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### Embracing Legacy and Leadership at the 11th Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration

In the heart of the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting, a celebration is brewing—a celebration of visionaries, leaders, and volunteers who have etched their mark on the legacy of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the North Star Museum. As the Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration returns for its 11th iteration on April 13, 2024, it beckons us to explore the tapestry of contributions that have shaped these revered institutions. Join us on at the Museum on April 13, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



The 2022 Founders Hall recognition event was a great success. Pictured above are only a few of the many attendees enjoying lunch.

### Honoring Visionaries: Founders, Builders, and Trailblazers

For those not acquainted with this distinguished event, Founders Hall recognizes three distinct categories of honorees, each emblematic of a unique contribution to the Scouting community.

**Founders:** These are the individuals who have played a pivotal role in advancing the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or the North Star Museum. Founders are the architects, visionaries who have significantly influenced the creation, innovation, and direction of these institutions over an extensive period.

**Builders:** The second category acknowledges the financial patrons and influencers who have left a meaningful impact on one of the Scouting institutions. Builders are the transformative

leaders, adept at turning the vision of Founders into a tangible reality through their financial support and gifts of influence.

**Trailblazers:** These are the unsung heroes—the grassroots volunteers who bring to life the ideas initiated by Founders and Builders. Often referred to as "Red Jacket Scouters" or "Green Bloods," Trailblazers deliver these ideas directly to youth, embodying the spirit of service and leadership.

### Celebrating Trailblazers Don Lee and Bradley Johnson

This year, we will honor two Trailblazers—Bradley Johnson and, posthumously, Don Lee—for their exceptional contributions to Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, (Continued on Page 2)

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and the North Star Museum. They have each earned this well-deserved recognition.

Bradley Johnson became a Troop Leader for Boy Scout Troop 50 in 1973. His commitment to guiding and inspiring others earned him the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. He has mentored over 70 Scouts to achieve their Eagle Award during his fifty years with Troop 50.



**Bradley Johnson**

Don "Ranger" Lee began leading his daughter's Girl Scout troop in 1975, teaching them essential outdoor skills like building campfires and knot tying. For over forty-five years, he dedicated himself to empowering girls and their leaders with his natural teaching abilities and outdoor expertise.



**Don Lee**

### Join the Celebration on April 13: A Call to Action

As we anticipate the Founders Hall event on April 13, we extend an invitation to all who appreciate the importance of legacy, leadership, and community involvement. RSVP by April 5. The cost is \$50 per person as a contribution to support this cause. Your attendance not only grants you access to the program and a delectable lunch but also aids in preserving the history and values that Scouting instills.

Formal invitations will be mailed in March, but why wait to RSVP? Secure your spot now by visiting our website at [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org).

### Supporting the Cause: Beyond Celebration to Preservation

The Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration is not just an

event; it's a testament to the commitment of those who believe in preserving the legacies of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.

In a world often preoccupied with market trends and financial indicators, the Founders Hall Recognition and Celebration serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring impact of leadership, vision, and community service. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this meaningful event—a celebration that goes beyond accolades to underscore the indelible mark left by Founders, Builders, and Trailblazers on Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, and the North Star Museum. Join us on April 13, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. as we explore the rich legacy that continues to shape the Scouting movement.



## North Star Museum Board Election Results

In January, Museum members were asked to cast their ballots for the 2024 Board of Directors. Thanks to all members for your response. After tabulating the votes, we are happy to announce that all of the candidates nominated by our Nominating Committee were elected.

Returning to the Board are David Novy, Gary Gorman, and John Guthmann. Our newest Board member is Mary Degel. Having been elected last year, no officers were on the ballot, although Treasurer Jim Stevenson's biography was accidentally included in the supporting materials. We apologize for any confusion that may have caused. And for you, Jim, no publicity is bad publicity.

Next time you see her, please congratulate Mary Degel on her election to the Museum's Board of Directors. Mary has been a Scout volunteer for more than 35 years. Cub Scouting was her favorite level in Scouting. She served as a den leader for both sons, Cub Scout Roundtable commissioner, district and council training staff, Pow Wow and University of Scouting staff and chair, and Wood Badge course director. She was on the Cub Scout

camp staff in Michigan for 12 years. She received the Silver Beaver, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, and she is a James E. West Fellow. Her two sons are Eagle Scouts and her daughter served as the Central Region Venturing President, received the national Venturing Leadership Award, and earned the Silver Award. All three children are Camp Akela staff alumni. Her oldest grandson is a Life Scout in the same troop where her son serves as Scoutmaster. Two other grandsons are in the same pack where her daughter is a leader. Mary recently retired from Northern Star Council after serving 29 years in various professional support staff positions, including 28 years as Eagle registrar, processing roughly 16,000 Eagle Scout awards. Mary also volunteers in the music ministry and on the finance committee at her church. She is a member of Troop 39 and District H.

The 2024 Board of Directors is eager to continue its work to help make the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting one of the best regional specialized museums in the country. Feel free to reach out to an officer or board member with your ideas.

