



Roselle History Museum Newsletter

Official Publication of the Roselle Historical Foundation

39 East Elm Street, Roselle, Illinois 60172-2026 (630-351-5300)

Published Quarterly Fall 2008

Website: www.rosellehistory.com

E-mail: rosellehistory@sbcglobal.net



THANK YOU TO *BEST BUY*

Through the efforts of Marie Pirano the Roselle History Museum has received a donation of a 52" Toshiba flat screen HD TV from Best Buy in Bloomingdale. The TV will be used to enhance the exhibit in the children's room in the Sumner house and for special events.

TWO NEW BOOKS

The History Museum published two new books that are now available for sale. **Remembering Roselle** is a pictorial history of Roselle. **Cherished Recipes** is a cookbook of favorite recipes of many current and former Roselle residents. More information is found on the inside pages of this newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for people who are interested in helping preserve the history of our village and the surrounding area. Do you enjoy working on displays, gathering historical evidence, researching photographs or just puttering around cutting news articles for our archives? We can also use people who are handy with tools to do miscellaneous repairs and modifications or, assist with building displays, floats, etc. There are no fixed hours and your compensation is the good feeling you get when you have helped us complete an important project

HELP! We are especially looking for someone who would like to take on the responsibility of preparing this newsletter on a quarterly basis. This issue was created by a couple of old "amateurs" and someone who has more creative talent is sorely needed!



ELVIS AND ROCK AND ROLL LIVES

As it is an annual tradition, the History Museum entered a float in the Rose Parade. The theme for this year was the 50's and Rock and Roll to commemorate the opening of the new 50's exhibit in the Sumner House at the museum.

Many thanks to the people who made this float possible. The walkers were Bob Beauprez, Al Engel, Robert Gilbert, Bob Kling, David (Elvis) Siems and Frank Zielinski. Roselle Towing supplied the truck. The Little Gourmet lent us the table and chairs. Elizabeth Zielinski did the hula-hoop. John Cichon and Diane Toomey were the dancers.

The float was designed and built by Milan Bagel, Joan Beauprez, Bob Kling, Joyce Kuhlman, Al Engel and Frank Zielinski.

THANK YOU KAY AND SUSAN

After many years of volunteering at the Roselle History Museum Kay Cayhill and Susan Jankowski have resigned. .

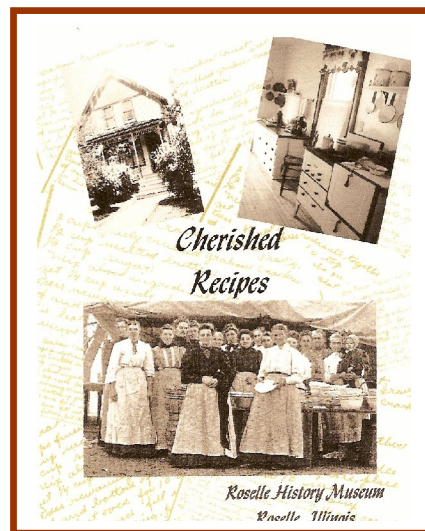
Kay Cahill was with us over 20 years serving us with her many talents. She worked on public relations, was editor of the newsletter, the president, a docent, worked on almost all special events, created a Volunteer Handbook, and was very active on the cookbook committee.

Susan Jankowski also spent many years working at the museum. Her main activity was the research, design, creation and maintenance of the various exhibits. She is a skilled photographer, using her talents for the museum. She worked on all the special events of the museum; she also used her skills in the creation of the "Cherished Recipes" cookbook.

Many thanks to both of you for being part of our volunteer group. We will miss your talents.

Cookbooks Are Here!

Cherished Recipes is flying off the Roselle History Museum's shelves. Of the 600 that were ordered, more than half are gone. You may purchase a copy of this unique heirloom cookbook in one of several ways: 1) you may stop in at the museum's office at 39 E. Elm Street and pick up your cookbook; 2) you may order one via e-mail: rosellehistory@sbcglobal.net; 3) you may call 630-529-6228; or 4) you may print out the order form from the museum's website, www.rosellehistory.com. Do it today!



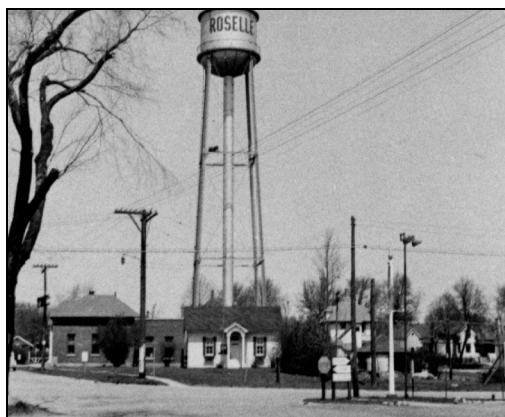
The 440-recipe cookbook is comprised of family favorite dishes and many other features. The attractive three-ring binder (with its own easel) is designed to enhance anyone's cookbook library. It features nine categories of recipes, vignettes from recipe contributors, personal stories and household hints from the committee members, and poignant quotes from the Great Depression. In addition, stories about honey and vinegar, eggs, meringue, inventions, and "Someone You Should Know" provide interesting reading on the divider pages. The committee of ten women pored over 600-plus recipes to make sure they were clear, then had the difficult task of reducing that number to 440. Marie Piraino chaired the committee that included Ruth Bagel, Joan Beauprez, Kay Cahill, Marge Engel, Susan Jankowski (artist and photographer), Sharon Hitzemann, Bob Kling, Joyce Kuhlmann, and Sue Spachman.

