



# NORTH STAR MUSEUM

## OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

### *Museum News*

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### Plan to Attend the 8th Founders Hall Celebration

It is time for you to put the 8th Founders Hall Celebration on your calendar for Saturday, April 28, 2018. The Davis and Randall Founders Hall is an area of the Museum where people meet, kids learn, good work gets done, and fun is had. It is also an area of the building with almost spiritual undertones, for on the walls of the Founders Hall we recognize the men, women, and organizations that helped make Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the North Star Museum what they are today.

Event Chair Stephanie Pommier is planning a memorable event this year. From 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., there will be a special In Memoriam reception to remember three Founders Hall honorees who left us in 2017: Mike Galvin, Ron Phillippo, and Howard Guthmann. The Founders Hall program begins at 11:30 a.m. After the program is completed, lunch will be served. The cost is \$50 per person for anyone who RSVPs by April 18. Otherwise, the charge is \$60 per person. In addition to the program, lunch will be served. Please plan

to attend and help us honor a deserving group of Founders, Builders and Trailblazers for their outstanding contributions to Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, and the Museum. Look for an upcoming announcement of the Founders Hall Class of 2018.

For those new to the Founders Hall Celebration, we have three honoree categories. A **Founder** is an individual who has played a substantial role in the advancement of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or the North Star Museum. A Founder is a visionary leader who has played a meaningful role in the creation, innovation or direction of these Scout institutions over a significant number of years.

**Builders** are the second group of persons or organizations recognized in the Davis and Randall Hall. Builders have made a meaningful impact on one of the Scouting institutions, through their financial support or gifts of influence. A Builder is a transformative leader, persuasive and insightful in their leadership; one who helps make



**Tom Alt looks on as Carol Oldowski delivers her acceptance speech at the 2016 Founders Hall celebration.**

the Founders' vision a reality.

Finally, Founders Hall **Trailblazers** are people who have provided exceptional direct volunteer leadership to Scouting at the grass roots level. Often referred to as "Red Jacket Scouters" in Boy Scouting or "Green Bloods" in Girl Scouting, they carry out the ideas bought forth by the Founders and Builders and deliver them to youth.

Join us on April 28 to recognize and thank this remarkable group of people. Their impact and influence continues. Call Diana Foss to reserve your spot (651-748-2880) or email her at [dfoss@nssm.org](mailto:dfoss@nssm.org).

## Museum Secures Legacy Grant

The Museum got 2018 off to an exciting start by announcing its receipt of a \$46,800 Legacy Grant from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Program. The program is funded by the Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, which directs tax revenue into a special fund that is administered through a competitive grant application process at the Minnesota Historical Society. The Museum has been awarded only one other Legacy Grant of this magnitude. The other funded the lighting project that replaced and updated all of the lighting in the Museum's Guthmann Family Gallery.

The purpose of the grant is to help ensure better dissemination of the historical and teaching opportunities in the Museum's vast collection to youth, museum patrons, and historians. The primary deliverable of the grant is elimination of the Museum's backlog of proffered collections.

As described in the grant case statement, the Museum has collected artifacts and other material since its inception in 1976. However, we were only professionalized in 2005 and due to our small staff, limited number of volunteers, and other pressing concerns, we have built up a backlog of potential donations that have yet to run through our acquisition process. Today, we face at least 300 boxes of unprocessed or partially-processed material, containing as many as 12,000 artifacts, which date back to 2005. The backlog hampers our ability to fulfill our educational mission and provide researchers with access to some absolutely wonderful material.

The grant will fund several part-time collection assistants devoting over 2100 hours of work to the project. The grant calls for project completion by December 1, 2018. By investing this time, we will strengthen our col-



lection, better serve the public, and demonstrate the importance of Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting in Minnesota. We will update our records with these objects' history, allowing us to further serve our educational mission, better preserve what we have, encourage and support researchers in their quest to uncover the heretofore unknown stories of the importance and impact of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in Minnesota, and to make possible sharing of both information and collections with other institutions. The Museum is certainly thankful and appreciative that the grant committee recognized the importance of our unfinished collections work.

## Thank You Derby Night Sponsors

One of our most successful, and fun, events in 2017 was Derby Night at the Museum. Because of our sponsorships, the event was fully paid for. That means all entry fees and silent auction bids went straight into Museum programs. The major event sponsors were Anchor Bank, Aldi, and Ideal Credit Union. Our Engine Block sponsor was Jerome H. Ekblad. Thank you, sponsors! Without these com-

munity partners, we could not offer the same level of quality programming and educational opportunities to our youth.

