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Summer Highlights

2023 Rose Parade



Antiques Appraisal



Taste of Roselle

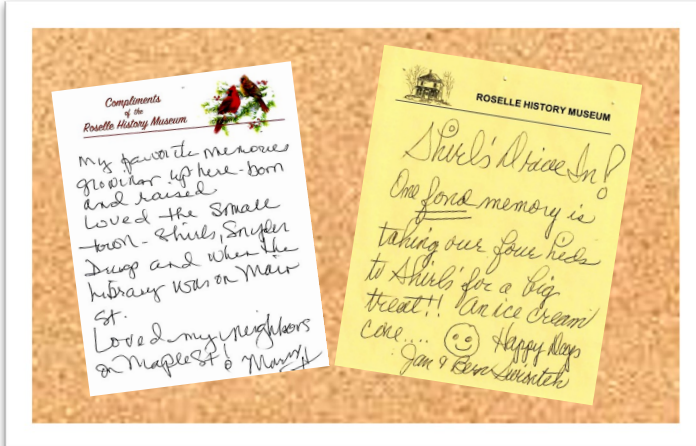
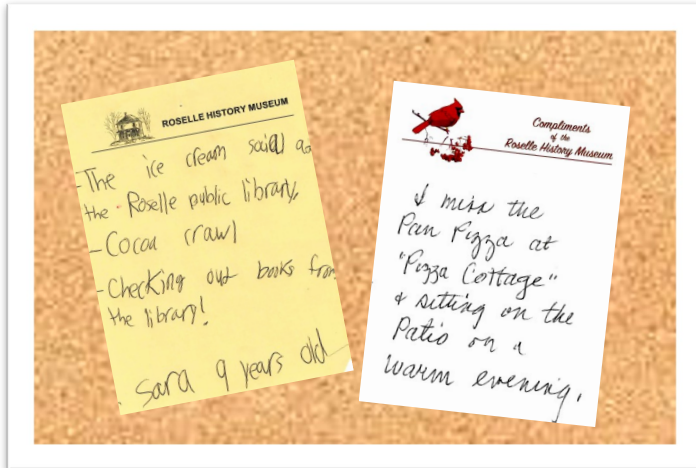


UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

Antiques Appraisal	Sat. Oct. 7
Winter Fest	Sat. Dec 2

Favorite Roselle Memories

A few more comments visitors to the museum have left relating their favorite Roselle memories



WANTED: Old family and heirloom recipes!

Do you have any recipes that you would like to share? Perhaps recipes that were passed down through your family or those you look forward to at family gatherings.

Then you are just the person we are looking for!

For more information, or to submit a recipe, please contact Leslie Drewitz – by phone, (630) 351-5300 or

email museummanager@rosellehistory.org.



"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye"

From the Museum Manager's Desk



Would you like to volunteer?

What is it that you are interested in?

Do you have a love of gardening – would you like to help the Scouts and our volunteers tend our gardens?

Do you prefer office-related subjects, like archival filing, typing and general office help?

Are you interested in exhibits – but have no formal training? Then our exhibit committee would be a good fit for you!

Is your passion organization – we would LOVE to have you volunteer at any one of our fun events!

You can volunteer as much or as little as you like.

Your capacity to volunteer at the Roselle Historical Museum is limitless. Learn new skills; make new friends; meet your neighbors and have some fun doing it. Your volunteerism equals rewards that will last a lifetime at the RHM.

Preserving Roselle History is our passion and it can be yours too.

So please, join us as we protect and preserve Roselle History one project at a time.

Remember, Stay Curious!



Leslie

Leslie Drewitz, Museum Manager

If you would like to Volunteer, we would love it if you would get in touch with us at:

museummanager@rosellehistory.org or 630 -351-5300

Business Partnership Ad

We are looking to feature advertisements for local businesses in upcoming newsletters! Those interested may reach out to Keri Soukup for more information at marketingmanager@rosellehistory.org

Marketing Manager's Corner

The RHM's got a brand new flag!

On Saturday, August 12, State Senator Seth Lewis presented the Roselle History Museum board and core group with a new American flag to be displayed on our flagpole outside the Sumner House museum.

RHM President Ray Hitzemann with Senator Lewis.



Board Members with Senator Lewis:
Back: Jeff Engel, Glenn Spachman, Senator Lewis, Ray Hitzemann, Tim Grasso, Walt Lotz
Front: John Binneboese, Walter Brinas, Janice Wood

ROSELLE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Local designer Nick Grygiel has combined his artistic talent with his love for Roselle by designing t-shirts featuring some of Roselle's hot spots and influential residents of times past. Whether it is Shirl's Drive-In, PikKwik, Pizza Cottage, or Rosell Hough himself, you are sure to find something that shows your love of Roselle. All proceeds are generously donated to the Roselle History Museum. Thank you, Nick, for your part in "preserving the visual language of the Golden Era of Roselle"-- what a sentiment!



Visit the shop page here:

<https://eyeheartroselle.threadless.com/>

Local pickup is available: contact Maryann at

mobysmom2k1@yahoo.com

By Keri Soukup
Marketing Manager

Looking Back at the Flood of 1987

Between the night of August 13th and the morning of August 14th, 1987, approximately nine inches of rain fell on Roselle and surrounding areas. Flooding was widespread throughout the area. Here is what some residents recall...

