

Roselle History Museum

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First Annual Old Settlers Picnic !



*From the Archives
By Joan Beauprez*

It's Back!

The “Roselle Quilt” came back to the Roselle History Museum after many years hanging in the Roselle Public Library where it was on loan.

In 1983 a master quilter, Joan Kudlik, had the idea to create a handmade quilt as a tribute to the community. Various groups would design a 14-inch square of fabric then all squares would be sewn together around a larger square of the village seal of three roses.

Joan finished the large one in 1985 but it stayed in a box for six years due to her husband's illness. Joan's friend and another quilter, Joyce Kuhlmann, later inquired about the project which was then brought back to life.

Joyce headed a committee with Joan to encourage residents in churches, schools, scout troops, clubs, and various other organizations to participate. They collected 38 squares which were then sewn and quilted as a coverlet with colorful red borders.

The quilt was finished in 1990 just in time for 30th anniversary of the Rose Festival. Many thanks to all of the people involved in this endeavor!



We're starting a new feature in this newsletter !!

1. What was the building on main street built for in 1913 where the restaurant now sits?
2. Where was the H.H. Botterman grocery store located and what was unique about it?
3. How did Shirl's Drive-In get it's name?

Keep reading and find the answers with more info!



Marketing Manager's Corner



Recently driven through downtown Roselle and wondered what was being built near the corner of Main and Prospect? A special public art piece was completed in July 2022: A mosaic depicting scenes of Roselle and sights important to its history. Over the course of several days, volunteers at the “Sparkle Lot” outdoor patio at Main and Prospect streets assembled thousands of tile pieces into Roselle's first public art project. Selected images including a steam engine, flax, ice cream scoops (Shirl's, anyone?), and church windows remind residents and inform visitors of Roselle's history. The mosaic was created by the Roselle Arts and Culture Foundation (RACF) and assisted by the Green Star Movement, a group that organizes public art projects like Roselle's mosaic in order to revitalize communities and involve participants in a unique and educational experience. The next time you stroll through downtown, make sure to stop by the “Sparkle Lot” to enjoy the mosaic!

Learn more about the RACF by visiting

<https://www.roselleartsculture.org/>

Learn more about the Green star Movement by visiting

<https://greenstarmovement.org/>

Keri Soukup

Marketing Manager

From The Museum Manager's Desk...



Our Antiques Appraisal Event was spectacular! Ninety-eight percent of the reviews were very favorable. Our sincerest thanks to Leonard Auction, for making this event extra special. Everyone enjoyed getting together and chatting with their neighbors, nervously waiting to see if their family heirloom or garage sale find was a treasure. We are planning to revive this next year with Leonard Auction at a larger venue – so be on the lookout for that news!



Our Settlers Picnic was a great success! Everyone especially loved joining in for the pie-eating contests – which were AWESOME! I would like to thank all our sponsors for their participation; Roselle Park District, Bloomingdale Park District, Woodman's Markets, Italian Pizza Kitchen, Granny's Restaurant, All Things Woof and Meow Too, Juice and Berry, Brunch Café; and a very special Thank You to Tank and The Beez, Old Salem Café, Pollyanna Brewing Company and our organ player, Jason Nelson. Well done! We would like to make this an annual event, as well. If you have a comment or a suggestion for next year, please let us know!

With the Centennial year being almost half over, we are looking forward to our two remaining events before our Christmas celebration.

A Cemetery Tour of Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Roselle will be held at the cemetery on Irving Park Road on September 24th! Costumed docents

will be on hand to share stories of prominent Rosellians buried there. No tickets are required. This is a “don't miss!” I hope we see you there!

At the museum, we LOVE our families! So, we have decided to host a Halloween Hunt for the kids. You can read more about it in this newsletter, but I have to say that this event might very well be the best children's event that we have ever hosted.



For a magical Halloween, we will have Marshall Brodien on hand to thrill us with his magic. Children absolutely love Marshall – I call him the Pied Piper of children and once you see him perform, you will too!

For a crafty Halloween, we have devised some Halloween crafts that will require barely any effort to complete. You can complete it here at the museum; or, as it requires no messy finish, you can take it home to complete. Adorable and satisfying.

For an adventurous Halloween, there will be a Halloween hunt for kids aged 2 – 12 years old. Children will hunt the museum campus for their very own Halloween goody bag filled with enough candy and toys to keep them smiling for days.

Of course, there is also going to be a secret special surprise for some parents as well – but it is a secret, and I cannot tell.

Please follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/rosellehistorymuseum](https://www.facebook.com/rosellehistorymuseum)) and on our website (www.rosellehistory.org) for future updates about this event or call the museum at (630) 351-5300. Registration and a small fee will be required to participate.

We hope that you will join us with your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews on Saturday the 22nd of October (rain date is Oct. 23rd) for this magical, crafty, adventurous event!

Stay well and stay curious!

Leslie

Leslie Drewitz, Museum Manager

I ♥ A Parade!

