



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Gifts for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on Your Holiday List!

Well, it is THAT time of year once more. This year, shop the North Star Museum Gift Shop to find the perfect gift for anyone with a passion for Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting. Bruce the Moose picked his Museum Gift Shop favorites, and we think you'll agree these make GREAT GIFTS for "the Scouter who has everything." Check out these items:

North Star Museum Logo Mug

Featuring a large size, handsome logo, and microwave-ability, it is a great mug for your coffee, hot chocolate, or tea! Just \$8.00



The new Museum mug is flying off the shelves this holiday season. Get one today for your favorite Boy Scout or Girl Scout history buff!

Bruce the Moose Plush Toy

Every youngster loves Bruce the Moose (some adults too) and this plush comes with moose habitat info and educational details. Only \$8.00



Santa (Chuck Clausen) Claus says: "This year, shop at the North Star Museum for your holiday gifts."

Book: Legacy of Honor by Alvin Townley

The quintessential book for all Boy Scouts it is especially meaningful for a recent (or up and coming) Eagle Scout. Just \$24.95

Book: Juliette Gordon Low – The Extraordinary Founder of the Girl Scouts by Stacy A. Cordery

If you're a Girl Scout, this is one book you cannot do without. Only \$17.00

Book: Honor Bright: A Century of Scouting in Northern Star Council by Dave Kenney

The definitive history of Boy Scouting in central Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Only \$20.00

A Gift of North Star Museum Membership

Purchase your loved one or friend a certificate for membership in the Museum. A must-have for any Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Leader, Alum or history buff, a certificate of Museum Membership is available for each of the four membership levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Benefits are: invites to members only events, priority booking for public events, discounts in the museum gift shop, discounts on programs, the Bi-Monthly Museum News, and more. What a great stocking stuffer idea!

Come to the North Star Museum to check out our exhibits and then do some holiday shopping. Ho, ho, ho!

From the Director

I am looking back on quite a year. If you don't remember it, I'd like to help you. With the holidays in mind, I will reflect on 2014 with an eye toward the people, things, and events that I am thankful happened.

We have had a plateful of wonderful programs for youth and adults. Throughout the year, we have invited people in, helped them learn something that they did not know, and shown them a *good time*. However, I am particularly grateful for the following, which are the highlights of my North Star Museum year:

- The Founders Hall event on November 1. It was super, probably one of our best yet. The honorees felt honored, the introducers were heartfelt in their praise of the honorees, we had the right number of people, excellent food, and plenty to make our honorees feel special on such an important day.
- The Annual Meeting on October 11. Good crowd, good grub, and a speaker who managed to convey through her talk the importance of what we do. Bobbie Scott reported on her research into the 3,000 mile hike manuscript that has been in our collection for years and will someday be published for the world to see and appreciate.
- The June visit by Stacy Cordery. We were proud to host the author of the definitive biogra-

phy of Girl Scout Founder Juliette Gordon Low. Hosting Stacy, and having her speak both at the *Pause* over lunch and in Bloomington that evening, was a delight. We all learned a lot about the founding of Girl Scouts.

- The first annual Volunteer Recognition event on June 17. The Museum's many accomplishments would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of dozens and dozens of volunteers. At last, we were able to properly thank them, and present them with a token of our esteem—the super Little Dipper pin with a “gem” signifying the North Star.
- Our new membership program. Rolled out on July 1, the new membership program has, thus far, been well received. It was gratifying to see members renew at higher-than-the-basic level!
- Work on the collection. Attention to our collection moved more quickly this year, thanks in large part to the hard work of Paul Bartyzal, who is managing the transition from our Access-based database to PastPerfect. Paul worked with Becca Emmons, who is developing and writing a manual of procedures for handling our incoming collections in the context of the new program. Also lending crucial assistance was Judy Clausen, who worked hard to keep up with

incoming collections by entering them into PastPerfect and doing the paperwork necessary for the Collections Committee to do its work.

- The Exhibits Committee. Our Exhibits Committee has taken off in its work to create exhibits that will change over time and become more professional. The new Camp Neibel Totem Pole exhibit has a new stand and the interpretation and photographic material placing it into historical context will be added soon. Development of our Centennial OA exhibit work is progressing enthusiastically. Finally, we are all working hard to ensure that the Hands-on History exhibit is the best thing we have done in years!
- The large uptick in Girl Scouts visiting the Museum. Girl Scouts have leapt upon the opportunities presented by *Overnights at the Museum*, as well as coming in to work on a badge or learn some Girl Scout history. The word of mouth amongst Girl Scouts in the West Metro is awesome!