Cookbooks are available for purchase at the Village Hall, or The Little Gourmet. In addition, cookbooks will be on sale at Harris Bank Roselle October 4. Cost of the cookbook is \$20. Checks may be made payable to the Roselle History Museum. Please mark "cookbook" in the memo section of your check. If you would like it mailed add \$5. Drop in, call, or E-mail today.

REMEMBERING ROSELLE... A Picture History of our village as it was in the past!



Page 120



Page 111

These are two pictures from **Remembering Roselle**. Do you recognize either of the photographs? See the back page for information about these historic locations. **Remembering Roselle** is the new pictorial history of Roselle. It has a unique cover that wraps around the book and features a photo of mill workers standing on a dock.

The book has more than 200 photos and 120 pages. Each photograph includes information describing the photo with names, dates and location. This painstaking research took twice as long as originally budgeted for. Accuracy is time consuming, but we believe everyone will benefit from the comprehensive copy both now and for years to come.

There are many photos that have never been published before. There are pictures of businesses, homes, families and street scenes. The book is truly something for everyone to enjoy over and over again.

The book can be purchased at the History Museum at 39 E. Elm Street, at the Village Hall, or an order form can be printed out at our web site www.rosellehistory.com. The price is \$20 per copy. If you prefer to have it shipped to you, include \$4 for S/H the first copy and \$3 for each additional one. Checks may be made payable to the Roselle History Museum. Please mark "History Book" in the memo section of your check.

50's ROOM NEW EXHIBIT

After many months of research and hard work a new Fifties room exhibit has been completed in the Sumner House at the History Museum campus. Plan to remember the days of the '50s when life was much simpler. The 50's were the days of Elvis, rock and roll, cars with big fins and poodle skirts. The Exhibit Committee has been dusting off artifacts and designing displays to create an exhibit that is worthwhile to see and enjoy.

The museum is open Sundays from 2-4. If this time is not convenient, you can call the museum office at 630-351-5300 to arrange a visit at another time.

I REMEMBER GOING TO THE MOVIES.....By Ray Hitzemann

Going to the movies when I was in grade school in the 1940's was quite an adventure. Roselle did not have a movie theater. They had theaters in nearby towns like Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Villa Park and Elmhurst. To go to these theaters you had to have a car and go with someone who could drive, which was not always convenient. The other option, which I chose most often with my friends, was to go to Elgin.

A small group of us would get on the train and go to Elgin. When we got to Elgin we would walk across the Fox River turn, left and we would have a choice of three different theaters. They were the Crocker, the Rialto, and the Grove all within a three block walk.

The typical show was a cartoon, a newsreel (usually about the war) and feature film.

In the summer it was a different story. We had outdoor movies at least twice a week that were sponsored by the local merchants. Everyone would bring their blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the movie.

I remember one the people showing the movies was "Road Show Ralph." His presentation was a cartoon, a feature movie, and a serial. One year, the serial was the weekly adventures of "Flash Gordon in Outer Space."

Some of the locations where these movies were shown were at the corner of Howard and Maple Street (where the Trinity Care Center is now located), Main Street at Prospect and Central Avenue just west of Roselle Road.

MEMBERSHIP

Please become a member and help support and preserve local history. Clip and mail to our address shown on the front page.

Yes, I'd like to help the Museum!

Here's my membership contribution to the Roselle History Museum for 2008

☐ New ☐ Renewal Circle One: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other Amount \$ _____

YourName _____

Your address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

REMEMBERING ROSELLE... A Picture History of our village as it was in the past!

The first photo (Page 120) shows the J. Henry Hattendorf home and coach house located on Irving Park Road. It was built in 1890. The home was later torn down but the coach house remained behind the Harris Bank. In 1990 the Harris Bank donated the coach house to the Roselle History Museum and it was moved to our present campus at Prospect and Elm, across from the new Village Complex. The building is used for our offices, meetings and archival storage.

The second photo (Page 111), taken in 1955, is the northeast corner of State Street and Chicago Street now known as Roselle Road and Irving Park Road. The building is the second Roselle Village Hall. The tower in the background provided storage and pressure for our water supply. Note the stops signs instead of traffic lights!

Purchase our new history book ***REMEMBERING ROSELLE*** and view more than 200 photos of our village in days gone by.

**ROSELLE HISTORY MUSEUM
39 E. ELM ST.
ROSELLE, IL 60172**

