure. Among many other things she accomplished during her time here, Amy processed over 900 donated objects, wrote a procedures manual and organized collections processing supplies for volunteers to use, and created a guide-to-giving brochure for potential collections donors.



Amy Hollister

In April 2011, tireless Skunks began work on a project to catalog and preserve the Museum’s extensive collection of *Boys’ Life* and *Scouting* magazines. A 2010 Legacy Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society allowed us to begin refining and organizing the magazines, safely storing them in acid-free boxes. Skunks spent hours busily sifting through the collection, following grant guidelines,



Scouts Chuck Clausen, Roy Nauertz, and Gordon Meeker at work on the Boys’ Life collection

with an eye to producing one bound set of magazines and one loose set.

In July, the Skunks returned to begin work on the Museum's book collection, checking for duplicates, and sorting through the books to determine which should be treated as collections objects that support our mission, and which would be more valuable as reference tools. Having a reference collection available to the public, and especially to leaders (we have a treasure trove of activity books dating back to the 1930s), is another way for the Museum to be a vital resource for the Scouting and local communities.

Museum Without Walls

In 2011, we continued to share our collection and its rich stories beyond the walls of our building through portable exhibits and educational outreach, cultivating important contacts in the Scouting community, and spreading the word about our Museum's offerings to many Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others who have never visited the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting. 2011 outings included:

- Savage Trade-O-Ree, and annual troop benefit in Savage, Minnesota
- Blue & Gold Dinner for Pack 37 in West St. Paul, Minnesota
- University of Scouting events in April and October (during which Claudia and John Guthmann co-taught their popular class, "Museums in Scouting")



Executive Director Claudia Nicholson with a Cub Scout leader on the Midway at the University of Scouting.

- Gathering of Eagles in April at Base Camp, Fort Snelling, Minnesota
- A fundraiser for a film on a World War II veteran at Base Camp
- Crow River District Scout Expo in Rockford, Minnesota
- Windom, Minnesota's Riverfest Celebration (after which our travelling Centennial exhibit stayed at the Cottonwood County Historical Society for the summer)
- Field Trip Expo at Base Camp
- Adult Education Conference at Camp Lackamaga, near Scandia, Minnesota
- Scout out the Fun at Roseville, Minnesota's Central Park
- Webelos Experience at Stearns Scout Camp, South Haven, Minnesota

As always, it would have been impossible at these events to manage our booths and displays, hand out flyers and answer questions, and run Morse Code and Semaphore activities without the help of dedicated volunteers.

Visitation

In July 2011, we instituted new open hours. The museum is now open Wednesday through Friday afternoons, and all day Saturday. Closing the museum doors on Tuesdays gives our ever-busy staff much-needed time to deal with administrative tasks and ongoing projects. Our experiment in balancing administrative needs with the need to increase the Museum's visibility and visitation has been a success: we had a marked increase in visitors in 2011, with 2,646 visiting our Museum headquarters.

We saw a variety of groups touring and using the Museum space in 2011. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops held their meetings here, toured the Museum with their families, watched vintage Scouting films, attended CPR/First Aid workshops, made kites, and made sandwiches for the homeless. We also gave tours to Girl Scout professionals and

volunteers, and hosted a well-attended Great Rivers District Roundtable, as well as the first meeting of the River Valley Girl Scout Alumnae Association.

Besides four Eagle Courts of Honor, we also hosted a combination Gold Award/Graduation party at the museum, with nearly 200 attending. In addition, Cadet Troop 50219 held a dinner at the Museum to celebrate earning their Silver Awards. The troop, which meets regularly at the museum, completed a service project toward fulfillment of their Silver Award requirements at the Museum.



Kirsten Klaver's Gold Award/high school graduation event (above), and activity display.



Administration

In 2011, Volunteer Terri Anderson took over as chief website administrator and worked with Claudia on continued updates and improvements to the website. Also in 2011, the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting launched its official Facebook page, another source of online information and connection for friends of the Museum, that can help us reach an audience beyond our city and state.

