



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Do Not Miss the 2020 Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration

The Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration returns to the Museum's schedule this year. Put Saturday, April 25, 2020 on your calendar for the 9th Founders Hall event. This year's honorees are Girl Scouts River Valleys CEO Tisha Bolger and the late Northern Star Council and North Star Museum Board Member Jon Pederson. The 2020 Founders Hall program begins at 11:30 a.m. Following the program, lunch will be served.

The Davis and Randall Founders Hall is an area of the Museum where people meet, kids learn, good work gets done, and fun is had. It is also an area of the building with almost spiritual undertones, for on the walls of the Founders Hall we recognize the men, women, and organizations that helped make Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the North Star Museum what they are today.

For those new to the Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration, we have three honoree categories.

A **Founder** is an individual who has played a substantial role in the advancement of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or the North Star Museum. A Founder is a visionary leader who has played a meaningful role in the creation, innovation or direction of these institutions over a significant number of years.

Builders are the second group of persons or organizations recognized in the Davis and Randall Hall. Builders have made a meaningful impact on one of the Scouting institutions, through their financial support or gifts of influence. A Builder is a transformative leader, persuasive and insightful in their leadership; one who helps make the Founders' vision a reality.

Finally, Founders Hall **Trailblazers** are people who have provided exceptional direct volunteer leadership to Scouting at the grass roots level. Often referred to as "Red Jacket Scouters" in Boy Scouting or "Green

Bloods" in Girl Scouting, they carry out the ideas bought forth by the Founders and Builders and deliver them to youth.



Tisha Bolger will be honored at this year's Founder's Hall event. She is pictured here presenting at the 2018 Founder's Hall Celebration and Recognition.

The 2020 event celebrates two deserving Founders. Tisha Bolger has been the CEO of the Girl Scouts River Valleys for nearly five years. Before taking on her current position, Tish spent her career in youth development. Her positions included being CEO of Alpha Youth Care Services, a directorship with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Board Chair of Teenwise, Board Chair of the American Camp Association, and COO of Girl Scouts St. Croix Valley. In addition to her leadership at a

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crucial time in the life of our local Girl Scout councils, she has remained a steadfast supporter of North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.



Jon Pederson was a champion of Scouting as well as the Museum. He will also be honored at the Founder's Hall event.

Jon Pederson was a legendary and larger than life presence in Boy Scouting and at the North Star Museum until his untimely death last summer. He was a Board member in local councils (Northern Star and Viking) continuously starting in 1997. He worked at the unit level, district level, council level, area/regional level, and national level in Boy Scouts. He was awarded the Silver Beaver (local) and Silver Antelope (regional) awards. He was also led our local contingents as Scoutmaster for multiple World Jamborees. Jon was a North Star Museum Board member during the pivotal time when we hired our first full-time Executive Director and purchased our current

home in North St. Paul. Jon had just returned to the Museum Board when his untimely death occurred.

Please join us on April 25 to help recognize and honor two deserving Founders for their outstanding contributions to Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, and the Museum. Look for an upcoming announcement of the Founders Hall Class of 2020. But you need not wait. Reserve your spot by calling or emailing Diana Foss today. The number is 651-748-2880 and the email address is dfoss@nssm.org. See you at the Founders Hall on April 25!

Teaser or Sneak Preview?



One of the highlights of any recent visit to the Museum is the excellent and realistic camping exhibit. One 2020 goal of the Exhibits Committee is to add a winter camping component to our camping exhibit. Well, the

exhibit addition, dubbed *Winter Camping—Challenging Nature*, is becoming reality and is now under construction. Whether you call it a teaser or a sneak preview, check out the pictures accompanying this article. Keep an eye on our website and future

issues of the *Museum News* for an announcement of the exhibit grand opening. This is something you will not want to miss. Perhaps, for some of you, the best way to enjoy winter camping is in the warmth of the Museum.



Skunks to Tackle the Collection

The Skunks, our group of veteran Scouters, recently started a new service project on behalf of the Museum. Always thinking big, the Skunks are taking on the next stage of our collections work. They are inventorying parts of the collection and assessing potential needs. They will also photograph and catalog parts of the collection.

The Skunks' work will reinforce and augment the recent collection catch-up project that was funded through the Minnesota Legacy Grant Program. At the conclusion of the Legacy Grant work, we achieved intellectual control of the collection—meaning we know what artifacts we hold. What we are missing is a thor-

ough system of physical control—meaning we cannot immediately retrieve an item. The inventory process increases our physical control. The cataloging also allows the Museum to remain current with inflowing donations.

As you imagine, the Skunks have taken on a large task. They would like your help. If you are an experienced leader, current or retired, Boy Scout or Girl Scout, you can be a Skunk and do a vital service to the Museum while preserving your history and the history of your compatriots. To volunteer, just call Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or email her at dfoss@nssm.org.

