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Boy Scouts to help Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee

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History is repeating itself as the Yahara District of Glacier's Edge Council of the Boy Scouts has offered to help a committee restore the badly deteriorated Statue of Liberty replica that has been located in Warner Park since 1971.

It was local Boy Scouts, with help from Rotarians, who gave the statue to the city of Madison in 1951.

"During our centennial year, the Scouts hope to work on historic conservation badges restoring the Statue of Liberty replica," said Greg Marconnet, district chairman of the Yahara District Scouts. "Next year, Scouts will help with the landscaping and the rededication ceremony in Warner Park."

The statue, first located in Giddings Park, was damaged in storage, then located in Warner Park where time took its toll. It is now being stored for the winter pending repair.

The City of Madison Arts Commission website has more information and pictures from the history of the Boy Scouts' work for the Liberty Replica at www.cityofmadison.com/MAC/Public/conservationliberty.cfm.

Others who would like to help with the rehabilitation effort may contact the co-chairs of the Restoration Committee: Barbara J. Arnold at (608) 244-2183, Sue Peck at (608) 358-1270 or John H. Frey at (608)

249-6718. Peck, who is treasurer of the committee, can also be reached at suepeck19@gmail.com.

The committee needs volunteers to help contact potential donors, do clerical work and assist in fund-raising activities. Corporate sponsors and small gifts also are needed, both monetary and in-kind. Such in-kind gifts could range from items to be raffled or offered as event door prizes to landscaping or labor. For a copy of the full project statement or to volunteer to bring our Lady Liberty back to full health, contact Peck.

Additional information also is available at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/MAC/public/conservationLiberty.cfm> or by contacting Madison Arts Program Administrator Karin Wolf at kwolf@cityofmadison.com.

Besides the Boy Scout Council, other organizations working with the restoration effort include: the City of Madison Arts Commission, the Madison Parks Commission, Fine Arts Conservation Services, LLC, Celestial Stone Foundry and Forge, Historic Madison Inc., Pechmann Memorials and Madison Fireworks Fund Inc. (Rhythm and Booms).

The committee's goal is to raise \$75,000 for restoration, landscaping and an endowment for maintenance. Landscaping may include walkways to the statue, vegetation, lighting or benches.

Contributions can be made at these levels: Gold—\$2,000 and above; Silver—

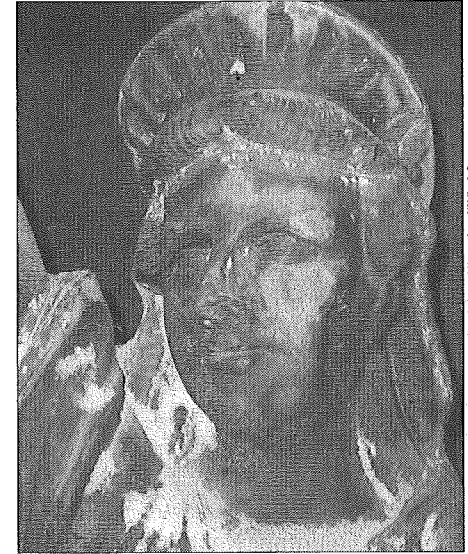


Photo provided by Karin Wolf

A badly deteriorated Statue of Liberty will be restored.

\$1,000 to \$1,999; Bronze – \$500-\$999 or Friends of Liberty – Under \$500.

Donors will be recognized on the website and during the rededication ceremony. If there are bricks, benches or memorials in the new landscaping, donors can be acknowledged there as well.

Contributions to Historic Madison, the fiscal agent, are tax deductible. Please send donations to: Historic Madison Inc., P.O. Box 2721, Madison, WI 53701. Checks should be made out to Historic Madison Inc., with Statue of Liberty Replica Restoration Fund written on the memo line of the check.