There are other thanks to go around as well. Many Museum members and community supporters donated items to the silent auction. Thank you to: Terri Anderson, Brenna Barrett, Carpenter's Small Engine, Sandy Craighead, Donatelli's Pizza,

John Guthmann, C.R. Hackworthy, Barb Herrmann, Luther Auctions, Kurt Leichtle, Menards, the Museum Board, Lorena Palm, Bonna Scherer, T.A. Schifsky and Sons, Kristie Wanstrom, and Emily White. We also need to extend a special thank you to our event volunteers: Judy Hunter, Will Sulzbach, Dean Thompson, Chuck Wanstrom and our amazing Derby Taskforce!

## The Holidays Were Hoppin' at the Museum

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, the North St. Paul Community celebrated its annual Holiday Hop along 7th Avenue in downtown North St. Paul. Participants enjoyed complimentary carriage rides, live music, drawings, crafts, free holiday hair flocking, and chocolate. Santa Claus was also on hand as was the famous North St. Paul Snowman.

As a 7th Avenue mainstay, the North Star Museum was a vital part of the action. Over 300 visitors enjoyed their time at the Museum. In addition to viewing the galleries, the Museum had its own craft and eating opportunities for all

guests. If you have never come to the Museum for the Holiday Hop, you really missed a unique event and a great opportunity to secure the holiday spirit for yourself. Do not let another Holiday Hop pass you by.



**Holiday Hop at the Museum**

## And Tigger Too?

Many of you are aware that the Museum is developing an exciting new Service Learning Program to engage youth with their communities. To bring this project to life, the Museum announced the addition of a new staff member in December. Please welcome Peter (Tigger) Lunney as the new program coordinator for the Service Learning Project. He began his duties in January.

Tigger comes to us as a consultant with extensive writing and PR experience. In addition, he has teaching and program coordinator experience in creating new programs with diverse audiences - perfect for kicking off the Service Learning Project! In addition to his Service



**New program coordinator  
Tigger Lunney meets the  
Board of Directors in January.**

Learning Project duties, he will work on grant writing and marketing. Tigger is an Eagle Scout and he has children in both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. As you might expect, he takes an active role in both organizations. Welcome to the Museum, Tigger.

## IN MEMORY OF

### STEVEN & JACK LAPE

- Patricia Kirchner
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- Michael Lund

*[See PAGE 7 for  
additional memorials]*

*Know of anyone  
interested in joining?*

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## Get Ready for a Brand New Exhibit Experience

The public Grand Opening of the Museum's Camping Exhibit is now scheduled for Saturday, March 16-17. But, what does that have to do with January 27? Who asked? Well, on January 27, the Museum celebrated the

past, present, and future all at the same time, including the upcoming Camping Exhibit. That afternoon, we celebrated the past by welcoming members of the Order of the Odor, fondly known as the Skunks, and thank-

ing them. We can credit this the group of veteran Scouters for founding the Museum over 40 years ago. Those in attendance told stories, jokes, maybe a few tall tales, and shared many laughs. There might even have been a few tears.



**Russ Edhlund, Jim Rupert and Kurt Leichtle enjoy a laugh at the Skunk recognition event at the Museum on January 27.**



Later in the afternoon, the Skunks and other visitors headed to the East end of the gallery to say goodbye to the present—our acclaimed Order of the Arrow Centennial exhibit. The exhibit is coming down to make way for the future—an exhibit to commemorate camping and its role in Scouting. Since the Order of the Arrow plays such a major role in promoting camping, a few OA items may remain but look for an interesting display of all things camping. The exhibit will permit you to glimpse into camps of yore. Expect to see some familiar items you might have forgotten about and even a few things you never knew were part of Scouting's early camping tradition. In addition to being a fun and educational experience for visitors, we hope the camping exhibit will trigger memories and generate some of your personal camping stories. We want to preserve your stories! If you cannot make the grand opening event, make plans to visit the camping exhibit as soon as you can.

**The Skunks and other visitors said goodbye to the OA Exhibit while eagerly anticipating the Camping Exhibit on January 27.**

## We Remember a Builder - Howard Guthmann

The fall of 2017 marked a difficult time for the Museum as we lost three of our Founders Hall Founders and Builders: Mike Galvin, Ron Phillippo, and, on December 6, Howard Guthmann. Howard was an energetic and enthusiastic supporter and ambassador of the Museum. His financial support of the Museum was crucial but his leadership and inspiration were priceless. He was promoting the Museum and helping to raise operating funds literally until his last hours.

