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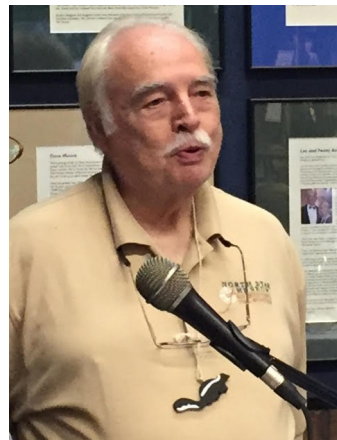
DON'T MISS THESE SPRING EVENTS

Register Now for the 8th Founders Hall Celebration

There is still plenty of time to register for the 2018 Davis and Randall Founders Hall induction celebration, scheduled for April 28 at the Museum. The cost is \$50 per person for anyone who RSVPs within 72 hours of the event. Otherwise, the charge is \$60 per person. To register, please contact Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or email her at dfoss@nssm.org.

This year's program has two phases. We will begin by celebrating the life of past Founders Hall inductees Michael J. Galvin, Jr., Howard M. Guthmann, and Ronald A. Phillippo, along with an introduction of our new Tribute Gardens from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Next, at 11:30, we will induct the Founders Hall honorees, Class of 2018: Gary Gorman, River Valleys Girl Scout Heritage Group, and Judge Wilhelmina "Mimi" Wright. The program takes place during a fine lunch.

Here is a preview of our 2018 honorees. Gary Gorman is being inducted as a Trailblazer. He is one of the founding members of the El Sol District, Northern Star Council's all-Latino non-geographic district. Gary also served eleven years as its District Commissioner. He honed his Scouting and leadership skills by serving thirty years as the Scoutmaster for Troop 228, which is Minnesota's first post-World War II Latino troop.



Gary Gorman

Gary has also been active in many other roles, including: three years on the Council Marketing Committee, membership on the Council's Centennial book committee, and a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Gary has also served many years as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Museum. Due to his dedication and volunteerism, Gary has received many awards and recognitions, which include: KARE 11 TV's "Eleven Who Care" award in 1994, for his work with inner city Latino youth; District Award of Merit; North Star District's Bob Plante Award; Spurgeon Award; Silver Beaver Award; Whitney Young Award, for work with inner city youth in Scouting; Skunk of the Year Award; and, Catholic Committee on Scouting's Bronze Pelican Award in 2017.

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It's Almost Time for All Skunks to Reunite!

Late this spring is the much-anticipated stinker of an event—the annual reunion of that whiffy band of men and women known as The Order of the Odor—or The Skunks. Here are the funky

details: Saturday, June 2, 2018, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Fred C. Andersen Camp's Training Building on the camp's lower level.

As is often noted in these

pages, 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

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Register Now for the 8th Founders Hall Celebration (continued from Page 1)

Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright will enter the Founders Hall as a Founder. She was appointed to the Federal bench by President Barack Obama in 2015 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2016. Judge Wright previously served as a Minnesota Supreme Court Justice from 2012-2016, a judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals from 2002-2012, and a Ramsey County District Court Judge from 2000-2012.



Judge Wilhelmina Wright

Judge Wright describes herself as a woman who “bleeds green.” She grew up as a Girl Scout in Norfolk, VA and remains an active Girl Scout volunteer as an adult. She still carries her 1972 Girl Scout membership card. Judge Wright graduated with honors in Literature from Yale University in 1986. She received her juris doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1989. After law school, Justice Wright was a law clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judge Wright practiced law the Washington, DC, firm of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, and the U.S. Attorney’s office for the District of Minnesota. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, she represented the United States in complex economic fraud cases and violent crime

cases in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She was awarded the United States Department of Justice Special Achievement Award in 1997 and the United States Department of Justice Director’s Award for Public Service in 2000.

