



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Derby Night at the Museum - Come to Win, Win, Win

The Museum’s third annual **Derby Night at the Museum** “FUNraiser” is set to roll. We are doing everything possible to make this year’s event the “funnerest” ever. Derby Night at the Museum happens on Saturday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m.

As in past years, Derby Night at the Museum is the ultimate “win, win, win” experience. The Museum wins through your financial support. You may win if you enter a raffle event or if you are the high bidder on a silent auction item. Finally, you may win again if you produce a derby car that finishes in first place.

Like last year, tickets can be purchased conveniently online. To register on line, use this URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-pinewood-derby-night-at-the-north-star-museum-tickets-75052683597>. The cost is \$25 for an individual. At the door, the cost is \$30; so it is best to preregister. Keep in mind that this event is NOT only for former Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts—everyone is welcome! (Just a reminder that this is an event for adults ages 21 and older.)

To make Derby Night at the Museum the ultimate experience, come for dinner. This year’s food ven-

dor is the famous Tinnucci’s restaurant. With a free-will donation toward the food, enjoy a nice meal. As in past years, soft drinks and dessert come with your ticket. In addition, beer and wine are available for purchase.

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No, this is not a real school bus. It is a Pinewood Derby car that ran in last year’s Derby Night at the Museum. The car’s owner did not win, but he sure had fun.

Fun with Cookie and S’more Charms

Our busy fall at the Museum includes a special craft and gift opportunity for Daisy girls and older. Join us on Sunday, November 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun making Cookie and S’more charms. Although they make great gifts, you will want to keep them for yourself! Daisies and up (and their adults) are wel-

come. Space is limited; so register early to reserve your spots.

The cost for this session is \$15 per person or \$12 per person for Museum members. The event will be held at the Museum (2640 7th Ave E, St Paul, MN 55109). To register for the event on line, simply use this link:



<https://nssm.regfox.com/holiday-cookie-CHARMS>. The link takes you to the Museum website. To receive the members-only discount, simply use the following discount code: 2019CHARMED. See you there!

Derby Night at the Museum (continued)

After dinner and conversation “tailored” to the occasion. In come the main events. At Derby Night, you have the opportunity to fulfill your childhood dream of winning a Pinewood Derby race. Whether you make a new car or spiff up the car you raced as a youth, you can come to the event and race in a regulation Pinewood Derby on the Museum’s state-of-the-art track. If you need to build a car, you can buy a kit at the Museum and we will help you build your car at our Derby Car Workshop on Saturday, November 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Like any major racing event, it is an occasion to “be seen.” That means putting together an outfit

“tailored” to the occasion. In other words, wear your best “derby duds.” When putting together your ensemble, do not forget your headgear. Enter your hat into our third annual Derby Hat contest. With your stylish derby hat, you could win without even racing.

Of course, there is no requirement that you enter the race. Come as a spectator and Museum supporter. There will be a terrific silent auction of items to bid on along with the chance to enter the wall of wine and heads/tails raffles. It only costs \$5 per ticket or four tickets for \$20, to take part in the raffle that could

win you a supply of wine or beer. A second raffle opportunity is the heads and tails raffle. Buy a \$20 chance to win half of the cash pot (the other half benefits the Museum). Cheer for your favorite cars and enjoy Derby Night fun and fellowship.

All event proceeds from admissions, the team racing competition, wine and beer sales, the silent auction, and the raffles benefit Museum programs. That is why Derby Night at the Museum is the ultimate “FUNraiser”. Get on track to win by buying your ticket and inviting your friends today. See you on November 16 for Derby Night at the Museum!

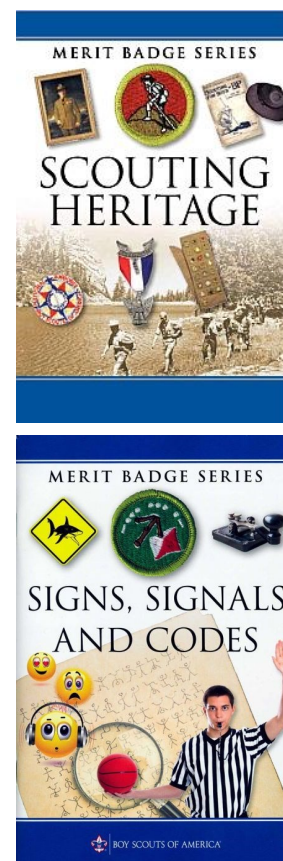
MEA Week Brings Merit Badge Opportunities

With school out of session for “MEA”, the Museum historically loads the long weekend with great program opportunities. This year is no exception. In addition to Jamboree on the Air (see article in this issue), the Museum is offering four merit badges.

