



New Jersey Scout Museum Newsletter

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## President's Message

New Jersey Scout Museum 3.0

So, here's what it sounds like, I'm at a Scout meeting and someone asks:

***'Where are you going to build the new museum?'***

***'What will the building look like?'***

***'Are you really building a Scout Museum?'***

The answer to all these questions is 'YES', and we've got the paperwork to prove it. We're working on paperwork to forge agreements, develop leases, secure permissions and draft architectural plans.

As a matter of fact, some of that paperwork is right here in this issue of our newsletter. More of that paperwork is heading in your direction in the form of a prospectus, outlining what the New Jersey Scout Museum 3.0 will be.

We'd be delighted to talk with you or make a presentation to your organization about the NJSM, call or send me an e-mail.

Please consider supporting us with your donation.

*Frederic C. Pachman*

**President, New Jersey Scout Museum**

## Curators Corner

### Summer 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 over the summer we have received about 8 new accessions some described below:

Gift: A collection of items is from Queens New York City and dates from the mid 1940's. Personal Boy Scout Hand Book, Merit Badge sash with rank badges for Star Life and Eagle, famous Rockwell Picture entitled "A Great Moment" of a Scout Receiving his Eagle Award, Picture of his Eagle Medal in the original box, Explorer Scout Patch, Suanhacker round Lodge felt patch, and many other items.



Gift: Troop 1, Hoboken New Jersey scrapbook, circa 1912 - 1913 with photos, newspaper clippings, photos of Camp Lackawanna, many references to the first National Boy Scout office in New York City.



Gift: The most interesting thing about this gift is that being an American and earning his Eagle Award his family lived in England from 1959 - 1960 where he also earned their highest Award the Queen Scout and it includes the Queens Scout badge itself. In a plastic box is the "Ner Tamid" or Eternal Light award from the Jewish Committee on Scouting. A uniform shirt is included and his sash with many of the badges sewn on it mentioned previously. The gift also includes a description giving more details on the gifts and part of the story of his years in scouting in the USA and in England.



Gift: This is a very large donation of perhaps a few hundred different pieces that are being donated by Meg Stickel Moore the daughter of Robert Stickel a very well know Scouter in Monmouth Council NJ in the late 1960's and beyond. Many items relate to troop 331 and Cub Scout pack 321 of Holmdel New Jersey and a Sea Scout Ship are included. A small sample of the gift is pictured.



Gift: The following items were owned by Bud Hassler who was both a volunteer and then a professional Scouter. These items are now being donated by his daughter Linda Hassler in memory of her father. A stuffed BSA Bear 24" high from the Greater New York Council. Patches, various books, 14 in all as old as 1925 through the 1970's, many 35mm color slides and many more items  
The two boxes contain so much more



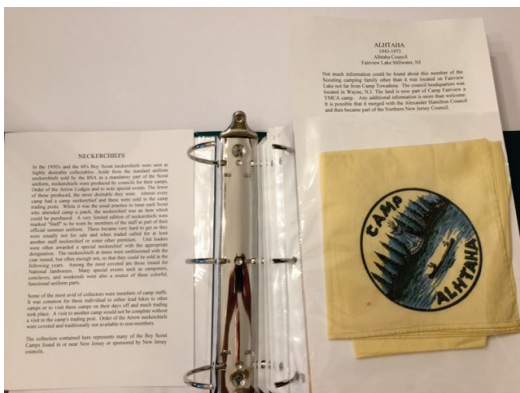
Gift: This gift mainly revolves around the association that Scouter Al Zusman had with both Camp Cowaw in New Jersey and OA Lodge #9 Cowaw of Raritan Council BSA when he was young and later on Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation (KMSR). In retirement Al became a National Park Service

Ranger in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. It was this Area of the Gap that absorbed 5 local Boy Scout Camps. Al authored "There Were Camps Along the Delaware" book. What follows describes some of the various gifts:

