



GUIDELINES



President's Message

By Scott Locorini

As many of you know, I was unable to attend Winter Rendezvous due to work commitments. As I understand it, the event was a great success and much was accomplished. I am humbled to be writing the Presidents message for a third year and thank all who supported me in my absence. More importantly, I want to thank the BOD for all that they do to keep this organization up and running. A



Mia is growing; wonder if she's caught a fish with a fly rod yet?

BIG "Thank You" goes to Sonny Young for covering me when I was away. Most of this report will be from him as he was the acting President during Rendezvous.

I recently learned that the Florida Guides Association has nearly tripled their membership over the past year. All they did was add some pro programs, which we already have. Now they are simply asking members to get one person signed up as a member over the course of the year. So... that's what I'm asking. If each of you signs up one new member, we can double our membership in a year. How hard is it to find one new member? Give it a try and find out!

Finally, get out and enjoy the upcoming season and be safe.

Scott

First VP Report

By Sonny Young

While Scott Locorini was working and enjoying the climate of the Southeast, I presided over NYSOGA'S weekend meetings in his absence. We might not have had the warm weather Scott was enjoying but we had very good NYS weather for Rendezvous. We opened the Friday welcome meeting by lighting the Camp Lantern and sharing a long moment of silence to honor our departed friends Barney Mundy and Tim Hallock.

More than 40 aspiring guides took advantage of NYSOGA's training programs, along with our members. Plus, we all got to mingle with longtime friends, meet new acquaintances and listen to knowledgeable presenters, whose sessions included "Instagram



Sonny Young

for your Guide Business" (Jordan Craig), "Aquaculture Tourism..." (Elisa Livengood, PhD) and "Guide Insurance and Risk Management" (Robert Barber of McNeil & Co.)

Saturday's annual business meeting resulted in a minor change in NYSOGA's bylaws. The restriction against more-than-two consecutive terms of office for the president was stricken. The nomination for president is now the same as for any other member of the board of directors.

Saturday evening, Mary Tryon's Kids to Camp quilt was won by Squeak (Sandra Rose). I know she will treasure it. Plaques created by Pete Siskavich were awarded to deserving members, along with the 'Hyker Kanooski' certificate and trail work certificates.

Sunday's board of directors meeting went smoothly. Our thanks to White Eagle Conference Center for providing an excellent atmosphere for our gathering.

Sonny

Winter Rendezvous XXXV - A Big Success

By Craig Tryon, Rendezvous Committee Chair

Winter Rendezvous XXXV was held at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY from March 17th to , March 20th. This was the fourth time White Eagle was our host. If you were able to attend Rendezvous, you know what a good time was had by all. If you didn't make it this year, you sure missed a good time. We had 101 guides / spouses and prospective guides register for Winter

Rendezvous this year.

We started on Thursday afternoon with our Water Safety for Guides class. As usual Alan Woodruff did a great job instructing 42 prospective guides in water safety, issuing them a completion card that met this requirement for their Guide License. Thursday evening, we held our very popular Guide Exam Review class and a general roundtable discussion about guiding and the guiding industry for prospective guides. Thanks to the guides offering

their time and knowledge to make this session a success.

Friday, National Safety Council classes in CPR/AED and First Aid were given to 47 prospective and NYSOGA guides to fulfill their license requirements. Sonny and Sheila Young, along with 5 teaching assistants, did a great job with the classes. After dinner, our Welcome Meeting was held, followed by socializing and the opportunity for members and prospective guides to get acquainted. Sonny Somelofski and Squeak

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NYSOGA Secretary's Report

By Mary Hall

Winter Rendezvous has come and gone once again and it was a very productive time of sharing. Old friends and new friends alike were gathered for trainings, workshops and times of social interaction with some tears and lots of laughs. Our welcome meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of our two members lost...Tim Hallock and Barney Mundy and in support of two members in need of our prayers ...Brett Lawrence and Don Williams (and his wife Bev.) Vice President Sonny Young hosted the meeting in President Locorini's absence. Craig Tryon lit the camp lantern to signify the opening of Rendezvous officially.

During the weekend, we also held our regional meetings with regional directors chosen, the annual meeting with elections of the executive board and directors-at-large and concluded on Sunday with the board of directors meeting.