It all kicks off on Thursday, October 17 with Citizenship in the Nation from 8:30 a.m. to noon. On Friday, October 18, Scouting Heritage is available from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. During JOTA, two merit badges are also being offered. An afternoon session of Communications is already sold out. However, starting at 8:30 a.m. and running until 3:30 p.m.,

boys and girls can take a merit badge the Museum has never offered before—Signs, Signals, and Codes.

Registration for the three merit badges with slots still open cannot be easier online or on the Museum’s website. Simply punch in one of these links: Website: <http://www.nssm.org/merit-badge-workshops.html>. Online registration page: <https://nssm.regfox.com/2019-mea-badge-workshops>. We make it easy. As always, the cost is \$12 for Museum members \$15 for non-members. On your honor—the coupon code for members is 2019MEA. Sign up now while space is still available.



In Memoriam: Jon Pederson

Jon Pederson first joined the Museum Board in 2002. He played a pivotal role in the growth of the Museum as we purchased a building and hired professional staff. During a recent period of years off the Board, Jon continued his support of the Museum, helping with events, fund raising, and word-of-mouth. In January of this year, we welcomed Jon back to the Board. He came with his usual infectious enthusiasm and booming voice. At our August 28 Board meeting, Jon brought a new supporter with him and before lunch was over, we had a new \$1,000 commitment towards our \$5,000 challenge grant. With this background in mind, only 24-hours later, we were shocked to learn that Jon had passed away. What follows is the memorial that was prepared by his family:



Jon Pederson

“Jon Russell Pederson was born July 5, 1950 to Mildred (Wagner) and Russell G. Pederson of Raymond. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church and graduated from Raymond High School in 1968. To his great pride, he attended Concordia College in Moorhead until enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1970. Upon his discharge, he returned to graduate from Concordia followed by graduate studies at North Dakota State University. On May 15, 1978, he married Sophie Cropsal in Willmar and began his lifelong career at Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company in Minneapolis. At the time of his death, he was the CEO of Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company, a member of the Concordia College Language Villages National Advisory Board, a member and former Commander of the Raymond American Legion Post 420, an active Scouter and director on the Northern Star Council Board, and on the Board of Directors and former Board Chairman for Norway House. He was often described as “larger than life”. He touched all our hearts and to know him was to love him. He is survived by his wife, Sophie; two daughters, Celine (and Eric) Kronback of Shoreview, Minnesota; Adele (and David) Edwards of London, England; one son, Joseph (and Helena) Pederson of Malta, New York; three grandchildren: Otelia and Guy Edwards, and Hazel Pederson. Also surviving is a sister, Debra Pederson of Chassell, Michigan along with many relatives and friends.”

Jon will always be remembered and he cannot be replaced. He was one of a kind.

New Members

- **Mary Jo Martin**

In Memory of Jon Pederson

- **Dr. Christopher Tashjian**

**Know of anyone
interested in joining?**

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The Museum Will Be Shakin' During the Holiday Hop

The annual city of North St. Paul Holiday Hop takes place on Saturday, December 14. During the Holiday Hop, there is always plenty to do downtown and at the Museum.

Downtown events include complimentary carriage rides, live music, drawings, crafts, and hot chocolate. Visit with Santa and the Snowman, enjoy story time with famous local author Tony Ducklow, and more.

To experience the Holiday Hop at the Museum, drop in from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We could certainly use a few volunteer hours if you are so inclined. The Museum will participate in

the event by serving hot cocoa and by inviting guests to make a craft. The craft could even become a holiday gift. In years past, a Girl Scout Service Unit passed out marshmallows along the street for people to bring to the Museum for their cocoa. Other Girl Scout troops sold boutique items to raise money for troop projects. Cub Scouts have sold hot dogs, chips, and pop. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus have visited the Museum. You never know what this year will bring. The only way to find out is to visit the Museum during the 2019 Holiday Hop on December 9.



