



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Do Not Miss Polar Girls Scout Camp on January 16

Brrrrr! Time to get your chill on! The North Star Museum is hosting a very unique “Overnight at the Museum” on the weekend of January 16-17 with the first-ever “Polar Girls Scout Camp.” Volunteer and Museum Board Member Emily White will be the instructor for this wintery adventure of cold weather survival skills, winter camping techniques, and FUN. Like our other Overnight adventures, the girls will sleep in the gallery (not

outside), and there will be loads of activities and great food. How do healthy snacks and a pancake breakfast sound?

For all of this program, food, and fun, the cost is only \$50 per attendee. However, we need at least fifteen people attending to be able to put on this event. Registration is limited to girls 5th grade level and up. RSVPs are rolling in, but we still have lots of room. Contact Shirley for more details at

sdelatorre@nssm.org or call 651-748-2880. Celebrate a Minnesota winter with Polar Girls Scout Camp!



You never know, maybe a moose will visit when you attend Polar Girls Scout Camp in January.

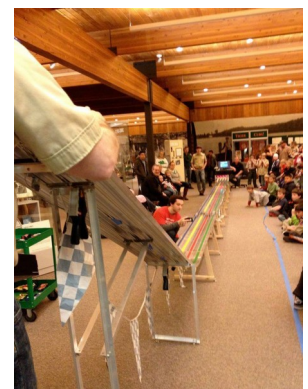
Get Ready for Pinewood Derby Season!

Start your engines! It is Pinewood Derby time once again. Did you know the North Star Museum has a state-of-the-art derby track? Thanks to the generosity of the Minnesota Masonic Charities, we have an amazing track with a high-tech timer for all your Pinewood and Powder Puff derby needs.

There is no need to save your energy for the big race. In fact, if you want

to increase your chances of success, come out to the Museum and test your car. You can come as a Pack, Troop, family, or individual to test your car before the big race. You can also schedule your unit’s *actual* Derby here at the North Star Museum! The cost is just \$5.00 per car/racer and \$3.00 per spectator. We also have “pit crew trained” Museum volunteers who can assist if you need help. Weekends are

booking up fast so reserve your track time at the North Star Museum **TODAY!**



This kind of excitement could be yours if you book a Derby at the Museum

Good-Bye Stephanie Weiger!

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to a delightful woman who has brought organization, infrastructure, warmth, and charm to the North Star Museum. Our administrative assistant “extraordinaire,” Stephanie Weiger, is leaving us to pursue career opportunities a little closer to home. While her family is delighted she will be a lot closer to home, those of us who have worked with her at the Museum are very saddened by her departure.

Stephanie brought her event expertise and her attention to detail to her work; she was a won-

derful sounding board for ideas and strategies. She worked closely with board members, committee members, volunteers, and Museum members on everything from pulling reports eTap-estry donor reports, to assisting with verbiage on letters, helping at events, being a cheerleader, hostess, and more. Stephanie will remain with us intermittently until the end of the year as we search for a new administrative assistant. She will certainly be difficult to replace. Be sure to wish Stephanie well in her new pursuits, and who knows, maybe we will see her here at the Museum as a volun-

teer from time to time. Best wishes, Stephanie. Thank you for everything you have done for the Museum and for us. We will miss you!



Claudia Nicholson and Shirley De la Torre pose for a bittersweet goodbye picture with Stephanie Weiger.

“Membership BOGO” is at the Top of Santa’s List

What’s a great holiday gift for “the Scouter who has everything?” A gift membership to the North Star Museum, that’s what! **THIS YEAR you can get TWO memberships for the price of ONE with our “Buy One, Gift One” Holiday BoGo.**

Here is how Membership BoGo works. **BUY** a new North Star Museum membership (any level) and **get a FREE** Bronze-level membership to **GIFT** to someone special. Could it be easier? However, you need to act now. **This special holiday offer is available only until December 31.**

A North Star Museum membership has value. Members receive discounts on events, programs,

workshops, a discount in our newly expanded gift shop, priority booking for events and programs, as well as special invites to “members only” events. You also receive our bi-monthly Museum News, and a smart looking NSSM membership pin. There are several levels of membership and with a matching premium for each level:

Bronze Level (\$50 - \$74) — handsome NSSM coffee mug

Silver Level (\$75 - \$99) — Rugged flashlight

Gold Level (\$100 - \$149) — Sportsman’s compass

Platinum (\$150 +) — Beautiful leatherette folio and pen.

This year, give the gift of history, adventure, and Scouting fellowship! “Buy ONE, Gift ONE” with a FREE Bronze level membership when you buy one membership at any level. The North Star Museum—*You belong!*



Bronze Level Membership pin.

Your Year-End Generosity Will Make Our 2016 Shine!

When you have a Boy Scout looking to earn his next merit badge, where do you turn? If you have Girl Scouts needing help with their Girl Scout Way Badge, to whom do you go? When you are planning a Scout alumni group meeting and need an extraordinary setting, who do you call? If you have a family gathering, a legacy birthday to celebrate, or you simply want to share your Scouting memories with your children and grandchildren, where do you go? In each case, the answer is the same – The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting!