Judge Wright is active in the community. To name just some of the organizations benefitted by her service, Judge Wright served on the William Mitchell College of Law Board of Trustees, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Advisory Council, Minnesota Women Lawyers Advisory Committee, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Board of Directors, Girl Scout Council of Saint Croix Valley Board of Directors, Mardag Foundation Board of Directors, Hamline University Women in Leadership Advisory Council, Saint Paul Public Schools Graduate Standards Advisory Committee, Saint Paul Academy and Summit School Board of Trustees, and the Yale University Council. Her awards and recognitions include the Myra Bradwell Award in 2006 from Minnesota Women Lawyers, the Lena O. Smith Achievement Award from the Black Women Lawyers Network in 2004, the B. Warren Hart Award for Public Service from the Saint Paul Jaycees in 2001, and the Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans Award in 2000.

Our final honoree, River Valleys Girl Scout Heritage Group, will enter the Founders Hall as a Trailblazer. The group joins other groups of individuals deserving of Founders Hall recognition, such as the Skunks and Troop 39. The River Valleys Heritage Group is

sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys. It serves as trustee for the purpose of preserving and sharing the archival collections and receives and manages donations of historical Girl Scout items. None of the collected items can be used for personal collections by Group members. The volunteer members represent each of the five legacy councils that make up River Valleys Council. Currently there are over twenty members in the Group.

The Heritage Group has been in existence in the five legacy councils for many years. These collections were combined into one collection in 2007 when River Valleys Council was formed. The Group creates and maintains display cases at Council Service Centers and camps. In addition, it creates outreach materials for programs, girls, troops and other interested persons. The Group also works with the Museum on displays and programs such as, The Girl Scout Way Badge and Juliette’s Victorian Birthday Party. Many Heritage Group members are also members of the Museum and they help to spread the word about the importance of the Museum.

Members generally meet weekly to work with collections, archive and store items, and share information with others. These dedicated members take great pride in their collection and they are creating a legacy for the River Valleys Council by reinforcing the concept of—**Today’s Items Are Tomorrow’s History.**

Do not leave your registration to the last minute. Act today to reserve your spot at the Founders Hall Celebration.

Skunks Reunite! (continued from Page 1)

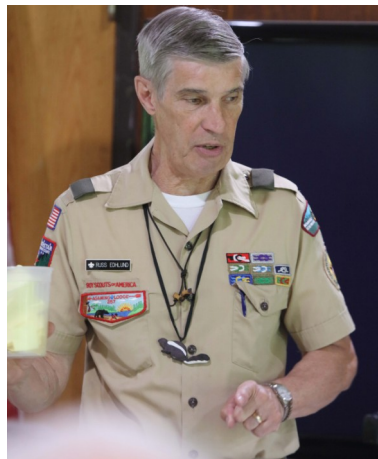
for fifteen years or more, YOU ARE a Skunk. So, there is no excuse for you to miss the most rancid event of the year.

At the front end of our day, you will have a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Next comes the fun and fustiness of our program. Get to know the Museum's Executive Director—Brenna Barrett—and hear an engaging speaker. The most redolent moment of the day is the announcement of the Skunk of the Year, the event's most olid person. After the program, you can enjoy more fellowship over a great lunch. Surprise, it is the only non-noisome experience you will have that day.

With the price once again set at \$13, cost is not an issue. To get an accurate count for lunch, you must RSVP. To let us know you are coming before we can sniff out your approach, please contact Diana at 651-748-2880 or email her at dfoss@nssm.org. There is also a registration form in this issue of the *Museum News*.

Please help us choose the most qualified and reeking candidate for Skunk of the Year. The Skunk of the Year 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 foul, rank, or just plain evil-smelling, come out to Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp on June 2 for the 2018 Skunk Reunion. See you there!



Skunk Russ Edhlund, one of your masters of ceremony

Curator's Corner

The Silver Beaver Award recognizes registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a Boy Scout council. The award was first introduced in 1931. Since that time, many thousands have earned the award, which is considered the most significant recognition that an adult Scouter may receive for service within a local Scout council.

Due to the significance of the Silver Beaver Award, it should come as no surprise that the Museum has a number of Silver Beaver medals in its collection. However, our most prized medal was awarded to Charles Sommers in 1937.

