



Roselle History Museum Newsletter

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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROSELLE ROSE PARADE

The History Museum continued its tradition of entering a float in the 50th annual Rose Parade held June 7th. The theme of this year's float was "**50 YEARS OF FASHION**".



Many thanks to the people who made this float possible. The float committee members: Frank Zielinski, Bob Kling, Ruth and Milan Bagel, Al and Marge Engel, and Joan Beauprez. The float riders: 50's Owen McAuliffe, and Joey Buck, 60's Paulina Engel, 70's Lynn Beauprez and Frank Zielinski, 80's Kara McAuliffe, and 90's Darren Soneson. The walkers who handed out over 10,000 Tootsie Rolls (120 pounds) were Bob Kling, Al Engel, Christopher Engel, Bob Beauprez and Jim Engel. Steve Snyder of Roselle Towing provided the truck and drove the float.

UPCOMING ROSELLE HISTORY MUSEUM EVENTS

July 4th The History Museum will be selling Glow Sticks at the fireworks display at Lake Park West High School.

July 30th to August 2nd The History Museum will have a booth at the Taste of Roselle. We will be selling our two books: *Cherished Recipes* Cookbook and the *Remembering Roselle* Pictorial History Book. Please stop by and say hello.

In Remembrance

Gregory H. Heier Sr.

A memorial service was held for Gregory H. Heier, Sr., 67, of Lake Geneva. He was the Director of the Roselle History Museum from 1991 to 1999.

He passed away April 17, 2009. Services were held Saturday, May 9, at Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Grayslake, IL. He was the owner and operator of Heier Industrial Photography from 1960 until 2009. He was also president of Town and Country Juices of Roselle from 1975 to 1988.

Periodically we will be featuring what we consider to be present and past “vintage businesses” in Roselle. The first of these is featured below.

RON AND CINDY'S BARBER AND STYLE SHOP

Celebrating 50 successful years of serving the people of Roselle.



Ron's Barber Shop began in Roselle December 1959 located at 134 Bokelman Street. It was a success from the beginning. With Ron Kuhlmann's wit, interesting stories, and family friendliness, it became a meeting place for many even if they did not need a haircut that day. It was the best place in Roselle to find out what was really happening. You could also get Ron's biased opinion on all the politicians and what they were doing as well. Some of Roselle's longtime residents remember getting their haircuts from Ron as children. When long hair was popular in the 60's, he was known as the expert on flattops and crew cuts. As time went on, many of the long haired kids brought themselves and their children back to the expert.

Ron's daughter Cindy Kuhlmann graduated from barber school in 1984 and soon became an important part of the business and its name was changed to Ron's Barber & Styling Shop.

In 1999, when the Gorski building was being torn down to make room for redevelopment, Ron purchased the shoe repair shop across the street at 123 Bokelman Street. The building was brought up to date. The name changed again to Ron & Cindy's Barber and Styling Shop. Services were extended for men, women and children to include hair coloring perms and highlights.

In 2000 the shop was turned over to Cindy Kuhlmann Keer, She continues to operate it with her husband John Kerr, Karen Rytel and Ron's granddaughter Ashley Palade.

The family friendly shop continues to serve the Roselle community.



Who knows what this is??? It's cast iron, 12" wide, 9-5/8" high and 1-1/4" thick with three moving parts. It was donated to the museum by Lucille Siems. Can you help solve our mystery???

LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORICAL EVENING



Over 120 people enjoyed the entertaining and educational program of the “Amazing Adventures of Lewis and Clark”. Many volunteers led by Sue Spachman made it a memorable evening. Our thanks to Lynfred Winery, and Pik Kwik Foods for the refreshments, Roselle Flowers for the flowers on the tables, and Trinity Lutheran Church for the use of the Family Life Center.

These historical presentations are an annual event held each spring. Watch for the announcement of the next one.

4th OF JULY MEMORIES By Ray Hitzemann

When I was growing up in the 40's and 50's, the 4th of July meant only two things to me. That was fireworks and noise. I would start in the middle of June by ordering fireworks from an ad on the back page of a comic book. They always had big assortments at a very reasonable price. They had to be shipped by railway express, so I anxiously awaited the phone call from Earl Crandall at the Roselle train station that my treasured package had arrived.

Most of these items are now illegal in Illinois. There were Lady Fingers (small firecrackers that came in strings of 100). I would light the entire string at one time and it sounded like very loud popcorn popping. Next were the 2 inch fire crackers that were ignited separately. We would throw them in the culvert under the road by the creek. They made more noise that way. I would also place them under tin cans to see how far up in the air the can would go. My favorite of all was the cherry bomb. I like these because they would go off under water and cause a water spout. We also had sparklers, Roman Candles, regular rockets, bottle rockets, fountains and snakes.

If I wanted more of a variety I could go to Walter Krumweide's snack shop on Bloomingdale Road just south of the overhead bridge by the forest preserve. He sold fountains, and tanks or fire engines that would ignite and the shoot flames out of the back and make a loud whistling noise. The grand finale of the 4th was the fireworks display in Roselle at the baseball fields across from the American Legion Hall. Everyone would bring their blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy watching the exciting display in the night sky.

MEMBERSHIP.....Please become a member and help support and preserve local history. Clip and mail to our address shown on the front page.

*Yes, I'd like to help the Museum!
Here's my membership contribution to the Roselle History Museum for 2009*

New Renewal Circle One: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other Amount \$ _____

Your Name _____

Your address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

DAY TRIPS

The Roselle History Museum is planning to do some day trips this summer. Possible local destinations are Naper Settlement, Cantigny, and other Chicago points of interest.

We would either carpool from the museum or take the train. Most of these trips will be on Saturdays.

If you are interested in this type of activity, please call Marge Engel at (630)529-9354. Also, if you have some suggested locations, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for people who are interested in helping preserve the history of our village and the surrounding area. Do you enjoy working on displays, gathering historical evidence, researching photographs or just puttering around cutting news articles for our archives? We can also use people who are handy with tools to do miscellaneous repairs and modifications or, assist with building displays, floats, etc. There are no fixed hours and your compensation is the good feeling you get when you have helped us complete an important project

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