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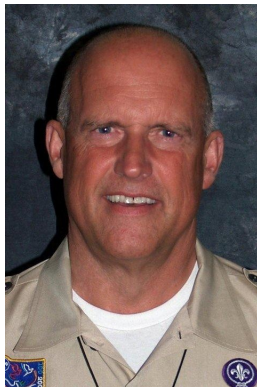
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Museum News

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Start Your Summer Right with the Skunk Reunion



Jon Pederson (pictured above) is the keynote speaker for the 2014 Skunk Reunion.

As a special treat, this year's keynote speaker will be none other than Jon Pederson. Jon's breadth of involvement in Scouting is certain to generate a captivating talk. Having served as a Scoutmaster at many World Jamborees and as a recipient of the Silver Antelope and International Scouter awards, he has a vast background of experience to draw on. He is also known for his sense of humor and booming singing voice. "That's Amore."

The Annual Skunk Reunion has always been a special event for veteran Scouters, and this year will be no exception. The 2014 Skunk Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 31 in the Swanson Lodge at the Fred C. Andersen Camp. The festivities will start with a gathering at 10:30 AM, the meeting at 11:00 AM, and lunch at noon. Last year, fifty-three Skunks enjoyed the fellowship, and we look forward to having even more this year. Mark your calendar now, before you forget it!

You might be asking yourself, "Just who is a Skunk?" Probably you. Anyone who has been a Scouter for fifteen years or more and is a Museum member is a Skunk. Attending the Skunk Reunion is an excellent way to re-meet your old Scouting acquaintances and make some new friends with classic food, fellowship, and fun. With the excellent program we have planned, the Skunk Reunion is a great opportunity to intro-

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Nationally Known Author to Speak at Two Museum Events



Stacy A. Cordery (Photo courtesy of Rachel L. Witzig)

We are excited to announce that nationally recognized author Stacy A. Cordery is making a special trip to the Twin Cities just to see us. She will be spending a "Day at the Museum" on **Thursday, June 12, 2014**. There will be two separate events: The Pause That Refreshes (noon at the Museum) and an evening talk (7:00 p.m. at the Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church).

Ms. Cordery is the author of *Juliette Gordon Low—The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts*. The book was timed for release in conjunction with the Girl Scout's 100th Anniversary. Here is what the *Wall Street Journal* said about Ms. Cordery's remarkable book:

Brownie Scout but one that also lends depth and color to the American Girl Scouts founder's story. Ms. Cordery uses a wealth of historical detail to animate both an era and the author's flawed, sometimes exasperating but generally appealing subject.... The merit badge here goes to Stacy Cordery's biography."

"Of the three books pegged to the Girl Scouts' 100th, the most engaging by far is Stacy A. Cordery's *Juliette Gordon Low*. Ms. Cordery gives us the unexpurgated life—one that might make you want to shield the eyes of the nearest

Your first chance to see Ms. Cordery will be a special edition of the "Pause That Refreshes." As you may know, the "Pause That Refreshes" is the Museum's regular speaker event for members,

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uce friends and family to the Skunks and the Museum. The more, the merrier—and the smellier.

In addition to a great keynote speaker, each Skunk Reunion includes the announcement of Skunk of the Year. The coveted Skunk of the Year is awarded based on an individual's long and outstanding service to youth in the Scouting program. Charlie Opp and Joan Robbins were both recognized at last year's reunion as co-Skunks of the Year.

This year's recipient is yet to be determined. In fact, the selection committee could use your help. If you would like to nominate someone for this distinction [sic], please use the nomination form included in this edition of the *Museum News*. In addition, a nomination form, as well as a registration form for the Skunk Reunion, can also be found on the Museum's website at nssm.org. Note that the deadline for Skunk of the Year nominations is May 5, and nominations received after that date will be considered for 2015. We want to hear

from you.

Register for the Skunk Reunion right away while the event is on your mind. The registration deadline is May 29, 2014. Register today and nominate a Skunk of the Year! Charlie Opp has again volunteered to prepare the Skunk lunch—keeping the price at \$13.00. 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 Reunion!