Highlights from these meetings included motions as listed below:

Motions to accept the secretary and treasurer's reports for both the annual meeting and the special board of directors meeting- carried with one abstention each.

Motion to change the bylaws striking term limits for the office of president- carried with 2 abstentions.

Motion for the secretary to cast one ballot accepting the slate of officers

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Alex Marra is NYSOGA's new Region 3 director. Alex is the CFO/CoFounder at Upstate Adventure Guides LLC and the CEO of Hudson Valley Weather.

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Rose brought their guitars and provided the entertainment.

Our Saturday morning seminars were very popular this year. Each of the 3 seminars was attended by over 40 people. First was the social media program "Instagram" presented by NYSOGA guide Jordan Craig. Second was "Aquaculture Tourism- Opportunities and Benefits in New York State and Beyond for Outdoor Recreation" presented by Dr. Elisa Liven-good, professor in the Environmental Sciences Department at Morrisville State College. Third was "Guide Insurance and Risk Management," presented by Mr. Robert Barber, Executive VP of Market and Product Development with McNeil & Company Insurance and Risk Management Services, Inc. Thanks to each presenter for their time and talents to make our seminars a big success.

In the afternoon, regional meetings were held and Regional Directors elected.

NYSOGA then held our Annual Guides Meeting. Our Annual Guides' Banquet was enjoyed by all. After dinner, our annual awards were presented to members. Sandra "Squeak" Rose received the 2016 Camp Spoon and Jeff Whittemore was given the 2016 Packbasket Award. Congratulations to them both. Door prizes were then given out. The Annual Kids to Camp Quilt was won by Sandra "Squeak" Rose. Thanks go to the many guides who donated the door prizes, Mary Tryon who hand-makes our Kids to Camp Quilt each year, and to the "Girls" who receive donations for all our prizes given out. Following our banquet was again social time in the Tepee with guitar and singing entertainment by Sonny and Squeak.

At lunch on Saturday, we were joined by Colleen Kayser, Licensed Guide Specialist and Col. Andrew Jacob from the Forest Ranger Division of DEC in Albany. Col. Jacob gave us an update on the Guide Li-

cense Program. We were also joined by a young lady named Tanner Olds, her brother, Colin, and dad, Chris. Tanner was one of our 2015 Kids to Camp campers. She wanted to give us an idea of what her camp experience was like and to say "Thank You" for sponsoring her to a DEC Environmental Education Summer camp.

Sunday morning was "Good Byes - See Ya Next Year" and our first 2016-17 Board of Directors' Meeting.

A big "Thanks" goes to the 2016 Rendezvous Committee... Roy Earley, Mary Hall, Jeff Whittemore, Squeak Rose, John Wainwright, Norm Landis, Alan Woodruff, and Lynn Malerba.

I now pass the "Rendezvous Torch" to 2017 Winter Rendezvous Chair, Will Soter. Will and committee are planning a great 2017 Winter Rendezvous in the Catskills next year. I can't wait...

See You there!

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presented by the nominations committee. - carried with one abstention.

Motion for secretary to cast one ballot to accept the slate of directors at large as nominated and accepted. - carried

Motion to adopt the proposed budget for March 2016- March 2017 - carried one abstention

Motion to accept the concept of Master Guide Licensing draft but not implementing it until it is fleshed out. - carried with one abstention

Motion to change the sponsor membership fee from \$120.00 to \$60.00 - carried with one abstention.

Motion to change the dates for summer Rendezvous to July 15-17, 2016 pending

approval with the hosting site. - carried

Motion to continue the Springfield, Suffern and Saratoga sports shows for the 2017 show season. - carried

Other important dates to be noted:

Summer Rendezvous will be held July 15-17, 2016 at Great Lot Sportsman's club in West Leydan, NY - with Sandra Rose and committee hosting.

Winter Rendezvous 2017 will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY- March 23-26, 2017 - with Will Soter, Dave Dicerbo and committee hosting.

