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**It Is Time for All Skunks to Reunite!**

That funky smell in the forest is more than just a sign that spring is here. Yes, it is once again time for the annual reunion of that malodorous band of men and women known as The Order of the Odor—or The Skunks. Here are the mephitic details: Saturday, June 3, 2017, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Fred C. Andersen Camp’s Training Building on the camp’s lower level.

Many of you are Skunks and you do not even know it. If you are a Museum member and you have been active in Boy Scouting for fifteen years or more, YOU ARE a Skunk. So, Be Prepared and make plans to bring your miasmatic self to another odorous Skunk Reunion! First-time stinkers are espe-

cially welcome.

The event kicks off with a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Then, expect an entertaining and informative program. Of course, the program highlight is the announcement of the Skunk of the Year, the event’s most sulfurous person. After the program, catch up some more with your friends and fellow honeyed Skunks during a tasty lunch.

As in recent years, the cost is only \$13 per person. To get an accurate count for lunch, you must RSVP. To let us know you are coming before the aura gives you away, please contact Diana at 651-748-2880 or email her at [dfoss@nssm.org](mailto:dfoss@nssm.org).

There is also a registration form in this issue of the *Museum News*.

We need your help selecting the most qualified and ambrosial candidate for Skunk of the Year. Please nominate someone for the recognition. The nomination form is in this issue of the *Museum News* and will be posted on the Museum web site. We need your nomination no later than May 5.

Whether you are fusty, gamy, or musty, come out to Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp on June 3 for the 2017 Skunk Reunion. See you there!

**You Still Have a Chance to Answer the Call**

The Museum’s primary fundraising event of the year—**A Call to History**—is almost here! This year there will be a single session from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26. Proceeds from **A Call to History** will provide funding for the Museum’s exceptional collections, exhibits, and educational programs.

In addition to fundraising, **A Call to History** serves an important role as a forum to help the Museum grow its circle of friends. That is why we need you to help make this event a success. Without support from people like you—those who are already invested in our success—we face a bigger challenge to making

new friends who will find our building and offerings of value; who are interested in history, civics, and education; and who are able to contribute to the Museum’s financial success.

As a current member or friend of the Museum, you can help make **A Call to**

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## You Still Have a Chance to Answer the Call (continued)

**History** successful in four ways:

1. Serve as a Table Host and bring *SEVEN* guests who are *NEW* to the Museum
2. Purchase a seat at the event for \$200 (suggested minimum)
3. Donate items needed for the event
4. Volunteer to help

Call Diana at the Museum today (651-748-2880) and let her know how you would like to answer **A Call to History**. Be a part of our success!



## The Museum Has First Class of Docents in Training

For far too long, Claudia Nicholson has kept to herself most of the opportunities to work with groups—especially Cub Scout and, to a lesser extent, Girl Scout groups—visiting the Museum. It is time to spread the love around!

To that end, the first class of North Star Museum docents began their training on Saturday, April 1. The word “docent” is commonly understood to mean “museum teacher,” but the dictionary definition is much lovelier: *a person who is a knowledgeable guide, especially one who conducts visitors through a museum and delivers a commentary on the exhibitions*. So now, we are busy training the first group of “knowledgeable guides” for the Museum.

Take our word for it, this is exciting stuff. Each docent will learn the basics about the Museum (including its founding and history), learn about some of the key items on display in the gal-

lery spaces, and about each current exhibit. Our docents will have the opportunity to identify the artifacts, stories, or exhibits that speak most to them, so they can create a tour that they can be excited about.

In coming weeks, our docents-in-training will learn more about how to manage the building, selling Museum admissions and shop merchandise, deflecting detailed inquiries to staff, and how to deal with anything unusual that comes up while they are in the company of visitors. At some point, docents will give demonstration tours for a friendly audience, so they can nail down how they want to present the material. We may need some volunteers to come in and serve as a test tour group.

As you read this article, you are probably wondering how you can join our group of docents. Well, if you want in on this opportunity, please give the Museum a call (651-748-2880). It is

not too late to be included. And, if you want to know how fun it really is to be a docent, just ask Claudia!