Staff and volunteers continued to work and plan in advance of the Girl Scout Centennial, and prepare for the Great Girl Gathering at the Mall of America in 2012. In May, we met with Girl Scout Council archivists to discuss how we could collaborate with the councils on Centennial exhibits and

activities. In December, members of the Girl Scouts' Heritage Committee visited the Museum, bringing many photographs from their collection for us to look at for a Centennial exhibit.

Building & Grounds

Among his many other ongoing maintenance projects in 2011, Facilities Manager Mike Lund installed venting in the wall between storage and gallery spaces of the Museum. The improved air movement in the storage area, especially during heating season, will make the space more comfortable for people and more stable for stored artifacts.

In February 2011, Claudia Nicholson touched base with Cindy Kleven, Community Giving Manager of the 3M Foundation, about their gift to the Museum of storage space in the Case Building. Claudia confirmed the Museum's appreciation of the continued use of the Case space for collections overflow. With ongoing collections work continuing to free up our on-site storage capacity, Claudia was able to assure Cindy that, while 3M's generous gift of space is invaluable to us at present, the Museum does not plan on using it forever. The Case space has provided the Museum with safe storage for our collections for over 11 years, an in-kind gift valued at over \$60,000 per annum.

Over the summer, we conducted a walk-through of the Museum with representatives of Enerchange, a non-profit organization designed to help other non-profits become more energy efficient. Enerchange developed an "Energy Prescription" for the Museum, pointing us in the direction of rebates and opportunities for savings from changes in our energy consumption.

In 2011, Mike received much-needed assistance in grounds upkeep in the form of diligent volunteers— who weeded, edged, mowed, planted, and painted—and also a new, but key, piece of equipment. February snows convinced us it was time to purchase a snow blower for the Museum. Having this tool makes snow removal much easier and

speedier, giving Mike more time to focus on other maintenance needs.

In May, Ramsey County granted a one-year extension on the Museum's Contract for Deed for the building, with the deadline for full payment extended to April 2012.

On October 15, Adult Boy Scout Troop 594 came to the Museum to beautify our grounds and help fellow Troop Member, Steve Lape, fulfill his service project for the Eagle Award. For the project, Troop 594 members cleared weeds, stained building panels, planted more spring bulbs in the sign planter, and planted hostas around the planter. Thanks to fellow troop members, Steve Lape (who has Downs Syndrome and is in declining health), was able to complete his Eagle service project at our Museum. This event was covered by the *Lillie Suburban News*, which published photos of the Troop at work, and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, which published an article on Steve and his project.



Number of members and leaders of Troop 594. Standing behind Steve Lape and Jim Rupert are (from left to right) Mike Opp, Al Imhoff, Jim Smith, Tim Barrett, Robert Kviberg, Charlie Opp, and John Beard.

Program

The success of our Merit Badge Workshop events in 2009 and 2010 inspired us to ramp up the program in 2011, with more merit badges offered at

more frequent workshops. 2011 saw the advent of the very popular *Super Merit Badge Weeks*. Pre-registration was brisk enough to generate a waiting list, proving that Scouting doesn't stop for summer break. During the weeks of July 25 and August 8, dedicated volunteer counselors powered through 13 merit badge classes, bringing

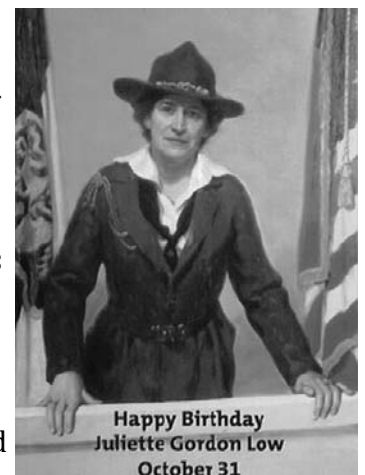


Counselor Chris Sandberg works with a group of Scouts on Photography Merit Badge in December.

many boys and their parents to the Museum. In addition to offering merit badges required for Eagle rank, we also covered badges not typically offered, including two with ambitious off-site components: Cycling and Rifle Shooting, for which Bald Eagle Sportsman Club of Hugo generously allowed us free use of their range. Thanks to the expert help of our volunteer counselors and registrar, Carol Forrest, our 2011 Merit Badge Workshops received strong reviews from participants.