Museum Serves Hundreds at North St. Paul Fall Round Up

On September 19, the Museum participated in the City of North St. Paul's annual Fall Round Up. The parade route was right on Seventh Avenue and participants were invited to drop into the Museum for fun and food. In an event that produces great visibility for our institution, we served 381 people! The Round Up could not have succeeded without our crew of great volunteers. A special shout out and thank you to Terri Anderson, Judy Clausen, Sandy Craighead, Kurt Leichtle, Biz O'Mara, Jim Rupert, Bonna Scherer, Stu Smith, Kristi Wanstrom, and Emily White.



The “Fun and Football” Annual Meeting

It was an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship, and football at the Museum’s Annual Meeting on September 15. While the football did not turn out so well for our home team, the rest was great. Thank you, Terri Anderson, for turning out another fine looking annual report. For members who missed the meeting, the annual report will be coming to you via email.

In addition to the annual report and reviewing all of the activities and programs available at the Museum, we took the time to thank our volunteers. Without our volunteers, none of our exhibits or programs would be possible. Thank you, one and all.



Recognition was a major part of the Annual Meeting. Here, Kurt Leichtle recognizes Emily White.



The Vikings game was turned off briefly for the Annual Meeting business meeting. Interim Executive Director Kurt Leichtle presents.



Terri Anderson has done so much for the Museum over the years. Thank you Terri.



New Board Member Idelle Erickson was congratulated on nearly a year of service .



Former Board member Kristi Wanstrom continues to volunteer her time at the Museum. Thank you.



Here is John Guthmann receiving his recognition patch from Kurt Leichtle.



Biz O'Mara is a regular Museum volunteer. Thank you Biz.



Board Chair Lorena Palm was recognized for her service.



Board member Sandy Craighead was recognized for her service.



Where would the Museum be without Jim Rupert. Thank you Jim.

Last Call For JOTA

When this issue of the *Museum News* “goes to press”, we will be only days away from the 2019 JOTA—Jamboree on the Air. Plan on coming out to the Museum with a group of boys and girls to accompany you, on October 19 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Since last year, our building has added an antenna that permits the Museum to turn into a radio station on demand. When you

experience JOTA at the Museum, you can be a part of Tim Arimond’s ham radio station KØBSA (Kay-zero-BSA). JOTA is the largest Scouting event in the world. JOTA involves over 150 countries and typically over one million Scouts. It uses modern communication technology to offer kids the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries from the comfort of a chair. Preregistration is not re-

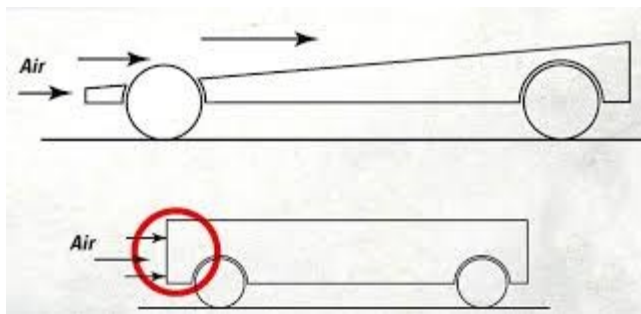
quired. Just show up. As always, there is no charge for Museum members to attend. Take in the world with JOTA at the Museum on October 19!



Special Event: Get Your Car Ready to Race on Derby Night

If you do not have a car that is ready to race for the November 16 Derby Night at the Museum event, you have no excuse. That is because we are offering a special “build a derby car” event at the Museum on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have a derby car kit, just bring it to the Museum. We can help you design and build your car. Or, bring a design with you. If you do not have a derby car kit, kits will be available for purchase at the Museum. Feel free to bring any tools you think you need but we have tools too. Let the fun begin!



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Rake It All In on November 9

How handy are you with a rake? It is time for the Museum's fall clean-up day. We need you at the Museum on Sunday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come by yourself or bring a group of boys and girls with you.

What should you bring? We could sure use your cleaning skills and enthusiasm. Along with that, ideas include a rake, a broom, a bottle of Windex, a roll of paper towels, and (if you have one) a squeegee. With your help, the Museum and its grounds will be gleaming by the end of the day.



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