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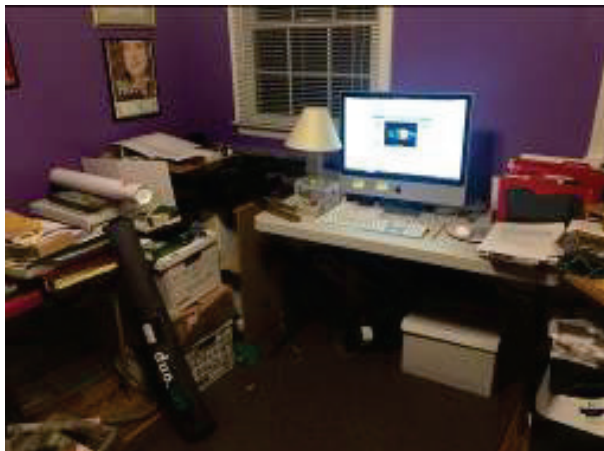
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## Curators Corner Winter v2017 in Review

By Steven Buckley, Curator and VP NJSM

The NJSM office has been a very busy place over the winter of 2017.



This is your museum and 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. If you know of a person or family that does not know what to do with their Scouting artifacts suggest to them that the NJSM might be the perfect place. The NJSM would like to assist anyone in any way we can to preserve their treasured items and perhaps donate them to our current collection where they used for the benefit of future generations of Scouting or to support the work and mission of the Museum. I would be

very happy to discuss Donations to our collection with anyone.

We are an independent non-profit organization. We are incorporated with the State of New Jersey. We have Federal 501-3-C status so people who make gifts can get a tax deduction.

I would like to summarize the donations that we received during the winter of 2017 with a few pictures.





This winter we received some very nice Girl Scouts items including uniforms, patches, and posters Along with some interesting Boy Scouts items including one box full of items from New York City including Camp Alpine and Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camps.

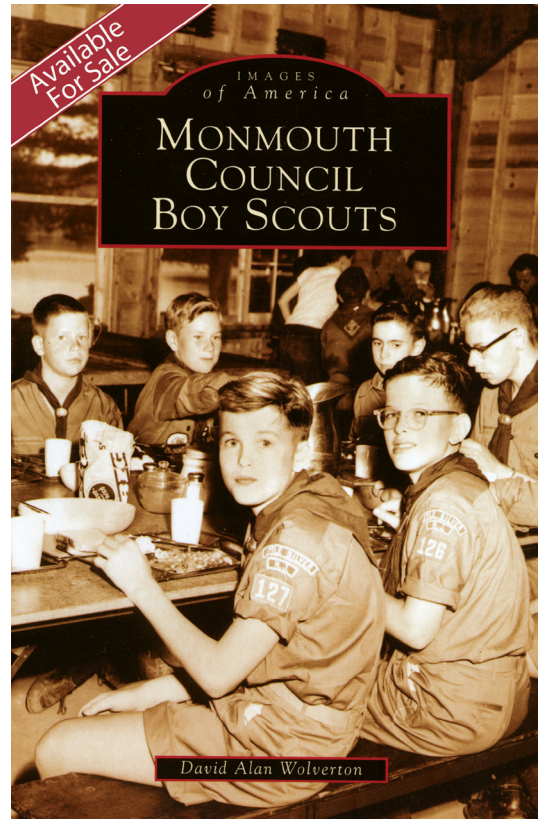
We are always very grateful to each donor that provides us with wonderful Scouting historical memorabilia. As I have said in almost every newsletter gifts come in as small as a shoe box to very large gifts encompassing many boxes of items. We are grateful for the small and the large. We have found some great treasures even in the smallest of gifts. Even if the gifts do not fit our collection we may donate them to another museum where they will find an appropriate home.

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.

Please consider how you might fit into our Mission Statement. It's a lot of work, but also it's a lot of fun.

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## New Building Progress Winter 2017

**By Steven Buckley**

In the last issue we dealt with 2016 as being a transition year for us. This winter of 2017 we made some real progress towards our new building program. This is the next update that will keep you informed on the progress towards the time of the Grand opening which we hope will happen by November 2018. I am in charge of the building construction and fund raising.



**The concept has stayed the same but details are coming in clearer view.**

Recently we completed a 17 page detailed design specification detailing what we wanted the new museum building to be like. This document is now in the hand of our architect and his company. In the next few months they will turn that into reality. Once we have real plans later in the year we will send them out to about four or five companies to provide firm costs numbers to us. We had been investigating various types of construction methods. These included conventional stick built, designs from Conestoga Log Cabins a timber frame log design and Bensonwood who provides a panelized method of construction so we could compare their pricing and what each method had to offer. We concluded that review and we have chosen to proceed with a conventional stick build design.

