

Introduction to North Star Museum

Operated by North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc. (NSSM), the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting is the only museum in the upper Midwest dedicated to preserving the history, traditions and cultural impact of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).

An independent non-profit organization with 501 (c)(3) status, North Star Museum was founded in 1976 by veteran scouters who felt compelled to “collect, preserve, share, and interpret the history and significance of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in the upper Midwest.”

In its 40-year history, North Star Museum has gathered more than



150,000 artifacts, photographs, publications, garments, films, and sound recordings. For over two decades, the museum’s growing collection had no permanent home. A generous gift from the 3M Company in 1999 provided a clean and dry storage location for the collection. In 2005, North Star Museum moved into the former Ramsey County Library building in the heart of downtown North St. Paul.

The North Star Museum Board of Directors hired full-time Executive Director Claudia Nicholson in 2005 to oversee the management of the museum,

collection and resources. Mike Lund joined the staff as part-time maintenance support in 2007. Shirley De la Torre became the full-time Director of Institutional Advancement in 2013. The museum also employs a part-time Administrative Assistant. 2015 saw the debuts of two exhibits and the beginning of its first annual Call to History fundraising event. These additional opportunities expand North Star Museum’s reputation as a community resource for study, exploration and fun!

Values kept here.



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For 40 years, North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting has been telling your stories to an interested public. This place has a tradition of storytelling, that goes all the way back to our founders, the Skunks. Stories are a key component of our institutional DNA.

When we document and present the history of Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting, what we are really doing is preserving the stories. Each organization has an incredible oral culture—think for a moment about your best memories. Did you write them down on paper, or did you write them down in your heart? Songs around the campfire, a dark tent after “lights out”, a patrol meeting—in each of these settings, you speak to like-minded people and share the experience of growing together and learning together.

But not for North Star Museum, the story of Leon Blehart’s and Max Bernstein’s epic hike across the country would never be known. Five Boy Scouts and an adult leader left St. Paul in April 1915, and in October, Leon and Max were the first of the group to make it to San Francisco. (The remaining three arrived two weeks later.) Leon wrote an account of this journey in 1931, and for the last 35 years, it has been preserved here.

In 2015, the museum did its part to give new stories to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, through our Overnights at the Museum, S’mores with Juliette, and merit badge workshop programs, through our *Adventures in CampCraft* and *Firm Bound in Brotherhood: A Century of Cheerful Service* exhibits, through our Founders Hall event, and through the special event, The Call to History.

In all we do, we remind you of your past in Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting. We remind you of the individuals on whose shoulders you stand today. We show you how the youth of today are developing their own stories. And, together, we ensure that the last stories have not been written on the history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in our region.

His-story. Her-story. Our-story.

All here, at North Star Museum.

Values Kept Here!

Ron Phillippo
Board Chair

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Executive Director

Highlights of 2015

January

Board of Directors Strategy Retreat
Overnight at the Museum

February

Executive Director's 10th Anniversary at the
Museum
S'mores with Juliette
Blue & Gold Event
North Pines Pinewood Derby
Museum at Forever Green Breakfast

march

Overnight at the Museum
Chairman's Birthday Celebration at the
Museum

April

Overnight at the Museum
1st Annual Call to History
Museum at University of Scouting

May

Overnight at the Museum
S'mores with Juliette (Pie Irons)
Museum at Rotary Club (Lake Elmo)

June

Veteran Scouter's (Skunk) Reunion
Volunteer Appreciation Night
Super Merit Badge Week*

July

Annual Meeting
Super Merit Badge Week*

August

Pause That Refreshes—Steve Elliott
S'mores with Juliette (Sing-a-long)
Super Merit Badge Week*
Museum at Lakamaga
Museum at Minnesota Field Trip Expo

September

Adventures in CampCraft Exhibit Opening
3,000 Mile Hike Lecture

October

Order of the Arrow Exhibit Opening
Jamboree on the Air
S'mores with Juliette (Birthday Party)
Museum at University of Scouting

November

6th Annual Davis & Randall Founders Hall
Recognition Celebration
Saturday Service Day

December

Overnight at the Museum
Sewing for Service Day
Holiday Hop and Bazaar

***Note:** Merit Badge Workshops are offered in Spring, Fall and Winter sessions with week-long Super Merit Badge Weeks each month in the Summer

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New Exhibit Debut

Adventures in CampCraft

This exhibit is funded by the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation, and is dedicated to Ron Phillippo for his years of service to youth.

