



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Jamboree-on-the-Air

Once again, the Museum is participating in the largest Scouting event in the World. On Saturday, October 17, 2020, Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, comes to the Museum.

JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and ham radios around the world, around the nation, and in our community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to the radio set-up of a nearby amateur radio operator—called a “ham shack.” So, on October 17, the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting becomes a ham shack.

You will not want to miss this event. Scouts of any age or gender can participate. Once at Museum

ham shack, the communication typically involves talking on a microphone and listening on the station speakers. Both HF and VHF radio, along with digital formats on the internet, will be available for any youth to transmit on the air around the world, under the guidance of experts. The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you’ll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world. The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2017 JOTA had over 1.5 million Scout participants from more than 160 countries!



JOTA at the Museum’s ham shack is a free event. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, space is limited and by reservation. Each session is one hour and forty-five minutes. So, reserve your spot early.

You can register for JOTA on the Museum’s website at <https://www.nssm.org/jamboree-on-the-air.html>. Click on the REGISTER FOR JOTA box to register for a session.

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Zoom into the Museum’s Annual Meeting

The Museum’s 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Recognition event will take place on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. There is no reason to miss the meeting because it will be held virtually on Zoom.

At the Annual Meeting, we plan to announce the results of our election of new board members and recognize the volunteers who made this very difficult year possible. All Museum members will receive an invitation by

email and an election ballot by mail. Please return your ballot as soon as you can. There will be enough problems with other elections this year; so please help ours run smoothly. See you at the Annual Meeting!

Jamboree-on-the-Air (Continued)

There are three sessions to choose from:

- Session A: 10:00am – 11:45am
- Session B: 12:15pm – 2:00pm
- Session C: 2:15pm – 4:00pm

JOTA at the Museum will follow State-mandated Covid-19 Safety Protocol. That means:

- Bring your mask and observe social distancing.
- Parents, sign your Scout in just outside the door of the Museum. Due to limited space, parents need to return to pick up their Scout, wait for their Scout outside, or wait in their car. Parents cannot wait inside the building.
- Parents, sign your Scout out when you pick them up.

See you at the Museum ham shack on October 17. **Get ready to have FUN!**

Super Merit Badge Weeks Wrap Up a Successful Summer

Running any kind of classroom or Museum program in the post-COVID-19 environment is a challenge. Just reading your daily newspaper tells you everything you need to know. As school reopens this fall, classes are remote, in-person, or a hybrid of both.

To date, the only programming at the Museum since March was the June, July, and August editions of Super Merit Badge Weeks. Our annual summer merit badge program faced a real hurdle in June because we could not yet open our doors. With the help of Barb Herrmann, Natalie Broshar, and Jon French, our temporary PPP-loan hire, our counselors presented their merit badges completely on Zoom while the Museum stood empty.

July and August returned to live programming as Governor Walz partially opened up the state and we established our written COVID-19 protocol. With masks, social distancing, and other safeguards in place, Super Merit Badge Weeks went forward. In all, 103 Scouts attended our workshops. There are no known cases of COVID-19

associated with our programs. Thanks to what we learned this summer, we hope to conduct additional educational programming at the Museum during the remaining months of 2020. You can read about some of those programs in this issue of the *Museum News*.



During the August Super Merit Badge Workshop sessions, merit badges were offered live with the Museum's COVID-19 protocol in place. Here, John Guthmann conducts a Citizenship in the World workshop with an attentive group of young men and young women.

Remembering Paul Verret

The Museum lost a great friend in Paul Verret on June 29, 2020. Paul had a legendary career as President of The Saint Paul Foundation and he had a significant positive impact on our community as advisor to the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation. Paul believed in the educational mission of the Museum and he played a key

role the decision of the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation to fund the Museum's Hands-On History exhibit along with other financial support of the Museum. Because of his impact on our region, the city of Saint Paul, the Museum, and because he was such a fine person, Paul will be long remembered.



Paul Verret will be greatly missed. He is shown above with his beloved wife Carolyn

Derby Night Falls Prey to COVID-19

We were all set to run a bigger and better Derby Night at the Museum in November when COVID-19 struck. The Museum Board held out hope of running the event for as long as possible. However, with infection rates remaining high and Governor Walz extending the pandemic emergency for another thirty days in early September, a decision was made to cancel the event for 2020.

The Museum hopes to return with Derby Night at the Museum as soon as our world returns to "normal". In the meantime, research is being

conducted regarding a possible online derby event. Our ability to offer in-person racing or car-building workshops remains because these programs can be run with fewer people and with social distancing. Look for program announcements on the Museum website and in future issues of the *Museum News*. In the meantime, don't give up building the car of your dreams so you can defeat Perennial Champion Tom Welna. Mr. Welna responds, "Dream on!"

