



World Figure Skating  
Museum & Hall of Fame

## *Reflections on Ice*

*Thank you for your continued support of the Museum's newsletter. After evaluating some research and suggestions from our readers, you'll see we've changed to a one-column format for easier on-line readability. We hope you enjoy our summer edition.*

### **Museum Benefit Highlights**

As you've probably seen in previous Museum correspondence or the recent issues of [International Figure Skating](#) and [SKATING](#) magazine, "An Evening with Scott Hamilton" took place on May 5, 2006, in Orlando, Fla.

Over 280 guests were treated to a special evening filled with humor and poignant memories to honor the 1984 Olympic champion affectionately known to the sport as "Skate God." 1984 Olympic pairs silver medalist Peter Carruthers was master of ceremonies for the event. The roasters included ABC Sports Producer/Director Doug Wilson; eight-time British champion Steven Cousins; 1992 Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi; 1976 Olympic decathlon gold medalist Bruce Jenner; and two-time Olympic gold medalist Dick Button. Four-time World Champion Kurt Browning narrated a special film tribute to his close friend.



Scott Hamilton delivers his rebuttal at the benefit. (*Susan D. Russell, International Figure Skating*)

What made the evening so special were the roasters' personal stories about Scott and the warmth and good feelings throughout the evening. The generosity of Hamilton's long-time friend and sponsor, the late Helen McLoraine, was also recognized.

Hamilton, a Museum Trustee, reminded the skating audience of the importance "to advance, protect and take the Museum to places it's never been before. Support this Museum because without celebrating our past, the present and the future mean very little."

Executive Director Brian Alexander would like to extend a special "thanks" to the Benefit Host Committee, the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council members, organizations and vendors who helped promote this event, the guests who attended, and the Museum staff.

### **Museum Auction - A Resounding Success**



Bruce Jenner's antics electrified the audience at the live auction (*Susan D. Russell, International Figure Skating*)

In conjunction with the Benefit Dinner, the Museum hosted a successful auction that began March 21 online and culminated in Orlando, Fla., with both an on-site and live component at the Hamilton roast.

The live auction was entertaining with auctioneer and Host Committee member Charlie Cyr and surprise auctioneer and *Skating with Celebrities* star Bruce Jenner enthusiastically handling their roles to raise money for the Museum. The three items sold included a

framed autographed photo of all 12 U.S. Olympic champions; the "New York City Super Skating Getaway," which included skating and dinner with World medalists JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley; and the original artwork "Scott Hamilton: Signature Moves" created

exclusively for the benefit by sports artist and former Olympian Roald Bradstock.

The Museum thanks everyone who donated and bid on items to support its programs.

### **JoJo Starbuck & Ken Shelley appointed Co-chairs of the Advisory Council**

Executive Director Brian Alexander recently announced that three-time national champions and two-time World bronze medalists JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley have been appointed as Co-chairs of the Museum Advisory Council.



(left to right) Ken Shelley, Audrey Porsche, Brian Alexander, and JoJo Starbuck at the Museum benefit in Orlando.

As Co-chairs of the 16-member Advisory Council, Starbuck and Shelley will take a leadership role to support initiatives that will help the museum achieve its overall strategic plans.

### **Museum Donation Update**



Two-time Olympic champion and Emmy award-winning commentator Dick Button contributed to the Film Preservation

In addition to the successful benefit and auction, the Museum continues to receive funding and contributions that help support new and on-going programs. A highlight of recent donations or grants includes:

#### [Film Preservation Project](#)

The Museum received a \$10,000 contribution from two-time Olympic

Project gold medalist Dick Button toward the Museum's Film Preservation project. This gift is in addition to funding from the Kerr Foundation of Oklahoma City, Okla., and 1992 Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi.

The Film Preservation project targets the most threatened and important footage in the Museum's extensive film archives. An additional \$8,000 is needed to complete the first project phase, estimated at \$30,000.

### [The Pioneer Fund](#)

The Museum recently received a \$25,000 gift from The Pioneer Fund in recognition of the Museum's successful benefit, "An Evening with Scott Hamilton."

The Pioneer Fund President and Treasurer Robert Anderson remarked, "The gift continues the late Helen McLoraine's lifelong interest in and support of figure skating. The Museum Benefit was especially enjoyable for the many friends of Helen McLoraine; she was certainly with us in spirit."

Over the years McLoraine sponsored more than 50 amateur skaters including The Pioneer Fund board member and Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton. The Denver-based Pioneer Fund is a private family foundation established by McLoraine to continue her work in supporting a variety of projects and organizations.

### [Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado](#)

In January 2006, the Museum received a matching Challenge Grant from the [Gay and Lesbian Fund](#) for Colorado to help preserve and interpret figure skating's heritage. The Museum has currently reached one-third of its \$10,000 goal but can still use your help in meeting the challenge. The Fund will match dollar-for-dollar any contribution from new donors as well as stretched gifts (the increased amount in your current giving) from existing donors.