"Maple and Willow was a nice swimming pool."

"I was six, but I remember walking with my older brothers a block down from our house to see people wading through water and seeing houses with water up to the middle of their garage. I thought at the time that it was supposed to be some kind of a special event for people to have fun and swim in the streets"

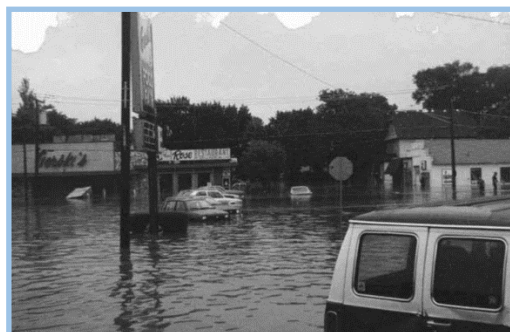
"We were in Wisconsin Dells and came home as soon as we heard to a flooded basement. Our cat was using a cardboard box as a raft! He used one of his nine lives that day!"

"Learned a Chevy Blazer won't float."

"I remember driving my new car down Bryn Mawr, through about 8-inch-deep water."



Two Roselle Fire Department Water Rescue boats cruise the area around Hattendorf Street and Bokelmann Street, where some of the worst flooding occurred. Shops along West Hattendorf Street are visible in the background.



Gorski's Food Fair was one of the most heavily damaged businesses in the area. Not only was the store flooded, but the basement storage areas were also inundated to the rafters.

Sit and Reflect.....



This bench was donated by the Lions Club in 2021 and is made of recycled plastic collected from Roselle community members at various collection sites. A second bench will be donated to the museum by Green Roselle. Other benches of the same design and origin are sprinkled throughout Roselle at places like the fire station and Roselle Lions Park. What a wonderful example of community engagement towards a greener future!



 Proud to participate in Flags for Roselle this year!

Presidential Greatness

On the surface it may seem paradoxical, but if a president genuinely wants what is best for the people they govern, they should hope that they are a good president and not a great one. Why should they not aspire to greatness? Because in the realm of politics, the only opportunities for greatness come with great crises. There are three presidents in US history who are frequently considered "great." Generally, polls will place Abraham Lincoln first with Franklin Roosevelt and George Washington jockeying for second and third. Not coincidentally, Lincoln happened to oversee a Civil War that resolved what is arguably the greatest existential threat the country has ever faced. Roosevelt oversaw the country's greatest financial crisis and its largest war, and Washington guided the nation as it found its footing while trying to avoid falling into the traps so many revolutions tend to fall into.

Conversely, crises also create situations where presidents fail. Two just so happen to have been the immediate predecessors of Lincoln and Roosevelt. Washington, as the first, obviously had no predecessor, but in many ways the entire structure of the Articles of Confederation had failed to address not only crises, but to even function as a government. James Buchanan and Herbert Hoover had the opportunity for greatness as they faced the crises that their successors would help resolve. Instead, they fell flat, and their historical legacies are entirely shaped by this. Buchanan had served in both houses of congress, as an ambassador, and as a member of the cabinet. Hoover was considered a civilian hero in World War I for his efforts to feed European civilians who were facing starvation due to the war. Following this, Hoover became Secretary of Commerce and gained a nationwide following for his skills in that office. *Has* anyone ever looked to this office for leadership? The fact he was able to do so much from that post is a testament to his abilities.

None of that matters, however. Because they missed their moments so spectacularly, they are remembered as failures. Ultimately, however, whether the president succeeded and achieved greatness in the face of crisis or failed stunningly,

the fact that there was a crisis meant that people suffered. War, economic instability, political instability, etc., all affected millions of people who were just trying to live their lives. This is why presidents should aim to be good, but not great. There have been many good presidents, bad presidents, and average presidents. Sometimes there have been surprises. Chester A. Arthur served as president from 1881-1885. He was an "accidental" president, having been elected vice president alongside James Garfield and ascending to the presidency following Garfield's assassination. Many considered him a political lightweight at best and a corrupt political hack at worst. He never held elective office prior to the vice presidency, instead serving in various appointed offices he received for his work as part of the political machine of Roscoe Conkling, an incredibly powerful senator and New York political figure. Seen as Conkling's right-hand man, many feared that he would end up just being a pawn doing Conkling's bidding. Instead, he surprised many by serving with quiet dignity and integrity. Not ranked as one of the great presidents in United States history, he was able to get several important reforms passed and competently executed the duties of his office. In many ways, his administration is one that any president would be lucky to replicate.

Overall, politics and government are a strange business. Many people expect many different things from politicians, but arguably the most important trait they could have is often the one that is the least appreciated. Quiet competence will not get a politician noticed, even though it is what they should strive for. Government is working best when people do not even realize it is doing anything at all. The garbage gets picked up, water comes out of the tap when the handle is turned, products are inspected for safety before they are sold, etc.. All these things are not flashy, but they are essential. Crises are inevitable, however, and luckily the quiet competence that functions so well in day-to-day operations also works in crises. Lincoln and Roosevelt both had distinguished if relatively unexciting careers prior to their presidencies where they displayed that quiet competence before they were able to seize their moments. Still, even they would probably agree that, for everybody's sakes, they would have preferred the opportunity to be good rather than great.

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*"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything.
You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."*

Michael Crichton



Sumner House

Mission Statement

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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General Meetings

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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