

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Christmas Open House. December 7 from 2 to 4 PM at the Summer House Museum, across from the Roselle Village Hall.



HISTORICAL EVENING
April 11, 2015

Stephen Foster and the Rise of Popular Music presented by Chris Vallillo. Chris will perform nine of Foster's best loved songs while exploring the impact of this legendary American icon and his music on American culture

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The Roselle History Museum would like to wish all of the members and friends a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please don't forget to join us on December 7, 2014 from 2-4 PM for our "HOLIDAY TREATS" open house. Enjoy holiday decorations, homemade cookies, cookie recipes, refreshments and free door prizes. Visit the museum and the Richter House. Enjoy singing Christmas carols by the old parlor pump organ being played by Curt Wolfanger.



ROSELLE'S POST OFFICE HISTORY

Over the years, the Roselle post office has had a number of homes. It had its beginning sometime in the 1800's at the Hattendorf General Store on the southeast corner of Irving Park Road and Prospect street. As our village grew, the post office continued to need more space and sometime in 1925 it moved to the Haas Drug store at 123 Main Street.



In the early 1940's, the post office's journey continued to 115 Main Street, into a store front of its very own! On October 1, 1946, then Post mistress Anna Mae Smith, arranged for a helicopter carrying mail to land on Main Street to celebrate Air Mail Week.

In 1954 it moved to yet another location, into a new store front that was built at 109 Main Street. As Roselle continued to grow they needed even more space so that they could park the mail trucks used for curb side delivery. Finally a new, stand alone post office was built at 10 N. Roselle Road in 1963.

They eventually outgrew that facility as well and another new post office was built at 256 W. Central in 1995. This is the current location..

Today, along with Woodfield and Hoffman Estates, the Roselle post office is a branch of Schaumburg post office located on Schaumburg Road. Roselle has 29 mail trucks for Roselle deliveries and 4 more for rural deliveries.

ROSELLE HISTORY MUSEUM....THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Besides having the museum open from 2-4 PM each Sunday, we have had a very busy year. We hosted many special groups including schools, scout troops and others.

In April we held our annual Historical evening. We believe it was the most successful one we ever had. It was co-chaired by Susan Spachman and Hank Kvintus.

April 26th Milan and Ruth Bagel were recognized for their volunteer work at a reception held by the Du Page County Museum in Wheaton.

May 8th we had a benefit night at Pilot Pete's raising several hundred dollars. Starting in May the Garden Committee consisting of Ruth Bagel, Bob Kling, Hank Kvintus, Joyce Kulmann, Barb Peterson and Ed Swanson completely re-planted the garden at the north west corner of the campus.

Also in May, the Float committee headed up by Frank Ziekinski, began planning the float that was entered in the Rose Parade the first Sunday in June. It is interesting to note that over 100 lbs. of Tootsie Rolls were handed out.

The next big project was July 3rd when we sold glo-sticks as a fund raiser. The first weekend in August we had a booth at the Taste of Roselle. We had a free raffle for several items. We were surprised that people from 20 different towns signed up. The museum had extended hours being open on Saturday and Sunday from 1-5.

When the heavy rains hit this summer the sump pump failed in the Coach House and we lost some of our things that were stored in the basement. We, of course had to do a major clean up. In October, the Village of Roselle put in all new sidewalks on the campus. Some of the old ones were settling and dangerous. On December 7 we will have our Christmas open house.

During the year we try to make people more aware of the museum. In addition to the things above, we also set-up periodic exhibits off premises. These included a camera exhibit for one month in the Roselle Village Hall, a railroad exhibit for one month at the Roselle Public Library and an exhibit for the Roselle Fire Department's open house.

During the year, our historian ,Joan Beauprez, responded to many inquires of a historical nature both in person and by phone, about people, buildings and events in the Roselle area.

Lake Park High School Memorial Garden

The Lake Park High School Educational Foundation is leading a school/community effort to fund and build a Memorial Garden to honor deceased students, faculty, staff and friends. The garden will be located in front of the Auditorium entrance at Lake Park's West Campus.

The focal point of the memorial will be a large commemorative stone with an engraved bronze plaque. This memorial stone will be surrounded by a tranquil, landscaped garden with a brick walkway. The area will also include several benches, giving individuals or families a peaceful and relaxed setting in which to seek solace. The bricks surrounding the memorial will be available for purchase by family, classmates, colleagues, or friends who wish to memorialize an individual.

The anticipated cost to complete Lake Park Memorial Garden is \$25,000. The labor is being provided by the High School District, and ARCON, the District's architectural firm, has donated the services of its design architect. The LPHS Educational Foundation is currently raising money for this project which is expected to be completed by May 2015.

Help bring the Lake Park Memorial Garden vision into fruition. There are two ways to help. The Foundation is seeking private financial donations to assist with the expenses of installing the Memorial Garden including purchase or donation of landscape materials. In addition, Memorial Bricks are available for purchase. In this way, you may choose to honor a loved one, friend or colleague in a permanent memorial.

VETERANS MEMORIAL



Several hundred people attended the dedication of the American Legion Veteran Memorial on November 15, 2014. This dedication was the first of two and featured the flags and memorial bricks. A second dedication will be held Memorial Day in 2015. This will include the statue and the plaques with the names of deceased veterans.

Several of you submitted names of deceased veterans to the History Museum for inclusion on the memorial plaques. Unfortunately we did not ask for

enough information. The American Legion needs to know the following: Name, rank, proof that they lived in Roselle, when they lived in Roselle, what branch of the military they served in, and finally, a copy of their discharge papers and proof that they are deceased. If you previously submitted names, please provide the additional information. Please mail or bring it to our office address. Note that the memorial bricks can be purchased for any reason and, are still available. Contact the American Legion with your questions or for more information.

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