Mounted "Baden -Powell Hat Pins" 1996 - 2010 which were earned by students and the Staff of National Camping Schools. Seven documents that we received electronically and that are stored with this accession namely: "Mess Hall Adventures", "Memories of Camp Cowaw" from memories shared by Fred Iverson and revised by Al, "Hike Day" which describes about 9 different day hikes available, "For Whom The Bells Toot" which describes one of the last party line phone systems in New Jersey, "Camps in the Area of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area" 12 camps were within the park borders and just outside 6 more which are described, "And So It Began" the remembrances of AL's first visit to Camp Cowaw in July 1951 having been raised in Carteret and finally "A Special Place" camp is where you really live Scouting. A variety of patches. A picture of entrance road to Camp Cowaw with a rock pillar on each side including signage. The original Bronze plaque from the entrance left pillar. A generous number of documents and papers were received in printed form mostly revolving around Boy Scout camps along or near the Delaware River valley.



Gift: The items of this collection are donated by Judy Fisher in Honor and Memory of her husband Joseph who was a member of Troop 84 in Carteret NJ under the guidance of Scoutmaster William "Chief" Comba. Joe was active in the OA in the 1950's Cowaw Lodge #9 and served as their chief. An overview of the collection follows: One 6 inch high wooden Totem Pole, various Cowaw Lodge 9 neckerchiefs and slides. Very small 1/2 inches x 2 inch felt patch "Raritan Council Camporee 1952. 2 Cowaw Lodge 9 OA Flaps, 1 Cowaw Lodge 9 round patch, one Sanhican Lodge 2 OA Flap and one Narraticong Lodge 9 OA Flap. One Raritan Council Camporee 1955, Union Council 1967 Scout-O-Rama, Recruiter 1954 segment, Watchung Area Council 1968 Totem Trail Hills District, 2 Winnebago Scout reservation, Deserted Village Allaire Monmouth Council Camporee 1957, Area 2 B 1958 Cowaw, 3 patrol patches, Area 2B Fellowship 1963 Cowaw Lodge, Order of the Arrow 41st Anniversary 1956 leather NC slide and one 1967 Area 2B Conference Tocks Island lodge 9.



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**

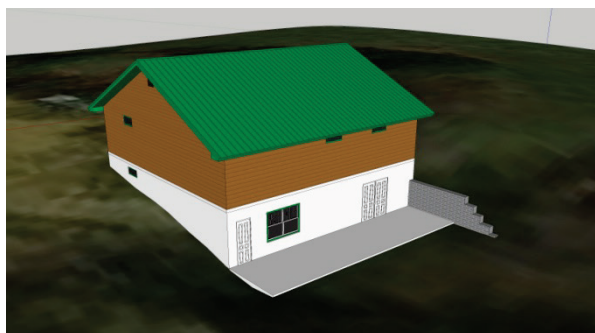
**By Steven Buckley**

This summer has moved ahead slowly but on two important fronts things got done. First in August the Zoning Board of Manalapan approved our project along with Green Acres approval. The other issue is we are now at the start of the second draft of the lease with Monmouth Council that legally describes the future relationship between the NJSM and Monmouth Council. If you ever had to work on getting what I would call a commercial lease between two parties you would sympathize with us even when both parties want to make it happen. The lawyers are working diligently with input from both parties. Draft 2 is 13 pages long.

Shown in the next column are the new revised Artist Concept Pictures of the new NJSM Building



**Front Entrance View**



**Rear Entrance View**

We are wrapping up our fundraising from all current & past Board and Committee members. The goal set for this group was \$25,000 and at this point we are over the top by a lot. We have raised \$39,100 and we still have a few folks to hear from. I'm very happy about the support we have received from these folks. We still have the \$100,000 that the Board approved from our Endowment reserves. The projected cost of the NJSM is still \$350,000. If you do the math we still need to raise the remaining \$210,000 by winter of 2018.

We will soon start targeting 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, or suggesting places for us to contact for funding, or by providing

construction items as gifts in kind. Everyone can help.

