



Girl Scout History Society

News from Cultural Assets

January Virtual Meeting Date: January 29th, 4pm EST

Join us for the first Girl Scout History Society Virtual Meeting to meet the Cultural Assets staff, learn about this group, and ask questions about the upcoming Girl Scout History Institute at Edith Macy Conference Center. We will also be meeting virtually in July and October 2024.

Click to join the meeting [HERE](#)

Zoom Test Meeting Date: January 30th, 4pm EST

In our last communication, we said the virtual platform for these meetings would be Microsoft Teams, but we have decided to use Zoom instead as it is more accessible. This meeting on January 16th is an optional test meeting for people who have not used the Zoom virtual meeting platform before and want to practice or check their connection. We will only stay on for 15

minutes so people can familiarize themselves with the platform. If you have questions about how to join this test meeting, please email [Janine Napierkowski](#).

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Update: Girl Scout History Institute Second Council Representative Registration

In an effort to accommodate as many participants as possible, we have staggered registration for the Girl Scout History Institute. Registration for a second council representative will open January 23rd. Registration will continue to be through Eventbrite. Council CEOs will be sent a reminder with the registration link and only councils will be able to register their representative. The Macy scholarship covering 50% of the Macy portion of the event (not travel) is still available.

Collection Highlight: Liberty Loan Medal



Americans banded together to contribute to the war effort in a variety of ways during World War I. As always, Girl Scouts were ready to help. As part of the larger U.S. Government effort to sell war bonds, Girl Scouts had to sell at least ten subscriptions during the Third or Fourth Liberty Loan Campaigns to earn this medal. If the Girl Scout had already earned the medal in the Third Campaign, and she earned it again in the Forth Campaign, she would receive

a bronze bar on which the medal could hang. The medal is made of bronze, was designed by Paul Manship, and produced by Gorham & Company. Between the two campaigns, Girl Scouts raised \$9,174,550, equating to about \$201,018,322 today.

This Liberty Loan Medal from the GSUSA Collection & Archive will be on loan and display, along with a WWI-era Girl Scout uniform, at The World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO from February 29th, 2024 until February 9th, 2025.

Welcome Alison!



Alison Gorsky grew up in Marietta, Georgia and received her bachelor's degree in history from Georgia Southwestern State University. She then moved on to attend Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland for her master's degree in history and recently completed an Archives Management Certification from Indiana University. She has been working for GSUSA since 2022 where she started at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace in Savannah as a full-time tour guide. She is moving into a new position as Cataloguer and is excited about her new role. Alison spends her free time putting together puzzles and visiting animal shelters as well as traveling to new places.

News from Members

Girl Scouts of Colorado History Center has an active uniform loan program for troop events, community parades, or fashion shows. We have over 600 complete uniforms from all age levels and periods and 2,000 accessories and uniform parts. We are willing to give away excess uniform items to your council. If you desire a specific size item to complete a uniform you have we will try to match your need. See contact below:

Mike Werner, Volunteer Uniform Curator
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Have a new exhibit opening? Have extra artifacts to donate to another council? Send your news to [Janine Napierkowski](#) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please limit entries to 100 words or less.

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