We estimated in the winter of 2016 that the complete cost of the building is about \$300,000. Now after a year of experience I'm happy to say that while we have raised the need to \$350,000 the costs did not skyrocket. We are very confident in the new number. We already have about \$ 126,600 so 1/3 in hand 2/3 needed.

As winter came to an end we next have written a "Construction Capital Campaign" prospectus. This will be the main fundraising tool that we put in the possession of every potential contributor that requires one or requests one. These donors will come from a wide variety of sources. A document called a Letter of Inquiry was also developed and its only one and half pages long. This very high level letter with the briefest of information and it is used to ask if you, your group or organization might be interested in helping us with fund. If we get a positive reply that

we can go forward and provide all the detailed information they might require. We revised our Plan for fund raising that we hope to start this spring of 2017

Each of you could help us in at least two areas:

One area I would like you to consider is helping us to identify possible sources of funding. If you have any ideas let me know by e-mail [curator@njasm.org](mailto:curator@njasm.org).

Another area for you to consider is helping us with gifts in kind. The NJSM will be developing a list of items that are part of our construction budget that you or the company you work for might be able to donate that will offset part of our constructions costs, these are gifts in kind. We will have a list available when we start the Construction Capital Campaign in 2017.

Any unused funds will be used as seed funding for an investment Endowment Fund with the interest derived from it being used to help cover our operational costs in the future.

Here are the major mile stone dates:

- 2017 - In the spring the start of Construction Capital Campaign
- 2018 - Mid winter award contracts for the construction
  - April – May start construction (projected 4 months to build)
  - Certificate of occupancy issued by the local town in September
  - NJSM to begin set up of displays and move in to the new building late September – October
  - Grand re opening November

The NJSM has put forth a big idea and a plan to give us a bright future.

I hope you find all this interesting.

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## The Girl Scout Corner

**By Randy Holden**

Mary and Randy's 'On the Road Again' retirement tour has yielded some significant donations and purchases for our future Girl Scout displays. In January while heading for South Carolina, we stayed with a friend in Virginia and picked up a collection of GS patches and literature. While we were in Myrtle Beach, I met with a woman, formerly of the DC area in Virginia, securing another donation. February found us off to Indiana, a destination that I had always wanted to go but never could create the time. Being the largest Boy Scout TOR in the country now, I was unsure what to expect. It turned out to be a great show for us, both financially and rewardingly. I was able to add many pieces for a future exhibit I am planning in our new museum building. In March, Mary and I returned to the Carolinas where we enjoyed a Girl Scout Swap Meet in Conover, NC. There I received many donations for the museum. A stop in Harrisonburg, VA before reaching the swap meet yielded a nice donation from a woman that was originally from the Tidewater area. My favorite show is coming up at the end of April where we will be attending the swap meet event in Valley Forge. Looking to meet up with people and friends from as far away as California, Colorado, Tennessee and many other states and sharing information, swapping pieces of cloth and other memorabilia. I expect to add to our ever growing list of items to display for your enjoyment. A special thank you for those people that donated/contributed items to the museum along the way: John Hoffman VA, Kat Smith SC, Elizabeth Brickhouse VA, Tom Ashton TN, Joni Morgan TN, Jane Talbert NC, Mel Squires NC, Barbara Breedon MD, Ann Robertson DC, Mary Burdet OH, Karen Kercher PA, and Lori Winklestein NC.

Congratulations to the archives committee of the GS of Central and Southern New Jersey Council as they recently had their grand opening last month at Camp Kettle Run in Medford. While we were unable to attend the gala, we did visit the museum last week and enjoyed our time there, especially chatting

with those in the group and some alumnus that also stopped by. Formerly a dining Hall, the building has been renovated into a very nice museum and should be on a list to visit.

We are always actively seeking donations to make our displays and exhibits more interesting and complete. Please inquire about adding any item(s), no matter how big or small, that you may have to our archives.

## Membership

**By Spencer Morasch**

Yes folks it's 2017 and time to renew or start a membership with the NJSM.

The NJSM would like to encourage all of the Friends of the NJSM, both donators of artifacts /memorabilia and both past and current financial givers, to consider a membership in 2017 at whatever level you choose. It's going to be a very exciting time for the NJSM over the next two years so a membership, with you receiving regular News Letters, is one way to help and to stay informed.



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