On September 26, 2015, the Museum celebrated the grand opening of its new interactive exhibit. In past issues of the *Museum News*, you may recall references to the upcoming “hands-on history center.” With the grand opening and ribbon cutting, the exhibit is now officially open and aptly named, *Adventures in CampCraft*.

The grand opening was a special event. Girl Scout River Valleys’ new CEO Tisha Bolger spoke on the importance of camping and outdoor skills for

youngsters. Tish said she loves the North Star Museum and how one can look around and see the legacy of Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting. She admitted that the new exhibit is especially exciting for her as “it shares the outdoor experience” with young people. Evie Ust, a Daisy Scout from Troop #55229 in St. Paul, cut the ribbon while Boy Scouts from Troop #817 lent their support. Afterwards, families coming from as far as Anoka enjoyed this wonderful new interactive exhibit. The

Museum owes a big thanks to Boy Scout Troop 817 for being the official food vendor for the event. The attendees ate a lot of hotdogs and snacks.

Adventures in CampCraft was designed and built thanks to the generosity of the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation. The exhibit is dedicated to Ron Phillippo for all his years of service to youth. Even better news—there is more to come. In each of the next two years additional interactive units will be added to the exhibit. Watch for updates on the Museum’s Facebook page. *Adventures in CampCraft* is now open; so come see it and bring the kids.



Daisy Scout prepares to cut the ribbon.

A future Girl Scout tackles the station. "What is That?"



Can you name that bird call?



Learning how to measure distant objects.



New Exhibit Debut

Firm Bound in Brotherhood:

100 Years of Cheerful Service

On October 10, 2015, the Museum celebrated the grand opening of the long awaited Order of the Arrow Centennial exhibit. This special exhibit attracted a lot of OA-sashed Scouts of all ages. Anchoring the celebration and ribbon cutting was current OA Lodge Chief, Sam Gentle. Assisting Sam, and also sharing a few words on the legacy of OA, was Northern Star Council's Scout Executive/CEO John Andrews.

As the ribbon floated to the ground, the crowd flooded into the OA exhibit space. One could hear hushed and excited conversations coming from everywhere as people traced their Lodge's lineage on the genealogy wall, or marveled at the intricate beadwork of a Native American bonnet that was worn in an OA ceremony. The exhibit's countless patches,

neckerchiefs, photos, correspondence, sashes, and regalia received loads of attention and admiration. The celebration was made even more special with a performance by the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge No. 16's award-winning Four Winds Dancers, led by longtime OA member and Venture Crew mentor, Steve Young.

As the event came to a close, OA members slowly left the building, reluctant to leave the camaraderie and brotherhood that is Order of the Arrow. Even if you never had a connection with the Order of the Arrow, you

will want to see this impressive exhibit for yourself.

To help defray the cost of constructing the exhibit, the Museum is still selling its one-of-a-kind Order of the Arrow Centennial Exhibit Commemorative patch. The patches are beautiful and include red, bronze, silver, and gold patches, as well as a large back patch. Collect these patches and support the Museum and the OA Centennial Exhibit—*Firm Bound in Brotherhood: 100 Years of Cheerful Service*—at the same time!



Northern Star Council CEO John Andrews and Totanhan Nokaha Lodge Chief Sam Gentle enjoyed the exhibit and helped anchor the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Until the early 1980s, there were real limits on the practice of culture and religion by native people. Until then, a lot of Boy Scouts—the OA and other organizations—had created their own version of Indian Lore, most of which was based on a couple of books that were written in the 1930's.

Many OA ceremonies were written in a Shakespearean form and based off the books *Light in the Forest* and *Last of the Mohicans*. The Cub Scout ceremonies are based on *The Jungle Book*, with the Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Akela, the Chief of the Webelos. In Boy Scouting, ideas of ceremony are very different than the ceremonies of the Native tribes.

The Order of the Arrow (OA) Totanhan Nakaha Lodge strives for consensus from local Native Peoples and tribes when using tribal regalia and symbolism. For Totanhan Nakaha, honoring the sacred in their Native American ceremonies and regalia is very important, and they work hard to change the attitudes of the Natives about Boy Scouting.



