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PENCIL IN THE ANNUAL MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

With an early August hint of fall in the air, it is time to fill out your fall calendar. The North Star Museum Annual Meeting should be right at the top of the list. This year's event is Saturday, October 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Rosene Center. However, it is not just an Annual Meeting for members. It will also coincide with the Museum's first Open House. So, if you have not yet had a chance to see the new Guthmann Gallery lighting or the ultra-violet protective window murals, the Annual Meeting/Open House is a perfect opportunity. Bring your friends, fellow members, prospective members. The Museum looks terrific!



Museum Director Claudia Nicholson presenting the State of the Museum at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

In addition to seeing what is new with the building, there will be other things to do and see. Of course, plan on having a chance to bid for items during the silent auction. You never know what you might find on the silent auction tables. Some items are collectible, some are practical, and some might even be edible. Proceeds benefit the Museum. If you have something to donate to the silent auction, just give Claudia or Shirley a call or drop them an e-mail.

After allowing time for you to see our "new look" gallery, the annual business meeting will be convened in the Founders Hall. As usual, there will be a guest speaker and information on all of the new and exciting activities going on at the Museum. The Annual Report will be presented and election results announced. Of course, key volunteers will be recognized and Claudia will bring us up to date on "the State of the Museum."

After the business is done, stay a bit longer for fellowship and lunch. More details will appear in the members mailing, which you will receive shortly. The mailing will include the Annual Meeting registration form and the Board of Directors election ballot. This year's ballot will also include a proposed amendment to the Museum Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. See you at the Annual Meeting/Open House in October!



Please Vote!

Shortly you will receive a separate mailing with the Annual Meeting Registration, Election Ballot and proposed By-Laws Amendment. Please return the registration form and don't forget to vote!

Dr. Walsh Draws Largest Pause That Refreshes Crowd Yet

As reported in these pages over the past year, the Pause That Refreshes has proven to be an extremely successful Museum program. On July 12, nationally renowned author and children's brain development expert, Dr. David Walsh, drew the largest "Pause" crowd ever. Over sixty people were in attendance to hear Dr. Walsh preview his upcoming book and discuss the latest brain development research. He certainly gave us all "pause" to think.

In August, the "Pause" welcomed Anthony Thomas, the nation's two millionth Eagle Scout. Since Anthony was recognized for his landmark achievement, his life has been a whirlwind. Attendees learned about the excitement he experienced through his travels, the life view that led to his reaching the Eagle rank, and his plans for the future.



Dr. David Walsh discussed the latest brain development research at the July 12 "Pause that Refreshes."

The Pause That Refreshes will continue to schedule exciting speakers for noon-time lunch meetings on the twelfth of each month. Look for press re-

leases, e-mail blasts, the Museum web site and the *Museum News* for confirmation of each "Pause" event.



"The Pause That Refreshes on August 12 produced another surging and enthusiastic crowd to see Anthony Thomas, the nation's two millionth Eagle Scout. Anthony, shown at left, is entering his senior year at Drake University, where he is majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Rhetoric. At the Pause, his rhetoric was masterful, as he guided the audience through his many memorable, and world wide, experiences as the Centennial Scouting Ambassador."

This Is Not Pinball—Tilting is Good!

Thanks to an innovative web site, the Museum has secured funding to design a new hands-on exhibit designed to bring Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting to life for youthful visitors. The need for a fresh approach for our youngest visitors is obvious to the most casual Museum volunteer. Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting utilize hands-on learning for all of their kids. It is a vital part of their respective programs. As a Museum dedicated to telling the stories of Scouting in the upper Midwest, it is critical that we develop a hands-on history space in our home. Ten-year-olds simply cannot endure a tour without touching. The Museum staff does not have the expertise to develop such a space themselves.

In that spirit, the Museum found

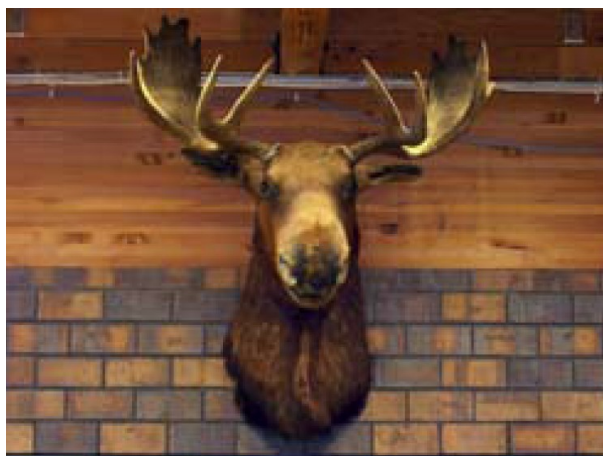
Museology, a consulting firm that can help us make this vision a reality. *Museology* is a small, locally based consulting firm that creates exhibits that help bring stories to life through narrative, images, artifacts and interactive components. It will help us create a hands-on history space that may allow visitors to learn Morse code, flag signaling, identify animals by their tracks, or perhaps learn to tie up a burglar with just eight inches of rope, as early Girl Scouts did.

