



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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2020 Really Stunk — Find Out What Smells in 2021 at The Skunk Reunion

As a year, 2020 really smelled. It smelled so bad, it was enough to make a Skunk cringe. Our annual reunion of the smelly was scheduled and cancelled twice. That really stinks!

Well, the Skunks are back and we are LIVE. With COVID-19 under control (for now) the 2021 Skunk Reunion is ON. The Order of the Odor smell-abration is on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Fred C. Andersen Camp's Swanson Lodge (in the upper camp). The registration fee is only \$15.00. Just follow your nose. For

your convenience, there is a registration form in this issue.

Since the Skunks have not met for two years, we should have plenty to talk about and a variety of odors to get reacquainted with. Plan on a box lunch and a keynote speaker to be announced. Of course, the Skunk of the Year will be awarded. If you wish to nominate someone for Skunk of the Year, a nomination form also appears in this issue of the *Museum News*.

We need an accurate count for lunch, so please RSVP and pre-register. If

you are not pre-registered, we cannot provide you with a lunch. To let us know you are coming before we can detect your pongy approach, please contact Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or email her at dfoss@nssm.org. You can also mail in the registration form in this issue of the *Museum News*. Whether the weather is fair or the stench is foul, join your fellow Skunks at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp on August 21 for the 2020 Skunk Reunion. See you there!



It has been a long time since our last Skunk Reunion. Here is a conversation starter for August 21: Who can remember what year this Skunk Reunion picture was taken?

Enjoy a Fun Campfire at the Museum

The Museum held its first Thursday night campfire on June 10. Five girls and five leaders/parents from Girl Scout Troops 14797 and 17813 enjoyed cooking around the campfire on a steamy hot night. Although the heat drove them indoors for food preparation, the girls cooked outside at the campfire. They learned how to cook using Dutch ovens, pie irons, and reflector ovens. According to 12-year old Lexi St. Clair, "After this, I would like to learn even more about cooking outdoors." Thanks to Museum volunteers Emily White and Nell Nere for leading and teaching the hungry crowd on a hot night.

Two more Thursday night campfire events are scheduled this summer. The second outdoor campfire is on July 8. It will be jack knife night. After some basic carving techniques are demonstrated, the group will learn how to sharpen and use a jack knife safely. If you do not have a jack knife, one will be provided. The third and final campfire is on August 12. The theme is S'mores and songs. Make and eat delicious S'mores while singing the night away. The registration fee includes S'mores.

All programs run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 for

members and \$15 for non-members. Bring a lawn chair to sit on. The registration limit is 15 persons per evening so act quickly to be sure you get a spot. Of course, keep the then-current COVID protocols in mind and bring a mask just in case it is needed.

These are sure-thing programs for fun and learning. Sign up on line at nsm.org or call Diana Foss at the Museum to register (651-748-2880). See you around the fire ring!



The girls of Troops 14797 and 17813 pose with their Dutch oven at the June 10 Campfire event.



The girls prepare to light the charcoal so they can start cooking.



A Memorial to a Builder – Alexandria (Sandy) Klas

In 2014, Alexandria (Sandy) Klas was inducted into the Museum's Founders Hall as a Builder. On May 31, 2021, she passed away at the age of 90 at her home in Mendota Heights, MN. This memorial is an excerpt from the family obituary that was published in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*.



Alexandra "Sandy" Klas
(Photo from the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*)

Born and raised in St. Paul, Sandy was the second of three children to Lawrence and Margaret Boardman. A 1948 graduate of the Convent of the Visitation School, Sandy was a resident of the St. Wilhelmina residence for women when she met her future husband, Bob, who was a student at Hamline University. Bob and Sandy were married in August 1950 while Bob was still an undergraduate. Less than five years after getting married, they were the parents of four children and Bob had started the Tapemark Company. They eventually had six children as Bob grew the business and Sandy raised the children.

