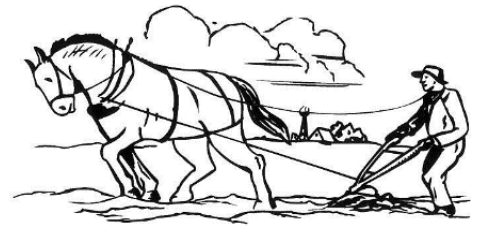


December 2021

Roseville Historical Society

MEMO



Founded in 1977

Honoring Betty Wolfangle

By Beverly Kroschel

Betty Wolfangle died on August 30, 2021 at age 97. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas. Survived by daughter, Barb (Brian) Folsom; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Betty was a graduate of Webster Groves High School, Missouri & William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri.



Betty Wolfangle was one of the founders of the Roseville Historical Society. She was working on the Bicentennial Celebration Committee in 1976, when Frank Rog approached her about starting an historical society. Betty was always up for a challenge. She realized that Roseville had a very interesting history and it should be preserved for future generations.

In 1977, the Society was officially started. Betty served as an officer many times and led in the process of acquiring family histories, artifacts and pictures from Rosetown/Roseville pioneers.

The Society was always dear to her heart. She spent hours working on grant applications to the Minnesota Historical Society. Betty and I worked many evenings until 9, working on grant applications until she had the wording perfect. She knew what information they wanted and how to say it. Her efforts helped the society receive several grants including the last one that provided monies to purchase shelving and archival supplies for the new office space at city hall.

Betty was a volunteer at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center and was a member of the FORHANC organization that did fundraising and support for the Nature Center. The DAR organization was important to her and she was active in the Nathan Hale chapter. Betty was a devote Christian and was an active member of South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake.

She will be missed for her input and support of the Society. She made a wonderful speech at the Open House the Society held when it moved to city hall after being housed in many locations for 40+ years. It was so nice that she could see a permanent home was given to the Society and she was able to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Betty kept close contact with the Society. She would text questions and information to the members until 2 weeks before she died.

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President's Message

Hello Everybody!

First, I do want to thank all of our volunteers that have been coming into the office and those that have been helping out at the craft fair we have going on. Any help is very appreciated and there's still time to sign up and help if you have some extra time.



We have had such a good turn out with this and it's not too late to stop by and check it out if you have missed it. It's a great way to find gifts for Christmas as well.

The brochure is posted on the bottom of the homepage on our website as well if you need extra details.

I do hope that everyone enjoys and has safe holidays with their families.

Hopefully, by spring we can all get together again since we are canceling our December meeting.

Alyssa

Important Dates

Membership Meetings



All meetings will only be held if safe for members to attend. Watch future MEMO's for information.

Monday, December 13, 2021 – Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Canceled

Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Meetings:

Thurs. Jan. 13, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Apr. 14, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Archivist Report

By LaVerne Dickhudt



Season's Greetings!

It's been busy but different. Many, many pictures showed up so they had to be catalogued. It's quite enjoyable seeing all the "old timers" from (Rosetown) Roseville in pictures. Those were the days.

Everything seems to have a place now.

Treasurer's Report

By Beverly Kroschel



Nov. 11, 2021

Checking	\$ 7,852.42
CDs	<u>27,097.84</u>
Total	\$ 34,950.26

Heritage Report

By Sharon Pillen

Greetings from your heritage director,



The Christmas tree is up and we are welcoming the early shoppers. The craft sale started November 1st and is doing well. We are over the thousand-dollar mark after one week of sales. The total dollar amounts for our fundraiser will be known after our Boutique weekend in December.

One of our police officers stopped in to chat and buy cookies—decided to share with his group and it started the cookie sale run. Free cookies are available for our shoppers while they brose and will continue during national cookie day December 4th. The Christmas music is on to put you in the holiday spirit.

This year has been busy as we reopened the museum. When the city opened their doors, so did the museum on a limited schedule.

Since we were not able to do craft shows this year, a decision was made to open our own sales with Grannie's Attic early. Thanks to Beverly for doing our designing. We ordered signs for our boutique and the response was great from the community. Many have stopped by to chat, buy and see our displays.



Our jams and beet pickles are hot items Thank you to everyone who has supplied the donations of dollars,

sugar, flour, containers, Christmas cups, glass dishes and plates for our cookies and candies. Our prices have remained the same because of your generosity and the customers love our products.

The rhubarb supply from the membership is much appreciated along with the vegetables for pickling. I will continue to make product as long as we have the supply of produce. Please continue dropping off jars and etc. at the office. The receptionist will hold the items for us to pick up.

Our fundraising through this adventure has given us the dollars needed for supplies in the office and for the museum—thank you.

One of our long-time business partners in Roseville, Hermes Floral is moving shortly to a new location. The address will be 563 Old Highway 8 SW, New Brighton, MN 55112. The details will be coming soon. Be sure and support them over the holidays.

If Santa delivers, we will have poinsettias for sale at the big boutique craft show the 4th and 5th of December. The plants are in a six-inch pot for \$3.00. If you are unable to come to the sale and have a request for product, let us know—call the office or email us and we will help you out.

