

NORTH STAR MUSEUM BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Don't Forget the Museum as the Year Ends

You probably received Claudia Nicholson's year-end financial appeal letter in November. The letter produced a nice response for the annual GiveMN.org "Give to the Max Day" on November 17. However, as you know, the Museum survives almost entirely on the generous giving of its members and friends. The year-end appeal is the single largest source for annual operating funds. So please give before the year ends, and take advantage of a 2012 tax deduction. (With the possible "fiscal cliff" looming, who knows what deductions will be around next year?)

Of course, you can just send a check directly to the Museum. You can also give through the GiveMN.org website. Your gift through GiveMN.org can be made on a one-time basis or, better yet, as a sustaining gift that is automatically charged to your credit card each month. How easy is that! Sustaining memberships are the surest path to the Museum's financial health. There is another benefit to making your individual or sustaining membership gift through the GiveMN.org website: we pay a significantly lower credit card charge. As a result, you save the Museum administrative processing time, and more of your gift goes to Museum programs—a win/win. So make your gift today!



They've Been Good For Goodness Sake

Museum volunteers gathered at the Museum to be recognized and honored on the morning of December 1. In addition to coffee and treats, the volunteers were treated to sincere thanks and a talk on the importance of volunteers to the Museum's history and ongoing work. Claudia took time to show various projects that had been completed by volunteers and took everyone around the Mu-

seum to see more work that volunteers had done. Pictured here, left to right, are: Bob Pettitt, Gary Gorman (Volunteer Team Leader), Pat Frankenfield, Lorena Palm, Becca Emmons, Ron Phillippo, Joan Robbins, Santa Claus (Chuck Clausen), Tim Jopek, Claudia Nicholson, Barb Herrmann, Mike Lund, and Bonna Scherer. Photograph by John Guthmann, who was also there. . .



Members of the Bartelt family are pictured beneath Harry Bartelt's tribute at the Founders Hall celebration. From left to right are Mary Bartholomew, Lynn Nyhus, Sarah Howard, Grace Howard, Mike Howard.

Another Terrific Founder's Hall Recognition Celebration

On November 10, the third annual Davis & Randall Founders Hall recognition celebration cemented this as one of the Museum's most important events. Thirty-five guests and family members joined to celebrate the heritage of Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, and the Museum as embodied in the work of those being honored. Gallery tours preceded the honoring of this year's Founders, Builders and Trailblazers.

The recognition of new Founder's Hall honorees was emceed by John Guthmann. Girl Scout volunteer and former Girl Scouts of the United States of America President Jane Freeman was presented as a Founder by Lorena Palm.

Boy Scout volunteer and former Council President Bruce Richard was introduced as a Founder by Howard Guthmann. Ron Phillipppo introduced our new Builder, Boy Scout volunteer and former Council President Mike Galvin. Finally, the Trailblazers were presented. Harry Bartelt, a Boy Scout professional and author of the internationally known song "On My Honor", was introduced by Claudia Nicholson. Girl Scout volunteer Katherine Abbott was introduced by Barbara Herrmann.



Newly honored Builder Mike Galvin (on the left) and Founder Bruce Richard are pictured at the Founder's Hall Celebration.

Following the formal ceremony, a luncheon was enjoyed at tables—one for each honoree—scattered throughout the Guthmann Family Gallery. It was a joyous event for one and all. If you were not there, you will not want to miss the 2013 event!

Have Your Next Party or Family Get-Together at the Museum

By Debra Guthmann Ternus

I have been a Museum member for many years due to the friendly influence of my brother and father. However, my California residency made it difficult to visit the Museum—until last month. You see, my father was about to turn 90 and family was coming into the Twin Cities for Thanksgiving. The long weekend provided a perfect opportunity for a family birthday gathering, but we needed a location. My brother's suggestion of the Museum turned out to be a perfect choice.

On Friday, November 23, about thirty-five family members and a few others gathered in the Founder's Hall for the Howard Guthmann 90th Birthday Party. It could not have worked out better. As we set up, arriving guests toured the gallery. My nephew Will was so excited about the opportunity that he even wore his Webelos uniform. The large tins of food we brought in from Buca di Beppo were kept warm in the kitchen oven, while the refrigerator accommodated anything that needed chilling. The Museum has enough tables, chairs and tablecloths to support up to 100 people. In addition to food and beverages, we brought in our own plates, silverware and glasses. With the Museum's projector and screen we could show a PowerPoint presentation celebrating my father's life. We even broadcast a birthday video from my niece Abby, who was studying abroad in Africa. After cake and a song, we cleaned up and the celebration was over. Claudia Nicholson could not have been more accommodating.

The Museum turned out to be a convenient place for our gathering and it was also a departure from the usual party locations. The Museum's building rental rates are also reasonable. If you have a party or other celebration on your horizon, I urge you to hold it at the North Star Museum. Happy Birthday, Dad!

Jamboree on the Air Draws a Crowd

On October 20, the Museum hosted the Jamboree on the Air (“JOTA”), an international event designed to connect Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Girl Guides from around the world over the airwaves. Thanks to Museum member Bob Elliot and Venture Crew 3373, Radio Station KØBSA was on site with a transmission truck and a live connection in Founders Hall. Over fifty boys, girls and adult leaders attended. The kids were able to speak to other Scouts all over the world. In addition, thanks to the generosity of Kurt Leichtle, up to twenty-five kids were able to assemble their own crystal radios from kits. The kits were more complicated than they looked—not everyone was adept at spooling the fine copper wire. It was quite a sight, seeing kids try to recapture yards of uncooperative wire. In the end, the program was a big success and plans are already underway to host JOTA in 2013.



For one day in October, the Museum was a radio station. Pictured above is the transmission truck in the parking lot.



A table full of kids building crystal radios at the Jamboree on the Air.



Surrounded by kids waiting for the chance to get in a few words, a young man leans in to speak to someone on the radio at the Jamboree on the Air.

BOOYA 2-YA

By Jim Rupert

The second annual Skunk Booya was held on Dec. 1, 2012. Nine Skunks attended, an increase of three over last year. Four of them came back for second helpings of booya. Again, it was spicy, but all agreed that the flavor was better as a result. Other than the mystery ingredient, most of the recipe consisted of traditional harvest items.

There were no announcements, just conversation about “cabbages and kings”*—whatever came to mind. Before this second annual was over, there was a brief discussion (and suggestions) on when and where to hold the third Skunk Booya. And again, one Skunk took home some of the leftovers.

* “The time has come,” the Head Skunk said, “to talk of many things: of shoes—and ships—and ceiling wax—of cabbages—and kings...” (Isn’t that how it goes?)

Girls Prepare for Day of Service at the Museum

On Saturday, September 29, the Museum offered a program to prepare Girl Scouts to participate in the River Valleys Council's Centennial Day of Service in October. In order to earn the event patch, each participating girl had to complete one hour of water-quality activities prior to the event, and we provided that opportunity. Since we hosted Girl Scouts from Daisy through Senior levels, Nell Nere devised a well-received program that took into account all the girls' ages. The program was quite a success: forty girls and their leaders participated in the event.

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