New Members

- Severin Dehler
- Sandy Berg Dickson
- Linda Murray
- Jean Sweeney

Tribute in Memory of Don Hoffman

- Damon & Rachael Pfaff

Tribute in Memory of Bob Rosene

- Janet Grieder
- Corinne Lambert

Founders Hall Tributes

- Biz O'Mara
- Kurt Zilley
- Debra Guthmann
- Patricia Bolger
- Kent York
- Nancy Randall Dana
- David Novy
- Kurt Leichtle
- Jean Sweeney
- Betsy Moore
- Nancy Klemek
- Lorena Palm
- Valerie Pace
- Bonna Scherer
- Judy Hunter
- Sandy Berg Dickson
- Emily White
- Barb Herrmann
- Sophie Pederson
- Gary Gorman
- Jim Rupert
- Patricia Frankenfield
- Norman Lerbs
- Peter Myers

Know of anyone interested in joining?

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Thank You for Supporting the Founders Hall Recognition Event

On August 8, the Museum held its first ever remote Founders Hall Recognition Event. Event supporters helped us honor newly designated Founders Tisha Bolger and the late Jon Pederson by watching on the Museum's Facebook page or on YouTube. The event was professionally edited thanks to the generosity of videographer Peter Myers of Myers Communication Group. Thanks also to Nancy Randall Dana for so expertly communicating the importance of honoring our Founders and supporting the Museum. With their help and the assistance of many others, 557 people tuned in on August 8 with many others watch-

ing later. Thus, the 2020 Founders Hall event had the largest attendance of any single-day event at the Museum.

Past Founders Hall Recognition events were not preserved for posterity. Not our 2020 Founders Hall Event—you can still watch the event online even if you could not participate in “real time.” To virtually attend the 2020 Founders Hall Recognition Event, simply go to the Museum's website at nssm.org and you can view the event on either [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Moreover, it is not too late to make a Founders Hall gift to the Museum or donate a tribute to

the Museum in honor of Tisha Bolger or Jon Pederson. After you watch the video, just cut and paste this donation link into your favorite internet browser: <https://tinyurl.com/NorthStarMuseumGift>. There is also a link on the Museum's website.

Whether you attended the Founders Hall Recognition Event on August 8 or attended the event later by going online, the Museum thanks you.

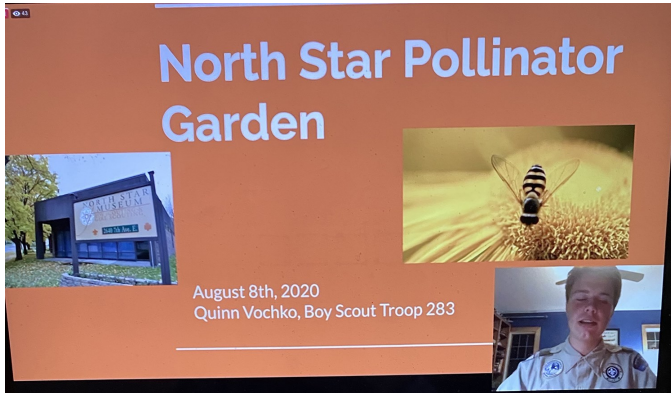


Sandy Craighead inducted Tisha Bolger into the Museum's Founders Hall as a Founder.



Fittingly, Jon Pederson was inducted into the Founders Hall by his son, Joseph Pederson.

Scenes from the Virtual Founders Hall Recognition Event



Life Scout Quinn Vochko described his Eagle project plans during the Founders Hall Recognition event.



During the Founders Hall Recognition event, Rachel Van Houten described her Gold Award project - educating the public about the monarch butterflies and how we can preserve them.



During the virtual Founders Hall event, Acting Executive Director Kurt Leichtle conducted a tour of the Museum.



Here is Betsy Guthmann glued to the TV and watching the Founders Hall Recognition event on August 8.



Bringing the Founders Hall Recognition event to a poignant conclusion, Nancy donned one of her trademark hats and described the importance of remembering the Museum's founders and financially supporting the Museum.



This summer, the flowers surrounding our sign at the Museum building were donated in honor of our Founders Hall honorees - Tisha Bolger and Jon Pederson.

Museum Displays



Thanks to the generosity of the Pederson family, Jon Pederson's considerable collection of Scouting memorabilia is now part of the Museum's collection. Some of the collection is now on display at the Museum. Be sure to look for this display next time you are at the Museum.

As *Museum News* readers know, the camping exhibit at the Museum is being expanded to include a winter camping section. When we fully reopen, the exhibit will be completed and ready for you to enjoy. The exhibit is greatly enhanced by two beautiful winter scenes painted by Judy Johnson. One of those scenes is depicted in this photo.



2020 Skunk Reunion Cancelled—Plan for Bigger, Better, and Smellier in 2021

With the restrictive COVID-19 guidelines and the fact that many Skunks are in what the Minnesota Department of Health describes as a "vulnerable" age group, it was decided to cancel the Skunk Reunion for 2020 and look forward to our 2021 event.

Plans have already begun for the most aromatic, COVID-free reunion possible in 2021. Look for the announcement in your April 2021 *Museum News*.



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There is a Merit Badge in Your Future

The Museum's merit badge workshop program plans to finish 2020 strong and healthy—the exact opposite of what has been, frankly, a bummer of a year. It is our plan to conduct merit badge workshops over MEA (October 15, 16, and 17), Thanksgiving weekend (November 27 and 28), and the end of the year while school is out (December 26, 28-31 and January 2). The schedule will be put together based on the availability of our cadre of counselors along with our occupancy limitations during COVID. Look for schedule announcements soon.



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