



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

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*Celebrate the Art Marty Era with Art, Dave Kenney and Your Fellow Scouters
at the 2013 Skunk Reunion*



Art Marty

The Skunk Reunion is always a special event. The 2013 Skunk Reunion at Camp Andersen's Swanson Lodge will be more special than ever. The 2013 Skunk Reunion, to be held on June 1 at

10:30am, will mark the

end of an era at Camp Andersen. As most of you know, on May 31 Art Marty will retire from his position as Fred C. Andersen Camp Ranger, a job he has held with distinction for forty-five years. Art, a former Skunk of the Year himself, has confirmed his attendance at this Skunky Reunion, so our event is your chance to wish him well in person.

As an extra treat, we will have Dave Kenney as our keynote speaker. Author of the award-winning book *Honor Bright—A Century of Scouting in Northern Star Council*, Dave is currently completing a commission to write the history of Fred C. Andersen Camp. Of course, Art Marty is an important part of that history. We look forward to getting a preview of Dave Kenney's new book in the context of the Art Marty Era. You will not want to miss this event!

Anyone who has been a Scouter for 15 years or more and is a Museum member is a Skunk. If you are reading this article, chances are good that you are a Skunk. Attending the Skunk Reunion is an excellent way to renew your old Scouting acquaintances and make some new friends with classic food, fellowship and fun. With the program we have planned, the

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Skunk Reunion is a great opportunity to introduce friends and family to the Skunks and the Museum—the more, the merrier (and smellier)!

At each Skunk Reunion, a worthy Scouter is named Skunk of the Year based upon long and outstanding service to Scouting. Last year, John Guthmann was recognized with this distinction. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2013 Skunk of the Year. You will find the nomination form on the reverse of the registration form on page 3 of this issue of Museum News. Both the registration form and the nomination form can also be found on our website at nssm.org. If you know someone who would be a worthy recipient of the award, please submit a nomination with your registration form. The deadline for submitting nominations for Skunk of the Year is May 6. Nominations received after that date will be considered for 2014.

The deadline for submitting your registration is May 29, 2013, so register for the Skunk Reunion and nominate a Skunk today! Charlie Opp has again volunteered to prepare the Skunk lunch, keeping the price at \$13.00—the same as the last two years. If transportation is an issue for you, let us know when you register and we will match you up with a ride: we really want you there. See you at the Skunk Reunion!



Dave Kenney

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE NORTH STAR MUSEUM: Welcome to Our New Staff Member!

These are indeed exciting times. In the February Museum News, you learned about the new plans taking shape within our organization to deliver top-notch programming to an ever-increasing audience. Central to bringing these ideas to fruition is the hiring of additional staff to assist Claudia with day-to-day operations and to further develop our volunteer, membership, and fundraising programs.

After a busy two months of screening and interviewing a group of highly qualified applicants, Board Chair Ron Phillippo and Executive Director Claudia Nicholson are proud to announce, on behalf of the Museum, that we have a new staff member in place. You now have the chance to meet and work with Katy Epler, our new part-time Administrative Assistant. Katy's responsibilities include working with our database, handling accounts payable, and completing other clerical and administrative duties as assigned.

Katy comes to the Museum from her last position as Project Coordinator for the Roseville Visitors Association. In the past, she had worked with the American Swedish Institute, the Minnesota Historical Society (as Public Programs Associate), and the National Museum of Health and Medicine (as Visitor Services Manager). In the latter position, she conducted hands-on educational experiences for the public in the museum's galleries—the kind of experiences we hope to provide to young visitors to the North Star Museum. Katy has a BA degree in Historic Preservation from Mary Washington College and a Master of Arts in Teaching in Museum Education from The George Washington University. Please give Katy a hearty North Star welcome when you see her.

We're sure you all would like a chance to formally welcome Katy Epler to the Museum: a special welcome gathering will be announced soon!



Katy Kepler, the Museum's new Administrative Assistant stands ready for action outside the Dick Carroll workroom



More change afoot. The Richard E. Carroll Workroom is now outfitted with cubicles. Shown at left in the remodeled space are Katy Epler and Hugh Gwin getting to know each other



Pictured above is the new sign commemorating Dick Carroll outside of the Richard E. Carroll Workroom. As many have commented, if Dick were still with us, this would be his favorite space in the Museum



Even with all of the recent construction, program continued! In January, the Museum hosted another in the successful S'mores with Juliette programs. Here, the girls play games that Juliette Low would have enjoyed, such as Checkers, Jacks, Graces, and Pick-up Sticks

Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by May 6, 2013

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.

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:** _____

Nominator's name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____
Best time to reach you: _____

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!**

2013 Skunk Reunion

It's Spring! Time to get together, swap stories,
and report on the progress of the museum



Who: Museum members and veteran Scouters
registered as a Scouter for 15 years or registered in
Scouting over 20 years.

When: Saturday, June 1, 2013

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

Times: 10:30 am Fellowship, beverages provided
11:00 am Program
12:00 noon Lunch

Cost: \$13.00 per person. **Pre-registration is mandatory.**

Directions: Cross the St. Croix River at Stillwater, go up the hill past the commercial area
on highway 64, then go one mile north and turn left on the Andersen Scout Camp Road.
The camp is 1.2 miles further.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 29, 2012

My name is _____

Yes, I'm coming! Put me down for the reunion. Here is my \$13.00

I will be bringing guests Number of guests _____ x \$13.00

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
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With the new lighting, the gallery takes on a beautiful golden tone that accentuates the wooden ceiling



A lift was needed to complete removal of the old lighting fixtures, as demonstrated by Mike Lund



The old fixtures captured a nice price on the scrap market

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

As previously reported in these pages, the North Star Museum was the beneficiary of a \$50,000 Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Grant in 2012. The funds were given to update the Museum's lighting and also to reduce harmful ultraviolet light entering the galleries. Thanks to the efforts of Board members Bill Rust and Tom Welna, the project was bid out in late 2012, bids were received, and a contractor selected.

Because the bids came in higher than expected, Museum volunteers did the demolition work. Additional money was saved when we scrapped the nearly 2000 pounds of removed metal light fixtures. Mike Lund spent a good deal of time moving exhibits around as the construction progressed. With the work now done, oh what a difference it makes! The re-lit Guthmann Family Gallery is now ready for you to pay a visit. Let us know what you think of the beautiful golden glow of our new lighting. Check out the photos in this issue that document the project from beginning to end.



The March 12 Pause that Refreshes focused on the Girl Scouts. From left to right, speakers Phyllis Willerscheidt, Karen Klose, and Executive Director Claudia Nicholson.

Push a Mower, Plant a Flower

“Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers is?” Every year we rediscover the serious side of this famous and goofy rhyme. When the snow melts and the grass rises, it’s time to clean, rake, and plant flowers around the Museum. In other words, there is work to be done! This spring and summer, the Museum is looking for volunteers to help with yard work. The lawn needs to be mowed about once a week, there is raking to be done, and flowers to be planted, watered and weeded. Helping with yard work at the Museum is an excellent service opportunity for any Boy Scout or Girl Scout. If you are looking to put in your service hours, or if you are an adult who knows a youth looking for service, call the Museum and offer your time. It will be greatly appreciated.



Board Chair Ron Phillipppo shows off his painting skills while performing one of the many outdoor maintenance projects for which volunteer help is always needed

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