**Pictured on the left is your 2024 Northstar Museum Board of Directors. From left to right in the back row are Jim Stevenson (Treasurer), Gary Gorman, Bonna Scherer, John Guthmann, Emily White, Kristina Viktora-Croke (Executive Director), and David Navy. From left to right in the front row are Terri Anderson (Secretary), Sandy Craighead (Vice President), Lorena Palm (President), and our newest Board member, Mary Degel.**



## Tribute & Memorials

**From Bonna Scherer - in memory of Alex Guthmann and Wendy Sherman**

**From Cynthia L. Rosch - in honor of Lorena Palm**

**From Mark Nelson - in memory of Bob & Caye Nelson**

**From Risa G. Brandon - in honor of Lorena Palm**

**From Pearl Mitchell-Jackson - in honor/ memory of Nancy Harris**

**From Bradley & Virginia Pfaff - in honor of Donald C. Hoffman**

**From Janet Grieder - in memory of Roy & Glenn Grieder**

**Know of anyone interested in joining?**

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## HOW TO BE A UNICORN



**Just for Brownies!** Join us at the Museum for a magical and enchanted event specially tailored for Brownie Girl Scouts where we will explore the connection between the Girl Scouts and unicorns.

As you learn "How to Be a Unicorn", you will be immersed in a world of fun, games, songs, and crafts that explores the mystical realm of unicorns and how it aligns with the core values of the Girl Scout Law.

**Dress Code:** Girls are encouraged to wear their favorite unicorn-inspired clothing or Girl Scout attire, showcasing their commitment to embodying the Girl Scout Law and unicorn values.

Join us in creating a world where honesty, fairness, friendliness, helpfulness, consideration, courage, strength, and responsibility shine through, making the

world a better place—one unicorn and one Girl Scout at a time.

**Who:** Brownie Girl Scouts

**Date:** March 14, 2024

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting

**Cost:** \$15 per Brownie and \$6 per leader or supervising adult

**Register:** Online at <https://www.nssm.org>!

## GIRL SCOUT DAISIES, BROWNIES, & JUNIORS: Get Ready for the Birthday Party of the Year!

If you are a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, or Junior, you will not want to miss the birthday party being thrown by the Museum for the 112th anniversary of Girl Scouts U.S.A. on March 12, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We are celebrating this important anniversary with an incandescent Glow Party!

At the Glow Party, you will enter a luminous world of fun and games under the enchanting glow of black lights. Learn about Girl Scouts U.S.A., its history, and why Girl Scouts shine! Illuminate the night with your

brightest smiles and light up the evening in honor of Girl Scouts.

Don't miss out on the glow-tastic festivities! The cost is only \$15 per person and the price of admission includes a birthday treat. Register as an individual or as a troop online at <https://nssm.regfox.com/2023-igl>. See you at the 112th Birthday Party!



Here is what a Glow Party looks like. Who wouldn't want to be a part of this!

## Plan Your 2024 Around North Star Museum Programs

Minnesotans can normally look out the window and figure out what time of year it is. Not this year. That's ok because every time of year is a good time of year for a visit to the North Star Museum. The Museum's Program Committee has put together a terrific program schedule that currently covers over half of 2024. There is something for everyone and for every interest. Look for the opportunities to only expand as the year progresses. The calendar of events listed below includes the date, a description of the event and what type of unit the program is geared to serve, the time, and the price. If the event is just listed as "Program", it is open to anyone. All times are in the evening unless otherwise noted. Here is what we have planned so far:

### **Program Calendar 2024**

March 12	Girl Scout 112 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. \$15 per person. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
March 14	Brownie event: "How to Be a Unicorn". \$15 per person. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
April 13	North Star Museum Founders Hall; \$50 per person. 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
April 20	University of Scouting (offsite at St. Paul College) 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
May 9	Cubs and Webelos: Rockets and Space Art. \$15 per person. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
May 16	North Star Museum Annual Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
June 1	Skunk Reunion at Fred C Anderson Scout Camp. Cost to be announced.
June 13	Program: Tie Dying. \$15 per person. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
June 17-22	Super Merit Badge Week: Workshops TBD
July 18	Program: Several types of Outdoor Cooking. \$15 per person. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
July 15-20	Super Merit Badge Week: Workshops TBD
August 8	Program: Craft Night, (rock painting, bug cage, bird houses/feeders) 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
August 12-17	Super Merit Badge Week: Workshops TBD

In addition to the scheduled programs listed above, the Museum offers programming by appointment. Bring your unit of boys or girls to the Museum and experience an Overnight at the Museum. For \$30 per person, the price includes the overnight and an advancement badge of your choice. The Museum also offers the Girl Scout Way Badge for Troops to sign up. The cost is \$15 per girl. Finally, the Museum's popular Escape Room remains available. It can be set up by appointment and the cost is \$15 per person. For questions about programs or to schedule programs, just call Carissa Meyer at the Museum at 651-748-2880 or email her at [carissa.meyer@nssm.org](mailto:carissa.meyer@nssm.org). See you at the Museum in 2024!



