



Invitation to Join The Old Duck Hunters Association Circle

October 1, 2019

I am writing this letter to invite you to join the Old Duck Hunters Association Circle, a separate category of membership in the Barnes Area Historical Association, Inc. This designation was created in honor of Barnes' own legendary outdoors sports writer Gordon MacQuarrie and his mythical Old Duck Hunters Association, Inc. (ODHA, Inc. -"Inc." for incorrigible), of which his hunting and fishing partner, father-in-law and mentor Al Peck, was "Hizzonor" and its President.

This special membership category, the Old Duck Hunters Association (ODHA) Circle, conveys some benefits of the Museum including free access to the Museum and all of its exhibits, the ability to arrange special visits to the Museum outside normal operating hours and more. Membership also includes a "collectible" laminated ODHA Circle membership card, notices of upcoming MacQuarrie events and a quarterly newsletter the "*Other Drivel*". (We have had some publishing issues with this newsletter this past year, but hope to have new issues out this coming year. Catch up with any back issues and then remain current.) Membership dues and donations will help support the continuing expansion and maintenance of the Museum's MacQuarrie Exhibit. We are proud to count 161 members as of this writing.

The Barnes Area Historical Museum has a substantial exhibit featuring Gordon MacQuarrie, his history, writings and historical personal artifacts. Located near MacQuarrie's beloved writing cabin on Middle Eau Claire Lake, where he hunted and fished, and the locations that served as settings for many of his published stories, the Museum is unique with its substantial exhibit, events and educational programs devoted to the MacQuarrie legacy. The exhibit, which continues to grow, contains his duck boat, decoys, typewriter, writings, pictures, medals, awards and many other historic and personal items of interest.

The Museum annually sponsors a *Gordon MacQuarrie Pilgrimage and Canoe Trip Weekend* featuring presentations, remembrances, displays, a banquet and a guided tour of local sites that served as settings for MacQuarrie's stories, etc., as well as an optional Brule River Canoe Trip that visits many of MacQuarrie's fishing sites. For the coming year of 2020, the Pilgrimage will be held Friday, August 28th, Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

We also offer two MacQuarrie books, *Right Off the Reel*, and the new book, *Dogs, Drink and Other Drivel*, both compiled and edited by Dave Evenson. Go to the BAHA web site bahamuseum.org for information and order forms.

If interested in becoming a member of the ODHA, please complete the membership application on page two as soon as possible. BAHA is a 501 (3) (c) registered non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact Museum board member Larry Bergman (larrygbergman@yahoo.com) or me, Steve Lynch.

If you are already a member, please fill out the renewal form on page 2 and return it with your membership dues to the BAHA address listed. We hope you will renew for 2020.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Lynch
President, Barnes Area Historical Association, Inc.

Special Invitation to Join at the Old Duck Hunters Association Circle Level

Membership at the ODHA Circle Level includes ODHA Circle benefits, plus some basic Museum benefits. A separate membership application for BAHA and its dues are required for full BAHA benefits. New Museum memberships at the ODHA Circle Level registered after July 1, 2019 will not expire until December 31, 2020. Yearly memberships are valid for the entire calendar year (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020). Any new membership registered after July 1, 2020 will be valid until December 31, 2021.

Please complete the information below and return it to the address provided, along with a check payable to BAHA for the level of membership you choose and any additional support. We apologize for not accepting credit cards via our website. We also offer Lifetime Memberships. Special and Designated Donations or Memorials are also welcomed and appreciated.

BAHA is a 501 (3) (c) registered non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

OLD DUCK HUNTERS ASSOCIATION CIRCLE-2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ + _____

Phone: (Please designate if Cell #) _____

Email address: _____

(We will send you Museum news, meeting notices, minutes and other information-for Museum use only.)

Please check selected membership category and donation levels:

- New Membership Renewal Membership
- _____ ODHA Circle Annual Single Membership..... \$ 25.00
- _____ ODHA Circle Business or Corporate Annual membership..... \$ 50.00
- _____ ODHA Circle Couple/Family Annual Membership..... \$ 35.00
- _____ ODHA Circle Life Membership (includes spouse and children under 19)..... \$500.00
- _____ Donation as a Memorial or Remembrance (Please enter name of person or persons to be memorialized or honored.) _____ \$ _____
- _____ Donation to the BAHA Museum for the MacQuarrie program _____ \$ _____
- _____ Donation of MacQuarrie memorabilia-(Please contact Larry Bergman at larrybergman@yahoo.com if you have any items that you would like to donate.)
- TOTAL PAYMENT**..... \$ _____

Mail completed application and dues to:
Lu Peet, BAHA/ ODHA Membership Coordinator
51580 State Highway 27
Barnes, WI 54873.

If you have questions, contact Steve Lynch, BAHA President at 715-634-9669 (Email: ccslynch@hotmail.com) or Lu Peet at 715-795-3065 (Email: lupeet101343@gmail.com)