As with many good ideas, it does not come without a cost. *Museology's* consulting fee for the design is \$7,250. An innovative program idea warranted an innovative approach to fund raising. Enter Crowdfund, the new website that helps organizations raise money. To use Crowdfund, you just need to

create a project description, set a funding goal, and put the project on the Crowdfund web site. Then, you promote the project everywhere you can, tweets, email, Facebook, and every other conventional and non-conventional means you can. The key is that no donation need be paid unless the project *tilts*. To tilt is to reach goal. It is the perfect vehicle to build community support behind a project.

Because of your support, our hands-on exhibit project tilted and the money was raised. The Program Committee has already met with *Museology* to start brainstorming the exhibit design. Keep your eyes on the gallery, for it will not be long before you can see the tangible benefits of tilting for yourself.

JUST WHO IS BRUCE THE MOOSE?



presence that looms over all who enter the gallery. Yes, it is that old moose that was rescued by Museum

members long ago. Our moose was originally on display at Camp Neibel, the former St. Paul Area Council camp at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. But did you know the moose has been named?

“Bruce” the moose will soon be calling on all boys and girls to join “Club Bruce.” Promoted

by bright colors and clever artwork, Club Bruce will become a point of entry for all youth coming to the Museum. Through Club Bruce membership, youth will participate in Museum programs, achieve advancement in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and learn more about the history of Scouting. In addition, membership in Club Bruce will include an educational opportunity to find out about the decline of Minnesota’s moose population, as are looking into partnerships with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Save MN Moose, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the Minnesota moose population. Spread the word—if you are not in Club Bruce, you are just a square.

New Members Since June 2013

- Karen Foster
- Christina Hursh
- Steve Panning
- Deb Pleasants
- Mike & Ruth Rolfs

Know of anyone
interested in joining?
Contact Katy Epler
at 651-748-0660 or
kepler@nssm.org and
she will gladly help
you.

Super Merit Badge Weeks



For the third consecutive year, the Museum provided a great alternative for boys “stuck” at home between their summer camping experiences—Super Merit Badge Week. Once again, the program was a success as boys continued to express interest in advancement year round.

Like 2012, the Museum offered a Super Merit Badge Week in June, July, and August. The offerings included Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Woodworking,

Swimming, Communications, Collecting, Family Life, Medicine, Genealogy, and Personal Fitness. Sixteen separate classes were offered, which exceeded the number of courses available in 2012. A total of 135 boys registered for the classes.

As fall approaches, check out the website as we plan our next offering of merit badge workshops. In the meantime, an enthusiastic thank you is extended to our 2013 Super Merit Badge Week counselors:

John Capecchi, Carrie Gott, John Ksylyczyn, Dr. George Smith, Claudia Nicholson, Will Sulzbach, Tim Barrett, Karen Leichtle and Kurt Leichtle. A special thank you goes to Merit Badge Workshop Committee member and registrar Carol Forrest.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEER HONORED

The Girl Scouts River Valleys Council has recognized the generosity of North Star Museum Board of Directors member Robbi Moore. Through her gift, Camp Lakamaga recently completed the construction of the Second Winds Gathering Place. Added to the outside of the Mary Randall troop house at camp, the project consists of a large wooden platform and an amphitheater seating area. The new addition will be used for opening and closing ceremonies and it will give thousands of girls attending camp in the future an opportunity to per-

form and engage in other fun activities. Robbi dedicated her gift to the memory of her parents, Lt. Col. Robert and Dorothy Jean Moore.

The Council plans a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 8 to celebrate the Second Winds Gathering Place and the Moore family. If you would like to attend, just contact another North Star Museum Board of Directors member, Stephanie Pommier. You can reach her by phone at 800-845-0787 or by e-mail, stephnie.pommier@girlscoutsrv.org.



Second Wind Gathering Place.

Interested in working with the collection?

Only have a limited amount of time once a month or once a quarter? We want you!

Contact Katy Epler at 651-748-2660. Even an hour here and there will help!

