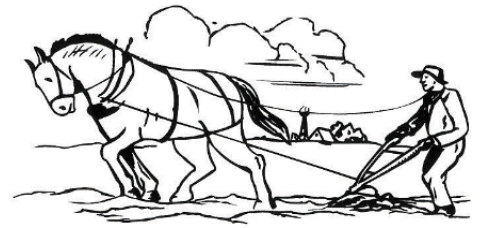


December 2019

Roseville Historical Society

MEMO



Founded in 1977

New Home for the Roseville Historical Society

For over forty years, the Roseville Historical Society board and members believed we would eventually find a permanent home. With persistence on our part and collaboration from the City of Roseville, we landed a permanent home located in Roseville's City Hall at 2660 Civic Center Drive.

The Open House and Ribbon Cutting ceremony were held on October 24, 2019.



Mayor Dan Roe, Betty Wolfangle and Society President Rynetta Renford cut the ribbon at the door to the new society museum and office.

The strength of our society is the dedication of our members and the members of our community to fulfill our mission: to perpetuate the past and present history for future generations; to commemorate historical sites, buildings and trails; to encourage historical research of the area from its earliest times to the present and arrange for publication the

results; to preserve documents, artifacts and records relating to the development of the history of Roseville/Rose Township; and to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who were instrumental in the development of Rose Township and of those who have been instrumental in the development of or lived in the area since.

Please stop by to reminisce and enjoy the artifacts on display. Bring in your children, grandchildren, friends or family members with you. There is bound to be something they will enjoy on display.

With our new permanent home, we have updated our website, rshmn.org. Please feel free check us out. Reach out and join us for fun and comradery, reminiscing and make new friends at our membership meetings. All are welcome!

Bill Brown, a well-known commercial artist and society charter member, designed the society's logo and also painted the historical sites at the time. Some of his paintings are currently on display at City Hall. (cont. pg 4)



Bill Brown

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President's Message

What a wonderful open house we had on October 24th. If you were not present, you sure did miss something special. At our opening meeting, our main speaker, Betty Wolfangle, reminisced about where and how the Roseville Historical Society was started and the temporary locations throughout the years. After Betty, three members of the city of Roseville followed, city manager, Pat Trudgeon; director of Parks and Recreation, Lonnie Brokke; and our city mayor, Dan Roe. All were excited to have us on board and located where we belonged, at city hall.



A great big thank you to all our volunteers who helped secure a permanent home, a location which allows us to display our Rosetown/Roseville history artifacts without having to move them from one location to another location by car, now it is by feet!

We are still in need of a few volunteers to cover our office hours of Monday through Friday, 10:00am – 2:00pm. If you would like to volunteer, or know of anyone, please feel free to call the office at 651.792.7440. They are 2-hour timeslots from 10:00am – noon and noon – 2:00pm. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Spread the word about our permanent location and to encourage new memberships. Did you know currently on display is one of the original McDonalds uniforms? We also have a saddle designed by General McClellan from the US Army Calvary during the Civil War in 1860's.

Looking forward to seeing you at our December 9th meeting.

Rynetta Renford

Important Dates

Monday Dec. 9, 2019

Dinner – 6:00 p.m. We are doing something new this year for our December meeting. A free catered meal will be offered to members. \$10 for all others. Limit of 50.

Meeting – 6:45 p.m.

Entertainment – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 17, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

Monday, May 18, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

December 7, 2020 – Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Membership meetings are held in the Fireside Room at the Oval. Door prizes, snacks and fellowship provided at all meetings.

Board Meetings:

Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held in the Aspen room at City Hall.



December 9th Program

The Windjammers - A Harmonica Band

For almost 30 years, the Windjammer Harmonica Band has been entertaining in the Twin Cities at various functions. Their music is full of fun and brings back memories of days gone by with songs that most audiences remember fondly.

It is comprised of a group of men and women who all have learned the harmonica either as a young child or in the classes that the band offers on a regular basis.

The band meets every Tuesday evening in the City Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 and they always welcome new members.

New Roseville Historical Society Website

RHSMN.org

Check it out and enjoy the new format and information listed.

Archivist Report

By LaVerne Dickhudt

What a wonderful three months! Everybody liked our display of artifacts at the Open House.



Our archival boxes look so nice and neat now that we can see them. Two new lights have been installed in that area. It makes a lot of difference.

A couple of new things have been donated – many photographs of Roseville by Bob Murphy and items from the estate of Marlene Struwe. She was a Roseville resident all her life.

One of the next things on my to-do list is to go through all our paintings to see what we have to display, some of which were painted by our local artist, Bill Brown.

Herb Dickhudt is configuring a storage enclosure in the city garage to put our extra bags of packing supplies and some of our archives too big for our holding area.

Have a Merry Christmas.

In Memoriam

Marlene Elsie Struwe, age 76, of Roseville, died Sept. 28, 2019.



She is survived by many cousins, other loving family and friends.

Marlene graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School and began her career working for Roseville schools until retirement. She loved to travel and loved her pets.

Marlene was president of the Roseville Historical Society 2005-2007. She enjoyed sharing her memories of growing up in Roseville.

Thank you to all the members who have sent in their dues for 2020 and 2021. It is greatly appreciated!