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friends and interested individuals. Come to the Museum from 12:00-1:30 to hear Ms. Cordery share her research on the life of Juliette Gordon Low and why it was so important to tell Juliette's story—not just for Girl Scouts, but for all women! The lecture is \$10 and includes a light lunch. Just RSVP to Stephanie at 651-748-2880 or sweiger@nssm.org

The evening program will run from 7:00 -9:00. Don't miss your second opportunity to meet this wonderful author and supporter of Girl Scouts! Enjoy a lively presentation on Girl Scout history and hear great stories that are sure to inspire. Ms. Cordery's talk is open to all and will take place at the Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8 West 60th St., Richfield, MN 55417. The cost is \$2 per person. Coffee and cake will be served and there will be an opportunity to have your copy of the book

signed following the presentation and Q&A. Book your place at the evening program by contacting Stephanie with an RSVP at 651-748-2880 or sweiger@nssm.org.

Attracting a national figure like Ms. Cordery is quite exciting for the Museum. We would like to share our excitement with you by seeing you at one or both events. Sign up today!

Say Hello to a Friendly New Face

In February, we were sad to see Katy Epler leave the Museum after barely a year. She is leaving with regrets but found a great job much closer to her home in Bloomington.

However, the good news is the Museum hired a replacement, Stephanie Weiger, from Forest Lake. Stephanie is a freelance writer-editor and has a great deal of experience working with seniors. She will ably fill Katy's shoes. Next time you are at the Museum, introduce yourself to Stephanie.



Katy Epler (right) welcomes her replacement, Stephanie Weiger.

The Museum Has a Kiosk

The Museum acquired a brand new kiosk in February. What is a kiosk? Here is what the Merriam-Webster online dictionary has to say about the word:

ki'osk
noun \ 'kē- äsk\
 . . . 3. small stand-alone device providing information and services . . . <a museum with interactive kiosks>

Our new kiosk occupies the Museum lobby and it provides a great deal of information. Conceived and constructed on short notice by designer Steve Harmon, the kiosk was delivered just in time for Justice Wright's "Pause" event on February 12.

The kiosk provides an excellent introduction to the Museum for new visitors. After circumnavigating the structure, a visitor can conceptualize our name and mission. It is a super device, filled with photographs from both the collection and the Museum archive. It shows both historical and contemporary Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting and has the Museum's name on the two sides that face the doors. While the kiosk is movable, it will likely remain in the center of the lobby. Even if you are not a new Museum visitor, you will want to see the kiosk for yourself. I am sure you will agree that it is an excellent addition.



Steve Harmon appears above with his creation

New Members Since February 2014

- Katherine J. Epler
- Patricia Frankenfield
- Roger Green
- Jim Lindfors
- John G. Patterson
- Marie L. Rice
- Steve R. Wilcox

Pause for a Wild Moose

It is time for a walk on the wild side. Plan on lunch at the Museum for the "Pause That Refreshes" on Monday, May 12, 2014 from noon to 1:30.



Why do we call it a walk on the wild side? The Museum will be welcoming as presenters members of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources **Moose Research Team**. This team of scientists is striving to save our Minnesota moose population. Come hear their amazing stories of high adventure and commitment to saving the Minnesota moose as they share their latest data and hopes for the future of wildlife in Minnesota.



DNR Moose Research Team

Make tracks to the North Star Museum for this exciting edition of the Pause That Refreshes! Invite your friends and colleagues to join you. All are welcome. To RSVP, contact Shirley De la Torre at sdelatorre@nssm.org. The lecture is \$10 and includes a light lunch.

Know of anyone interested in joining?

Contact:

Stephanie Weiger
 651-748-2880 or
sweiger@nssm.org

Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by May 5, 2014

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!**

2014 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, May 31, 2014

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 28, 2014

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
2840 Seventh Avenue East
North St. Paul, MN 55109

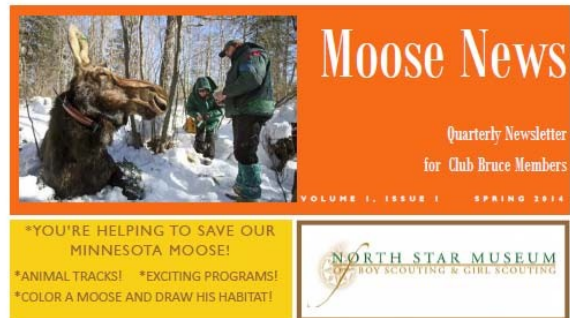
Museum Pinewood Derby Track in Action



Club Bruce Reaches a Milestone

As you may have read about in these pages over the last several months, Club Bruce is the Museum's new youth membership program. In February, Club Bruce published its first ever newsletter. Now, in addition to the Museum News, you can read about Club Bruce in the *Moose News*. Please encourage the young people you know to sign up to be a member of Club Bruce. It is only \$35 per year and includes many extras in addition to the *Moose News*. A snippet from the first edition is included here.