A loving, giving, energetic, force of nature, Sandy was not content to simply stay at home. She led an active and exceptional life. Her volunteer leadership included serving as a foundational member and past president of the Saint Paul chapter of present-day Minnesota ARC, past president of the Minnesota Association of Children with Learning Disabilities, former president of the board of the Minnesota Opera Guild, board member of the St. Mary's Home, founder and president of the Boy Scouts of America – Special Scouts, co-founder of the Tapemark Charity Pro-Am Golf Tournament, co-founder of the National Eagle Center in Wabasha,

MN, member and Trustee Emeritus of the Hamline University Board of Trustees, Committee to Save the Cathedral Protocol of Saints, board member of Our Lady of Peace Hospice, co-founder of Grime Stoppers employment for the developmentally disabled, board member of the Saint Paul chapter of Hadasah, founder of the National Association of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts with Disabilities, and the Nativity of Our Lord church choir. The North Star Museum is also thankful for her support.

Loved by so very many, Sandy is survived by her children Margaret Johnson (Philip), Robert Klas Jr. (Linda), Elizabeth Polome (Reid), Thomas (Lisa Swan), and Christine (Brian) Nelson; her grandchildren Katherine Johnson, Charles Johnson, Scott Klas, Lauren Klas, Annie Polome, Samuel Polome, Christopher Polome, and Kate (Jonathan) Plett; her great-grandchildren Noah Johnson and Lily Plett; and her sister Evelyn Morse. Preceded in death by her husband Robert, her brother Lawrence Jr., her daughter Frances, parents Lawrence Sr. and Margaret Boardman, and her stepmother Katherine Boardman.

New Members

- Brian Wright
- Bridget Garske
- Rachel Limon

Tribute in Honor of Lorena Palm

- Mary Charles

Tribute in Honor of Troop 594, Jim Rupert & Charlie Opp

- Alexandra Lape

Know of anyone interested in joining? Contact:
Diana Foss
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Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by July 31, 2021

Section One:

Award Criteria: This award is presented to a person who has been affiliated with Boy or Girl Scouting or the North Star Museum for at least 15 years, and is a current member of the museum.

<p>CANDIDATE/ Name of individual being nominated: _____ Current museum member? Yes / No Registered member of Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts? Yes / No Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone number: _____ Email: _____</p>
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<p>Nominator's name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone number: _____ Email: _____ Best time to reach you: _____</p>

Section Two:

Please provide a statement of support for the individual being nominated. The statement should address the award criteria and this individual should receive this award. Include tenure with the museum, special or extraordinary things done during the year, other Boy Scout/Girl Scout activities he/she may be involved with, and the amount of time spent on museum activities. Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

Section Three: (optional)

Attach a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination from a person other than yourself. This person may be a museum member, Boy Scout or Girl Scout, adult volunteer in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting, or someone else who knows of the individual's contributions.

Nominator's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Mail nominations to:

Selections Committee
North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting
2640 E. Seventh Avenue
North St. Paul, MN 55109

This form can also be downloaded from: www.nssm.org

**Greetings to all Museum Members,
Veteran Scouters and Skunks!**

2021 Skunk Reunion



It's time to get together, swap stories, and report on the progress of the Museum

Who: People who are Museum members and have been registered in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting for 15 or more years.

When: Saturday, August 21

Where: Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, former St. Croix River Camp. This year, we will be in the Swanson Lodge.

Times: 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, beverages provided
 11:00 a.m. Program
 12:00 noon Lunch

Cost: \$15.00 per person. **Pre-registration is mandatory!**

Directions: Take Minnesota 36 across the new St. Croix River crossing and proceed on highways 35/64 to the Andersen Scout Camp Road (follow the signage). The camp is 1.2 miles further. Once in camp, follow the signs.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 17, 2021

My name is _____

Yes, I'm coming! Put me down for the reunion. Here is my \$15.00

I will be bringing guests Number of guests _____ x \$15.00

These are the names of the guests who will be attending with me.

I need a ride

I can pick-up supplies and/or help by driving. Please call me at _____

Please fill in the form and return with your check to: North Star Scouting Museum
 2640 Seventh Avenue East
 North St. Paul, MN 55109

The *Call to History Road Show* Was a Success



On May 6th, the North Star Museum used its *Call to History* fund raiser as a vehicle to host a new kind of event to showcase some of our favorite objects and stories in the collection. We called it the *Call to History Road Show*. There was no better way to ride out the pandemic and support the Museum at the same time.

