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NEW EXHIBIT



The "Roaring Twenties" have "Charleston-ed" their way back to the Roselle History Museum in our new exhibit, ***The 1920s: Fashion, Flair, and the Forbidden Drink!*** The exhibit officially opens on Sunday, March 20th at 2pm. Learn about prohibition, music, cars, fashion, and much more.



In conjunction with the opening of this exhibit we are holding a special lecture on Saturday, March 19th at 3pm in the Museum Office at 39 E. Elm Street. The lecture will be presented by the exhibit creator, Maria Wojtas, and is entitled "Anthropology: What it is and How it Explains the Big Picture." Maria holds a BA in Anthropology from DePaul University and is currently attending Johns Hopkins University pursuing her Masters degree in Museum Stud-

ies. This lecture is free, but we kindly ask that you bring one or more pieces of canned goods (soups, peanut butter, tuna, etc.) to help support our local food pantry. Light refreshments will be provided at this event.

Those who attend our lecture event will have an opportunity to see the new exhibit a day before it officially opens! Interested? Please call and RSVP to this event by Friday, March 18th. Space is limited to 18 people. The museum phone number is: 630-351-5300. If we aren't available, please leave a message with your name, phone number and how many will attend. We look forward to seeing you.

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MUSEUM HOURS : Open from 2-4PM every Sunday and almost any other time by appointment. Phone 630-351-5300 for more information.

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. Please call us at 630-351-5300.

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IF BUILDINGS COULD TALK!

By Ray Hitzemann



There are only a few commercial buildings in Roselle that were here prior to 1950. If they could talk they probably would tell some interesting stories. I decided to interview one of these buildings and ask them if they would tell me their stories.



I talked to the building on Irving and Prospect (101 East Irving) and this is his story. Some of the dates might not be exactly accurate because of his age and his failing memory.

I was built by Rosell Hough probably in the 1870's as a general store and it was said I had everything anyone needed from the cradle to the grave, including coffins! I also had all kinds of farm equipment. Because of my aging memory I cannot remember but I was told that Ladies of the Night had a business on my second floor which had a separate stairway leading up to it.

In 1880 I was purchased by J. Henry Hattendorf and John Bagge who had been one of my clerks. Not only did they buy me but also my inventory. One day in 1920 I felt a great pain in my southwest corner. It seems that a rail car derailed on the tracks behind me and crashed into me. The train car was removed and I was fixed up as good as new.



When the general store was closed I became a tavern. As a tavern I had many owners and the taverns have had many different names. The oldest one I remember was Max Geiselhardt who called me Max's. He decided that I was too big to be a tavern so, some men came in with lumber and tools and built a wall so that I became two stores with the tavern on the west and the store on the east..

Several stores I remember were a paint and hobby store in the 1950's, and Lagerhausen Dry Cleaners in the 1960's. When Max decided to retire I became Jerry's Lounge. Jerry had a juke box and pinball game that people could play and win money on once in a while.

When I was sold by Jerry, I continued to have my name changed. Some of them were: Woodside, Diamond Lil's, Ringside, Brewstir's, and now Teddy B's. I don't remember when the various things happened but the wall came down and I was one again a single business. More things were put inside me like a pool table, TV sets and a Bags Game so people could do things besides have a beverage and some food. They also put a door in me on my east side and added an outside patio. I am worried that that some day, like many of my old friends, I might be torn down in the name of progress.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CREAT YOUR OWN PIECE OF ART?



Our next "Sip & Paint" event will be held on Friday March 25. Join in the fun of creating your own masterpiece. Taught by local artist Paulina Engel, you'll have a great time and will complete your painting that evening. See our website, www.rosellehistory.com for more details.

Annual Historical Evening

It seems that now, more than ever, political campaigns have gotten down and dirty. How did this campaign craziness get started? Believe it or not, it actually has gotten more civil over the years! Hard to believe? The Roselle History Museum invites you to its annual Historical Night on April 2, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Family Life Center, 405 S. Rush St., Roselle, to hear **Terry Lynch** present his program, ***Mudslinging, Muckraking, and Apple Pie: Presidential Campaigns, the Great American Pastime.***



The evening will begin with a wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. with the program at 8:00 p.m. In this program you will hear the stories of the mudslinging and muckraking of the Jefferson vs. Adams campaign of 1800, the Jackson vs. Adams of 1824 and 1828, the Lincoln vs. Douglas of 1860, and Grant vs. ANYONE! Also covered will be the 1912 campaign when Teddy Roosevelt decided to start his OWN political party. Following the program, guests will be invited to enjoy homemade cookies along with their choice of coffee or lemonade.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Roselle History Museum Office, the Roselle Village Hall, or from museum members at \$15 for adults; students age 6-12 will be admitted free. Tickets purchased the night of the performance will be \$18 for adults.

Advance tickets may be ordered using the form below. Enclose your check payable to the Roselle Historical Foundation, along with the form, and mail them to the Roselle History Museum, 39 E. Elm St., Roselle, IL 60172. Tickets purchased by mail may be picked up at the door the night of the performance.

Advance ticket purchase for ***Mudslinging, Muckraking, and Apple Pie: Presidential Campaigns, the Great American Pastime.....*** Your ticket(s) will be held at the door the evening of the event. If you include your email address, we will confirm receipt of your reservation.

Number of tickets:_____

Amount enclosed:_____

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Yes, I'd like to help the Museum! *Here's my membership contribution*

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☐ *New* ☐ *Renewal* ***Circle One:*** \$30 \$50 \$100 \$250 *Other* _____

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