The month of October was nothing short of astounding in its busyness, and November did not slow down much. We are working hard in December to reflect, wrap-up, and plan, plan, plan for an exciting 2015. We hope to see all of you sometime during what is promising to be a spectacular new year!

Plan Your 2015 Overnight at the Museum!

When the Museum started its Overnight at the Museum camp-in/lock-in program, we had no idea what a hit it would become. Little did we know it would be THE event of the season for many Girl Scouts! After running Overnight at the Museum for over a year, we re-evaluated the program and we have even bigger plans for 2015. Our volunteers gave us some great ideas to enhance an already great program. Here are the 2015 dates for Overnight at the Museum:

January 17-18
February 21-22
March 21-22
April 18-19

May 16-17
October 3-4
November 7-8
December 5-6

To ensure a continuation of great program and top-notch leaders, we have adjusted the pricing and the number of participants needed to reserve a weekend. We now require a minimum of fifteen guests and the cost is \$50 per person.

As before, Overnight at the Museum includes all food and beverages for the night, breakfast the next morning, and all program materials related to your customized overnight. A \$100 deposit secures your date, and it is first come, first serve.

Overnight at the Museum is a wonderful event for Girl Scouts as well as Cub Scouts and younger Boy Scouts. There is even the option to roll in a Girl Scout Journey or a Merit Badge. **Other organizations may offer overnights too, but ours is half the price and it's tailored to your Scouting needs!** So sign up your Troop, Pack, or Service Unit for an Overnight at the Museum Camp-in Adventure! A fantastic time at a great price is guaranteed. Sign up today before all of the dates are taken.



A proud Girl Scout shows off her creation at a recent Overnight at the Museum.

New Members Since October 2014

- *George L. Allen*
- *Barbara Kelly*
- *James Wolf*
- *Dan Zemke*

*Know of anyone
interested in
joining? Contact:
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Book a Pinewood Derby at the Museum



This group of Cub Scouts is having a blast racing their cars on the Museum's track.

As 2015 begins, so begins Pinewood Derby season. Did you know that the Museum has a state-of-the-art Pinewood Derby track? The implications are significant. If your unit does not have a track, or is looking for a better track, a unit may schedule its Pinewood Derby at

the Museum. Individuals and units may also reserve an appointment to use the Museum's track to test, time, and adjust cars. Imagine the extra fun your Cubs may have and the additional experience they may gain after a session on the Museum's track. Think of the peace of

mind a boy might have knowing that his car will not break into bits on the first run. If it falls apart on a practice run at the Museum, we have the tools and materials to help the youngster put it back together more securely.

It is not expensive to take advantage of the Museum's track. Whether you want to do test runs, practice runs, or run an entire unit's "Derby" at the Museum, the cost is only \$5 per racer and \$2 for everyone else.

The Museum's Pinewood Derby track is not just for boys. Plenty of Girl Scout groups have enjoyed racing at the Museum. Several Pinewood Derby races have already been booked for 2015. Do not wait. Call the Museum to book a Derby or a practice session today!



Two Cub Scouts at the finish line.



A young lady shows off her Pinewood Derby car.

Making Your List and Checking it Twice—For 2014 Year-end Giving!

Did you know the year-end appeal is the Museum's single largest source of annual operating funds? Thanks to you, 2014 was our best year ever! New programs have taken flight in a BIG WAY, increasing visits to the Museum significantly. Overnights at the Museum and Merit Badge workshops have seen increasing attendance and word is spreading about the North Star Museum. New displays grace our building and we are refurbishing some of our most beloved exhibits, including the famous Camp Neibel totem pole. There is much, much more in the works for 2015. Phase I of our hands-on history exhibit will be unveiled next summer, as well as our Order of the Arrow 100th Anniversary exhibit. As you can see, the North Star Museum is growing, Growing, GROWING!