Tentative Board of Directors meetings will be:

Thursday May 26 at White Otter Fish and Game Club in Woodgate, NY

Sunday July 17 at Great Lot Sportsman's club during Summer Rendezvous

Thursday October 6 at the Altmar fish hatchery in Altmar, NY

Saturday January 7, 2017 at Frost Valley YMCA in Craryville, NY

Sunday March 26, 2017 at Frost Valley YMCA during Winter Rendezvous

Deadlines for article submissions to Guidelines:

Summer edition- June 6, 2016

Fall edition- September 6, 2016

Winter edition- December 19, 2016

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Hall, NYSOGA Secretary

Conservation & Trails Report

By Sonny Young, Committee Chair

NYSOGA folks have donated 194.75 hours toward trail conservation since 2010. NYSOGA's spring workday on our adopted 4-mile section of the Northville-Placid Trail (NPT) will take place on Tuesday May 3rd, with a rain date of Thursday May 5th, 2016. On either day NYSOGA/ADK volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Wakely Dam, Cedar River Road, Indian Lake NY. We can carpool from there to the limited trailhead campsite parking. This workday is scheduled to

allow certified chainsaw volunteers to remove several trail barriers. But, anyone can carry the chainsaw, and many hands mean lighter work! We also remove small overhangs and clear drainages. Bring your season-appropriate outdoor gear and lunch. We would be happy to email the C&T handbook to you...just request one at adk-foothill@yahoo.com. Please also let us know in advance if you plan to attend, either by email or calling 518-359-8194.

Sonny Young

Our Winter Rendezvous

will be going south in 2017 to the Craryville area near the Taconic State Parkway.

It has been scheduled for the weekend of March 23-26 and the Rendezvous Committee will be chaired by NYSOGA VP Will Soter.



REGION 1 - IN MEMORIAM



Tim "Yeti" Hallock in his beloved mountains.

Region one (Long Island) and the NYSOGA directors were saddened by the tragic death of Region 1 Rep. and past president Capt. Tim Hallock while on an outing in the mountains of New Hampshire.

As this year's Rendezvous was starting, we also received word of the passing of former Region 1 Rep. Barney Mundy.

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of these two highly regarded members of NYSOGA.

Barney and Diane Mundy at a previous Rendezvous.



REGION 3

By Will Soter

Signs of spring abound here in the Catskills! Spring beauties, trout lilies and trillium blanket the forest floor a full month ahead of last year. The flora and fauna can use this mild winter and early spring to continue their recovery from the harsh conditions of the past two winters. On my hikes I have also seen an abundance of turkeys and an increase in deer sign. This is welcome news for those



Will Soter

looking forward to spring season.

This is one major issue of concern in the region and it looms heavily around the activities of camping and hiking in particular. With such a heavy push to utilize the lands of the Catskill Forest Preserve as an economic driver for the local communities, we have struggled with the balancing act of educating users on the proper use of the land. There has been great work done by groups like the Catskill Park Coalition (CPC). The CPC has successfully gained the support of the Senate for the creation of a dedicated \$4m line item in the EPF (Environmental Protection Fund). All we need now is the governor's support. This will help to fund conservation, stewardship, and

education initiatives, allowing the forest preserve to function as a tourist destination without cannibalizing the very resources that attract visitors to the region.

In working with these great organizations that teach young and new members of the outdoor community how to fish, hunt, and backpack. I am reminded of my own course, and it is a course that probably rings true at its core for all of us. We, at some point, were touched so deeply by an experience we had in one of these spectacular natural settings that we decided to share our passion, knowledge and respect for the natural world. This way, others may safely and responsibly enjoy those experiences for generations to come.

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Can not believe the incredibly warm weather we have all experienced this year. In my area, I don't believe we had more than 4 days when the temperature fell below zero and only one really cold reading at -26. The number of snowmobiles for sale seems to confirm that we also had very little snow. This is definitely the mildest winter I can recall. Just hope that we don't get surprised with an early



Bruce Fuller

spring freeze that damages our apples and other valuable vegetation.

It appears that the mild temperatures may allow the DEC to stock trout prior to the April 1 opener, something they have not done for years in my area. Without the usual runoff of melting snow, our local streams and rivers are low and clear. Unless there are some radical changes, the trout should be easily spooked due to these unusual spring conditions. For those anglers that fish the local NYC reservoirs here in the Catskills, the absence of ice will also allow for them to launch boats for the season opener, another abnormal situation.