Examining exhibits and the full view of the genealogy wall.



Steve Young of the Lodge No. 16's award-winning Four Wind Dancers (left).
Exhibit Order of the Arrow regalia (right).



Taking a break between the exhibit opening activities (left).

Program

S'mores with Juliette

"S'mores with Juliette" is a series of Girl Scout workshops held at the North Star Museum five times a year (February, May, August and twice in October). It is one of the Museum's premier program activities for girls, and their friends and families.

The name "S'mores with Juliette" is figurative as each event has its own theme and focused activity, and will not necessarily include having s'mores. Also, Juliette herself is not present at these events, but rather her spirit of adventure certainly is.

Pie Irons in May

"S'mores with Juliette – Cooking with Pie Irons" is one of our most popular "S'mores" events!



Perfectly timed at the beginning of the camping season, Cooking with Pie Irons workshop teaches safety and technique, as well as providing

attendees a plethora of food to try some of the recipes that are shared! Museum volunteer and Board member Robbi Moore brings all the food, the recipes, and her pie iron expertise to

share with all the participants.

Girl Scouts attend as a family, as a Troop, and on their own.

All are guaranteed a terrific and delicious time!

Check out the recipes on the next page.



Juliette Gordon Low Birthday Celebration

Held the last Friday in October, this particular "S'mores with Juliette" is **the all-time favorite.**

The birthday of Girl Scout Founder, Juliette Gordon Low, is celebrated with the playing of old-fashioned "parlor games," games that Juliette herself would have played when she was a girl. There is also a segment on the history of Girl Scouts and the history of Juliette Gordon Low. The evening ends with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" around a huge cake. Girl Scouts, leaders and adults all had the best time!



Who needs an electronic game when you can play like girls more than a hundred years ago with games like graces (left) and checkers (right).



In working with pie irons, safety guidelines are reviewed first.



There are many options to choose from when working with irons ... and the results bring smiles.



Peanut Butter Grilled Cheese

Ingredients: Stick of butter, softened, four slices of cinnamon raisin bread, peanut or almond butter, four slices of cheese (cheddar or gouda).

Spread some softened butter on one side of the cinnamon raisin bread and place butter side down in a skillet. Lay a slice of cheddar or gouda cheese to cover the face of the bread in the skillet. Then spread some peanut butter or almond butter over the cheese with the back of a spoon and top with another slice of cheese to cover the nut butter. Spread some softened butter on the second slice of cinnamon raisin bread and place butter side up on the sandwich. Cook sandwich over medium heat for 3-5 minutes each side or until cheese is melted and sandwich is golden brown. Repeat with remaining bread for two sandwiches.

MONKEY BREAD CAMP STYLE

Ingredients: Canned biscuits (e.g., Pillsbury Grands), one cup sugar, one cup brown sugar, and one tsp. cinnamon butter. One-half roasted hazelnuts (optional).

At home, whirl or process sugars, cinnamon and nuts very fine then put in ziplock for camp.

At camp, cut biscuits into wedges and coat with the sugar blend. Butter warm pie iron and stuff single layer of dough. Add some dabs of butter and close iron and toast 3-4 minutes per side over a medium/low heat (all ash, no red coals). Watch closely as they can burn quickly. Turn out onto paper towel and let cool for a minute. Drizzle fruit or a glaze over if desired.

For savory version, coat with herbs like dried sage, thyme, oregano, parsley, rosemary, garlic salt instead of sugar, cinnamon and nuts.

Visitors

Working with Cub Scouts

There is nothing more simultaneously energizing and exhausting than working with a group of 10-year-old Bear Cub Scouts. Their energy is limitless, their attention intermittent, and their enthusiasm for history lacking.

The trick with them is to tell stories, rather than lecture them on the finer points of Boy Scout history.

At the museum, we have a tableau of both a World War I-era Boy Scout uniform and the singular treasure of the collection—the Liberty Loan medallion.

The medallion was given to the St. Paul Boy Scouts in 1917 by the Secretary of the Treasury for their stellar sale of war bonds during the Second Liberty Loan Campaign.