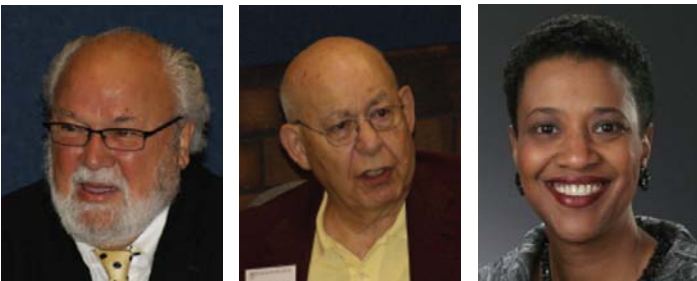
To fulfill the service project requirement for the Silver Award, Cadet Girl Scout Troop 50219 planned and hosted a program for Brownies at the Museum. On February 12, twenty-three Brownies attending the program earned two Try-It patches, the Let's Pretend and Making Music Try-Its.

On the evening of October 28, 2011, we hosted



the inaugural *S'mores with Juliette* program. Attendees enjoyed tours of the building, a visit with a Juliette Low impersonator, singing Girl Scout songs, and—of course—making and eating s'mores around our fire circle!

2011 saw the launch of our lunch-time talk program for adults, *The Pause That Refreshes*. The Museum hosted three well-attended talks, featuring three dynamic speakers. On September 12, former St. Paul Mayor George Latimer inspired the audience with his address on the value of Volunteerism; on October 12, Howard Guthmann entertained the crowd with stories from his 75 years of Boy Scouting (and even had the audience singing along to an old camp song); and on December 12, CEO of Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, Linda Keene, gave the audience much insight into the present and future of the Girl Scouts organization in its hundredth year, and the challenges it faces going forward. *The Pause That Refreshes* was one of our great successes of 2011, bringing many first-time visitors, and a number of new memberships, to the Museum.



George Latimer

Howard Guthmann

Linda Keene

Fundraising

In August 2011, we were pleased to welcome Dan Knuth as chairman of our first formal Annual Fund campaign, the new Friends of the Museum fundraising campaign. This campaign is designed specifically to raise money needed to support general operations of the Museum, providing the more than \$150,000 per annum needed to cover insurance, utilities, programs, and staffing for the Museum. In addition, this fund will provide for building maintenance and repairs, replacing outdated computers, much-needed office equip-

ment—essentially everything we need to keep the Museum running and open to the public. Part of Dan's preparations for the launch of the campaign involved working to raise the Museum's public profile: among other projects, Dan conceived the plan for the Museum to host the Great Rivers District Roundtable, and prepared the way for an article about Barb Hermann's work as our Board's Chair, published by Press Publications of Mahtomedi.

In September, Bob and Joyce Rosene offered a \$25,000 matching gift for the Museum's operating fund. The Rosenes also pledged another \$25,000 to match capital gifts, given before April 2012, to pay off the Museum building's contract for deed. Both matching gifts launched on the third annual Give to the Max Day in November.



Joyce and Bob Rosene

Give to the Max Day 2011 was the most successful yet, generating the biggest one-day total of donations in the Museum's history. On that day gifts through GiveMN.org to our Annual Fund, the Celebrate the Journey Campaign, and new or increased membership payments brought in \$5,526. The Bob and Joyce Rosene matching gifts generated another \$4,125, which brought Give to the Max Day total gifts to our Museum to almost \$10,000.

We continued to work hard to raise the funds to pay our debt to Ramsey County on our building. In March, the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation granted \$100,000 to the Museum for this purpose, which was paid in full to us by the end of 2011. Thanks to all of our generous donors, the Museum was able to pay \$200,000 to Ramsey County towards the remaining \$250,000 note on our building, putting us well on the path to a mortgage-free Museum in 2012.