As we approach the final days of 2015, it is time to reflect upon and appreciate the year's many success stories: our Call to History in April, numerous Courts of Honor, two exciting new exhibits, the Founders Hall celebration, the hundreds of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who visited us for Merit Badge Workshops, S'mores with Juliette, service projects, and so many other events. We are pleased to see our membership ranks growing and our connections to our community expand-

ing. Thanks to you and your support, there is so to be proud of! Yet, there is so much more to accomplish. Therein lays the adventure and the challenge of our future.

Without your continued support, the Museum cannot dream of "what's next." Your year-end gift – no matter the amount – is the fuel we need to keep our doors open, to provide education and leadership opportunities for our youth, to offer enrichment for adult Scouters, and to be a place of history and values for the entire community. Please remember the North Star Museum in your year-end donations. It is so easy to make a difference! The easiest way to give is to visit our website at www.nssm.org, scroll down to the "donate" bar, and click. You can also call us with a credit card or mail a check. Or, better yet, come see us – and bring a friend, bring your family, or bring your Boy Scout or Girl Scout unit. Take a moment to peruse the gallery and share your Scouting memories and stories with us. 'Tis the season for nostalgia—'tis the season for giving.

New/Returning Members Since October 2015

- *Charlie Aasen*
- *Timothy G. Barrett*
- *John Harrington*
- *David A. Johnson*
- *Peter A. Johnson*
- *Linda M. Kempf-Rusch*
- *Christopher Kovanda*
- *Michael Museus*
- *Mark J. Salmen*

Get Ready for Pinewood Derby Season!



Derby Volunteer Dean Thompson does a test run on the "short track."

Hey, you Girl Scouts! Don't forget to schedule your Powder Puff Derby.

Volunteers – the Heart of the North Star Museum

With each issue of the Museum News, we try to share some inspiration about our most beloved supporters—our volunteers. Read on and learn about the many reasons our volunteers share their time, talent, and treasure with us:

From volunteer and board member, Emily White:



Museum Volunteer and Board Member Emily White

When I was young, there were not many options for girls to participate in outside activities, so Girl Scouting was it. I really enjoyed it and had many different leaders because leaders didn't stick it out. When I was a 10th grader, I didn't have a leader so I called the Girl Scout Office to find a troop. The troop they gave me was an established troop that had been together since Brownies but they accepted me as one of their own. I never forgot this and today I search out girls that need a troop wherever they live.

My dad, Ben Webster, was one of the original members of the North Star Memorabilia Society which later became the North Star Museum. He felt very strongly in the Scouting Program, even though he never had the opportunity to be in Scouts as a boy. He volunteered in three different locations organizing Boy Scout items and making cases to hold these items. He volunteered at the State Fair for many years helping to spread the word about the Boy Scout program. One of his proudest moments was when he received the Order of the Oeder Award. I too want to keep Scouting around for many generations to come but I also want to preserve our past for these generations by volunteering at the Museum and with the Girl Scout Heritage Group.

From Volunteer Coordinator, Gary Gorman:



Museum Volunteer Coordinator Gary Gorman

Pay Back or Thank you is my principal motivation for volunteering. Pay back for all the many freely given hours that various Scout leaders gave to me as a young person so many years ago. In retrospect, I surly needed their guidance and time. The Museum's mission of preserving Scouting stories and history is also my mission. I don't have much money to give to our efforts but I am rich in time, so that is what I give most. There is another reason, perhaps a romantic one, but a real one none the less. By volunteering, I am able to keep the Scout's final camp fire burning just a little bit longer!

Would YOU like to volunteer at the North Star Museum? Give us a call and tell us what your interests are – we certainly have areas where we need your help. We will align you with your interests and passions. And, best of all, it is FUN! Tell us what you would like to do for for the Museum. Simply contact Gary Gorman, our Volunteer Coordinator, at gormangary13@hotmail.com.

The Joy of Giving

Searching for those last minute stocking stuffers? Search no more. Come shopping at the North Star Museum Gift Shop and take care of all of your last minute gifts. Check out these items:



Holiday gifts in the Gift Shop.

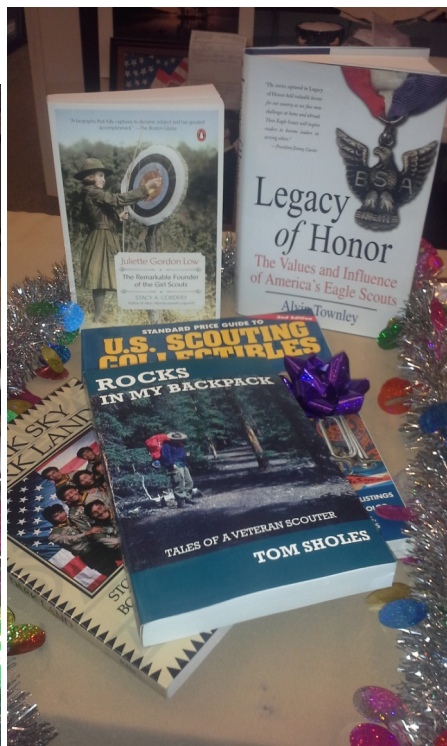
Rugged Sportsman's Compass
\$12.00

Sturdy Camo Flashlight
\$8.50

Handsome NSSM logo mug
\$8.00

Bruce the Moose plush toy
\$8.00

With the coming winter, there is nothing like curling up with a good book. The Museum's shop has a wonderful selection of books:



Books available in the Gift Shop.

