

January-March, 2003



At our open house, Al Linder, Roy Nauertz and Michael Gerster.

Open Houses a success

Over 70 persons turned out to join us for our two open houses. Held on Sunday February 23 and again on Wednesday March 12 we had many of our members stop in for a guided tour.

With over 3,500 square feet of displays set up for viewing, it is the largest number of items on view we have ever had.

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 a joint event to take place in June. The final date has not yet been set.



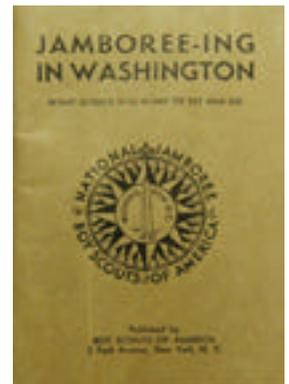
Andrea Specht and Joan Henry at our recent open house.

Strategic planning started

On Saturday January 25th, your board met for six hours to begin work on our first long term strategic plan. Under guidance from Pat Peterson, of Peterson Consulting, we worked through the outline of who we are and where we are planning to go. From this beginning a draft has been presented to us for additional development. We are currently in that process. We received an anonymous grant of \$1,600 which paid for the consultant. It is expected that the plan will be ready to be presented at this year's annual meeting.

New addition

This booklet on the 1937 National Jamboree in Washington D. C. was just received. This is the first copy of this booklet to appear in our collection. We regularly receive items that are new to the collection.



2002-Over 5,500 items donated

In 2002 North Star received over 5,500 items of Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding for the collection. These were donated in 117 donations.

We are still working through this backlog of three very large collections. One collection was over 1300 items of all types.

This tremendous generosity has created a strong **need for help in entering, identifying and sorting.** If you are interested in helping out, contact us, dickcarroll@juno.com.



Viewing the patches from St. Croix River Camp (now Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp of the Indianhead Council), at the Council Court of Recognition in March. These are in a new display case.

Our Girl Scout Landmark exhibit to close in late April.

It's not too late to stop down to the Landmark Center in St. Paul (North Court) to see our 1,000 square foot display on Girl Scouting. The display is a co-operative effort with the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley and the Ramsey County Historical Society.

This Exhibit will close in late April after a 13 month run. During that time we changed the displays with the seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and finally Winter.

With each change of season, the display change included most of the materials on 12 4' x 8' walls. As part of the wall change individual historical photos were scanned, titled, printed and mounted. Each change also included changing the uniforms and titles on 7 mannequins and cases, a large wall case and 2 department store type cases. The display of Girl Scout books remained the same.

Richard E. Carroll named Executive Director

by John Guthmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors

At its December Board of Directors meeting, the board named long-time volunteer Curator, Richard

E. Carroll, its Executive Director. For many years, Dick has been putting in 40-60 hour weeks on behalf of the museum. In addition, he has self-trained in the business of running a museum. He has been active in local historical organizations and has attended national meetings of museum organizations, contributing to presentations with his specialized knowledge of the legal and financial end of administration of museums. He has also positioned our museum to be in compliance with the standards of accredited museums. The visibility and credibility of our museum has increased incredibly under Mr. Carroll's stewardship, not to mention the size and quality of our collections.

One of the museum's long-term goals was to have a competent and trained professional staff. The Board could see no better person to fill the role as the museum's first Executive Director than Dick. At this time the position has only limited funding. The Board feels great about the direction the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting is taking. A future article will address the progress of our long-range planning. In the meantime, next time you see Mr. Carroll, make sure you welcome North Star's Executive Director.

New Members

Since November of 2002, the Museum has welcomed twelve new members. A warm welcome to: Ted Whitney, Kenneth C. Reed, Kurt Leichtle, Dennis Hebrink, Gerald Bird, Michael S. Meyers, M.J. Galvin Jr., Nancy Cook, Larry and Juane Bakken, Tim Tatarek, Mary Haupt and Gene Uhlenhopp.

Agaming Lodge Fall Fellowship



Some of the 250 Arrowmen who attended the event, viewing our displays.



Indianhead Council Chairman of the Board elect, Jon Theobald, viewing displays at the Council Court of Recognition.

Over 450 people were present for the event.

Displays available

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).

75th anniversary

Troop 27, Gamehaven Council, Rochester Minnesota is celebrating their 75th anniversary. For the occasion they had a chili supper and evening event with over 300 people present. Scoutmaster Kenneth (KC) Reed contacted us and they picked up over 40 feet of displays. These included books, a uniformed mannequin, catalogs, posters and other materials. The materials highlighted Scouting 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

A Special thanks to all of our volunteers

During the past year **Joan Robbins** has numbered just about every accession we have received. That is over 5,000 items numbered. The rest were done by **Carol Magnuson**, who also entered over 750 of them into the computer data base. **Terri Anderson** has entered most of the rest of them. Terri also created a membership data base in MS Access© and transferred all of the past members records into it. This was a year long project, completed while also serving as our Membership Secretary. Since January **Paul Bartyzal** has been serving as Membership Secretary. He has been fine tuning and adding to the membership data base while creating an accessions data base and

transferring some 10,000 items entered in MS Word® into the new system.

Did I mention **Roy Nauertz** who has been spending some of his limited free time helping out by beginning to sort our books and pamphlet, or **Michael Gerster** who has been helping on identifying and classifying some of the many items donated? Michael also gives excellent guided tours.

These are just a few of the many members who are helping make North Star a vital and strong museum. Thanks also go to the many members who transport our traveling displays to events.

50th anniversary

Troop 141, Viking Council, Minneapolis, Minnesota celebrated their 50th anniversary. The evening included supper and a program. Over 100 people were in attendance. Jerry Oss, Scoutmaster, arranged for displays from North Star which featured materials from 50 and 25 years ago.

\$ value of volunteer time

The *Independent Sector* reports that for 2002, an hour of volunteer time was valued at \$16.54. Bet you didn't know that.

New Mannequins



A very **Special Thanks to Hugh and Edna Gwin** for a generous grant from we were able to finally purchase two mannequins of color.

The female is currently on display at the Girl Scout exhibit at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. The male, shown here, was used this past November at the Viking Council College, of Commissioner Science.

He was also on display at our open house.

More new display cases



We have added six new 2' x 4' hinged table top cases. Up to four units can be hinged together to form a free standing table top display. They will be used to replace many of our current very warped cases.

We have also added additional table top display cases. These are deeper than the previous ones, so that additional items that wouldn't fit the shallow cases may be displayed.

Museum News in living color

We will continue to put the current issue of the *Museum News* on the web site. If you would like to see all of the amazing color in the photos of this issue then check out www.nssm.org.

You can save the museum the additional cost of printing and mailing if you choose to view it at our web site. If you would rather receive an e-mail



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notification and view or print the *News* from the web site, please e-mail Terri Anderson at her work address, tanderson@indianhead.org.

Wanted

We are looking for a donation of the following items.

- Bookcases for our reference works.
- Desktop PC with operating system and MS Word 2000 or 2000XP. Speed above 1 GHz. It will be used for photo editing for the *Museum News*, brochures and displays.

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