Our wildlife also benefited from the mild

winter and, unlike last year, I doubt we will hear of any loss from the weather. I am still not seeing much improvement in turkey numbers and I have my own thoughts concerning the reason for their decline. DEC definitely needs to take another hard look at the problem before it gets totally out of hand.

It was sure great to see many of you at this year's Winter Rendezvous. Wish even more would attend.

It's a great weekend. I would also like to hear from more of the Region 4 guides so I can include their comments in my report. After all, THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION. Wishing everyone the best as we come into another season.

REGION 5

By Sheila Young

Hello fellow guides. It is with the heaviest heart that I recall our departed friends Tim Hallock and Barney Mundy. Please keep them, and all of our guides, in your thoughts, and honor Tim and Barney by being the kind of guides they would admire.

DEC had a busy search and rescue season. On January 23rd, there were three separate SAR activities in Region



Sheila Young

5. On February 13/14, with overnight temperatures forecast at -24° with wind-chill at -55°, a couple unintentionally spent the night at the top of the Mt. Colden Trap Dike, and were evacuated by DEC. On February 6, a woman was evacuated from the Mt Marcy area using the combination of a SPOT locator and text messaging. According to Scientific American, "The SMS messages" (texting) are "asynchronous. If they can't get through this instant, they keep trying. If it gets...to to the cell site, it will get through... With voice you're either connected or you're not..." In other words, it takes only seconds to transmit a text, saving cell phone battery power. Texts tend to stay concise, and are not

continually running and eating up battery power, unlike voice. Searching the Net, I found these tips for conserving cell phone battery life in an emergency: 1) turn off 3G/4G/Wi-Fi – they are real battery hogs; 2) turn off animated wallpapers; 3) dim the display; 4) turn off vibrate notifications; 5) turn off extra wireless connections – e.g. Bluetooth – and unnecessary apps (and most apps are less necessary than prolonging your battery life in an emergency); and finally 5) make sure you are competent with map and compass so that you don't have to rely on your cell phone GPS.

In other SAR news, the Horicon-area search for 82-year-old hunter Thomas Mes-

REGION 5 continued

sick, missing since November 15, was reduced from an active search to a limited continuous search on January 21st. Please look for signs of his presence if you are in the area.

DEC confirmed peregrine falcons at 26 sites in the Adirondacks and the Lake Champlain/Lake George area in 2015. There were 16 territorial pairs, with 15 active nests pro-

ducing 18 chicks. A new Crane Mountain site was discovered by a rock climber.

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) interpreted the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) guidelines concerning the Lake Placid-to-Tupper Lake section of the 119-mile Remsen-to-Lake Placid travel corridor on February 11. The decision centered on allowing a "rail trail" vs. track rehabilitation between Lake Placid and Tupper Lake. This has been a locally controversial

and divisive subject, and I suspect that litigation from either camp will follow.

Please remember that the bright yellow Shows Bag will promote guides' businesses again in the 2017 season. Plan to have 500 pieces of your business literature available to put in the bags by the end of 2016. They are distributed to all the shows NYSOGA attends, and this promotion is FREE to members.

REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Well, the Winter Rendezvous at White Eagle was fun. I met a lot of aspiring guides who took part in our training and took the guides exam. I think 64 people took the exam. Region 6 is well represented on the new Board of Directors with



John Wainwright

Scott Locorini re-elected as president, Jeff Whittemore as treasurer, Alan Woodruff as a director-at-large and myself as your Region 6 Rep.

The warm temps of March have given way to midwinter weather as I'm writing this report. Wind chills now reading 10 degrees with occasional bursts of lake affect snows. Birds are really working my feeders. Had woodchuck tracks on my deck yesterday morning, which really got my 4 dogs going.

Water levels in nearby streams were very

low for this time of year on opening day of trout season. However, the W. Canada Creek was high at 2,200 cfs which makes it tough for wade fishing. I did take my 3 wt. out with my favorite #10 beadhead prince nymph in nearby Steeles Creek but no takers and then got caught in a pretty heavy rain. Oh well, just good to get out. Time to start thinking about hitting some Adirondack brook trout ponds once the weather breaks.