These donations will assist the Museum with its 2006 goals of bringing the collections to more audiences through traveling exhibitions and new on-line programs, actively acquiring significant skating collections, initiating work to conserve the costume and

historic film collections, and preserving and interpreting figure skating's rich heritage.

### Zamboni School Dedication

Frank J. Zamboni, recently elected to the World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame and father of Museum Trustee Richard Zamboni, posthumously received another honor when the



Members of the Zamboni family, along with the Paramount Unified School District, Paramount City Council, and other community leaders at the school's dedication

Paramount Unified School District of Paramount, Calif., dedicated the *Frank J. Zamboni School* on June 9, 2006. The school has students attending from kindergarten through eighth grade. Many of Zamboni's extended family were on hand for this special event.

The school is named in memory of the Paramount resident who engineered and patented a unique ice floor in 1939. In 1940 Zamboni opened [Iceland](#) in Paramount, one of the largest ice rinks in the country, with 20,000 square feet of skating surface. Zamboni's other legendary invention - the Zamboni® ice resurfacing machine - literally changed the surfaces of ice rinks around the world.

In March 2006, Zamboni was inducted posthumously into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame at the 2006 ISU World Championships in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

[Click here for the Zamboni Web Site>](#)

### A Special Trophy in the Museum Collections



Layman Trophy

*In order to better familiarize our readers with the Museum's collections, Curator Beth Davis will highlight a collection piece in each newsletter.*

The custom of awarding a trophy for victory on the athletic field began in ancient Greece. In America during the 1870's the tradition became popular with the sports of the day. In many cases organizers and sponsors of the events turned to [Tiffany & Co.](#)

They became one of the leading manufactures of sports trophies and continue this tradition today.

In late 1940, David T. Layman, Jr., President of The Skating Club of New York, commissioned Tiffany to produce a trophy for the Pairs event at the North American Figure Skating Championships. On January 15, 1941, the U.S. Figure Skating Association Executive Committee formally accepted the donation. The North American Figure Skating Championships were team events between the United States and Canada. Held from 1923 to 1971, they were skated every other year and alternated between the countries.

The original design for the trophy was conceived as a pair of spinning skates that appear to be cutting into a block of ice. Original blueprints, still held by Tiffany, reveal the word "walnut" for the base scratched out and replaced with the hand-written pencil notation "Lucite." The trophy base today is in walnut. It is possible that the prohibitive cost of Lucite during World War II caused the final design to be executed in the wood. The original clay model used by the silversmiths to create the blueprint is also still in Tiffany's archive.

From July to September 1997, Tiffany & Co. exhibited the largest-ever display of their sports trophies in the exhibit "Celebrations of

Victory" in New York City. The Layman trophy was part of this exhibit. Also included were the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl trophy, the Samuel Rudin trophy for the New York Marathon, the United States Open Tennis Championship Trophy, the Belmont Stakes Memorial Challenge Cup and the Woodlawn Vase for the Preakness.

### **Linda Fratianne Guest Speaker at the Museum**

1980 Olympic silver medalist Linda Fratianne recently presented a special presentation at the Museum, "What it takes to be an Olympian," to [Broadmoor Skating Club](#) members and their families.



1980 Olympic silver medalist Linda Fratianne with Broadmoor Skating Club members

The Skating Club members included competitive skaters who are students of Tom Zakrajsek, a national-level coach, who has helped several skaters achieve Novice and Junior titles.

Fratianne spoke to the skaters about the importance of training hard and being dedicated to the sport you love and want to pursue. She also stressed the long hours and perseverance necessary to become a great skater.

A question and answer session followed the presentation. The Museum acknowledges Fratianne for her efforts and the time donated to make this event so meaningful.

### **Community Outreach Efforts**

The Museum continues to work with



Participants in the Summer Reading Program receive Hall of Fame "medal"

community organizations to educate the public about figure skating.

From May 27 through July 31 (coupons accepted through August 31), elementary students who participate in the [Pikes Peak Library District](#)

[Summer Reading Program](#) can visit the Museum for free, take home a Hall of Fame "medal" and enter a drawing for prizes. The program has the potential to reach over 30,000 students throughout El Paso County, Colo.

Two other public programs are scheduled to be launched in the fall. The "Traveling Trunk," a hands-on, curriculum-based teaching aide is aimed at elementary and middle school students. This program has received partial funding from the Bank at Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo.

*Cool Science* of Colorado Springs, in conjunction with the Museum, will also be sponsoring a program for local Girl Scouts aimed at teaching them about the physics of figure skating.

Look for more program information in an upcoming newsletter.

### **Museum Store Feature**

*Some of the new or special items available at the Museum's on-site and on-line gift shop will be featured in each newsletter.*

This issue highlights the new

"Glass Paperweight" that depicts skates from the Museum's collection. The paperweight measures approximately 3.5" in diameter and .75" in depth and includes felt backing. A decorative gift box is included.

Order on-line or call Store Manager Danielle Crawford at (719)228-3467.



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