The event featured the story of four hidden treasures in the collections of the Museum. Each story was separately narrated, and each story took the viewer to another place and time. The stories were:

- Camp Minnesota ... a wilderness camping experience for Girl Scout adults held at the end of the Gunflint Trail in the 1920's.
- The Liberty Bond Medallion given to the St Paul Council of BSA for achievement in the sale of Liberty Bonds.
- Mary Eva Johnson's Golden Eaglet award was the highest award earned in early Girl Scouting.
- Two large scrapbooks belonging to Charles Sommers from his early history of involvement in Scouting in the St. Paul area.

During the May 6th showing of the *Call to History Road Show*, there were at least fifty devices (iPad, laptop, or cell phone) registered to watch and an untold number of people watching on each of those devices. The goal of the event was to raise \$20,000. As of this writing, we are only \$3,000 away from reaching our goal.

Thanks to the internet, the *Call to History Road Show* continues to roll. We encourage you to view the video and to continue your support of the Museum. Just go to <https://youtu.be/TAXzTh5rrr0> and, after you watch, go to our website and make a donation. The link to our website for purposes of a donation is: <https://tinyurl.com/NorthStarMuseumGiveNow>. Enjoy the video and help us reach our goal!



Check Out Super Merit Badge Weeks—2021 Live Edition

Although Super Merit Badge Week is the Museum's oldest and most popular educational program, it still must adapt to current conditions. Last summer, due to the ravages of COVID-19, the June programs were all virtual while the July and August programs were live with limited attendance, masks, no snacks, and social distancing.

This summer we are back with all in-person programming. Only one class will be offered virtually. We still plan to use socially distanced seating with the use of masks dictated by the then-current Executive Order from Governor Walz. By the time you read this article, the June sessions will be "in the can." Should there be any changes based on ever evolving COVID-19 data, keep in touch with the Museum's web site.

The schedule and instructions for electronic registration for this summer's Super Merit Badge workshops is now posted on the Museum's website at <http://www.nssm.org/> under the Programs and Events tab. Please review the workshop requirements posted under each individual class to make sure you (or your Scout) is a good fit for the class. Remember the registration fee for classes is \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Registration for each month opens about a month before the program week so watch

for our email alerts and watch the website.

Upon registration, you will be sent preparation instructions prepared by the instructor. It is essential that you read and follow the instructions because Scouts are prepared!

In June, we offered Communications, Rifle, Citizenship in the Community, Personal Management, and Citizenship in the world. Here is the schedule for the rest of the summer:

Week of July 12-17

12 – Law – Bob Elliot (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.) (limit 10)

– Citizenship in the Community – John and Sara Kyslyczyn (11:00 A.M. to 3:00 p.m.) (limit 10) (This is the only Merit Badge on our summer schedule that will be **by Zoom instead of in person**. If you are looking for a Zoom merit badge, this one is for you!)

13 – Citizenship in the Nation – Kurt Leichtle (8:30 A.M. to Noon) (limit 10)

14 – Rifle – Dennis Stolp (8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. for the classroom session and the range portion of the class will be from 1:30 to 3:30 the same day at Bald Eagle Sportsman's Club) (limit 10)

15 – Citizenship in the Community – John Capecci (8:30 A.M. to Noon) (limit 10)

16 – Family Life – Mike Fratto (9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.) (limit 10)

17 – Citizenship in the World – John Guthmann (8:30 A.M. to Noon) (limit 10)

Week of August 9-14

10 – Communications – Bob Elliot (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.) (limit 10)

11 – Reading – Kurt Leichtle (8:30 A.M. to Noon) (limit 10)

13 – Citizenship in the Nation – Mike Fratto (9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.) (limit 10)

14 – Citizenship in the World – John Guthmann (8:30 A.M. to Noon) (limit 10)



DATED MATERIAL



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Did You Know?

In 2020, you were not required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. However, you are required to take one in 2021. The first distribution from your IRA must occur in the year you turn 72. You can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA each year. You can reduce the amount of your taxable income. Unless you donate these funds to an approved 501 (c)(3), you will need to pay income tax on them. The check must come from the financial custodian of your IRA account or you will not be able to take the right off.



Donating to the North Star Museum through your IRA will provide benefits to both you and the Museum. Your donation will provide much needed operating funds that will have a significant impact on the Museum's mission. If you have any questions, just contact Barb Herrmann at barbcorti@gmail.com.

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