We begin by asking them to look at the uniform. With the heavy twill coat, buttoned up to the neck, we ask, “how comfortable would you be in this uniform if you were out hiking during the summer?”

The Bears will uniformly groan. Yes, just imagine, we tell them. It’s 90 degrees and very humid, and you are hiking. Lovely.

Then we point out some of the badges and insignia on this uniform—of particular note is the Bugling merit badge, earned by the uniform’s owner, Stan Bull, who was a Scout in Troop 17 (which recently celebrated its centennial anniversary), in St. Anthony Park in St. Paul. Stan had a uniform and a bugle, which fitted him out to be on call for war bond rallies around the City. Stan recounts how playing his bugle whipped up crowds into a patriotic frenzy. He said it was one of the major activities he was engaged in as a Scout during the war period.

Stan, therefore, helped the Scouts of St. Paul sell \$6.8 million in war bonds during the Second Liberty Loan campaign. We ask the Bears, “How long do you think it would take to sell \$6.8 million worth of anything?”

“One hundred years!”

“A day!”

“Ten years!”

They shout out numbers of years of varying absurdity and reasonableness. They are really getting into the story now.

So, we ask them, “Did you sell popcorn this year?”

Usually, an adult nods, or one of the boys responds.

“Did you sell \$6.8 million worth?”

They are quiet for a minute, and then someone will generally say, “no”. Well, we tell them, “these boys sold \$6.8 million in bonds for their whole council, and they did it in 30 days.”

The boys are a little oblivious to this feat, but the adults whistle. Wow!

We tell the Bears that the boys who earned this medallion for their council are their predecessors in Boy Scouts. They did this amazing thing, and you, too, can do amazing things in Boy Scouts.

And we’ll wink at them and say, “Next year, you’re going to sell \$6.8 million of popcorn, right?!”



Liberty Loan Medallion.



Many Scouting units hold meetings and events at the Museum. What better way to combine a lesson in history and some fun. At left, a Cub Scout prepares for a flag ceremony. At top, Girl Scouts enjoy racing in their powder puff derby. At bottom, an adult leader gets ready for some “pie” (and it’s not as delicious as the recipes on page 9)!



Events

Accolades and Fellowship!

Founders Hall

On November 14, the North Star Museum was positively bursting with joy and celebration as we inducted six new honorees into our Founders Hall. Family members, friends, and colleagues of the honored Founders, Builders, and Trailblazers made this year's celebration unique and special.

Emcee Nancy Randall Dana brought her charm and grace to this time-treasured event. The presence of grandchildren and even a great grand-niece brought a warming touch

to the celebration as only children can. The honorees this year were: Founders: Dorothea Burns and J. Kimball Whitney; Builders: Thomas Alt, M.D., Roland Wilsey and Steven Weekes; and, Trailblazer: Barbara Herrmann. After the ceremony, our guests lined up for a buffet of delicious food and got comfortable at the honoree's tables in the gallery. Laughter, great conversations, and congratulations bubbled from all around as staff and volunteers made sure everyone was comfortable and having a

great time. Volunteer Bonna Scherer donated a few trays of a marvelous apple pie dessert from a local orchard, which sealed the afternoon with a sweet touch of harvest goodness.

Everyone had a terrific time and everyone enjoyed the Museum and its new exhibits.



Dorothea Burns — Founder is a lifetime resident of St. Paul's Rondo community, she has shared her talents and given countless hours to a variety of community organizations and they are all better because of it. She volunteered 40-years with the Girl Scouts. She wanted to get girls from her community involved in a positive organization that would enable them to see the possibilities for becoming contributing members of society. She served on the St. Croix Valley Legacy Council Board as the first African-American Board President.



J. Kimball Whitney — Founder had a smile that could launch a thousand more. Kim's smile always shone with kindness and warmth. He was a man who made friends everywhere he went by his kindly ways and his friendly manner. He was quick-witted, a skillful story teller, and a loyal Scout. He was an active leader on the Central Minnesota Council and Viking Council Board of Directors for many years. In 1958 he was recognized for his Council service with the Silver Beaver Award. He served as both the Region 10 Chairman and North Central Region President.

Dr. Thomas H. Alt, Sr. — Builder never settles for ordinary. When he commits to something, he does so with an energy and enthusiasm that amaze even the highest achievers. He's an Eagle Scout with three palms, and has been on the Northern Star Council Board since 2007, serving as Centennial President of the Council from 2009-2011. He also plays an important part at the Museum as a member of the board of directors.



