



## Girl Scout History Society

### News from Cultural Assets

Dear Girl Scout History Society,

The last few months have been a bit of a blur for the Cultural Assets team. From the Birthplace Homecoming in March, to the Girl Scout History Institute in April, to the GSUSA National Board of Directors' visit to the Birthplace in May, there has not been a dull moment. We're looking forward to getting back in the grove of history work. Next up: preparations for the release of the Juliette Gordon Low Quarter! Stay tuned.

Be well,  
Shannon

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### Updates

We are very excited that Cultural Assets and the Birthplace have summer

interns starting in June. Both interns will be focusing on digitization projects. If you are interested in the process of finding and utilizing interns, please reach out to [Janine Napierkowski](#) for resources or to start a discussion.

Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, July 9th at 4pm EST. The link to join the meeting will be sent a few days in advance.

To access the Resources web page, click [HERE](#)

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## Collection Highlight



Summer is approaching which means it is almost time for Girl Scout camp!

This Brownie bathing suit (1966) is part of the GSUSA Collection & Archive. It is an "unofficial" uniform that was sold through the National Equipment Catalogues. Girl Scouts has made numerous styles of bathing suits over the years, but this is the only one in the collection with the Brownie logo.

The bathing suit was donated by Evalyn Coombs McKenzie (November 10, 1922 - December 22, 2012), a lifelong Girl Scout. Evalyn attended Bryant-Stratton College in Boston, and as WWII progressed, she joined the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service or W.A.V.E.S., the female branch

of the U.S. Navy, serving as Control Tower Operator and as a Chief Specialist Y. She received the Maine Governor's Award for WWII Service, and following the war, she obtained her Private Pilot License and then her Commercial Pilot License for Land and Sea. She flew out of the Harrisburg Seaplane Base on the Susquehanna River. Evalyn founded the McKenzie School of Aeronautics and taught ground school, often to male WWII pilots learning to be Commercial Pilots. Lyn was a Girl Scout Troop Leader in five states, a Service Unit Director, a Camporee Director at G.S. Camps Pine Grove and Small Valley in Pennsylvania, a member of the Board of Supervisors for Pennsylvania's Hemlock Council, and a member of Maine's Kennebec Council's Silver Trefoil Society. She worked as bookkeeper for Kennebec Council for many years at Fort Williams in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She received awards for lifetime service to the Girl Scouts from both Kennebec and Hemlock Councils. Lyn was the Historian for the Kennebec Girl Scout Council (now Girl Scouts of Maine) and published a book on Girl Scouting's 75th Anniversary in 1987.

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## News from Members



Chesapeake Bay council has an interesting **Macy pin** (pictured above). We believe it was a visitor's pin that was available for purchase at Macy between 1979-1982. There was also a mug and a patch with a similar lamp design. If you have any information about this pin, please contact [Gail Graham](#).

Heart of the Hudson council is looking for information about the "**All America Camps**" such as the 1938 event in Camp Cloudrim Park City, Utah. Please contact [Kathy Maxcy](#) if you have knowledge of these events. HoH also has extra Cadette Challenge pins they are willing to share if your collection is in need of them.

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