



Museum News

May 2007



Greetings to all Museum Members, Veteran Scouters and Skunks

It's spring! Time to get together, swap stories and report on the progress of the Museum. On Tuesday, May 29 join us for the Annual Skunk Reunion.

This year the reunion returns to Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp (the former St. Croix River Camp). Fellowship starts at 3:00 PM with supper at 6:15 PM followed presentation of Skunk of the Year and the evenings featured speaker. Art Marty, long-time ranger at the Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, has agreed to be the featured speaker at this year's Skunk Reunion. Art will tell stories from his more than 30 years at the camp.

The dinner will include salad, chicken, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, rolls and butter, dessert and beverages. The cost for the event is \$10.00 per person and pre-registration is required. Please return your reservation today, or call the museum at 651-748-2880 for more information.

Don't miss this chance to get together with other veteran Scouters.

Breakfast Club/Lunch Bunch to Launch

When we surveyed members late last year to support strategic planning, one of the things you told us is that you wanted to know more about the museum, and be invited in more frequently. In partial response to that expressed wish, we are launching a new program.

Just for members, the museum will hold bi-monthly meetings called the "Breakfast Club" and the "Lunch Bunch". We'll alternate between programs of substance about the collection and Boy Scout/Girl Scout history, and behind-the-scenes programs about how our museum works. The program will be the same for both meetings, so pick the one that works best with your schedule.

The first Breakfast Club/Lunch Bunch meeting will be held on Friday, June 15 at 8 a.m. for the Breakfast Club and 11:30 a.m. for the Lunch Bunch. The museum will provide the drinks, and we encourage you to bring a meal or snack. Cost is just \$5, and this is open *only* to museum members. Our next program will be in August.

At our first meeting, museum director Claudia Nicholson will talk about professional museum standards, and how this will affect operations at North Star. She will discuss donations, exhibits, and storage, plus anything else that you want to know!

To reserve your space for either the Breakfast Club or Lunch Bunch meeting on June 15, call the museum at 651-748-2880.

We look forward to seeing you!





Claudia at Detour Days (photo by Joanne Robbins)

From the Director

I owe you all an apology: you should have had at least two newsletters by now, and you've gotten none. It was not my intention, and I am sorry. There has been a lot going on, and you should know about it.

You've already heard about the museum's ambitious agenda, and beginning late last year, we've been working on some significant aspects of that agenda. A committee of the board has been working hard to develop a new brand and visual identity for the museum. If we do this work right, we'll have an identity that will serve us well going forward and identify the museum as we aim to be. We will be coming to you yet this summer with two proposed logo designs for reaction. The Ad Hoc Branding Committee, lead by Kristie Wanstrom, includes Charlie Opp, Bill Rust, and me.

The Board began working in January on a strategic plan for the next 5 years. With Pat Peterson of Gabriel Associates, we had a daylong retreat in January to identify the key goals for the next 5 years, and have worked since to flesh out the plan. We'll discuss it with you at the annual meeting in October, but in the meantime, if you're interested in seeing the draft, call me and I'll provide you with a copy.

We have begun establishing a committee structure for the board, to ensure that we continue to move forward. We have established a Collections Committee, responsible for reviewing all proposed

acquisitions, making reasoned decisions, and passing their recommendations to the board for action. We can no longer afford to collect everything that is offered to us, and have to develop parameters for the collecting that we do in the future. In addition, this committee will be drafting a Collections Management policy—a key component of all museum operations. The committee consists of board member Mollie Spillman as chair, with Bob Pettitt, Joan Henry, and Jay Biedny serving as members.

Our Girl Scout Advisory Committee has been authorized, and board member Sandy Craighead agreed to chair it. We'll be soliciting members this summer and hope to have a first meeting by late summer or early fall. This committee will help us bring the Girl Scout community further into our fold and move them towards equal partnership in our enterprise.

I've been working with students from Century College on two projects: a promotional film on the museum, and some space planning work in our back room (which must function as a multi-purpose space). I'll let you know when the film is done, and we'll have a premiere party here at the museum! I'll bring the popcorn.

And we've been busy in the community here in North St. Paul, participating in the annual Snow Frolics celebration (see the pictures of our snow sculpture elsewhere in this newsletter), and planning a community celebration surrounding the closing of Highway 36 called "Detour Days". The "Detour Days" celebration went off without a hitch on April 27-28, and the highway closed as scheduled on May 1. You can still reach the museum using the official MNDOT detours, I-694 and I-94 to Century Avenue (Highway 120). We are located two blocks west of Highway 120 on Seventh Avenue East. Come visit us soon.

Right after the Skunk Reunion on May 29, we'll get out another, more complete newsletter, and truly catch you up on what's been going on, plus a report on the rest of our plans for the year and what you can look for.

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Thanks for your patience with me. I promise not to go this long without communicating again!