Heritage Report

By Sharon Pillen



The Holiday season is here and our Christmas Boutique will be Saturday, December 7 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 - 12 noon to 4 p.m. It will be located in the museum on the lower level. Members and board members have worked hard and donated to make this annual fundraiser a success. Items have been added to our Grannie's Attic. Grannie's Attic gift shop is open year-round in the museum.

At the Christmas Boutique, there will be five kinds of mini breads; ginger, pumpkin, dark chocolate zucchini, apple cinnamon and cranberry. The breads are on hand or can be ordered at any time. Our pickled items are; asparagus, beets, brussels sprouts, carrots, cherry tomatoes, green beans and red onions. Vandalia onion and sweet cucumber pickle relishes are available. Other items will be horseradish, barbecue sauce, applesauce and apple butter from Minnesota grown apples, rainbow soup, rhubarb sauce and tomato sauce for your favorite dishes. Cookie and candy assortments will be available in decorative containers. Homemade dog treats and other items you cannot live without will be for sale.

The blue-ribbon rhubarb jams are available any time at the museum — blueberry, raspberry, strawberry and very berry (3 berries). Jams make great hostess gifts year-round. Baskets can be customized for you.

Thank you for your help in purchases of product and donations to make the fundraising a great success. When there was a need in the office, the craft money was available to purchase items. I am grateful to all. A few weeks ago, the receptionist at city hall called to say someone dropped off jars. Recycling is a great thing and helps with cost of jars and etc. Keep spreading the word.

See you all at the museum and Christmas Boutique. I will be happy to answer your questions and to put a face to the many people who have called with help and ideas.

The proceeds from the Christmas Boutique will be announced at December membership meeting. Happy Holidays to all.

A thought for the day: The world is like a mirror, reflecting what you do; and if your face is smiling, it smiles right back at you.

Sincerely your Heritage Director, Sharon Pillen

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Betty Wolfangle, an active charter member at 96 years old, past president, past director, and Rosetown/Roseville historian enthusiast, helped organize many fundraising events, was deeply involved in the creation/production of our printed books, and wrote grants to support the society's mission for so many years.

Our original annual dues were \$ 5.00 for a family membership and \$ 3.00 for a single membership. Today, our annual dues are \$ 15.00 per family membership and \$ 10.00 per single membership. This includes four newsletters and attendance at our meetings which include a speaker or entertainment.

Many other members and volunteers have made this possible over all these years as well, too numerous to mention all of them. Members offered their homes for the original meetings until a location was secured.

The old fire hall on Lexington Avenue and County Road C was the first location for regular member meetings. It did not include an office. The next move in 1992 was to the old Ralph Reeder building on Arona Street. This was the first office location and where the first display case was set up with minimal artifacts. The office was open by appointment only.

The Fairview Community Center, which previously housed Fairview Junior High School, was our next temporary location. With each movement, it was evident it was not going to be permanent so many temporary wooden storage shelving units were built, torn down and rebuilt at different locations.

Society moved to fire station #1 on Woodhill. When the fire station needed to be torn down, the volunteer Roseville fire fighters helped move the stored artifacts and the office to a truck repair warehouse on Fairview Avenue. This building did not have much heat but our volunteers persevered. Visitors did find us and brought memorabilia or did research.

From this warehouse the move took us to another old fire station, number 2, located on Fairview Avenue, near Rosedale Mall. The office space was very cramped, 3 people in a room approximately 50 square feet, including desk space. However, we got through that.

Again, working collaboratively with the City of Roseville staff, we secured a permanent location in the lower level of City Hall located at 2660 Civic Center Drive. We are so excited to have a true "home". Come share your Rosetown/Roseville experience with us, whether through artifacts or storytelling.

Thank you to all the many hours and years of volunteering from all our members and other volunteers! Together the preservation the history of Rosetown/Roseville and its families will be there for many future generations to enjoy.

Roseville Historical Society Membership Minutes September 16, 2019

Meeting called to order by Beverly Kroschel. There was no president or vice president report. The secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report shows expenditures for \$44,000. This includes half of the cost for office furniture.

Heritage Report - June 29-Odds and Ends had a one-day event. Sharon Pillen will have Granny's attic again at the craft sale at city hall.

Sharon still needs sugar, Christmas tins, coffee cups and small dishes. Dick Wenkel has given Sharon beets and horseradish. Displays will be: Oct.-canning, Nov.-veterans and Dec.- Christmas.

New Business: Need to vote on items that still need to be purchased. \$20,000 was approved for additional spending. (Fireproof filing cabinets, \$6,500.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Program: Jake Pletchers – Fall Planting
Judy McCauley, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November 18, 2019

By Beverly Kroschel

Checking	\$	16,626.25
CDs		<u>16,257.05</u>
Total	\$	32,883.30

Out with the Old and In with the New

Old storage



New Storage



Artifacts have been packed appropriately in archival boxes and stored on new wire shelving. All artifacts are listed on the computer for classification and easy retrieval. The new room is temperature and humidity controlled to assure preservation of the collection.

New Display Area



Artifacts are now on display showing how early Roseville residents lived and worked. Stop in and see this interesting museum area.



Roseville Historical Society Membership Form

Send to:
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Annual Membership
___\$10 Individual
___\$15 Family

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Dues for calendar year(s) 20 _____ 20 _____

Date _____

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Next meeting: Monday, December 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m.- Roseville Oval Fireside Room