Let me know if any of you have issues or suggestions for the BOD. All for now.

REGION 7

By Sandra "Squeak" Rose

Hello From Region 7. I would first like to say how very appreciative that I am for the appointment as Region 7 Director.

I am thankful for the vote of confidence and opportunity to serve. I plan to do everything in my power to surpass the responsibilities of this office. I have begun my endeavors for Region 7 directly in my own neck of the woods, Oswego County. I can report progress and am I happy to announce that we have 2 renewed and 1 new membership to NYSOGA already and I have been informed through my contacts in the local NYS Licensed Guides that there are more to follow in the near future. I am also pleased to announce that my nomination of Wayne Weber - Wayne -O's Guide Service-Mexico, NY was considered with approval; resulting in Wayne being voted into one the Members-at-Large positions for the NYSOGA Board. Congratulations, Wayne.



Sandra "Squeak" Rose

The 2015 fishing season in Oswego county was indeed a rough one, leaving many questioning all the possible various reasons as to the deficit. I attended the DEC "State of The Lake" meeting held at the Pulaski High School on March 8th and the meeting was well attended by approximately 100 +. I must honestly say there were no rock solid answers as to the root of the problem. I intend to stand shoulder to shoulder with fellow local guides as we continue to research the various reasons through reliable sources and in a responsible and professional manner as to the decline in the quantity and quality of fish in the Lake Ontario /Salmon River region; *because speculation and hearsay accomplish nothing of value or validity.

There are many rumblings in regards to the issues of Antlered/Antlerless Restrictions, Cross Bow Regulations and many similar topics of concern; I will be reporting on these matters as I gain reputable information and facts. I am personally concerned for the lack of snow that Region 7 received for 2015/16, the ecological effect, the loss of business resulting from that lack and all of

the many avenues it effects.

I have been in contact with many of the Chamber of Commerce offices throughout Region 7 and I look forward to a good working relationship with them. I am in constant pursuit of all information for Guide Contacts, outdoor industry changes, events and headlines for the Region.

We had our first 2016 Regional Meeting at the NYSOGA Winter Rendezvous and have scheduled our next Regional Meeting for May. The four Region 7 Guides in attendance during the Regional Meeting at the Winter Rendezvous have agreed to assist me in the preparation and hosting of The 2016 NYSOGA Summer Rendezvous being held at The Great Lot Sportsman's Club West Leyden NY on JULY 15, 16 & 17 for which I very thankful.

I am proud of Our Region 7 and all that it has to offer, I have barely scratched the surface of the potential of Region 7 with this report but please know; Region 7 is coming alive and headed in the right direction for which I am indeed Very Thankful To Report.

REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

It was good to see everyone at the winter Rendezvous after a long winter.

It was a mild winter but they are all long!! Today isn't exactly a spring day with 3" of snow and +25. The worst is behind us-hopefully.

March 26th, Lee Godin and his family came down



Jim Morgan

and went trout fishing in new member Ron Koniz's trout ponds near Logan NY. It is not too far from my place in Lodi and I went down to see them and Ron's operation. What a beautiful setting way off the road down in a valley! The ponds are aerated with a stream running through them. The big trout pond is 3 acres or so and full of very fat rainbows in the 5-7 lb range.

On April 1st, I went back with a friend instead of going to local streams, due to low water and majority of the fish having already spawned and returned to the lake. What a great morning of fishing we experienced!

We used fly rods, light leaders and small worms were the bait of choice. The pond is 30' deep in places but these fish are out of the water most of the time. My old automatic shakesphere fly reel was screaming with long and exciting runs. We each caught at least 6 fish, returning all but 2.

You can keep 2 per person and the cost is \$25.00/person.

You can contact Ron at 607-546-7308 or cell 570-877-2605. If you need

lodging overnight, contact me. I am only 12 miles from Ron's.

Have a safe season, everyone.