Claudia



Making hats at Detour Days (photo by Joanne Robbins)



Exciting photo donation

This photograph was taken around 1920, showing St. Paul Boy Scout Troop 18 in the front yard of the Scoutmaster's home at 535 Forest Street. The donor identified her two brothers and father, Louis Sipf, who was Scoutmaster. She believes that her mother took the snapshot. Probably the most notable members of Troop 18 are Supreme Court justices Warren Burger and Harry Blackmun. We do not know for sure that either Blackmun or Burger is in this photograph, but we'll be working hard to identify them if they are.

The photograph was donated by Lois Sipf McKinnon of St. Paul.



Snow sculptures during North St. Paul's Snow Frolics

Snow Sculptures

The museum was lucky enough to sponsor a block of snow for carving during North St. Paul's Snow Frolics celebration in early February. During the coldest week of the year, the snow block was carved by members of North St. Paul's Pack 49, led by Pack 49 dad Pat Mogren, a noted snow sculptor. Pat broke the block into smaller pieces so that each boy could make his own sculpture. Pat carved a Boy Scout emblem, a Girl Scout emblem, and made a North Star just for us. The final result saw the boys' work scattered around the three larger pieces. For their efforts, Pack 49 was awarded Honorable Mention in the snow sculpture competition. In the photo below, museum director Claudia Nicholson is shown presenting the honorable mention certificate to Michael Johnson, Cubmaster.



Pack 49 receives honorable mention for snow sculptures
(photo by Joanne Robbins)

In Memory of:
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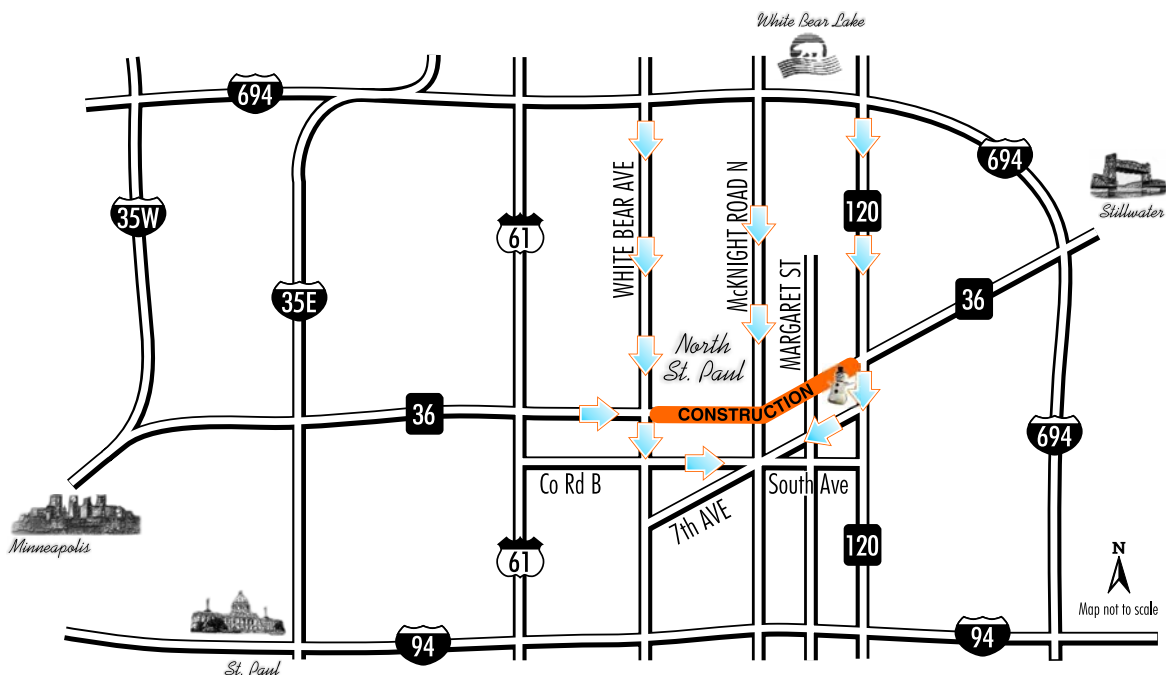
Museum Hours

The museum will be open Tuesday-Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Weekday evenings available for groups scheduled in advance. The museum will be closed Sunday and Monday. Museum holidays are: New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Contact the Executive Director

You can contact Claudia at the Museum by calling 651-748-2880 or reach her by email her at cnicholson@nssm.org.

Highway 36 Detour



Highway 36 near the Museum was closed on May 1 and will remain closed for 5 months. The detours involve taking either 694 or 94. The Museum can be accessed from either route by taking Century Ave. (also known as Division St. or Hwy 120). Please call if you have any questions about how to reach the Museum during the construction on 36.

**Remember the North
Star Museum in your
will!**

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