

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to fill several vital positions at the museum. Needed are data entry clerks, team leaders, a program developer and a development assistant.

To find out more about these and other volunteer positions, visit the museum web site at <http://www.nssm.org> or call the museum.

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.

Skunk Reunion

Mark your calendars! Our annual Skunk Reunion is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in North St. Paul.

All veteran Scouters are invited to attend this event, whether or not they are Museum members (of course we hope they all support the Museum). So invite all of your Scouting friends. More details about this event will be coming soon.

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First Class



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Artists sketch of possible design of part of the new North Star Museum

Museum Grand Opening Scheduled for April 21-23, 2006

Mark your calendars and be part of the grand opening of the new home of North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting! April 21 – 23, 2006 has been chosen for the weekend of festivities to mark the grand opening of our new exhibit space in North St. Paul.

What will the new museum look like? The exhibits are still being planned. An artist from Split Rock Studios, an exhibit design and production firm in Arden Hills, provided preliminary sketches of what the exhibit space could look like. Over the next several months, the design ideas will be finalized, and Claudia and many volunteers will be busy setting up the exhibits and educational areas.

Plan to be at the Museum April 21 –23 to see the results of years of dreaming and hard work!

Annual Meeting and Elections

On Thursday, August 25, the Museum held its Annual Meeting and Members' Reception at the new building in North St. Paul. Members were able to see the space and hear of the Museum's plans for it. Following the reception, the results of the election were certified.

The majority of the membership approved the changes in the Museum By-laws, and the new board was seated. Joining us for 3-year terms are Dr. Daniel Ahlberg, Paul Anderson, Paul Bartyzal, Dr. Kenneth Crabb, Howard Guthmann, John Guthmann, Barbara Ann Hermann, Kurt Leichtle, Rich Meyer, Bob Nelson, Bill Rust, Tom Welna. Joyce Rosene was elected to fill out the one year remaining on Randy Miller's term.

Officers for the next two years are John Guthmann, Chair, Charles Opp, Vice Chair, Paul Anderson, Secretary, and Teri Kysylyczyn, Treasurer.



New board members seated after the election

From the Director

Hello, everyone. I've now been on the job for a little more than six months, and I can hardly catch my breath! I have come to appreciate enormously the contributions of your board and volunteers in keeping the Museum going for so many years. The amount of work carried out by volunteers--important and necessary work--is so impressive. I hope that we can keep up the momentum. New volunteer opportunities are frequently posted on the Museum's website www.nssm.org, and I hope to see more of you work with us.

As I look back on the last six months, I see the enormous strides that we've taken. We closed on the building, made enormous progress in catching up on grounds work, and moved the office in September. We've had two lectures, several troops have carried out service projects here, we've held a joint recruiting night for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and we even have a Brownie troop holding its monthly meetings here. We've amended our by-laws, elected a new board, and held our annual meeting. We've applied for grants and have plans to apply for more. We've built membership. We are working on branding the Museum--identifying who we are so that we can let people know what to expect from us in our new location. In the meantime, we've kept up our successful "Museum without Walls" program, and continued to work with our large and important collection. And most exciting of all, we are planning an event-filled Grand Opening scheduled for April 21-23, 2006.

It has been my pleasure to meet many of you. I hope in the coming year I get the opportunity to meet many more. You are welcome to visit the Museum anytime, but please call first--much of our work still takes place outside our new walls. After our grand opening, we'll be open on a regular and predictable schedule.

The next six months promise to be even more exciting. Stay tuned!

Claudia

Please Fill Out the Enclosed Member Survey

This is an exciting time for the Museum. We have a new building, which will allow space not only for displays but other programs as well. Our new building in North St. Paul also gives us the opportunity to offer tangible benefits for you as a North Star Museum member.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey to let us know what possible benefits would be most important to you. Would you like special tours, help with research, or maybe a "members only" dinner or reception? Member input is important to make sure that the North Star Museum is valuable to you as a member in addition to being an important resource for youth and as a way to preserve the rich history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.

When you have completed the survey, please return it to:

North Star Museum
2640 E. Seventh Avenue
North St. Paul, MN 55109

Or you can fax the completed survey to us at:
651-748-0660.

Remember the North Star Museum in your will

As you know, Dick Carroll's gift to the Museum of his estate has enabled us to move forward on our plans to grow and build a better North Star Museum. Without his generous gift, our efforts would be, at best, stalled. This is a great example of the power of a planned gift to the Museum.

Please consider putting the North Star Museum in your will. A planned gift gives us security for the future--security that we need. A planned gift, like a bequest, keeps on giving. Call Claudia (651-748-2880) if you are thinking about including the North Star Museum in your will.



Volunteers at the award winning Scout Booth at the 2005 Minnesota State Fair

State Fair Scouting Booth Wins Award

The Minnesota State Fair recognized the Northern Star Council Boy Scout Booth with the 2005 "Outstanding Exhibit Award". This was the second year in a row for this honor. More importantly, the booth provided thousands of young people and families with information on Scouting and how to become involved. Visitors could participate in a mini-pinewood derby, selecting a car to be raced on a special 16' track. Those who participated in the activities in the booth received a temporary Scouting Tattoo, a notepad and a Scouting bookmark. Special "GoScouting.com" lanyards were also handed out to those who filled out interest cards or for Scouts and Scouters who took part in a short survey. More than 40,000 items were handed out during the twelve days of the fair.

The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting again provided materials for this year's booth. The pinewood derby cars were selected from the many in our collection. Other items of Boy Scout and Girl Scout memorabilia were also on display.

Many of the volunteers who manned the booth were Museum members. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's State Fair booth such a success.

Lord Baden-Powell Bobble Head Figure

Anyone can collect Scout patches or bobble head dolls of sports figures. Now you can get a bobble head figure of Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement.

Baden-Powell frequently included caricature drawings of himself in his writings. This hand-painted Lord Baden-Powell bobble head figure will make a great conversation piece! See how often you can spread the word about Scouting just by proudly displaying this item in your home or office.

The figure is 7.75" tall with a 3" diameter base. The base reads "LORD BADEN-POWELL" on the front and has a small sign reading "HEROES OF SCOUTING."

These figures will be sold at the Museum Shop when it opens, but are also available now. Museum members can purchase them for \$19.12 (tax included) or nonmembers for \$21.25. Call 651-748-2880 if you are interested.

Floyd Shreeve of Champlin recently won one of these figures in a raffle at the Museum display at Northern Star Council's University of Scouting.



Baden-Powell Bobble Head Doll