**Claudia shows a Girl Scout uniform on display**

## Getting Better Every Day

Ron and Betty Phillippo are integral parts of the Museum and have been motivating forces behind many programs and exhibits. Ron's impact has reached far beyond his current role as Chair of the Board of Directors. Ron's contributions both to the Museum and to Scouting were honored by the Kathryn B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation in the Museum's new hands-on exhibit called *Adventures in CampCraft*. With more than a decade on the Museum's Board of Directors, and the last four years as Board Chair, Ron has spent countless hours promoting the Museum and working hard to better it.

On December 28, 2016 Ron took a bad fall on the ice in front of his house while changing the flag at the end of his driveway. He took a nasty hit to his head and had to have surgery. After a stay at Regions Hospital and a recovery period at Good Samaritan in Stillwater, it is with great happiness that we can report that Ron is at home with his wife Betty. He has enjoyed the over 200 hundred phone calls and cards received. He wants to send a thank you to everyone for the well wishes and hopes to join a Board Meeting again soon. His amusing jokes and good cheer are showing through and his recovery has been remarkable!

Standing in his place temporarily we offer a huge THANK YOU to temporary Co-Chairs Sandy Craighead and Tom Welna with Vice-Chair Lorena Palm and all the other amazing Board of Directors.



Ron Phillippo

### Tribute Gifts

*Don Craighead – in  
memory of friend, James  
Mende*

## Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



### Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by May 5, 2017

#### Section One:

**Award Criteria:** This award is presented to a person who has been affiliated with Boy or Girl Scouting or the North Star Museum for at least 15 years, and is a current member of the museum.

#### CANDIDATE/

Name of individual being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Current museum member? Yes / No Registered member of Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts? Yes / No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section Two:

Please provide a statement of support for the individual being nominated. The statement should address the award criteria and this individual should receive this award. Include tenure with the museum, special or extraordinary things done during the year, other Boy Scout/Girl Scout activities he/she may be involved with, and the amount of time spent on museum activities. Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

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#### Section Three: (optional)

Attach a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination from a person other than yourself. This person may be a museum member, Boy Scout or Girl Scout, adult volunteer in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting, or someone else who knows of the individual's contributions.

Nominator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mail nominations to:

Selections Committee  
 North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting  
 2640 E. Seventh Avenue  
 North St. Paul, MN 55109

This form can also be downloaded from: [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org)

**Greetings to all Museum Members,  
Veteran Scouters and Skunks!**

**2017 Skunk Reunion**



*It's Spring!* Time to get together, swap stories, and report on the progress of the museum

**Who:** Museum members and veteran Scouters registered as a Scouter for 15 years or registered in Scouting over 20 years.

**When:** Saturday, June 3, 2017

**Where:** Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, former St. Croix River Camp. This year, we will be in the Training Building on the lower level.

**Times:** 10:30 am Fellowship, beverages provided  
 11:00 am Program  
 12:00 noon Lunch

**Cost:** \$13.00 per person. **Pre-registration is mandatory.**

**Directions:** Cross the St. Croix River at Stillwater, go up the hill past the commercial area on highway 64, then go one-mile north and turn left on the Andersen Scout Camp Road. The camp is 1.2 miles further. Head down the hill to the parking area.

**The deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I'm coming! Put me down for the reunion. Here is my \$13.00

I will be bringing guests      Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00

These are the names of the guests who will be attending with me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I need a ride

I can pick-up supplies and/or help by driving. Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill in the form and return with your check to:** North Star Scouting Museum  
 2640 Seventh Avenue East  
 North St. Paul, MN 55109

### Anyone Can Be a Pie Iron Cook

As you learned in your February *Museum News*, the Museum is running a **Pie Irons for Girl Scouts** program on Friday, May 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The program is limited to 25 participants and the cost is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members. All girls over the age of 8 are welcome to participate. Registration for the Pie Iron workshop is on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pie-iron-cooking-for-girl-scouts-tickets-32787783142>.

Some who read about our pie iron cooking programs in the February *Museum News* contacted us, wondering what a pie iron is. Think of a small Dutch oven on a stick. With a little imagination and a camp fire, you can make many or most of the scrumptious treats with pie iron

that you can make with a Dutch oven.

