



New Jersey Scout Museum Newsletter

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## President's Message

At the New Jersey Scout Museum, we are always working to justify our mission statement:

### OUR MISSION

***To preserve artifacts relating to the history of Both Boy and Girl Scouting in New Jersey and to educate the public about Scouting's role in our communities and nation in developing young people into responsible citizens. and leaders.***

I'm looking at two issues of the New Jersey Scout Museum Newsletter, Volume 1 Number 1 dated December 2004 AND Volume 8 Number 1 from Spring of 2014. Only ten years separated these two publications and while the first documented our earliest efforts and dreams, the second showed just how much we could accomplish with the support of our friends and membership. While it's always fun to look back, the articles in this Summer 2017 issue will give an indication of just how far we intend to go; and you're invited to join with us on the adventure.

One part of this adventure involves traveling the Garden State to talk about the NJSM and recruit members who not only like the idea of a Scout Museum, but love the idea of history and want to work with us to tell the story of Scouting in New Jersey. In the month of June

we've already exhibited at the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey meeting, the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Association of Museums and at the annual recognition dinner of the Monmouth Council BSA.

Please invite us to your town, district, council or county, we would love to talk Scouting History, tell you what the NJSM is up to, and entice you to join in the fun.

*Frederic C. Pachman*

**President, New Jersey Scout Museum**



**At the annual meeting of the Monmouth Council BSA, NJSM President Fred Pachman (left) discusses plans for a new New Jersey Scout Museum with MCBSA President Tim Hogan.**

## Curators Corner Spring 2017 in Review

By Steven Buckley, Curator and VP NJSM

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. I would be very happy to discuss Donations to our collection with anyone. Donations are tax deductible.

In the last three months a few new donations have arrived.

One is very interesting in that we received a group of about 20 Girl Scout Fiction books to add to our library. This is very good news because previously we had so few examples of this type of Girl Scout fiction from the 1920's and some new books.

Let me tell you of another donation. We recently received a copy of Boy Scout Handbook for Boy's 35th printing July 1926. It belonged to a Paul Ashton Foster who in 1929 lived at 21 Oakdale in New Jersey, no town listed, in troop 2 and his scoutmaster was Fred C. Cough. The reason this donation stands out from others is not the rarity of the item but what is found in his Handbook where Paul wrote the following:

***Dear Troop,***

***I'm determined I can be a Scout even without legs and my right hand.***

***Signed by Paul as "First Class" and dated "Nov 12, 1928".***

I was captivated by all this and decided to see if I could find out what happened to this Scout latter in life. I contacted the National Eagle Scout Association but they found no

records for a Paul Foster in New Jersey. I hope someday I learn more about this Scout.

Here are pictures of these gifts.



We are always very grateful to each donor that provides us with wonderful Scouting historical memorabilia.

Let me close with the following as I have done in the past. 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** **Spring 2017**

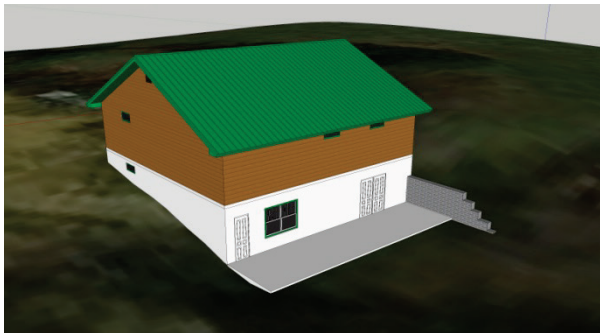
**By Steven Buckley**

This spring is seeing some more progress. On Thursday evening our site plan was before the zoning board of the local municipality for consideration but as can happen when dealing with municipalities we were rescheduled for August 17th. Our graphics designer was busy recently creating a lot of new items for use in various ways.

Shown below are the new revised Artist Concept Pictures of the new NJSM Building



***Front Entrance View***



***Rear Entrance View***

In the months of April and May we did create our "Construction Capital Campaign" prospectus. This will be the main fundraising tool detailing the project both from a construction design and Funding point of view.

A Letter of Inquiry was also developed providing an introduction for folks to the

project. This letter will be used in various forms. Its first use is a version that was sent out to all our past and present Board and Committee members soliciting their financial contribution to project. The goal set for this group is \$25,000 out of the additional \$224,000 that we need to meet the projected cost of \$350,000. I expect that phase to be done by early July. After that we will target many different sources for funding as we move forward towards construction and occupancy later in 2018.

Every one of you that receives this email either electronically or via USPS will eventually receive a request for your help financially, suggesting places for use to contact for funding, or by providing construction items as gifts in kind. Everyone can help.

I also want you to all know that if the generosity of our givers provides us with more funding than the amount needed all unused funds will be used as seed funding for an investment Endowment Fund. The interest derived from the Endowment Fund along with other sustaining yearly funding will help cover our operational costs in the future which will be much higher when we add the cost of running and maintaining our new building to our budget.

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**

I have been enjoying my retirement these last 5 months traveling around for the various Boy

Scout TORs and Girl Scout Swap Meets, visiting friends/family and working on several projects for the museum's future exhibits.

One of my favorite Girl Scout Swap Meets is the Valley Forge show hosted by the GS of Southeastern PA. This two day show was rewarding as I came with many new items for future displays for your enjoyment. The best acquisition was the Medal of Merit, GS's highest honor before the Golden Eaglet Award was started, see picture. I also picked up a proficiency badge to complete a set of every variety issued from 1912 to date.



While all the shows have slowed down for awhile, I will continue to work on my research of all the council and camp histories for the Girl Scouts in the last 105 years. Always looking for help with this project as well as accepting donations for any and all future displays/exhibits. Without the donations, many of the displays would not be possible. Never think anything you may have would not be an asset to our archives. It could be a key part to telling a story, an event, or a spot light on a significant person. If you have read the Curator's report, I found that handbook that tells a very unique story about a young boy who wasn't going to let a few handicaps get in his way of being a scout (that was HIS challenge to himself as well as other). That is a powerful story!

Please be sure to visit our Facebook page show your support by adding the Like our site and Share our page to your home page. This will help us increase our exposure to all on the internet, thank you.

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. Thank you.

## **Membership**

**By Spencer Morasch**

Yes folks it's still not too late to renew or start a membership with the NJSM. We thank all of you that might have already responded but for the rest of you read on.

We can't stress enough the following:

**In these modern times we have to send information out by e-mail to reduce our costs of coarse but more importantly increase our ability to send out information quickly and more efficiently so please include that on our form enclosed. It's surprising to us that we don't have a large percentage of e-mail addresses for all of you so please include yours.**

**If you are already a member but your e-mail has changed or you think we may not have your e-mail because you received your last News Letter by USPS then just please use the membership form to provide us your personal info plus the e-mail address.**

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