People

Officers

Chair: Barbara Corti Herrmann
Vice Chair: Sandy Craighead
Secretary: Julie Joyce
Treasurer: Faith Anderson

Hugh H. Gwin
*Attorney
Hudson, Wisconsin*

Barbara Corti Herrmann
*Educational Consultant
Mahtomedi, Minnesota*

Lorena Palm
*Community Volunteer
Ramsey, Minnesota*

Ronald A. Phillippo
*Scout Executive Emeritus
Indianhead Scouting
Hudson, Wisconsin*

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*Community Volunteer
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Julie Joyce
*2nd Vice President
Travelers
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Kurt Leichte
*Professor of History
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
River Falls, Wisconsin*

Shelly Losinski (served until 8/2011)
*Program Manager
Girl Scout of Minnesota and
Wisconsin River Valleys
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota*

Roberta Moore
*Registered Nurse
CIGNA Health Management
Bloomington, Minnesota*

Stephanie Pommier (served from 10/2011)
*VP of Individual Giving and Alumnae Relations
Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River
Valleys
St. Paul, Minnesota*

William E. Rust
*Rust Architects
White Bear Lake, Minnesota*

Nora Slawik
*State Representative and
Instructor, University of Minnesota
Maplewood, Minnesota*

Thomas Welna
*Community Volunteer
North Oaks, Minnesota*

Kent York
*Director of Communications
Northern Star Council, BSA
Falcon Heights, Minnesota*

Membership

2011 saw important progress in our ongoing efforts to maintain and grow our membership, with board members and volunteers finding new ways to reach out to former, current, and potential Museum members. In May we completed a great-looking new membership brochure for the Museum. The newly-minted Membership Committee was able to draft a new Membership Policy, which was passed by the Board, laying the foundation for expanding our membership going forward.

We continue to encourage new and current members to join as Sustaining Members of the Museum. Launched in late 2010, the Sustaining Membership program is already showing a stabilizing effect on our annual operating budget, as well as making it easier for our members to keep their memberships current.

Staff

Executive Director Claudia J. Nicholson has nearly 35 years of experience working in history museums and archives, including the National Archives in Washington, the South Dakota State Historical Society, and the Minnesota Historical Society. She has also worked as an independent curator and collections management consultant, as well as an instructor in the Collections for the Millennium project of the Minnesota Alliance for Local History Museums. She is a contributor to the *Museum Management* volume of the Small Museums Toolkit, published by Altamira Press and the American Association of State and Local History. She holds a bachelor of history degree from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and a master of history museum studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, State University College of Oneonta, New York.

Facilities Manager Mike Lund joined the paid staff of the Museum in 2007 after several years as a very faithful volunteer. When we purchased the building, Mike made it his business to see to the grounds (which were unkempt at that time), and to the neighbors: he was our first ambassador to North St. Paul. His attention to the outside of the building put us in good stead with the neighbors, and his care of the building's interior catches the notice of visitors. Mike maintains the building and grounds, sets up for special events, takes on long-term maintenance tasks for our 10,500 square foot building, serves as Museum security officer, and performs countless other tasks. His work is crucial to the operations of the North Star Museum. Mike is Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 216 in St. Paul.

Volunteer Team Leader Gary Gorman became an unpaid staff member in 2009. Gary recruits, trains, and coordinates the volunteers who help run the Museum's programs. As a Museum volunteer himself, Gary worked on both the Patch Project and Boys' Life Project, staffs the museum during open hours, conducts group and individual tours, and makes presentations at Scouting events on behalf of the Museum. Gary is retired after thirty years serving as an Investigations Supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. He also has over thirty years of adult Scouting experience, including twenty-eight years as Scoutmaster to El Sol District Troop 228, Minnesota's first all-Latino Scout troop in the post-WWII era. Gary has received the national Whitney Young Award for work with inner city Scouts, as well as the Silver Beaver Award.

Museum Volunteers

Without our dedicated corps of hard-working volunteers, we would not be able to share all that the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting has to offer with the public. All of our volunteers bring their own special talents and skills to serve the Museum's mission, assisting us in every aspect of our operations. In 2011, volunteers

helped us in countless ways, including gardening, writing everything from newsletters to grants, cooking delicious meals and staffing the kitchen for events, updating the website and various databases, working as Merit Badge counselors, staffing the Museum during tours, performing crucial collections and exhibit work, and transporting, setting up, and staffing traveling exhibits. The following volunteers contributed at least two hours to the Museum during 2011:

Terri Anderson*	Andrea Lape
Midge Andreas	Steve Lape
Thomas G. Armstrong	John Lasswell
Tim Barrett	Ruth Lasswell
Paul Bartyzal	Kurt Leichtle*
Tony Bidwell	Becca Maranda
Jay Biedny	Mike Maranda
Phil Brady	Priscilla McKenzie
John Buechel*	Gordon Meeker*
Andrea Chromey	Robbi Moore*
Chuck Clausen	Roy Nauertz
Mary Ann Corbey	Nell Nere*
Katie Coughlin*	Tom O'Mara
Sandy Craighead	Charles Opp
Jamie Denn	Lorena Palm*
Becca Emmons*	Alex Peters
Carol Forrest*	Bob Pettitt
Mike Fratto	Ron Phillippo*
Jim Frost	Carter Rholl
Terry Goerke	Jeff Rholl
Gary Gorman*	Kellen Rholl
Carrie Gott	Joan Robbins*
Howard Guthmann	Bob Rosene
John Guthmann*	Joyce Rosene
Hugh Gwin	Jim Rupert*
Robert S. Hannah, Sr.	Marianne Salzberg
Joan Henry	Chris Sandberg
Barbara Corti Herrmann*	Bonna Scherer
Jay Jonasson*	Nora Slawik
Tim Jopek	George Smith
Betty Joyce	Jim Smith
Julie Joyce	Mollie Spillman
Robert Kaebnick	Dennis Stolp
Dan Knuth	Will Sulzbach
Evan Krawczyk	Brad Thompson
Robert Kviberg	Tom Welna
John Kysylyczyn	Kent York
Jack Lape	
Kirsten Larsen*	

* Volunteers more than 25 hours annually.

Special Committees

Our special committees are also staffed by volunteers, providing crucial oversight for Museum operations, and strategizing to further the mission of the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting. Below is a list our Museum committees and their respective members in 2011.

The **Collections Committee** reviews all proffered donations to the museum and makes recommendations to the board as to what should be accepted. The Collections Committee is also charged with reviewing and recommending to the board the deaccessioning of collections materials, as well as approving any loans of Museum collections to other institutions.

Chair: Mollie Spillman

Members: Joan Henry, Bob Pettitt, Jay Biedny, Tim Jopek, and Betty Joyce

The **Development Committee** develops and executes fundraising strategies and programs that will ensure the long-term financial health of the Museum.

Co-Chairs: Michael Galvin, Jr., and Nancy Randall Dana

Members: Sandy Craighead, Howard Guthmann, Barb Herrmann, Lorena Palm, Ron Phillipppo, Bob Rosene, Joyce Rosene, Jim Rupert, and Brad Thompson

The **Membership Committee** is a new committee that will oversee the vital work of fostering membership growth.

Co-Chairs: Hugh H. Gwin and Nora Slawik

Members: Jim Rupert, and Jim Frost

The **Program Committee** is charged with planning and carrying out program at the Museum.

Co-Chairs: Kurt Leichtle and Robbi Moore

Members: Barb Herrmann, Nell Nere, and Bill Rust

Contributors

We are grateful to all those who have helped support our mission through financial gifts. In 2011, their donations to the Celebrate the Journey Campaign and our Annual Fund contributed to the ongoing financial operations of the Museum and paved the way for retiring the note on our building.

Thank you to all of our contributors, whose financial support in 2011 helped us fund the building, everyday operations, staffing, collections work and exhibits, education and outreach, and programming. The following persons and organizations made financial gifts to the Museum in 2011, over and above the cost of membership:

\$1 - \$99

Anonymous (7)	Rich Dohrmann
Cub Scout Pack 37	Jamie N. Dunn
Venture Crew 613	Russ Edhlund
Marcia Anderson	Brian Ehret
Ama Anika	Donald Engle
Anonymous (1586)	Carol and Jim Forrest
Pamela J. Axberg	Sharon Froehle
Trailblazer District,	James G. Frost
Northern Star Council,	Sherri Gebert Fuller
BSA	Doree Gamble
Julie L. Balfanz	Don Garvey
Charles S. Barklind	Girl Scout Troop 219
Tom Beikler	Mary Glenski
Alan Bernick	Good Search
Ann Berry	Helen D. Grooms
Rolf Bjelland	Debra Guthmann-Ternus
John and Pat Bowers	C. R. Hackworthy
Boy Scout Troop 461	Joan S. Henry
Douglas J. Bruce	Fred Hirsekorn
C. Edward and Cynthia	Louis Hoffman
Buchwald	Brad and Susan Johnson
Joan Orchard and	Laurie Jo Johnson
Mark Buckley	Richard C. Jonasson
John T. Capecchi	Betty and Paul Joyce
Jon C. Cieslak	Kathy and Ronald Curry
Scott and Mary Degel	Byron Kieser
J. Peter Devine	Carolyn B. Klaver
Lloyd Dewey	Steven M. Krech
Michael J. Ditmer	Steve Linder
	Layne Lodmell