As you can see from the photos accompanying this article, it does not take a rocket scientist to cook with a pie iron. For our last Board of Director’s meeting, we asked all Board members to bring a pie-iron to donate to the

Museum. The Board also tried out the equipment they brought. Mmm-Mmm good. Now the Museum is well equipped for future pie iron programs. Please tell anyone you know who is connected with the Girl Scouts to sign up for the May 12 program before it sells out.



**John Guthmann, Bonna Scherer, Gary Gorman, and Sandy Craighead jostle for fire space as they cook their pie iron treat.**



**Museum Board member John Guthmann shows off his fully cooked peach pie iron snack**



**John Guthmann demonstrates how to insert the food into the pie iron just before closing the cover.**



**Bonna Scherer and Sandy Craighead are confidently cooking their pie iron treat.**

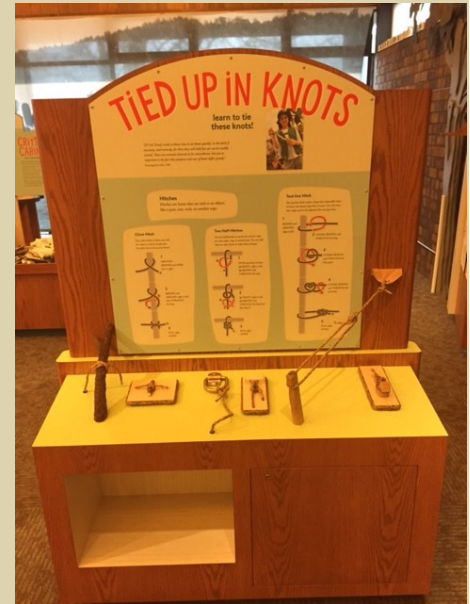
## The Adventure Has Expanded

In July 2015, the Museum opened the first phase of its new and innovative *Adventures in CampCraft* exhibit. Thanks to the generosity of the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The St. Paul Foundation, this interactive exhibit permits youngsters to dive in with all their senses to explore the sights, sounds, and feels of the natural world. They do it using traditional Scout skills that come to life right off the pages of historic Boy Scout and Girl Scout program materials.

The Museum is excited to announce that the second phase of the exhibit just recently opened. Now, in addition to learning how to lay a trail, calculate distance and height, and measure

the distance of an oncoming thunderstorm, youth and adults alike can learn how to tie knots at the “Tied up in Knots” station, learn about different animals at the “Critter Cabinet”, and learn to identify trees and poisonous plants.

Late this year or early next year, the final phase of *Adventures in CampCraft* will be installed. With the final portion of the exhibit, visitors can try on and work with old Boy Scout and Girl Scout uniforms and accessories. Also planned is an enclosure around the exhibit with a gateway entrance. If you have not yet visited the new additions to *Adventures in CampCraft*, you



If you are fit to be tied, you will enjoy the “Tied up in Knots” addition to the *Adventures in Campcraft* exhibit.

need to plan a trip to the Museum today.



Pictured above is one of the three new additions to the *Adventures in Campcraft* exhibit: the “Critter Cabinet.”



The *Adventures in Campcraft* exhibit now includes the “Critter Cabinet” and a tree identification station.

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## We Want to Reach out and Touch You—Electronically

The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting may preserve and display history but that does not mean we are an old-fashioned organization. We want to use 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology to serve you better. To expedite communication to Museum members, patrons, and friends, we have expanded our use of email communication. We plan to use email as the primary means of distributing all communications for items such as event notices, the *Museum News* newsletter, and programs notices.

anyone out. So, we are working to update all of our files to ensure we have not only an email address, but a also correct email address, for all of our members, patrons, and friends. If you have NOT received emails from the Museum, please make sure to phone Diana Foss (651-748-2880) or email her at [dfoss@nssm.org](mailto:dfoss@nssm.org) with your current email address so we can update our files. We want to hear from you; so you can hear from us. Thank you.

Of course, we do not want to leave

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