



## “A Museum Without Walls”

### NOVEMBER 2003 UPDATE

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#### Thanks to all of you it has been a great year for North Star.

- We continue to receive many new items for our collections, over 1650 items from 78 donors.
- Our first strategic long-range plan was created and adopted.
- A record number of people, both young and old, saw our displays: an estimated 61,000, plus our Minnesota State Fair Booth. We estimate that over 350,000 visitors came to the Education Building.
- We have a new color brochure and we have revised our application.
- The Museum News is now produced in color.
- We continue to collaborate with other museums, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts to share our materials with a larger audience.
- Our Web site continues to grow in the number of visitors, over 3,600 so far this year.
- We have conducted training on preservation and living history interviewing.
- A new totally integrated data base is being built. Membership, artifact donations, and volunteer information will be in one system.
- We are gaining more volunteers to help out. They have put in over 1,300 hours so far this year.
- The Museum has hired its first full-time Executive Director.

Our recent exhibits included special displays for the Indianhead Council BSA for the 75th Anniversary of the Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, the University of Scouting, and the Agaming Lodge Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship. In addition we had displays at the Viking Council BSA College of Commissioner Science. There were about 1,200 people at these events. We have been invited to Rochester for their Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet.

We are rebuilding most our displays using the new cases that were built for us by a generous volunteer for the cost of his materials. We have also spent over \$1,600 on equipment for the Museum. We have had some unexpected expenses. These include a new computer and printer for over \$2,500. We have also bought additional computer programs in order to maximize the usefulness of the new equipment.

If you have any questions please e-mail me at [rcarroll@nssm.org](mailto:rcarroll@nssm.org) or call me at 651-771-9066. If you would like to tour the offices, workshop and storage area, contact me to arrange a convenient time. As is the case with most museums, children are not allowed in the office, storage area and workshop. Again thank you for your continued interest and support.

Richard E. Carroll  
Executive Director