Sommers, an energetic volunteer for the St. Paul Area Council, served in a variety of positions at the local, regional, and national level. He was also awarded the Silver Antelope for his contributions to the regional system, and the Silver Buffalo for his service nationally. Sommers was best known for his leadership of Region 10 when BSA created the regional system in 1920. The Northern Tier High Adventure Base was originally named after him, and is still referred to today by some as the "Sommers Canoe Base". His is certainly a household name in local Scouting lore. You never know what we'll uncover in our collection!

New Members

- Laurence Johnson
- Sean Metheny

New Sustaining Member

- Damon Pfaff

**Know of anyone
interested in joining?**

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Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by May 4, 2018

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.

<p>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: _____</p>
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<p>Nominator's name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone number: _____ Email: _____ Best time to reach you: _____</p>

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.

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

Greetings to all Museum Members, Veteran Scouters and Skunks!

2018 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 2, 2018

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 30, 2018

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

The Museum's Legacy Grant Project Begins!

As you read in the February 2018 Museum News, the Museum recently received a \$46,800 Legacy Grant from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Program. 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.

To complete the work of the grant, staffing is needed. The Museum is pleased to announce that the staff has been supplemented by two independent contractors who will carry out our Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Grant project. By the end of the year, we will have worked through all of the objects that have come in our door but, for a variety of reasons, have not moved through the entire accessions process.

Our new grant staffers are Thomas Shaw and Luke Koran. Shaw is an experienced museum professional who has held a variety of positions in historical interpretation and collections care, and is an acknowledged expert in historic clothing and textiles. Koran is a beginning museum professional who has vol-

unteered for a number of institutions working with collections, including us. Luke also works at the Minnesota Children's Museum as a visitor services staff member. Between the two of them, we should complete work on some 300 boxes of material that have been received from members of our community since the Museum moved to North St. Paul.

We are very excited for this work to be completed. For the last 13 years, we have worked hard to build the Museum, secure its place in the Scouting community, make sure our program offerings are appealing and valued, and build out the public spaces so that they are both beautiful and useful. Work with the collection has taken a back seat to these other concerns. If you are at the Museum any Tuesday through Friday, please introduce yourself to Tom and Luke. They will be with us all year!

The need for our Legacy Project does not mean that we have done no work with incoming collections over the last 13 years. Far from it, but the volume overwhelmed us. In addition to summer interns Amy Hollister and Emma Felty, many, many volunteer hours have been donated in service to incoming collections. Among the many who



Thomas Shaw and Luke Koran took time out for a photo while working on the Museum's Legacy Grant project.

worked on this ongoing concern were Joan Robbins, Paul Bartyzal, Becca Emmons, Judy Clausen, Bob Hannah, and the folks on our Collections Committee, which has been working hard since its 2007 inception—Mollie Spillman, Joan Henry, Jay Biedny, and Betty Joyce—as well as past members Bob Pettitt and Tim Jopek. Mike Lund also warrants recognition. He has been a key figure when it comes to carefully storing our bounty and moving it around.

We are also relying on our volunteers to assist with the work of the Legacy Project. At any given point in time, we look forward to the assistance of Bob Hannah, Judy Clausen, and others. If you want to dig into a box and give us a hand, just stop by the Museum. time out for a photo while working on the Museum's Legacy Grant project.



Panoramic photo of the Museum's new camping exhibit.

Two Founders Hall Members Pass

We are sad to announce that two more members of the Davis and Randall Founders Hall passed away this year. Jane Freeman died on March 23 and Tom Turba died on April 4. They join Mike Galvin, Ron Phillippo, and Howard Guthmann as Founders Hall Honorees who have died in the past six months.

Jane Freeman joined the Founders Hall as a Founder in 2012. She was born Jane Charlotte Shields in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on May 25, 1921. She graduated from Minneapolis Marshall High School at the age of 15. At age 19 she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Minnesota. At the U of M, she met her husband, Orville L. Freeman, who was Minnesota's governor from 1955-1961 and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from 1961-1969. Jane and Orville were

married in 1942 and had two children, Constance and Michael. The latter is currently the Hennepin County Attorney. According to her published obituary, "Mrs. Freeman devoted her life to politics and public service, notably the United Nations, UNICEF and the Girl Scouts of the USA, serving as national president from 1978-1984."