Each year members have come up with new ideas for items to sell—keep the ideas coming, we need your input and ideas.

A quote for a happy holiday:

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredient of a truly Merry Christmas.

by Peg Bracken



Christmas Cheer Recipe:

1/2 cup Cranberry juice
1/2 cup Bourbon
1-12 oz. can of lemon lime soda—stir and add ice



Barbed Wire

By Mary Overson

I grew up in the late 40s and early 50s in Roseville, Minnesota. We lived on Woodbridge St. in a neighborhood near Lake Owasso. Barbed wire fencing bordered the back of all the properties on the west side of the street, the side we lived on. Beyond the fence was a wood, a swamp, and a bay. The woods is where we picked wild asparagus and built our forts. The bay was connected to the larger lake by a channel of water, which flowed under the railroad trestle. Under the trestle is where we spent our evenings catching sunfish and anything else that swam. The houses to the north on Woodlyn Ave. were separated from the railroad track by barbed wire. The neighborhood one block to our south was adjacent to a huge pasture and Tschida's dairy farm. Barbed wire prevented the cows from wandering into the neighbors' yards or out onto South Owasso Blvd.

A brief history*: Barbed wire consisted of sharp barbs held in place by two strands of wire twisted together. It was sometimes referred to as "the devil's rope." A man named Joseph Glidden laid claim to the first patent in 1874. The first purpose of the wire was to keep animals in. To demonstrate its usefulness, he built an enormous ranch in Texas, which housed 20,000 head of cattle. The railroads followed suit, not wanting livestock or bison wandering onto their tracks. The fencing consisted of multiple strands of barbed wire held in place by tall metal stakes. The wire could also be electrified. Over the decades, the wire came in many weights, strengths, and designs.

As young children, we all became proficient at getting through the fence. Your friend would step on the lower wire while pulling up on the middle one. You would bend over, put one leg through and then the other. Occasionally barbed wire tore our clothes or scratched our skin. But it couldn't deter us Roseville kids from getting through the fence to all the wonderful adventures that lay beyond.

*Some historical information was obtained from the Saturday Evening Post.



Holiday Boutique

Roseville Historical Society

2660 Civic Center Drive – Roseville City Hall

A Holiday Boutique the first weekend in December to support the needs of the Roseville Historical Society and Museum. There will be many food items for sale, Grannie's Attic pieces, hostess gifts, Christmas decorations, Cookbook and handmade bonnets/sewing articles.

Food Items for Sale



- Beet Pickles
- Bread and Butter Pickles
- Pickled Vegetables
- Rhubarb Jams/6 different varieties
- Cookies/candies/breads



Open Monday – Friday, Nov. 29 – Dec. 3
10 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm

Saturday, December 4th – 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday, December 5th – 12 noon to 4 pm

National cookie day December 4th - Free Cookies
Will have potted poinsettias available December 4th & 5th



Christmas at the Schultz Home

By Eleanor Schultz

Father would buy a balsam Christmas tree the day before Christmas and buy it for 50 or \$1.00



Father would drill holes in the trunk of the tree and put in branches where needed.

We got clothes for Christmas and our yearly orange. Made a big sack of pfeffernuesse (a spicy German cookie).

Had 10-pound sack of Christmas candy which would stick together so we would eat a chunk of many different flavors. Kept it in the pull-out bins in the pantry where the sugar and flour were stored.

Had nuts in the shell which we would crack with a nut cracker and used picks to get the nuts out of the shell.

Made many cookies. We had metal candles holders on the tree, each holding a wax candle that was lit every night. Used the same tree ornaments year after year.

Made many kinds of candy like fondant, penuche, divinity, fudge, syrup candy, peanut brittle. Pulled taffy which would sometimes burn our hands while pulling it, even though we had plenty of butter and flour on our hands to make the pulling easier.

Went to midnight Christmas church service and sometimes it would be snowing which made Christmas eve seem that much more special.

Took turns going to Aunts and Uncles houses for 2 weeks during Christmas and New Year's, and they would also come to our house. Our Mother's Aunt Gussie would send us a 5-pound box of chocolates every Christmas and it seemed like manna from heaven.

We celebrated Christmas for the "12 days of Christmas" and beyond.



Winter Cheer

By LaVerne P. Larson

Although the sky is dark and gray
And snow is on the ground,
It seems with every passing day
I hear a joyful sound.

It wakes me in the morning
When dawn is peeping through,
I hear it, oh, so often
To cheer me on anew.

'Tis my tiny chickadee friends
Who brave the cold and snow
To sing their happy melodies
And set my heart aglow.

The birds are very grateful
For the gifts of good I bring,
Yet it seems to be so little
For the lovely songs they sing.

Since our December meeting is canceled, here is how we celebrated in the past.



Mike Halbe, Herb Dickhudt and Wayne DeHaven

Roseville Historical Society Membership Form

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Check if new address

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Check if new email address

Dues for calendar year(s) 20 _____ 20 _____

Date _____

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