Steven Weekes — Builder has spent decades serving his Country through Scouting. Rarely, has there been a leader from our region that has served the Scouting movement on so many levels in so many different ways. He has served Indianhead and Northern Council's Board of Directors, including a term as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1999-2001. He was presented the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, and he was recognized as a Scoutmaster of Philanthropy.

Roland Wilsey — Builder has lived a life of service. Service Above Self, Always Faithful (or Semper Fidelis) and Be Prepared have helped define him. His Scouting leadership is matched only by his philanthropic spirit. He played a key role in the development of the Indianhead Council's endowment fund. His lifetime of generosity was recognized as a Scoutmaster of Philanthropy



Barbara Corti Herrmann — Trailblazer has involved in the Scouting movement for as long as she can remember — as a Girl Scout in her youth and as a Boy Scout leader as an adult. She has held many leadership positions in the Boy Scouts, predominantly in the training area. She is committed to preserving the rich history of our local Scouting programs, and has played a critical leadership role at the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting, including three years as the Museum's Board Chair.

Events

The Museum's 1st Annual Fundraiser

A Call to History

On the morning of April 29, 2015, the sound of Will Sulzbach's trumpet kicked off the Museum's first annual "A Call to History" breakfast. This exciting event promises to be the annual cornerstone of the Museum's fundraising efforts.

The brisk and inspiring program began with Emcee Jon Pederson calling the group to order. Then, Museum Member Charles Huntley, dressed as Lord Baden-Powell, led the group in an invocation that was written by Baden-Powell himself. Keynote speakers included Boy Scout Founder Lord Baden-Powell (a.k.a. Silver Buffalo recipient), Dr. Hal Yocum, who came all the way from Oklahoma to join us), and Executive Director Claudia Nicholson.

With the mood set, the program was appropriately turned

over to our youth: Girl Scouts Heather Pommier and Lyn Christopherson, Cub Scout William Westmoreland and Boy Scout Xander Baden Williams. The youngsters shared their experiences at the North Star Museum and why they felt the Museum is special. Following an inspiring video, Nancy Randall Dana brought the event to a close by sharing memories of her family's multi-generational connection to Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting and asking everyone to make a donation to the North Star Museum. When all was said and done, 113 people attended the event and over \$50,000 was raised to support the Museum's collections, programs, and operating costs!

Afterwards, the walls of the Museum glowed with fellowship, laughter, and smiles as everyone basked in



their personal connection to the Museum and felt the full meaning of our motto, Values Kept Here. With "A Call to History", the bar has been set high and a fine new tradition has begun.



Nancy Randall Dana.



Great, attentive audience.

Executive Director Claudia Nicholson, Cub Scout William Westmoreland, Girl Scout Lyn Christopherson, Boy Scout Xander Baden Williams, Girl Scout Heather Pommier, and Jon Pederson.



The Baden-Powell Duo—
Charles Huntley and Hal Yocum.



Emcee Jon Pederson.

Outreach

A Tale of Adventure and Coming of Age

The 3,000 Mile Hike

For a couple of years, the museum has been working on a manuscript out of its collection chronicling a 3,000-mile hike undertaken by some Boy Scouts from St. Paul and an adult leader in 1915. The purpose of the hike was to walk to San Francisco from St. Paul and end up at the Panama Pacific International Exposition (celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal).

One of the hike participants, Leon Blehart, kept a very good journal of his travels and in 1931, wrote a narrative of the trip, based on his journal and photographs he had taken along the way. One of the other hike participants was Leon's best friend, Max Bernstein. While the trip was arduous from the beginning, it was made more difficult for the boys by the attitude of the adult leader, who was a sour, angry traveling companion. At some point in the Colorado Rockies, Leon and Max had had enough, and split from the

group. They made it to San Francisco about 2 weeks before the other group rolled in, and while traveling alone was extremely challenging for them, they were glad to be on their own.

While Leon lived a long life, Max's was cut tragically short by World War I, in which he was gassed, and later died from the damage it did to him. Leon dedicated the manuscript to his boon companion: "His country asked for his life, and he laid it at her feet."

