



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

As you read this issue of *Museum News*, our October 31, 2009 Annual Meeting will only be a week or so away. As the meeting was announced in our last issue, we trust it is already on your calendar. If not, please make your plans now. If you need a ride, give Claudia Nicholson a call at the Museum and we will make every effort to connect you with another member.

The meeting will begin with the opening of our galleries at 11 am, and will be followed by a brief business meeting, including Claudia's State of the Museum report. We will salute our departing board members, announce the results of the election, and pay tribute to our volunteers and others who have helped the museum through the years. Of course, our Annual Report will debut. We'll conclude the meeting with a hearty lunch. [There will be a small cost of \$5.00 for the meal.] As in years past, there will be a silent auction to benefit the Museum. In fact, one of the silent auction items will be a pair of tickets to the Minnesota Wild hockey game on Friday, November 27. That is the day after Thanksgiving, so most of you will have the day off. Come to the Annual Meeting and bid on those tickets!

As Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, was born on Halloween, we'll have cake to celebrate the birth of this remarkable woman. During the meeting, you also will be entertained by the Steel Drummeretts, a group that grew out of Girl Scout Interest Troop 6302. The festivities will adjourn at 1:00 pm. Please RSVP your attendance to Claudia Nicholson (651-748-2880).



The Lichtensteiner Nine performing during the "Octoberfest" at last year's Annual Meeting.

DID YOU READ YOUR MAIL?

Within the last week or so you should have received a mailing from the Museum. The subject: annual elections to the Board of Directors. Each year, our Nominating Committee works to develop candidates who will continue to keep the Museum and its programs strong. This year is no exception.

In addition to Barb Herrmann, Sandy Craighead and Ron Phillippo, current Board members running for reelection, the 2009 ballot offers three new candidates for the Board.

Tim Jopek lives in Minneapolis and has been active in Boy Scouting, most recently as Metro Lakes District Chair. Tim promises to solidify the Museums presence in the West Metro area.

Lorena Palm is a candidate with both a business and Girl Scouting background. She is a retired Executive Director/CEO with 22 years of experience in two Girl Scout Councils. She has been a member of Girl Scouts for 45 years, and has a B.A. in Volunteer Management from Metro State University. The skills and experience she promises to bring to the Board include fundraising, strategic planning, governance, budget management, property management, and personnel. Lorena's contacts around the state are also significant, as she grew up in Bemidji, has connections with both current Girl Scout Councils in Minnesota, volunteered in Northfield, worked in St. Paul, and was a CEO in St. Cloud.

Kent York is the third candidate with no prior experience on the North Star Board. Kent is Marketing Director for the Northern Star Council. An Eagle Scout, Kent has served as a professional Scouter in field, program, and support positions since 1976. He will bring a keen marketing sense to the Board as he advises the council's Marketing and Innovation committees. Kent holds an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. Kent expects to continue our long tradition of having a Scouting professional on the Board of Directors.

Please look over the mailing and the outstanding resumes of our candidates. Then, cast your vote and return the envelope prior to our October 31 Annual Meeting. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Thank you for your participation in the governance of the Museum.

THANK YOU 3M!

Ten years ago, the North Star Museum had no home and was stored in then-curator Richard E. Carroll's basement. Something needed to be done to showcase our growing and significant collections and to provide a base of operations. Enter 3M. Through the generosity of 3M, we obtained 7500 square feet of donated warehouse space at the 3M Case Street facility. The day after moving day, the sore backs of our volunteers provided ample testimony to the vastness of our collections.

Today, the generosity of 3M continues. Through our 3M lease, valued at over \$110,000 per year, our collections are safely and securely stored and we have workspace for our preservation and display-building activities. To commemorate our 10-year relationship with 3M, the North Star Museum Board of Directors recently passed a resolution of thanks. The resolution reads:

Whereas: In 1999, North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc. was gifted space by 3M in its Case Distribution Facility, and