2016 Trip Planning Request *Compiled by Roy Earley**January***DATE ORIGIN**

01-08-16 New York
 01-10-65 New York
 01-13-16 New York
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 01-31-16 New York

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REGION/CATEGORY

Region 5 Ice Fishing
 Region 5-6 Hiking
 Region 5-7 Charter Boats
 Region 3-5 Canoe/Kayak
 Region 5 B/G,S/G,F/F,D/B
 Region ? ? B/G, Predator
 Region 4 S/G,W/F,S/F,Canoe
 Region 3 Hiking, Photography
 Region 9 W/F,Fishing, S/P,L/R
 Region 3-7 F/F,D/B,S/P,L/R

*February***DATE ORIGIN**

02-04-16 Penna
 02-05-16 Indiana
 02-16-16 New York
 02-16-16 Virginia
 02-20-16 Ohio
 02-26-16 Mass.
 02-28-16 Penna.

3-5 People
 1-2 People
 3-5 People
 1-2 People
 ? ? People
 6-10 People
 1-2 People

REGION/CATEGORY

Region 1-9 Ice Fishing
 Region ? ? Big Game
 Region 5-6 Fly Fishing S/P,L/R
 Region ? ? Ice Fishing
 Region 5-9 Small Game
 Region 6-9 Big Game
 Region ? ? Big Game, Fishing L/R

*March***DATE ORIGIN**

03-05-16 Conn.
 03-06-16 New York
 03-12-16 New Jersey
 03-15-16 New Jersey
 03-21-16 New York
 03-31-16 Oregon

1-2 People
 ? ? People
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 ? ? People
 3-5 People
 1-2 People

REGION/CATEGORY

Region ? ? B/G, S/G, Turkey
 Region 3-4 F/F, D/B,S/P,L/R
 Region 9 Fishing,D/B,S/P,L/R
 Region 4 Big Game
 Region 1-5 S/G,Turkey,F/F, D/B
 Region ? ? Hiking

F/F--Fly Fishing

S/P--Streams & Ponds

S/F--Surf Fishing

B/G--Big Game

L/R--Lakes & Rivers

S/G--Small Game

D/B--Drift Boats

W/F--Water Fowl



*Lake Moraine in the Morning
 from Will Soter.*

Lake Moraine Morning

By Squeak – March 2016

Good Morning Lake Moraine.... The icy wind is being chased by the sunrise; sending rippling waves lapping. The Canadian Geese are in awe of you also as silently they whoosh past they are intent on their destination.....and like the pines surrounding you.... "they too must not stop soaring"~~

We are strong this morning Lake Moraine.. but that you already know.. you have been watching us, and our strong desire to "soar". In our dedication you watch us travel foot paths to our classes, meals and meetings. In our late hours you watch as moonlight - mischief runs around the cabin yards by evening.....

boys~~~boys~~~

You must be reminded of generations long ago, when around your lapping shores; they met here to strengthen, learn and grow. We miss our comrade "Yeti" ~ but not to worry he is here... I can feel him swirling across your surface, strengthening us through the fog as he soars~~~

We pack our gear before our meeting.. we must travel on today, back to our appointed posts all around our beautiful New York State. With many hugs, tears and reasons, we head for home "still as a team"! Yes, Good Morning Lake Moraine; at your shore line, our determination you have seen.

"And Together As A Family, We Will Stick To Our Soaring Theme"....

Summer Rendezvous Will Be July 15-17, Hosted by "Squeak"

Region 7 Director Sandra "Squeak" Rose will be hosting NYSOGA Summer Rendezvous this year at the Great Lot Sportsmans Club near West Leyden, NY from July 15-17. Member guides are encouraged to pack up the family and come for a great time. More information will be forthcoming.

Bylaws and Policies Report

By Sheila Young, Committee Chair

The members present and attending Rendezvous amended our Bylaws, striking the Presidents' term of office restriction. The President may now serve consecutive terms in the same manner as any other member of the Board. So, congratulations to Scott Locorini on his third consecutive term leading NYSOGA into a bright future!

The Bylaws and Policies Committee, in partnership with the Nominations Committee, considered broadening how members vote for NYSOGA Directors. It was determined that allowing mailed and proxy votes would present a barrier to allowing nominations at Rendezvous. Additionally, it would place an undue burden on the work of the Nominations Committee. For at least the foreseeable future, voting will continue to take place only at the Annual Meeting.