Cover page of the first issue of *Moose News*



Greetings Club Bruce Members!

Happy Spring, and welcome to our first "Moose News" newsletter! :D

We hope everyone is excited for 2014! Here at the North Star Museum we are busy planning our year: Merit Badge Workshops, Pinewood Derby, Overnight at the Museum, and more!

So settle in for some interesting moose facts, nature fun and more!



The Moose – scientific name *Alces alces* – has been a part of the Minnesota wilderness for thousands of years. The largest member of the deer family, the moose stands about 2 meters at their shoulder and weighs about 950 – 1,000 pounds.

Algonquin for 'twig eater,' these gentle giants are usually very peaceful and shy of humans. These amazing animals have become a symbol of the 'wild Minnesota northland.' Alas, the population of our Minnesota Moose has been dramatically dropping and our friends at the Minnesota DNR are very concerned!



A special team with the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources has been diligently seeking answers to this mysterious decline. Using radio collars and GPS telemetry the researchers can locate a moose that is down. The subsequent information they retrieve helps them to understand why the moose population is dropping, and helps them to formulate a solution, so we can save our Minnesota moose! The North Star Museum is proud to be a part of this important research! The DNR and the North Star Museum want to thank YOU, too! As a Club Bruce member you are helping to save the Minnesota Moose!

Another Camp North Star Success Story

A huge bright spot for the Museum in 2014 is the successful launch of the Museum's camping program. The entire year's schedule is nearly full.

On the March 8/9 weekend, we welcomed Junior Troop # 54153. The girls worked on their aMUSE Journey, which includes learning about stereo-types, the many roles we play, and what it means to be a good leader. Volunteer Nell Nere created journey activities that were embraced by Girl Scouts and leaders alike. The standard activities of GORP and songs around the indoor campfire, decorating stash bags, learning animal tracks, making camp journals, and having s'mores were also on the adventures itinerary. The end of daylight savings time made for

some puffy eyes the next morning, but juice and pancakes (and coffee for the leaders) made it a happy morning. Volunteer Bonna Scherer arrived Sunday morning to help out and gave the girls a wonderful lecture on Girl Scout History as she took them through the Girl Scout exhibits in the Museum.

As this issue of the *Museum News* went to press, only the following dates are open: July 19/20; Nov. 15/16; and, Dec. 6/7. The fun begins at 7:00 pm Saturday night and ends at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The cost is \$35 per person, the minimum group size is ten and the maximum group size is



The Juniors of Troop 54153 enjoy Camp North Star.

twenty-five. The group must bring one adult chaperone for every five kids. Sign up now before your 2014 opportunity is gone.

Spread the Word—Super Merit Badge Weeks Are Coming!

Once again, the Museum will sponsor and host a summer full of merit badge opportunities for our youth. Like the last two summers, Super Merit Badge Weeks will be held in June, July, and August. The dates are June 23-28, July 14-19, and August 11-16.

Our goal is to schedule as many merit badges as possible. In the past, the merit badges have included the three Citizenship badges, Law, Cycling, Collecting, Scouting Heritage, Swimming, Rifle, Medicine, Photography, and others. Watch the Museum website and your e-mail in-box (if you are on the mailing list) for the announcement of our schedule. The merit badge classes often sell out. So, if you are a Scout, you want to sign up quick, and if you are an adult, get the word out to the Scouts you know.

We are always looking to expand our list of merit badge offerings. If you are a registered Northern Star Council merit badge counselor and have a current youth protection training certificate, you are eligible. We would like to add you to our powerful arsenal of counselors. Just call John Guthmann (651-276-2133) or send him an e-mail (jguthmann@msn.com). You could find yourself on the schedule this summer for a rewarding counseling experience. Spread the word—Super Merit Badge Weeks are coming!





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Save the Date Because We Want to Celebrate—You!

The Museum could not possibly provide the ever expanding list of programs in a beautifully functional building without volunteers. Please save Tuesday evening, June 17, starting at 6:00 p.m., for our volunteer appreciation event. Call it our “Night of a Thousand Stars.” Plan on dinner, a slideshow, a thank-you presentation, and a pinning ceremony. In other words, you will enjoy a great evening of fellowship, fun, and food. You will not want to miss this event.



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