In October, the year-end financial appeal letter was mailed. We asked for your help, as our resources feed our growth. But, we require assistance with our

core needs to keep the doors of the Museum open. To help fund our core needs, we offered a generous matching fund of \$16,500, courtesy of our Board of Directors. We are delighted to announce that the match was consumed by your generosity. If you took advantage of the match and made a gift to the North Star Museum, **we thank you from the bottom of our heart!**

Yet, it's not too late to remember the North Star Museum in your year-end giving. We are all knee deep in holiday activity. If, by chance, you set our letter aside and forgot, that is certainly understandable. You can still make a gift to the Museum before December 31 and take advantage of a 2014 tax deduction. Your gift will certainly help us close our books for 2014 on a high note.

There is more than one way to give. Of course, you can just send a check directly to the Museum. But, you can also give

through the GiveMN.org website. Your GiveMN.org gift 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. Funding a sustaining membership is the surest path to help secure the Museum's financial health.

No one is doing what we do. The North Star Museum is the *only* museum that preserves your personal Boy Scout or Girl Scout history. Without us, the only residence for your memories is in your heart. We think your memories deserve an *additional* "home" in which to reside here at the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. That's why we say **Values kept here.**

Many blessings to you and yours this holiday season. And, do not forget the Museum when making your year-end gifts!



A Fabulous Founder's Hall Celebration

Saturday, November 4, brought a large crowd to the Museum for the fifth annual Davis & Randall Founder's Hall recognition event. A new group of honorees was inducted into the Museum's permanent exhibit that recognizes the extraordinary contributions of those special persons who have played a transformative role in the ongoing work of Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, or the Museum. As in past years, the Class of 2014 represented the entire history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in the U.S. The event continues to be one of the highest attended Museum programs of the year.

The formal proceedings were emceed by John Guthmann, who introduced a group of presenters that are special in their own right. Legendary knot expert and early St. Paul Scoutmaster James "Dad" Drew was presented as a Founder by Mike Smith of Troop 17, his original troop, which continues to go strong. Three Builders were also added to the wall of honor. Silver Beaver, Distinguished Community Builder, and Special Needs Scouting Pioneer Alexandra "Sandy" Klas was presented by Hamline University President, Dr. Linda N. Hanson. National Boy Scout figure,

Dan and Joanne Knuth stand with their family's new Founder's Hall display .



Founder's Hall honoree Orem Robbins and Bob Rosene share a light moment after the ceremony.

Brigadier General and doctor George L. Allen was presented by Don Watkins. Distinguished Eagle Scout and long-time Scouting volunteer, Orem O. Roberts was presented by John Andrews. Then, a family of Trailblazers—Dan, Joann, and Kate Knuth were presented by Museum President Ron Philippo. Trailblazer Lorena Palm was the final inductee. This trailblazing Girl Scout volunteer, former Girl Scout Council

CEO, and North Star Museum Board member was inducted by Founder's Hall member Sandy Craighead.

Following the formal ceremony, an excellent lunch was served in the Guthmann Family Gallery. Members, guests, family, and friends had an opportunity to mingle with the honorees. Look for more photos of the event on next page of the *Museum News*.



A Fabulous Founder's Hall Celebration



Sandy and Bob Klas beneath Sandy's display.

Trailblazer Lorena Palm and family at the presentation: Steve Palm (Lorena's son), Inge Palm (her granddaughter), Lorena, and Martha Palm (Lorena's daughter-in-law).



Hamline University President Linda Hanson, inducts Sandy Klas into the Founders Hall.

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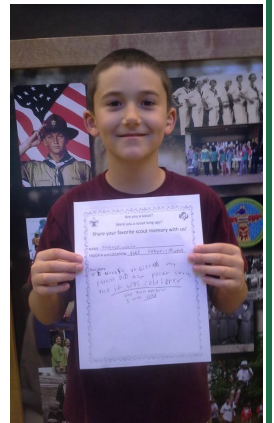
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Scouting Memory of the Month

Treasured memories can be decades old or of recent vintage. Some fade over time and others stick with you. After you read this memory, you can be sure that it will stay with the young man for many years to come.

This month's Scouting memory comes from Joseph, a youngster who is a member of Troop 9261 in Lakeville. When he visited the Museum to do research for his Scouting Heritage merit badge, Joseph could not wait to share his favorite Scouting memory with us!

Joseph's patrol attended Camp Navajo at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. They decided to do the "polar swim" at 6:30 in the morning. Joseph reports: "It was cold! Brrr." Why was it fun? Joseph repeated: "Because it was cold." While others may have a different word for what Joseph did, we think he was brave. Either way, a lasting memory was made.



Joseph of Troop 9261 proudly displays the Scouting Memory form he completed. Brrr!

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