Come and Celebrate the Girl Scouts' Birthday

What are you doing on Saturday, March 21? In March, Girl Scouts of the USA celebrates its 108th Birthday. The celebration commemorates when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the first Girl Scouts. So, come over to the Museum and help us celebrate the Girl Scouts' birthday. The March 21 event runs from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

During the celebration, we will play Victorian games from the late 1800's and learn about Juliette Gordon Low, Founder of the Girl Scouts. We will also make a craft and celebrate with birthday cupcakes. The cost for participating in our celebration is \$10 for Museum members and \$12 for non-members. To register, simply call Diana Foss at the Museum (651-748

-2880) or email her at dfoss@nssm.org. See you at the birthday party!



New Members

- Jerry Warme
- Jennifer Schaefer

New Sustainer

- John Raymond

In Memory of Gordon Meeker

- Tom Campbell
- Michael Lund
- Robert Elliott Jr.

In Memory of Joyce Rosene

- Amy Peterson

Tribute in Honor of the Volunteers Who Make the Museum Work

- Kurt Leichtle

Tribute in Honor of Lorena Palm

- Risa Brandon

Tribute in Honor of Sandra Craighead

- Sue Shelton

Know of anyone
interested in joining?

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Your Vision of Museum Programming this Year is 2020

The Museum's 2020 calendar is really shaping up. Whether you are planning your schedule as individuals, as a family, or as a unit, do not forget to keep these great Museum programs in mind. There is something for everyone.

As you read this issue of *Museum News*, the 108th Girl Scout Birthday party on March 21 is coming up. The event takes place at the Museum from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can read more about the event in this issue.

The Museum will have a presence at the Northern Star Council's spring University of Scouting on April 18. You can register to attend John Guthmann's *Museums in Scouting* class or visit the North Star Museum booth at the Midway. The last two events have been at St. Paul College.

Sunday, April 26 marks our first outdoor event of the year. Girl Scouts of all ages should plan an outing to the Museum for *Deserts Over the Campfire*. The event runs from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for Museum members and \$12 for non-members. Just hearing about the event is enough to make you hungry.

By May, it is time to start thinking about summer camp. We are thinking about camp as well. On May 16, Scouts and their

parents should attend our *Preparing for Boy Scout Camp* workshop. You can never learn enough about the expected and the unexpected when it comes to outdoor camping. The cost is only regular Museum admission. Check our website and the April *Museum News* for more details.

Summer marks the return of our Super Merit Badge Week programs. We will pack as many merit badge classes as we can into the weeks of June 15-19, July 13-18, and August 10-15. These sessions usually sell out; so once the registration announcement goes out, be prepared to act fast. That's right, Be Prepared!

As summer begins to wind down, we will have another outdoor event. Girl Scouts should plan to attend our S'more's with Juliette sing along on August 13. Nothing tastes as good as S'more's that you make yourself over the Museum's fire pit.

We are offering another cooking event on September 19. Pie iron cooking is always popular. So, we are offering pie-iron cooking for both Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts that day. There will be staggered sessions between 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for Museum members and \$12 for non-members.

Minnesota's traditional MEA Weekend is always an active

time at the Museum. We are planning Merit Badge Workshops on October 15-17. October 17 also marks another Jamboree on the Air. At this event, the Museum becomes a radio station where boys and girls have the opportunity to talk to their counterparts all over the world.

We expect to close out the year with merit badge workshops over the Thanksgiving and year-end holiday breaks. We also traditionally participate in North St. Paul's December Holiday Hop. Look for more details in future issues of the *Museum News*.

As you can see, there are plenty of great programs for you to set your 2020 sights on this year. See you at the Museum!



Scenes from the Pinewood Derby Workshop



On January 11, 2020, the Museum hosted a Pinewood Derby Workshop. Kids could build their cars and test them on the Museum's state-of-the-art track. In this photo, Caleb Wilkowski cuts out the car he designed with a coping saw.



After putting the wheels on their cars at the January 11, 2020 Pinewood Derby Workshop, Harvey Carlson of Pack 561 and special guest Olive Goff tested them out. Just for fun, they also raced against one of the Museum's in-stock cars.

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Bring Your Pinewood Derby to the Museum

At the North Star Museum, we know that Pinewood Derby is one of the major events of the year for Cub Scout packs. Did you know that the Museum has a state-of-the-art track and that many Cub Scout packs and dens reserve time at the Museum to test their cars or to hold their official Pinewood Derbies at the Museum?

As we enter the height of Pinewood Derby season, do not miss out on a golden opportunity. Call the Museum and reserve either a testing time for your Cubs or schedule your pack's official Pinewood Derby race at the Muse-

um. To reserve your time, just call Diana at the Museum (651-748-2880). She can fill you in on the cost. While you are at the Museum, tour our terrific exhibits and look at our collection of vintage Pinewood Derby cars. See you at the races!



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