I also want you to remind all of you 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**

Plenty of milestones for the N.J. based camps this summer, most were attended by the New Jersey Scout Museum. Camp Glen Gray (though not a BS camp these days, still attended by both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts year round), in Mahwah, celebrated its 100th Anniversary in late June. No-Be-Bo-Sco, in Blairstown, celebrated its 90th Anniversary in late July, followed by Ten Mile River Scout Camps, in Narrowsburg, NY, and Camp Roosevelt, in Elmer, celebrating their 90th Anniversaries in early August. All of these events were well attended and had lots of activities, fellowships, and good food and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Also with milestones this year are: Camp Yaw Paw, in Mahwah is 95, Pine Hill S.R. is 70,

Joseph A. Citta S.R., in Brookville, is 60, and Camp Turrell, in Cuddebackville, NY, is 45.

For those wondering about the other notable camps and their most recent milestones. In 2016 - Winnebago Scout Reservation, in Marcella, was 75, Forestburg S.R. was 60. In 2015- Quail Hill S.R., in Manalapan, and Floodwood Mountain Reservation, Lake Clear, NY, were 50. In 2014- Camp Lewis, in Hibernia was 70, Mt. Allamuchy S.R., in Stanhope was 65, Sabattis Adventure Camp was 55.

Even the camps with our brothers straddling the river, Camp Minsi was 65 in 2014, Ockanickon S.R. was 75 in 2015, and Camp Trexler will be 90 next summer.

On a sad note, the Girls Scouts said good bye to Camp Sheppard's Mill in Bridgeton. Fortunately it was sold to the state to be part of the Park System. The Girl Scouts of Central and Southern NJ still operate Camp Sacajawea (Sacy) in Newfield, Camp Inawendewin in Vincentown, Camp Kettle Run in Medford (home to their museum) and Oak Spring in Somerset County.

## **Membership**

**By Spencer Morasch**

Yes folks we have concluded renewals of our Friends Members memberships for 2017. We thank all of you that might have responded for 2017 at whatever financial level you had chosen.

The work of membership is never done and over the past few months we discovered a group of folks who we had never reached out to.

This year our Curator Steven Buckley and I have spent a considerable amount of time to make sure the Museum specific database that

Steven uses, (for receiving & cataloging artifact donations), and the Membership database that I use are in agreement. I would like to report we are making great strides. After two distributions of our News Letter this year we have closed the gap considerably.

Here is the interesting thing Steven discovered. Steven had a total of 315 entries in his database. Initially all those names were listed because they had donated artifacts to the NJSM. Of these we had about 150 names that we never had included on our regular mailings or e-mails. Those folks did not get Newsletters and we never asked them to become Members via our Friends solicitations. All have now been contacted and we apologized for previously not realizing that we had not included them in our regular mailings. We will now keep in touch with everyone as best we can. 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.**

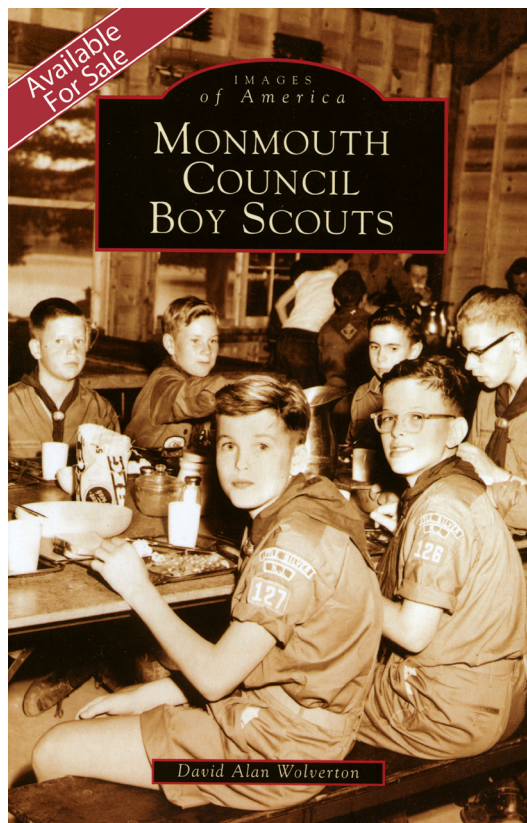
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