PLAN YOUR FALL AROUND THE MUSEUM

This fall promises to be an excellent time to enjoy a variety of North Star Museum events. Variety abounds! Mark your calendars:

- September 14: Be at the Museum at 10:00 for a New Member Welcome. If you are a new member, we would like to see you and show you how much we appreciate your support. If you are an existing member, come out and greet our new members and bring a prospective member with you.
- October 5: NSSM will display at the Northern Star Council Webelos Experience at Camp Stearns. For more details, go to the Northern Star Council web site:
<http://northernstarbsa.org/activitiescivicservice/local/WebelosExperience.aspx>
- October 12: North Star Museum Annual Meeting and Open House (see article in this issue of Museum News)
- October 19: Jamboree on the Air at NSSM. Whether you are a boy or a girl, youth or adult, you will not want to miss this world-wide broadcast.
- October 26: NSSM at the University of Scouting. While you are at this Boy Scout training event, stop by our display at the Midway. Also, encourage your friends who are new to Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting to sign up for the "Museums in Scouting" course that Claudia Nicholson and John Guthmann teach.
- November 9: 2013 Founders Hall event. Another class of Founders, Builders, and Trailblazers will be inducted into the prestigious Founders Hall.
- November 16: Give to the Max Day

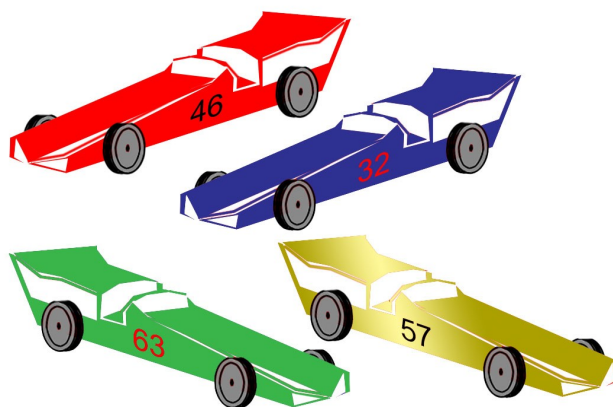
In addition to these events, look for the announcements for other special events, including Pause That Refreshes luncheons on the 12th of each month. We hope you have a good, and educational, time with the Museum this fall.

PINEWOOD DERBY IS COMING TO THE MUSEUM

The Pinewood Derby has been an integral part of the Cub Scout program for decades. As you might expect, the North Star Museum collection includes vintage Pinewood Derby tracks and cars. Thanks to our very active Program Committee, Pinewood Derby, past and present, will soon converge at the Museum.

Through a generous donation from Minnesota Masonic Charities and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, the Museum will soon take delivery of a state of the art Pinewood Derby track. With the new track, we will be

able to sponsor Pinewood Derby racing involving boys and girls, youth and adults. It will be a perfect opportunity for adults and older youth to dust off their old cars and see how they perform against today's youth or even the cars built by their parents. Thus, the new track will allow adults to relive some of their fondest memories while giving today's youth a chance to tune up this year's model. How fun is that? Look for more details on the web-site and in the *Museum News*.



Lighting Project Completed



In late June, the lighting project was concluded with the installation of coverings for the East windows in the gallery. The coverings are imprinted with a photo of Boy Scouts posing with a war canoe at Camp Neibel in the 1930's. In addition to its decorative and historic value, it also blocks harmful ultraviolet rays and protects artifacts in the gallery.

Museum on the Road at the Field Trip Expo



The Museum's exhibit at the Field Trip Expo.

Claudia Nicholson is pictured at the right at the recent Field Trip Expo.



Museum on the Road at the Washington County Fair



A number of Museum volunteers supported our exhibit at the Washington County Fair. Pictured at the left are Joe Reding with two members of Troop 113.

Junior Girl Scout Heather Pommier is shown working the Museum's Washington County Fair exhibit.



Chuck and Judy Clausen are obviously enjoying their time working the Museum's Washington County Fair exhibit.

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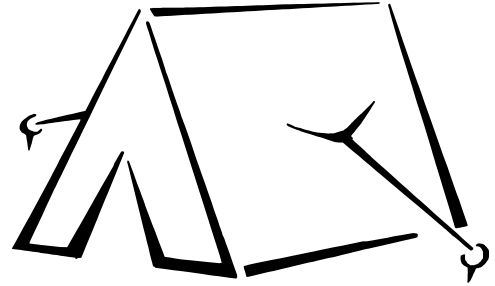
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COME TO CAMP NORTH STAR

Since the Rosene Center opened in North St. Paul, many have clamored for a chance to camp overnight at the Museum. Well, we have finally answered the call. This fall, the Museum plans to pilot an overnight camping program for troops. "Overnight at the Museum" will include a campfire, activities and crafts, and "sleeping under the stars" in the gallery. The adventure concludes with a pancake breakfast the next morning and a take-home souvenir. If successful, look for more youth camping opportunities at the Museum.



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