Mary Loomis
Dana McKenna
Loren Meinke
Calvin H. Miner
Jeff Moe
Rex L. Nelson
Jack E. Nessen
Marianne Nicholson
Ralph H. Olsen, Jr.
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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2011 (With comparative totals for 2010)

	Operating	Property & Equipment	Board Designated	Total	Temporarily Restricted	Total 2011	Total 2010
Assets	Cash	\$500		\$500		\$500	\$47,496
	Contributions Receivable				\$57,337	\$57,337	\$67,721
	Investments	\$12,813		\$209,233	\$222,046	\$222,046	\$247,549
	Due (to) from funds						
	Prepaid Expenses						
	Inventory	\$1,259			\$1,259	\$1,259	\$1,132
	Land, Building, and Equipment, Net of Depreciation		\$613,481		\$613,481	\$613,481	\$636,646
	Equipment, Net of Depreciation		\$6,260		\$6,260	\$6,260	\$5,214
	TOTAL	\$14,572	\$619,741	\$209,233	\$843,546	\$57,337	\$900,883
Liabilities and Net Assets	Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$7,071			\$7,071	\$7,071	\$ 7,277
	Deferred Revenue						\$3,588
	Short Term Loan						
	Accrued Interest	\$4,083			\$4,083	\$4,083	\$ 5,000
	Contract for Deed		\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$ 250,000
	Total Liabilities	\$11,154	\$50,000		\$61,154	\$61,154	\$265,865
	Net Assets:						\$1,389
	Unrestricted	\$772,392			\$772,392	\$772,392	\$ 641,675
	Temp. Restricted					\$67,337	\$67,721
	Total Net Assets	\$772,392			\$772,392	\$67,337	\$ 709,396
TOTAL	\$783,546	\$50,000		\$833,546	\$67,337	\$900,883	\$975,261

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011 (With comparative totals for 2010)

	Operating	Property & Equipment	Board Designated	Total	Temporarily Restricted	Total 2011	Total 2010	
Support and Revenue	Individual Donations and Grants (inc. Journey)	\$275,745			\$42,957	\$318,702	\$151,686	
	In-Kind Contrib.	\$60,492				\$60,492	\$69,260	
	Membership Dues	\$10,095				\$10,095	\$8,265	
	Shop sales net of cost of sales of \$74 and \$182 in 2009 & 2008 respectively	\$387				\$387	\$1,282	
	Other Income	\$1,373				\$1,373	\$2,561	
	Interest and div.	\$1,319				\$1,319	\$1,554	
	Realized loss on inv.	\$7,176				\$7,176	\$2,465	
	Unrealized loss on inv.	(\$14,023)				(\$14,023)	\$33,289	
	Net assets released from program rest.	\$43,341				(\$43,341)		
	Total Support and Rev.	\$385,905				(\$384)	\$385,521	\$249,308
Expenses	Program Services	\$165,824			\$165,824	\$165,824	\$190,785	
	Management and General	\$41,924			\$41,924	\$41,924	\$29,771	
	Fund Raising	\$47,440			\$47,440	\$47,440	\$60,029	
	Total Expenses	\$255,188			\$255,188	\$255,188	\$280,585	
	Change in net Assets	\$130,717			\$130,717	(\$384)	\$130,333	(\$31,277)
	Net Assets Beg. of the Year	\$641,675			\$641,675	\$67,721	\$709,396	\$740,673
Net Assets End of the Year	\$772,392			\$772,392	\$67,337	\$839,729	\$709,396	

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