



Museum News

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The 6th Annual Davis & Randall Founders Hall Recognition Celebration Awaits You!

Over the past six years, the Davis & Randall Founders Hall recognition luncheon has developed into a real tradition with quite a following. The 6th annual event will live up to its billing. Join us on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and help us honor a deserving group of six Founders, Builders and Trailblazers for their outstanding contributions to Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. The cost is \$30 per person for anyone who RSVPs. Otherwise, the charge for November 14 walk-ins is \$40 per person.

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. This year, former St.

Croix Valley Girl Scout Council President Dorothea Burns, and Silver Buffalo recipient and influential Boy Scouting volunteer J. Kimball Whitney will be recognized as Founders.

Builders are the second group of persons or organizations recognized in the Davis & 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 the Founders' vision a reality. Our 2015 Builders are: National Boy Scout Executive Board member, Silver Buffalo recipient, and former Indianhead Council President Steve Weekes, former Indianhead Council President Roland Wilsey, and current Museum Board Member and past Northern Star Council President Dr. Tom Alt.

Finally, Founders Hall **Trailblazers** are people or groups who have provided exceptional direct volunteer leadership to Scouting at the grass roots level. These dedicated leaders combine their own ideas and creativity with those brought forth by Founders and Builders through their mentorship of youth. Our 2015 Trailblazer is former Museum Board Chair and long-time Boy Scout and Girl Scout volunteer Barb Herrmann.

We are proud to recognize the Founders Hall Class of 2015. Join us on November 14 to thank this remarkable group of people. Their impact and influence continues. Call Stephanie to reserve your spot (651-748-2880) or email her at sweiger@nssm.org. You can also purchase tickets through our website (www.nssm.org) by clicking on the "Donate Button."

Are You Ready for Adult Campfire Sing Along?



Hugh Gwin readies some marshmallows for roasting at our inaugural camp fire sing along event.

Have you ever asked yourself: “Why should the kids have all the fun?” Well, maybe they shouldn’t. Calling all you “older Scouters” from both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts! Come out to the Museum on **Friday evening, November 20 at 6:30**. We’ll sit around a warm campfire, sip hot cocoa and sing the old camp songs you know and love. Perhaps you will hear some songs you forgot you knew.

Here is what you can expect. We’ll bundle up, roast marshmallows, and belt out the old songs while sharing memories and fellowship. You can’t beat that for fun in the late fall. Song



There is an open seat for you around the camp fire.

books and refreshments provided. Just \$6 per participant. RSVP to Shirley at sdelatorre@nssm.org. A stellar singing voice is NOT required – but a sense of fun and adventure is. Join us for a wonderful evening of adult fun and relaxation before the holiday season takes off.

North St. Paul Holiday Hop “Decks the Halls” at the North Star Museum!



The Girl Scouts will be at the Museum making holiday ornaments at the Hop.

Each holiday season, the City of North St. Paul celebrates its “Holiday Hop.” This year, the “Holiday Hop” is on **Saturday, December 12** and the Museum will be part of the action. Make your plans now to attend.

During the “Holiday Hop”, yuletide festivities will be going on all day up and down the main street of North St. Paul. Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, caroling, and visits from Santa Claus, and the North St. Paul Snowman. All the businesses in town will have their own celebrations while the action continues in the streets. The North Star Museum is no exception. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will have old-fashioned tin ornament making and a holiday bazaar featuring a few Girl Scout Troops selling handmade holiday ornaments and gifts. The event is FREE and everyone is invited!



The iconic North St. Paul Snowman will be downtown at the Holiday Hop.

Join us for Holiday cheer, shopping, crafts and fellowship. You just might get to meet and greet Santa and the North St. Paul Snowman.

Your Year-End Gift Will Be Matched!

The year 2015 has proven to be another watershed year for the Museum. Just this fall we have opened two exciting new exhibits: "Adventures in CampCraft" and the centennial Order of the Arrow exhibit. It is amazing to watch boys and girls laying trails around the Museum gallery for their friends to follow.

History is not just a study of the past or a place to see things. History is you, me, and all of us. It is our collective memory. And, memories are emotional. That is why it so special to see a veteran Boy Scout point to a patch on display at the Museum and say, "I got one of those when I was on camp staff" while he

grins from ear to ear. On other days you might see a grandmother tell her granddaughter how she canoed the Boundary Waters when she was a Girl Scout. The North Star Museum enables these moments.

The Museum is also a place to learn and experience the best that the Boy Scout and Girl Scouts have to offer. We offer unique opportunities for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to advance, camp, and learn through our Merit Badge Workshop, Overnights at the Museum, S'mores with Juliette, and other educational programs.