NYSOGA to Sponsor Wilderness First Aid Session on September 11

NYSOGA will again be sponsoring a Wilderness First Aid class this fall. It will be held on Sunday, September 11, at the White Otter Fish & Game Club near Woodgate, NY. Anyone interested in more information is asked to contact instructors Sheila and Sonny Young at (518) 359-8194. Save the date now and look for more details in the summer issue of Guidelines.

Shows Report

By Bruce Fuller

This year, NYSOGA was represented at four sport shows: Edison, NJ; Springfield, MA; Suffern, NY and Saratoga, NY.

The Edison show has continued its decline with poor attendance and far too many show booths for other than sports-related items. For this reason, your Board of Directors has decided to discontinue supporting this show. If anyone has knowledge of a large show, especially in the adventure sports area in which they believe we should be represented, please contact Jim Zak, Roy Earley or myself, Bruce Fuller. Our contact information is on page 2 of Guidelines or the www.NYSOGA.org website.

Please also take note that we have continued to hand out the bags containing the advertisements of our members at these shows. For those of you new to us, members are encouraged to forward their personal business leaflets or the like for inclusion with material we hand out at sports shows. These are placed in a nicely decorated plastic bag entitled "Your Adventure is In The Bag." and offered to show attendees visiting our booth. This is a no-charge-extra-benefit of your membership.

For additional information and details on material restrictions and forwarding instructions, please contact Mary Hall or Sheila Young.

I hope everyone has a great year.



A Rendezvous song fest at the NYSOGA booth.

The NYSOGA Store

To order NYSOGA merchandise: Specify item(s) type, size, color, etc.

Include check or money order payable to NYSOGA.

Available items can be viewed on the www.nysoga.org website.

Write to: Herb Broome/NYSOGA • 6051 Veeder Rd. Slingerland, N.Y. 12159

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Logo Patches	embroidered 3" round	\$6.00
Window Decal	interior 3x7"	\$3.00
Window Decal	exterior 5x8" NY outline yellow	\$6.00
Window Sticker	interior 2.5" round	\$2.00
NYSOGA Pin	pewter 1" round	\$6.00
Travel Mug	granite/green w/Logo	\$6.00
Membership Pin Collection	11 pins 1995-2005	\$5.00
Hat green/tan waxed canvas	embroidered guide pin	\$20.00
Hat tan cotton twill	embroidered guide pin	\$20.00
Tee Shirt Rend. 2015	maroon long sleeve M, XL, 3XL	\$18.00
Tee Shirt Rend. 2014 - Lyons Falls	gray M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2013 - Malta	black Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2012 - Hamilton	tan long sleeve M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$10.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2011 - Lake Placid	grey cool dri fabric Lg, XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2010 - Hamilton	black Med, Lg	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2009 - Margaretville	brown Med.	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2008 - Boonville	rust Med. only	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2007 - Saranac	white S, Med, Lg, XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2003 - Johnstown	brown Med, XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2002 - Boonville	ivory XL only	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2001 - plain black	ivory S, M, Lg, XL, 2 XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 1999 - Saratoga	ivory Med, Lg	\$7.00
'16 Rendezvous long sleeve polyester, dark blue with eagle emblem	M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	\$20



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Kids to Camp quilt winner "Squeak" Rose (left), the quilt and quilt maker Mary Tryon (R)



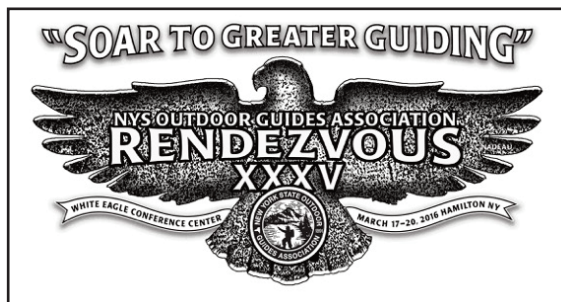
Wayne Weber of Mexico, NY, is NYSOGA's newest director-at-large.



Tanner Olds of Norwich, a recipient of our Kids to Camp program, spoke of her experience at the Rendezvous luncheon.



Charter member, past president and current treasurer Jeff Whittemore was awarded the Pack Basket for "carrying a NYSOGA load."



Artist Rich Nadeau, a long time NYSOGA supporter, designed the logo for the 2016 Rendezvous.



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