Tom Turba joined the Founders Hall as a Trailblazer in 2016. His name was synonymous with International Scouting. According to his published obituary, Tom died from complications of a stroke on April 4, 2018. The obituary indicates that "[h]e earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Computer Science from the University of Wisconsin at Madison before coming to work for Univac/Unisys in the Twin Cities where he worked for 34 years. Tom was active in the Boy Scouts

both as a unit leader and an International Representative for the local Council, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He participated in and took youth to 22 scouting events in 16 different countries as well as helped other people plan and execute such events. Tom enjoyed canoeing, the outdoors, volunteering, and both domestic and international travel. Tom was Chairman of the American National Standards Committee for Pascal, a member of the International Standards Committee for Pascal, Chairman of the Roseville Sister City Committee, and volunteered for many other activities. He was an avid investor and was moderator for investors Night at the Library in Roseville."

We will miss their leadership.

Camping Exhibit Opens—Don't Miss It!

On the weekend of March 15, the Museum's latest exhibit opened. Entitled *In Our Nature: Camping Then and Now*, the exhibit explores the history of camping in the United States from the early 1900's to today, with a focus on Scouts and camping.

Take a look of the panorama photo of the exhibit on the bottom of Page 6. The story of camping is a continuing story. To reflect the continuity and long history of the camping experience, the Museum's camping exhibit will be dynamic—new items and parts will arrive, old ones will leave, and some will stay. That means you will want to visit the Museum on multiple occasions to experience the exhibit as it goes through various metamorphoses.

For example, on June 29 the curtain rises on an additional section about cooking. In addition, during the weekend of June 29-30 plan on attending our grand-public opening celebration for the exhibit. The story begins with a wood fire and moves forward to the current use of propane stoves. Amid cooking demonstrations and tastings, visitors will remember both the delicious food and the not-so-tasty disasters, such as Exhibit Committee Member Kurt Leichtle's recollection of serving what was basically raw baked potato when he earned the cooking merit badge. Now you can follow the signs to a sneak preview in preparation to experience the real thing in June.

What is your best or worst mem-

ory of camping or your patrol's or troop's best or worst camping experience? Please share your photos and stories with us for use in the exhibit and online. In the next weeks, the Museum's new website will go live. Included in the site will be links that permit you to share your camping triumphs and disasters in both words and in pictures.

Finally, look forward to more additions to the exhibit as the year goes on. Come to the Museum to both relive your camping memories and see how others experienced camping over the decades.



Calendar of Events

April 28	10:15 am	Founders Hall Induction Ceremony Celebration of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Scouting.
May 10	6:30-8:30 pm	Pie Irons for Girls Practice making your own treats using pie irons over hot coals.
Spring 2018	5-8 pm	Girl Scouts World Centers Exhibit Exhibit opening celebration for Museum Members/Sponsors.
Spring 2018	1-4 pm	Girl Scouts World Centers Exhibit Public opening of this new exhibit.
June 11-15	TBD	Merit Badge Workshops
July 9-13	TBD	Merit Badge Workshops
August 6-10	TBD	Merit Badge Workshops
August 9	TBD	S'mores with Juliette Make this fun treat and learn about the founder of Girl Scouts.
October 27	TBD	Juliette's Victorian Birthday Party Celebrate the birthday of the Girl Scout founder at this special event.

Visit the website for more details and a complete list of 2018 events.



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Did you Know: There are two potential benefits to donating appreciated stock to the Museum. First, you do not have to pay capital gains tax on the transaction. Second, if you itemize, you may receive a tax deduction for the appreciated value of the stock, not just what you paid for it. If you would like additional information about this opportunity, please contact Barb Herrmann, 651-338-7615 or barbherrmann@comcast.net.

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