



## Girl Scout History Society

### News from Cultural Assets

Our next virtual meeting will be October 8th at 4pm EST. The link to join the meeting and agenda will be sent a few days in advance.

Alison recently attended a workshop given by the Greater Hudson Heritage Network about handling water damage situations in collection's spaces. Below are the top 5 tips she took away from the workshop.

#### 5 Tips for Handling Water Damage

Create a Disaster Prep Plan or review your current one.

- Know where supplies for a disaster are located.
- Know what collection items are a priority and where they are located.

Do a quick damage assessment – no more than 20 minutes to determine:

- Type of damage

- Cause of damage
- Location of damaged collection

### Salvage Options

- Dehumidification
- Air Dry
- Freeze
- Send to Conservator
- Discard

Air Drying and Freezing are salvage options you can do yourself

- Air dry best for paper and photographs- easiest with a small number of objects
- Lay items flat on absorbent material and have blotting material to get excess water (terry towels, paper towels and puppy pads are cheap options).
- Freezing is best for stabilizing items that are all one layer.
- Do not freeze things like paintings where layers could separate in the freezing and thawing process.

If the water damage is past what you can handle in-house, contact outside vendors for assistance.

- Vendors suggestions: BMS Cat, Belfor, and Polygon
- [Culturalheritage.org](https://culturalheritage.org) - find a conservator near you.
- [National Heritage Responders](https://nationalheritageresponders.org)- website also has tips and resources.

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## Collection Highlight

Summer is coming to a close, but we'll always have our camp memories! The GSUSA Collection includes the original drawings for the summer camp postcard series from 1936-1973.



This image of curious foxes is from 1955-57. Note the artist's signature B.M. and the various pencil markings made by the artist or editor, including the pasted-on addition of the text.

## News from Members



**GS Heart of NJ** council has a mystery pin on a 1919-1928 uniform. We have seen a similar unidentified example without the three stones. if anyone has information about this pin, please contact [Nancy Avery](#).

**Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan** recently hosted a VIP tour for the current WAGGGS Board Chair, Candala Gonzalez, her husband Matt, and their host, local artist and philanthropist Julie Dawson. They were so engaged that the one hour tour expanded to two! Candala love the uniforms, the showcase



collections, and everyone was amazed with the archives!



Check out **Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana's** blog post about their new Program Space at the Vernon Hills Gathering Place [HERE](#).

The **Arizona Cactus Pines Council** History Committee is looking for an authentic "Round Up" style tent from the 50's and 60's to use at this year's "Trailblazing Through Time" event on October 19th. This is a large canvas tent for 2-4 people with no floor attached. We will set it up in advance for the girls to explore. We are also looking for a "nylon pup tent" from the 70's that has an attached floor. It would typically have 3-piece aluminum poles for each end and stakes and guy lines to hold it in place. The girls would get a chance to set his up and take it down. If you have access to either or both of these, please contact [Liane Bowles](#).



**Gail Yook** from the Knoxville, TN area is celebrating 75 years of Girl Scout involvement! She is a Round-Upper, went on a Wider Op to Australia, and was Director of the **Girl Scout Museum at Daisy's Place in the Girl Scout Leadership Center of East Tennessee in Knoxville** for several years. Congratulations Gail!

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