

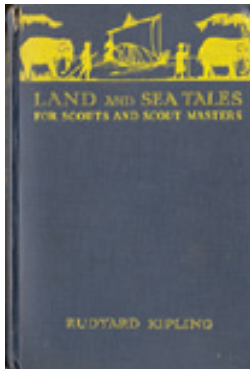
April-May, 2003

Ripley Rendezvous

The first weekend in June will be the Area 1 BSA Ripley Rendezvous. The total attendance is expected to be 8,500. Of these over 3,500 will be from the Indianhead Council and another 1,500 from the Viking Council

Check out the 40 feet of displays that the Museum will have in the exhibit area. We will be having a short quiz on some of the items in the display. Turning in the completed quiz will get you a small prize.

New addition



This 1929 Doubleday edition of Rudyard Kipling's book, *Land and Sea Tales for Scouts and Scoutmasters*, was just received. Thanks to Peter Bilotta for his generous donation. Peter now lives in Cincinnati. The book is a new item in our collection..

Annual Meeting date

The date of the 2003 Annual meeting of North Star is scheduled for Saturday June 28th. We will meet at the Indianhead Council's Hulings Scout Service Center at the corner of Western and Marshall in St. Paul. The meeting begins at 10 AM and will finish by noon.

Dues Increase

By: John Guthmann, Chair

Our Board of Directors recently approved an increase in the cost of membership in the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.

A North Star membership is now \$35.00 per year. Six annual issues of the Museum News continue to come free of charge with a membership.

Since the increase was announced, some have asked: "What took you so long?" while others have sought the reasons behind the increase. The increase in dues was necessitated by several factors. First, it had been years since the last change in the cost of a membership. Thus, our "buying power" had dropped significantly. Second, the museum has grown exponentially since the last increase. With this growth come increased expenses, related to upkeep of our collections, displays and other materials to support our volunteers. Finally, and most important, continued maintenance of our collections, growth of the museum and our ability to provide public access to our collections will require a permanent location and a professional staff.

Each of these factors are tremendous but costly positives for a museum that we are all proud of--and growing prouder. Your Board of Directors is planning for a world class museum supported by memberships and additional donations from our members and friends. The Board of Directors is in the final stage of considering a long range plan for North Star. This plan will allow us to focus even more on our vision for growth, quality and public access. I am excited that you are a part of our efforts and we look forward to your continued support.

Volunteer opportunities

By: Kurt Zilley, Volunteer Consultant

You say you have no time to give and that may be true. But think of the irony of the statement when talking about volunteering for a museum. Museums, especially ours, are all about time --the past, the present and the future. We preserve the past and the present for the future. The past is gone,

the future is unknown, but NOW is a gift and that is why it is called the present.

Give a present of your time to the museum. Even 1 or 2 hours of your time can be helpful to us. You can help in many ways – administrative help (typing, writing, etc.); identifying and cataloging memorabilia, tagging items, taking exhibits out to events and serving on a committee to name a few opportunities.

To volunteer, contact Dick Carroll at dickcarroll@juno.com. Your gift will be treasured forever.

Veteran Scouter reunion



This year marks the 75th anniversary of both Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, (St. Croix River Camp) and the Order of the Odor. We are currently planning to meet on Saturday June 21 to celebrate. An invitation and additional information will be mailed in early June.

Coming attractions

At the end of April we finished a 13 month run celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA at the Landmark Center. We will be returning to do an exhibit on Boy Scouting and Girls Scouting in Ramsey County. Again our host is the Ramsey County Historical Society. It is scheduled to open the first part of July and run through the end of the year.

Look for our displays at the Minnesota State Fair. We again will be in the Education Building in the back isle. If you are interested in having displays at your events, contact us. Based on the availability of volunteers to transport materials we should be able to accommodate you (within the parameters of sound conservation and security).

Over 500 items donated in 2003

We have received over 500 items of memorabilia in just the first 4 months of this year.



Mariner and Sea Scout mannequins on display in the Museum



Taking down displays at the Landmark.



Book and catalog display.

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