Max died young, and left no children. He was not, however, forgotten by his family. In researching the Centennial anniversary

book for Northern Star Council, author Dave Kenney located Norma Shpayher, a local woman who is Max's great niece. When researcher Bobbie Scott took up the 3,000-mile hike project, she also made contact with Norma. When Bobbie presented her research at the museum in 2015, she invited Norma to attend. Norma was so excited to learn more about Max's story, and thrilled that at last, there might be a vehicle by which her great uncle would never be forgotten, through the story that had lain dormant and largely unknown in the museum's collection for 35 years.



Outreach

A Cub Scout Leader's Perspective



An avid fan of the North Star Museum!

Lana Wymore (pictured standing in the back row) is a Den Leader with Cub Pack 9073, otherwise known as "Pack 73."

Her husband Eric is the Pack Leader.

Lana and her Pack have visited the North Star Museum several times over the years and we can always count on them to be a part of special events and

festivities at the Museum.

Pack 73 has sold popcorn at two of our Open Houses, and holiday treats and wreaths at our Holiday event in December. They have also held numerous Pack meetings at the Museum, and, of course, many Pack visits to enjoy the museum's exhibits and learning opportunities!

We asked Lana what first got her attention about the North Star Museum. "It was a great place to meet and I

was very intrigued with learning the history of the Boy Scouts. The history at the North Star Museum is so "hands-on" and fulfills many requirements for the Pack."

When asked what kept her and the boys coming back again and again, she said "The exhibits and the staff! The museum accommodates the high energy and intense curiosity that Cub Scouts have." Lana's favorite exhibit at the museum is the new *Adventures in CampCraft* exhibit as it offers such a great learning experience.

Would she recommend the museum to other Leaders? "Yes," Lana said, "and I have!"

What Are Leaders Missing?

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Left: The Membership Committee: Starting top, middle going clockwise: Hugh Gwin, Jim Rupert, Jean Keller, Shirley De la Torre, and Bonna Scherer.



Right: Tom Welna prunes bushes at the Museum.

Committees

without Volunteers?

Where would we be ...

Our successful Merit Badge Workshop series is staffed entirely by volunteer counselors. One of our most energetic is Mike Fratto, who counsels for the Citizenship badges, as well as Cycling, Personal Management, and Family Life. He is sensitive to the needs of Scouts who may have conditions that make working in a group setting in a merit badge class challenging.

In one of his Citizenship workshops, he had a Scout who was clearly uncomfortable speaking out in front of the group. Since participation is an important way Mike learns whether or not the Scout knows the material for the badge, he notes for the end the Scouts with whom he will need to have a more in-depth talk.

At the time of signoff, this Scout was revealed to be on the autism spectrum. Because he had not spoken during the workshop, Mike sat down with him and reviewed all of the requirements with the Scout, and quizzed him on his knowledge of them. Two hours later, Mike was satisfied that this Scout knew the material and had successfully completed the requirements. He signed off on the Scout's merit badge card.



This was after having spent 3 hours teaching the class, and another hour or so signing off the other Scouts in that class.

About nine months later, the Scout's mom stopped by the museum to tell us that he son had earned his Eagle rank, and she was particularly grateful to Mike for his part in making that happen for her boy.

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

December 31, 2015 (with Comparative Totals for 2014)

	Total 2015	Total 2014
Individual Donations and Grants	\$160,838	\$249,145
In-Kind Contributions	\$30,676	\$28,200
Membership Dues	\$29,672	\$24,372
Shop Sales Net Cost of Sales of \$575	\$1,363	\$1,466
Other Income	\$71,221	\$16,441
Interest and Dividends	\$969	\$1,165
Realized Loss on Investments	\$12,687	\$16,595
Unrealized Gain on Investments	-\$21,945	-\$10,858
Net Assets Released from Program Restrictions	\$0	\$0
Total Support and Revenue	\$285,481	\$326,526
Program Services	\$205,619	\$224,467
Management and General	\$35,666	\$38,210
Fundraising	\$65,056	\$70,672
Total Expenses	\$306,341	\$333,349
Changes in Net Assets	-\$20,860	-\$6,823
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$899,613	\$906,436
Net Assets at End of Year	\$878,753	\$899,613

* Unaudited figures.