Legacy of Honor
\$24.95

**Juliette Gordon Low:
The Remarkable Founder of
Girl Scouts**
\$17.00

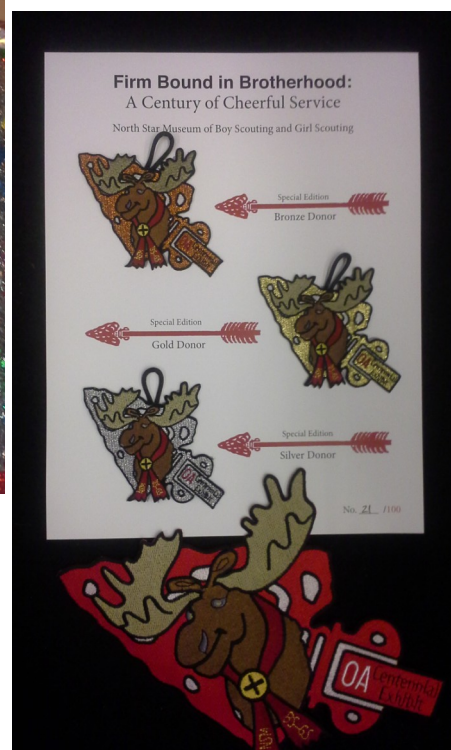
Rocks in my Backpack
\$10.00

U.S. Scouting Collectibles
\$20.00

Diamond in the North
\$12.95

Dark Sky, Dark Land
\$14.95

We also have something special for the Order of the Arrow Boy Scout or Alum on your list. You can purchase our extraordinary Collectors Patch Set of OA Patches to commemorate the 100th anniversary exhibit "Firm Bound in Brotherhood: 100 Years of Cheerful Service." Single patches are available from \$5 up to \$100 and the collectors set is \$200.



OA Patch Set.

Make your holiday sparkle with the time-honored traditions along with the values of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. Celebrate YOUR Scouting history with a gift from the North Star Museum!

Founders Hall 2015 – Accolades and Fellowship!

On Saturday, November 14, the North Star Museum was positively bursting with joy and celebration as we inducted six new honorees into our Founders Hall. Family members, friends, and colleagues of the honored Founders, Builders, and Trailblazers made this year's celebration unique and special.

Emcee Nancy Randall Dana was brought her charm and grace to this time-treasured event. The presence of grandchildren and even a great grand-niece brought a warming touch to the celebration as only children can. The honorees this year were: Founders: Dorothea Burns and J. Kimball Whitney; Builders: Thomas Alt, M.D., Roland Wilsey and Steven Weekes; and, Trailblazer: Barbara Herrmann.

After the ceremony, our guests lined up for a buffet of delicious food from Magnolia's and got comfortable at the honoree's tables in the gallery. Laughter, great conversations, and congratulations bubbled from all around as staff and volunteers made sure everyone was comfortable and having a great time. Volunteer Bonna Scherer donated a few trays of a marvelous apple pie dessert from a local orchard, which sealed the afternoon with a sweet touch of harvest goodness.

Each honoree was sent home with a copy of their Founders Hall plaque along with a memento to frame and display in their home. Everyone had a terrific time and everyone enjoyed the Museum and its new exhibits. The positively Museum glowed, as it does each year for

this signature event. Congratulations to all the honorees. Thank you for sharing your gifts, your friends, and your family with us!



Presenter Jim Bowyer with Builder Steve Weekes.



Presenter Lorena Palm with Founder Dorothea Burns.

Images from Founders Hall 2015



Trailblazer Barb Herrmann.



Xander Herrmann speaks on behalf of Barb Herrmann.



Wheelock Whitney presenting Founder J. Kimball Whitney.



Presenters Wes Laseski, George Baldwin and Sam Foust with Builder and Museum Board Member Dr. Tom Alt.



Builder Roland Wilsey with Jingle Mahan getting lunch.

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Sewing for Service Weaves Threads of Goodness

The Museum's first "Service Saturday for Scouts" was held on Saturday, November 21, and it was a wonderful success. Cadettes from Troop #53595 spent four hours making blankets for a local senior home and a slew of smaller blankets and pull-toys for Animal Ark animal rescue and shelter. Working with the girls were Volunteer Instructors Nell Nere, Bonna Scherer, and Theresa Nere. The girls learned new skills, worked as a team, and created warm, soft blankets and toys for two very worthy causes. Well done, Cadettes!



Troop 53595 show off their efforts at the Saturday Service Day in November.

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