The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl

Scouting is a place where values, memories, and your stories are kept. To make sure that the Museum is always here for you and your family, we need your financial support with a year-end gift. If you make your year-end gift by November 15, you can leverage the funds even more because the gift will be matched with our \$40,000 matching gift fund. Don't miss this opportunity. Support the Museum today. You can even give on line with the link on our website-nssm.org. With your help, the Museum will be stronger than ever in 2016.

It's "Membership BOGO" at the North Star Museum this Holiday Season!

Take care of your Holiday shopping this year at the North Star Museum. How does it work? It is very simple: **"Buy One, Gift One"** What does that mean? Well, **BUY** a new North Star Museum membership (any level) and **get a FREE** Bronze-level membership to **GIFT** to someone special. The opportunity to BOGO will re-

main open from November 1 to December 31. You get TWO memberships for the price of one. Wow! What a great gift idea for those "Scouters on your holiday list" this year.

A membership with the North Star Museum gives you discounts on events, programs, and workshops, a discount in

our newly expanded Museum gift shop; and priority booking for events and programs. You also receive special invitations to "members only" events. In addition, members receive our bi-monthly *Museum News* and a smart-looking NSSM membership pin.

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New Members Since August 2015

- Risa G. Brandon
- Benjamin Coder
- Nicole Delfino
- D. Stephen Elliott
- Bill Lenker

Know of anyone
interested in
joining? Contact:
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Firm Bound in Brotherhood: 100 Years of Cheerful Service Exhibit Grand Opening a Big Success!

On Saturday, October 10, 2015 the Museum celebrated the grand opening of the long awaited Order of the Arrow Centennial exhibit. This special exhibit attracted a lot of OA sashed Scouts of all ages. Anchoring the celebration and ribbon cutting was current OA Lodge Chief, Sam Gentle. Assisting Sam, and also sharing a few words on the legacy of OA, was Northern Star Council's Executive Director, John Andrews.

As the ribbon floated to the ground, the crowd flooded into the OA exhibit space. One could hear hushed and excited conversations coming from everywhere as people traced their Lodge's lineage on the Genealogy Wall, or marveled at the intricate beadwork of a Native American bonnet that was worn in an OA ceremony. The exhibit's countless patches, neckerchiefs, photos, correspondence, sashes, and regalia received loads of attention and admiration. The celebration was made even more special with a performance by the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge No. 16's award-winning *Four Winds Dancers*, led by long-time OA member and Venture Crew mentor, Steve Young.

As the event came to a close, OA members slowly left the building, reluctant to leave the camaraderie and brotherhood that is Order of the Arrow. This extraordinary exhibit open

to the public for several months. Even if you never had a connection with the Order of the Arrow, you will want to see this impressive exhibit for yourself.

To help defray the cost of constructing the exhibit, the Museum is still selling its one-of-a-kind Order of the Arrow Centennial Exhibit Commemorative

patch. The patches are beautiful and include red, bronze, silver, and gold pocket flaps, as well as a large back patch. Collect these patches and support the Museum and the OA Centennial Exhibit—*Firm Bound in Brotherhood: 100 Years of Cheerful Service*—at the same time!



The *Four Winds Dancers* answered questions following their performance.



Northern Star Council CEO John Andrews and Totanhan Nokaha Lodge Chief Sam Gentle enjoyed the exhibit and helped anchor the ribbon-cutting ceremony

CampCraft Ribbon Cutting Recap

On Saturday September 26, 2015 the Museum celebrated the grand opening of its new interactive exhibit. In past issues of the *Museum News*, you may recall references to the upcoming “hands-on history center.” With the grand opening and ribbon cutting, the exhibit is now officially open and aptly named, “Adventures in Camp-Craft.”

The grand opening was a special event. Girl Scout River Valleys’ new CEO Tisha Bolger spoke on the importance of camping and outdoor skills for youngsters. Tish said she loves the North Star Museum and how one can look around and see the legacy of Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting. She admitted that the new exhibit is especially exciting for her as “it shares the outdoor experience” with

young people. Evie Ust, a Daisy Scout from Troop #55229 in St. Paul, cut the ribbon while Boy Scouts from Troop #817 lent their support. Afterwards, families coming from as far as Anoka enjoyed this wonderful new interactive exhibit. The Museum owes a big thanks to Boy Scout Troop 817 for being the official food vendor for the event. The attendees ate a lot of hotdogs and snacks.