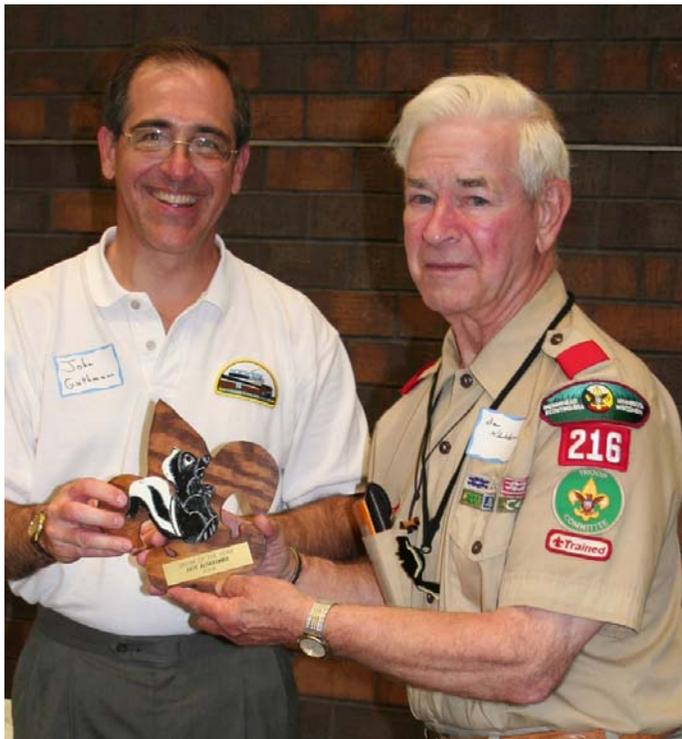
Whereas This gift was timely and important, giving the museum both office and storage space, which it did not have at the time, and

Whereas This gift allowed the museum to unpack and expose its collection, thereby allowing it to better use what it had, build new exhibits, and continue to collect the important Boy Scout and Girl Scout history of the region, and

Whereas Over the last ten years, this gift from 3M can be valued at more than \$1 million, by far the largest gift the museum has ever received,

Be it resolved: The Board of Directors of the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting expresses its profound gratitude to 3M Corporation for its ongoing generous gift of space, and the 10-year relationship that it has had with us.

The next time you see someone from 3M, be sure to thank them for supporting the programs of the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.



Dave Klinkhammer receiving the Skunk of the Year Award from John Guthmann in 2006 (Photo by Fred Riehm)

SKUNK OF THE YEAR DAVE KLINKHAMMER DIES

In September, our 2006 Skunk of the Year recipient, Dave Klinkhammer, died at the age of 82. Following his 1945 graduation from St. Paul Harding High School, Dave joined the Navy and served on the USS Grand Canyon. Dave was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church and a longtime member of the Maplewood and St. Croix Rockhound Clubs. In addition to his many Scouting recognitions, Dave received such awards as the WCCO Good Neighbor Award in 1975 and Ramsey County Senior Citizen of the Year 2006. He retired from the St. Paul Library System after working there for thirty four years.

Of course, Dave also enjoyed an illustrious and productive Scouting career. The following summary of his career is paraphrased from Dave's 2006 Skunk of the Year presentation. Dave was registered in the Boy Scouts for over 70 years and was a member of the Troop 220 Committee at the time of the Award. As a youth, he earned the Life Rank. In all likelihood, he would have earned the Eagle Scout award, but instead, he chose to join the Navy at the tender age of 17 so he could serve his country in World War II. In an effort to rectify this situation, and to

show their esteem for his years of valued, quality service, his Troop made him an honorary Eagle Scout. Also as a youth he served on the kitchen staff on a Troop campout; but instead of working with food preparation, he was assigned to cut firewood for the cooking process. Two hours later, he was still cutting the same log when someone came out and told him it was ironwood. Later, he served Troop 220 as Scoutmaster for a number of years, during which time, he accompanied the Troop both to the Tomahawk Scout Reservation and to the Somers Canoe Base. Following his service as Scoutmaster, he continued to serve the Troop as Chartered Partner Representative. Also along the way, he received the Silver Beaver Award in 1990, the Commissioner Service Award, the Scouter's Key, the religious Award, and his Wood Badge beads. Added to these accomplishments, Dave was a long-time Museum member. He will be missed.

MUSEUM RECEIVES BEQUEST FROM EDWARDS ESTATE

Late this summer we were pleasantly surprised to learn that Arvid Edwards, a former Museum member and long-time Scoutmaster of Troop 10 in St. Paul, left a significant bequest to the Museum following his death a year ago. Troop 10 was well known for its practice of hiking every month and its success in Scout skill competitions at local Scout shows.

Planned gifts and other bequests are essential to the financial health of any non-profit institution, and the North Star Museum is no exception. In recent years, a number of members have notified the Museum of their intent to include us in their will. Most members are aware of the fact that a substantial bequest by Richard E. Carroll, which opened the door to other giving, made possible the hiring of our Executive Director and the purchase of our building in North St. Paul.

Please consider including the North Star Museum in your will. If you have any questions on how to go about making a planned gift or bequest, please give Claudia Nicholson a call at the Museum (651-748-2880). Your generosity, leveraged with the generosity of others, will insure that the programs of the North Star Museum continue in perpetuity.



Devin Tunseth, counselor for Environmental Science Merit Badge, at recent Merit Badge Saturday at the Museum.

Contact the Executive Director

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

Museum Hours

Tuesday through Friday: 1 PM - 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Closed Sunday and Monday
Open weekday evenings by appointment

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