As you can see from the following excerpts from Howard's published obituary, he had the energy and interest to support countless non-profit and community organizations. Due to his leadership style and dedication to the organizations he supported, each felt that Howard was theirs, and rightfully so: Howard Guthmann, a St. Paul business man, philanthropist, civic activist, education advocate, and mentor to many died on December 6 after a long and wonderful life one week after celebrating his 95th birthday. He practiced accounting with the firm that is now known as Wilkerson Guthmann from 1943 to 2016. His CPA certificate is number 452. Certificates today number well past 28,000. He was a past-president of the Minnesota CPA Society. Howard always said that "the best retirement plan is work." In addition to his business career, he was

active in St. Paul civic affairs, chairing or serving as President of numerous non-profit and civic boards, including the St. Paul Board of Education, the St. Paul Port Authority, the Ramsey County Historical Society, and the Rotary Club of St. Paul. He also served on the St. Paul Charter Commission, the Board of Directors of Regions Hospital, and the Elder Learning Institute/University of Minnesota. He was a co-founder of the St. Paul Public Schools Foundation, the Friends of the St. Paul College Foundation, and the Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth. He had a special interest in the Boy Scouts of America, being registered in the organization for over 80 years. Due to a shortage of adult males after the draft was instituted in 1940, he became a Scoutmaster at only 18 years of age. He later became Council President. He also played a critical role in the development of the North Star Museum of Boy and Girl Scouting. When he was President of the St. Paul Jaycees, it was chosen the outstanding chapter in the United States for a unique second year in a row. He received many awards and honors as a result of his community service. He was active in Unity Church of St. Paul for over 65 years and twice served as its Board Chair. He is survived by Betsy, his wife of 65 years, children Susan Henry (Lawrence), John (Teresa), Debra Ternus



**Howard Guthmann**

(Mike), and Patricia Haresch (John), 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Since Howard's death, there has been an outpouring of memorials to the Museum in his honor. Howard always worked to ensure that every organization with which he worked was on a strong financial footing. Thanks to you, Howard's goal for the Museum is closer to being realized. At 10:15 a.m. on April 28, 2018, there will be a brief reception to honor Howard Guthmann, Ron Phillippo, and Mike Galvin immediately before the Founder's Hall Celebration.



## We Are Looking for You or Someone You Know

A successful organization is only as good as its volunteer base. The North Star Museum is always looking to expand its existing foundation of hard working and influential volunteers. Right now, we are accepting nominations for our Board of Directors. We are also developing a new Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will consist of professionals who are not on the Board of Directors but whose advice, counsel, and support will bring additional energy to our quest to achieve our strategic

mission and vision. To fill these and other important roles, we are looking for a full range of ages, experience levels, community members, Boy Scout or Girl Scout professionals, and professionals in a wide variety of areas, including: Finance, Development, Marketing, Community Development, Education, Technology, History, Museums, and many more! If you or someone else you know is interested, please email Brenna Barrett at [barrett\\_brenna@yahoo.com](mailto:barrett_brenna@yahoo.com).



North Star Volunteer Recognition Pin

## Once Again, Our Vision Is 20/20

Many of you know the Museum's mission or you have seen our mission statement on the website. The Museum's mission is to "[c]ollect, preserve, share and interpret the history and significance of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in the Upper Midwest." But, did you know that we also have a strategic vision? Perhaps not. Our vision statement was adopted in 2007 and it was aimed at how the world thinks of our institution as of 2012. Guess what, 2012 was six years ago! Time flies when you are having fun.

Thankfully, the Board of Directors took notice and vetted an updated vision statement at its 2017 Board retreat. Our updated strategic vision recognizes what we have accomplished as an institution but, more important, places everyone on notice as to where we want to be.

Our updated vision statement says that the North Star Museum is: **"To be a forward-thinking institution recognized for expertise in the key areas of education, citizenship, community service, and personal integrity."** We look forward to

making this vision come to life for our visitors, our members, and the public at large. We also look forward to working with our volunteers to make this vision a reality.



## Memorials for Ron Phillippo

Ruth Hogenson-Rutford	Karen Schmit	Eileen Karl
Larry Carson	Glen Schumann	Linda Oberg
Kevin Balfanz	Kent York	Renate & Ted Mackmiller
Robert Ballou	Scott & Diana Foss	Gordon & Valerie Minnichsoffer
Claudia Nicholson	Michael Lund	Darcy Werner
Don & Sandy Craighead	Lorena Palm	Roger Green
John Kablan	Robert & Joyce Rosene	Barbara Herrmann
Patrick Norris	James Rupert	Bonna Scherer
Kurt Zilley	George Smith	David Schmidtke
Susan Hedlund & Brian Peterson	Emily White	Delores Kaese
John & Pamela Chandler	Thomas Alt, M.D.	Dale & Sharon Phillippo
Charles & Judy Clausen	Marcia Aspinall	David Wettergren
Gregory & Kathleen Juenemann	Jim & Carol Forrest	James Bradshaw
John Kemper	Eileen & Edward Gordon	
Barbara Schmidt	Clayton & Kristie Raasch	

## Memorials for Howard Guthmann

Mary Anne Anderson	Michael Lund	Marv Dahlgren
James & Katherine Anderson	Scott and Elisa Knudson	Nancy Dana
Lee & Penny Anderson	Christopher & Susan Moeller	J. Donald & M. Cathy Donahue
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## DID YOU KNOW?...



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