The Old Settlers Picnic was the theme this year for the Roselle History Museum float in the Rose parade. Thanks to all who participated in having a fun time representing the Roselle History Museum in the June 5th parade.



David Zielinski and Jeff Engel carried the banner. Tim Grasso, Owen McAuliffe, and Phil and Diane Warfel passed out Tootsie Rolls to the crowd.

On the picnic float were Walt and Blue Lotz, Jillian McAuliffe, Bianca Olson, Lee Beauprez, and Walter Brinas. All were in costume and waving to the crowds. Also, thanks go, again this year, to Dan's Auto Repair for the use of his truck and his driver, Gary.

COMING UP!

Join the RHM and Trinity Lutheran Church for a historic cemetery walk and tour on Saturday, September 24th from 10-2. Costumed docents will share family stories. All ages welcome- kids can join a scavenger hunt! The cemetery is located on Irving Park Road, just east of Rental Max.



*"Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower" —
Albert Camus*



Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever wondered about Roselle history? Are you community-minded and thinking of a way to get involved? Do you have the gift of gab? Do you like helping to plan events? Have you thought about donating your time to our office? Then this message is for you!

The Roselle History Museum has multiple volunteer opportunities for all ages, and we are waiting for your call!

We are in need of:

Museum Docents (we will train you!)

General Office Help

Event Planners (we would LOVE your ideas)

Help with the newly created, "Friends of the Museum"



Fall Programming at the Roselle History Museum!

The Roselle History Museum is a Family Friendly environment, which strives to develop family programming for our community. This year, we thought we would plan something special for the kids to enjoy. Please join us for our first annual Halloween Hunt!

There will be crafts for the kids, as well as a magic show – featuring Marshall Brodien Jr. (his father was Wizzo the clown on Bozo's Circus!); as well as a Halloween Hunt for treats! There will also be a surprise treat for selected adults!

We hope you will join us for this awesome event on October 22nd (rain date October 23).

Paid Registration is required for this event as there must be pre-planning for goodies and crafts. This will be an outdoor event. Please inquire and register on our Facebook Page, as well as the Roselle History Museum (630) 351-5300 or

museummanager@rosellehistory.org

We would love to see all of our friends, so bring your kids, nieces, nephews and grandkids and show us your giggles, smiles and your imagination!



Roselle School of Music (“Roselle Music”) closed its doors on June 30, 2022 after serving Roselle residents and surrounding communities for 63 years. Founded by Lyle Gillman in June 1959, Roselle Music sold new and used musical instruments and equipment, provided music lessons, sold and rented instruments, and repaired equipment.

Many local residents remember Roselle Music fondly from years back when they took music lessons as children. Sisters Janice and Linda Feltman took organ lessons in the 1960s. Janice continued to play the organ at church, weddings, and even traveled to Chicago for organ competitions.

Roselle Music is also where many bought their first instruments, and a famous connection may surprise you! While living in the Arlington Heights area for several years, musician Ted Nugent purchased his first Byrdland guitar from Roselle Music.

It is clear that the legacy of Roselle Music will continue to live on in all those who gained valuable musical knowledge that enriched their lives. Those behind Roselle Music will continue to share their musical talents with the community. Jim Fanizza, owner and guitar instructor, will continue to offer guitar lessons. Those interested may contact him at jimfanizza@yahoo.com.



Pet-Friendly Campus



Just a reminder that we are a pet-friendly campus! Please feel free to take a rest with your fur buddy at one of our shaded picnic tables in the courtyard. It is the perfect halfway point of any walk around beautiful Roselle! Look for restrictions for specific Museum events.



A stroll down memory lane:

The Shirls’ reunion and classic car event held on June 12 was a huge success. Wonderful to see so many people who knew of Shirl’s Ice cream and the Pizza Cottage. Many enjoyed tasting the famous soft serve ice cream and collecting a countertop coaster, a piece of history! Some had pictures taken in an original Pizza Cottage booth.



Seated in an original booth from The Pizza Cottage: Marion and Vic Yost, Shirl’s owners and Tim Grasso, Former owner of Pizza Cottage.



Photos by David Kelly



Trivia Answers !!

1. It was the Kee & Chappell Dairy. The dairy closed due to bankruptcy and the building was sold in 1924.
2. It was located on the southeast corner of Irving Park and Park Street. They had their own smoke house to make smoked meats and sausages.
3. Shirl’s was named after Shirley, Marion Yost’s sister whom they bought the building from.



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Theodore Roosevelt



Summer House

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To maintain and enhance a historically accurate museum with primary focus on Roselle and surrounding areas
To collect local facts and artifacts of today that will be part of our village history and pride tomorrow.
To provide a dynamic historical and educational resource for our residents and visitors.

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Second Saturday of the Month
10-11:30 am - 39 E. Elm St.

Museum Hours

Sundays: 2-4 pm
Wednesday through Saturday
10 am - 2 pm, by appt

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