“Adventures in CampCraft” was designed and built thanks to the generosity of the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation. The exhibit is dedicated to Ron Phillippo for all his years of service to youth. Even better news—there is more to come. In each of the next two years additional interactive units will be added to the exhibit. Watch for updates on the Mu-

seum’s Facebook page. “Adventures in CampCraft” is now open; so come see it and bring the kids.



A future Girl Scout tackles one of the stations at the new Adventures in CampCraft exhibit.



Please help us keep the Museum a vibrant and interesting place for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to visit.



Michael Skinner of Pack 524 from Coon Rapids concentrates while enjoying the grand opening of Adventures in CampCraft.

Get Ready For Pinewood Derby Season

VROOM VROOM! Start your engines! We are not only about to enter the holiday season, it's also Pinewood Derby race season at the North Star Museum.

Our state-of-art Pinewood Derby race track will be up the end of November – just in time to dust off your Pinewood Derby cars and test them out on our track. There is no better way to test your car to make sure it is the fastest it can be. By coming out to the Museum alone, with a den, or with a pack, you will be ready for the big event.

If you are looking for a great place to have your official Pinewood Derby races this year *look no further*. The North Star Museum is the perfect place to hold your derbies. We have the track, the space, and trained volunteers ready to help run your race. In fact, we have quite a few Pinewood Derbies (and PowderPuff Derbies) already scheduled.

Do not wait for all of our race times to book up. Give us a call and get on our calendar NOW while there is still room. Whether you come our for a test run or have your unit's official Pinewood Derby at the Museum, the cost is only \$3 per spectator and \$5 per racer/car. Call Stephanie to reserve your spot (651-748-2880) or email her at sweiger@nssm.org.



These two Cub Scouts are standing proudly at the finish line of the Museum's state-of-the art Pinewood Derby track.



These girls are clearly enjoying their Powder Puff race.

Happy Birthday, Juliette Gordon Low!

Girl Scouts have more to celebrate on October 31 than just Halloween. Yes, October 31 is also the birthday of the Founder of the Girl Scouts—Juliette Gordon Low. In honor of this special occasion, the Museum's October edition of "S'mores with Juliette" will be a birthday-themed event designed to honor Juliette.

"S'mores with Juliette" remains one of the Museum's most popular activities. We typically have over 100 Girl Scouts in attendance. If you look at all of the

great things to do, it is no wonder so many girls want to attend. The girls get a chance to play Victorian parlor games – just like Juliette would have played when she was a girl. There are also history lessons on Juliette and Girl Scouting. The highlight of the evening is singing "Happy Birthday" to Juliette and enjoying a piece of birthday cake.

Don't miss the "S'mores with Juliette" Birthday Party. All are welcome. The cost is just \$6 per attendee, which covers ma-

terials and refreshments.

RSVP to Stephanie at sweiger@nssm.org or call us at (651) 748-2880.



If you attend S'mores with Juliette, you can get a head start on Halloween by enjoying a piece of birthday cake.

Service Saturdays November and December at the Museum

A tenant that is shared by both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is to be of service. The Museum's Program Committee has put together two new exciting opportunities for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to be of service to their



The November Service Saturday will feature an opportunity to sew for others, as these Girl Scouts are doing.

community. We call it "Service Saturdays."

The first service opportunity, "Sewing for Service", will be on **Saturday, November 21** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the afternoon, activities will include making blankets, pillows, and other assorted items to be donated to a local senior center and a local animal shelter. Just \$6 per participant covers all materials and snacks. Everything is provided: material, fleece, sewing machines, etc.

Next up is "Holiday Cheer" on **Saturday, December 12**, also from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our second service opportunity will include many holiday-themed crafts, such as making Christmas cards, stockings, and ornaments. Everything made will be donated



The December Service Saturday will present an opportunity for some holiday-oriented service, like making ornaments like those being made above.

to a local senior center. There will also be holiday carols to sing and snacks. Again, everything is provided, and it's just \$6 per participant.

Nothing says "Happy Holidays" more than your service to those in need and the elderly. Please join us for one or both Service Saturdays.

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“Membership BOGO” (Continued from Page 3)

The Museum offers several levels of membership. Join at the Bronze Level (\$50-\$74) and receive a handsome NSSM coffee mug. Silver level members (\$75-\$99) receive a rugged flashlight. For those joining at the Gold Level (\$100-\$149), you will receive a nifty Sportsman’s compass. Finally, Platinum level members (\$150 +) receive a beautiful leather-

ette folio and pen.

This year, share 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!*

Pictured at right are the premiums that are available for the various Museum membership levels.



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