



New Jersey Scout Museum Newsletter

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## President's Message

This past winter the Board of Trustees for the NJSM held its annual elections for Class B trustees who represent the general Scouting community and were joined by our Class A trustees representing Monmouth Council.

Let me introduce you to these individuals and their corporate responsibilities:

*Frederic Pachman, Class B Trustee / President & acting Secretary / Treasurer*

*Steven Buckley, Class B Trustee  
Vice President / Curator / Newsletter Editor  
/ New Museum Building Chair*

*Spencer Morasch, Class B Trustee /  
Membership / New Museum Building Cte*

*Sam Fairchild, Class B Trustee*

*Matthew Kaufman, Class B Trustee  
Webmaster / Newsletter Publisher / New  
Museum Building Cte*

*Randall Holden, Class B Trustee /  
Historian*

*Linda Hassler, Class A Trustee*

*Ken Bonnell, Class A Trustee*

Along with our Trustees the following folks make up the NJSM Operating Committee

Mary Engelman  
Pat Kurz  
Sandy-Matthew Reisig  
Jeff Scott  
Margaret & Frank Wolverton (Our founder  
Dave Wolverton's parents)

The NJSM is an all-volunteer organization that provides an environment where people who have a passion for the history of Scouting in New Jersey can join in. We are always looking for like-minded folks to become part of the Operating Committee, help with a specific task, become a docent or join the Board of Trustees. Give us a call or send an e-mail with your questions.

*Frederic C. Pachman*

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## Historian Corner

**By Randy Holden**

**2021, a Fifth Different Century Mark  
to be Reached in Scouting**

As we continue along all the paths in Scouting, we have experienced some great milestones. Though there are some difficulties today, the heritage is still very strong and those principles, leadership and experiences have carried us through the following first centuries:

Scouting (1907), Boy Scouts of America (1910), Order of the Arrow (1915), New Jersey's first lodge, Sanhican 2 from Trenton Council (1919).

As we approach 2021, we have New Jersey's second lodge Cowaw 9 from Perth Amboy Council (1921) reaching its 100th Anniversary.

Much of their history that has been recorded, in many venues, show that Cowaw Lodge was a friend to all. Cowaw started the Order of the Arrow in Monmouth Council, not once but twice. In 1933, Chowa Lodge 71 was chartered to Monmouth Council and established at Camp Burton by our brothers from Cowaw 9. Monmouth, having their own camps locally, hosted both Raritan and Union Councils for their camping programs all through the 1930s. Both councils went onto opening their camps, Camp Cowaw (Raritan) in 1940 on the Delaware and Camp Winnebago (Union) in 1941 in Marcella, NJ. Raritan Council and Cowaw Lodge 9 continued to use the Monmouth facilities at Burton and then later at Camp Housman.

The Order of the Arrow program at Monmouth Council received a boost again when our brothers from Cowaw 9 installed Na-Tasi-Hi Lodge 71 in 1950. Cowaw lodge 9 continued their fellowships and ceremonies at Camp Housman until it was closed for the opening of Forestburg Scout Reservation in 1956.

It is, with hope, that the Grand Opening of our new museum will feature Cowaw Lodge 9 Raritan Council 100th Anniversary as one of main exhibits.

There will be many different displays for each of the exhibits and we are always looking for donors, archivists, display makers, and interested people to help

bring these to life for all to enjoy. Experience is helpful but not needed as we can all learn together with everyone having an input in our new venue.

## **New Museum Building** by Steven Buckley

### ***GREAT NEWS TO SHARE***

#### ***The MUSEM BUILDING PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD***

#### ***The Monmouth Council Executive Committee approved the Lease***

I want to share the good news that we are once again moving forward with the new Museum at Quail Hill Scout Reservation because the Monmouth Council Executive Committee has approved the lease.

Before I move on, I want you all to know that right after we publish this newsletter a Special Edition Newsletter with all the details will be published. We will provide some historical background and move forward year by year so even if you knew nothing about the NJSM or our building program or have been with us all these years you will be up to date on what has happened and what is about to happen.

At the MCBSA Executive Committee meeting of May 21, 2020 James Phillips presented the plan via a power point presentation that Matthew Kaufman had provided and the plan was approved in principle. A formal vote by all their committee members will be taken via e-mail soon with no objections anticipated.

The following is a summary of what was approved as provided to the NJSM by James Phillips of MCBSA.

The Executive Committee of Monmouth Council BSA is supportive of Museum

raising money and funding to build the project. Our two groups are dotting our Is and crossing our Ts for final approval so we can go to green Acres.

This news was presented to the NJSM Board and the working Committee folks at our May 27, 2020 meeting to great relief.

Plans to restart all the things we had in motion a long time ago were explained by Steven Buckley and Matthew Kaufman and we agreed to start them in motion once again.

Stay tuned for lots of additional details as we move forward.

I would like to thank Spencer Morasch and Matthew Kaufman who together have been my right- and left-hand guys in supporting my work. I would also be neglect if I did not also thank Monmouth Council BSA for donating the land at their Quail Hill Scout Reservation to build our first ever free-standing Museum building. In addition, I want to thank a very Scout friendly architect Kurt Kalafsky for his services and those of his company by continuing to support us on this project.

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## **Curator Corner**

**by Steven Buckley**

As I told all of you in the last Newsletter, fall 2019, I spent most of 2019 discovering I had a vascular heart problem that required two hospital stays the second of which I received a new aortic heart valve inside my heart and the repair of an aortic aneurysm just above and outside my heart. To say the least I'm very happy to say I did not have a heart attack.

I always say that this is your museum. I want everyone to consider making contributions of artifacts relating to the history of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts mainly in New Jersey, but also of general interest to the Scouting community at large. I would be very happy to discuss donations to our collection with anyone. Donations are tax deductible. I always tell people to give us everything no matter how unimportant it may seem. We are always very grateful to each donor that provides us with wonderful Scouting history.

With all that being said the good news is that once I got to my Curator job in late February, I have caught up with artifact donations from very late 2018 through April of 2020 and I have chosen just a few to share with all of you with a description and some pictures.

### **Bill Fead: Accession# 2018.1**

Several Boy Scout rank patches 1960's with pins, several Watchung Area Council activity patches, mirror, three slides one from 1960 Jamboree, matches holder, compass, two 1937 National Jamboree pocket patches, bobcat pin, several service star pins, Valley Forge Trail medal in box, merit badge sash, scout uniform Plainfield troop 8 Eagle and Miquin OA Lodge 68 flap. two Philmont Watchung Area Council 1963 crew 808 H, regular Philmont N/C, Jubilee Camporee Watchung Area Council 1960, Miquin Lodge 68 N/C, Build Serve Achieve Watchung Area Council N/C, 1964 National Jamboree N/C, First Aid Training N/C, Canvas storage bag, Your 1963 Boy Scout Official equipment catalog camp Watchung & Sabattis.



**Unknown Giver, these originally belonged to Rosemarie Brodeur  
Accession# 2018.10**

All items in this collection are Girl Scout related: The first group contains many pins with a lot of duplicates, a first aid kit, a pocket knife, letter opener, clock, plaque, and many other small items. The next group has a large collection of patches from the Archdiocese of Newark over perhaps 20 years. The rest of the group is from various activities including patches identified as from West Orange NJ - New Providence - Greater Essex and Livingston, Cookie Sales, and International Girl Scouting, The next group about 21 merit badges and two troop numerals. The next group has a variety of items. Personal grooming kit, troop flag pole topper, many pins, CD's, Compass, web belt, hot plate, and a tag from a shipment from Little Brownie Bakers to Rosemarie. The next group, a mug, belts, socks, handkerchiefs, candle, inflatable pillow, Napkins, Edith Macy t-shirt and 1965 Senior Roundup Idaho along with two green note books related to this event. The last group is various uniform items including a beautiful adult dark green wool leader's jacket with many awards pinned to the lapels. Girl Scout round French style beret, two boxes Girl Scout stationary, hat WWF in box

**Unknown Giver: Accession# 2018.8**

Collection of 22 Girl Scout publications mostly hand books.



**Jean St. Germain: Accession# 2018.11**

Many of the Photos were taken by John K. Medoff at GS Camp Lochbrae North Hudson Girl Scout Council. Photo of Boy Scouts in a newspaper article cleaning up Leonia, her son Peter in picture. All of her four sons belonged to that troop. Three Alexander Hamilton Council R/W's. A 10-year BSA Veteran card date 10/57 for John K Medoff. Registration card dated 12/31/56 stating John was a District Chairman in Alexander Hamilton Council. A BS Good Turn Award. A set of pictures from the 1960's of an OA ceremony but no location is noted. Girl Scout troop 61 photo March 30, 1959 leaving for a Washington DC trip. Jean far right. GS at camp Lochbrae in the 50's photo swimming in the creek before the lake was made. The 1956 GS Senior Roundup handkerchief was her sisters Martha. Documents relating to the troop working with UNESCO on a project. Single picture of Medoff Family in 1956 at Camp Lochbrae, Columbia NJ. Two GS membership cards for Mrs. G. Medoff 1960 and 61 North Hudson Guttenberg NJ. A series of three photos at Camp Lochbrae circa 1950 two of Martha and the swimming creek. In most cases for much of this material handwritten notes accompany the materials / photos.



Many people ask, "What is needed by the Museum?" The answer simply stated is;

"Anything related to both the Boy and Girl Scout programs that will help us tell the story of Scouting in New Jersey, and to a lesser extent scouting in general" is of interest to us.

It's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun.

## **Membership**

**By Spencer Morasch**

Yes, there is still time in 2020 to renew or start a membership with the NJSM.

The NJSM would like to encourage all of the Friends of the NJSM, both donors of artifacts / memorabilia and both past and current financial givers, to consider a membership in 2020 at whatever level you choose. One of the benefits as a membership is receiving our Newsletter and that's one way to help and to stay informed.

A copy of our membership form is included with this newsletter.

The following are new Friends of the New Jersey Scout Museum

**Austen Canade, Esq.  
Jean St. Germain**

I thought with this issue of our Newsletter that we would like to recognize all those Friends of the NJSM that have recently become Life Time members. They have achieved this either by a single gift of \$1,000 or over several years donating smaller amounts that reached that amount as follows:

**David Oertle (2017)  
Don Brockel (2017)  
Kurt Kalafsky (2018)  
Jeff Scott (2019)**

We can't stress enough the following as we have said before and will continue to say:

*In these modern times we have to send information out by e-mail to reduce our costs, but more importantly to increase our ability to send out information quickly & more efficiently. It's surprising to us that we don't have e-mail addresses for about 30 of you, so if you have received this newsletter printed on paper in the US Postal Mail, then please send me your email address so that we can send out future news & correspondence to you electronically. Reducing the number of printed and US mailed newsletters will have a significant and positive impact on our finances, which will allow us to instead use those funds to make YOUR Scout Museum a better place!*

*If your e-mail has changed or you think we may not have your e-mail for any other reason, then just please use my e-mail address listed below to inform me of changes.*

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