



FLAGG TOWNSHIP
MUSEUM
Rochelle, Illinois

Rochelle's Place for History

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Annual Meeting Held

If you missed it!

The location changed from the library to the museum on Saturday, January 16th but the work of the board was able to proceed. The business meeting of the Flagg Township Museum included a visioning exercise led by board member Sarah Koepke as part of the board's planning for the future.

By noon, board members and officers were elected and business was concluded. Lunch was served – members were invited to attend – and the board welcomed Nancy Detig who

enjoyed lunch and the year in review presentation by the directors. The power point presentation is available for showing on request at the museum.

Check out our plans for 2016 on the back page, on the website (www.flaggtownshipmuseum.org) and connect with us on facebook!



"Go ahead...ask" our Leap Year Event

Leap Year only comes around every 4 years!

A champagne toast, music, and a photo are all part of this year's Leap Year Event.

Come "pop the question" in one of our historic settings – the parlor upstairs or the church or even the jail would be interesting. Make it *memorable at the museum!*

Wedding trivia and artifacts are on display in the Cabinet of Curiosities. Rochelle's Sweethearts, Jim and Marnie Moorehead are featured also. Read about their wedding story as they celebrate 76 years in 2016!



Go ahead...ask!

A Leap Year Event
Sunday, February 28th

Pop the question at the museum!

Ask that special someone anytime between 11 am and 4 pm in the church, the parlor, the kitchen, the schoolroom, the jail, or even the bathroom!

We'll share a toast, play some music, and take your photo too! Already married? Come renew your pledge.

Registration is not required. There is no fee.



Flagg Township Museum
 715 4th Ave, Rochelle IL
 815 562-3040

Our Year in Review

Our year of Celebrations was a lot of fun. We told stories, listened to music, learned about Rochelle, had dinner, champagne, and pea cake and visited with all the second grade classes in Rochelle.



February and March Programs

On display in the Cabinet of Curiosities

Wedding Trivia

During February we're highlighting weddings with little known facts and fun trivia. We're sure you'll learn something new.

Come admire the beautiful wedding cake provided by Sullivan's Foods of Rochelle, too.

Girl Scout Gold Award

In March we recognize Girl Scouting's highest award for girls – the Gold Award as it celebrates 100 years this year. Come find out more about this prestigious award.

Leap Year Event

Pop the question at the museum on Sunday, February 28th and we'll celebrate with you with a champagne toast, music, and a photo.

Gosh & Begorra!

A wee bit o' the Irish at the museum...a scavenger hunt for that pot o' gold! Saturday, March 12 from noon to 4 pm.

Chautauqua

You won't want to miss the Chautauqua series this year. Our schedule of programs is shaping up for Monday through Thursday, March 28th through 31st at the museum from 7 to 8 pm.

Music at the Museum

Every 2nd Friday
4 – 7:30 pm

Starting again in April there will be Music at the Museum on every 2nd Friday as part of Rochelle's 2nd Friday events.

Our goal is to mix it up this year with live musicians, recordings, vintage concerts, and whatever else we can think of.

April 8 – Eli Ball performs

Book your date and come play, sing, or dance.



Did You Know...

The tradition of a wedding cake comes from ancient Rome, where revelers broke a loaf of bread over a bride's head for fertility's sake. Come see our gorgeous cake, decorated by Sullivan's Foods.

Conversations



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CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HISTORY & COMMUNITY

How can our museum engage new audiences and enrich our visitors' experience? How can we make history tell a compelling story?

Conversations to be held at the Flagg Township Museum.

815 562-3040 www.flaggtownshipmuseum.org email: hubhistory@gmail.com

Saturday, February 20th at 10 am
 Sunday, February 21st at 4 pm
 Thursday, February 25th at 11 am
 Friday, February 26th at 3 pm

Let's talk!

You're invited to come to a **Conversation About History & Community** in February. Come to one or come to all.

- Feb. 20 at 10 am
- Feb. 21 at 4 pm
- Feb. 25 at 11 am
- Feb. 26 at 3 pm

And when you visit, make sure you tell us about your visit.

You can "Tag it!" and let us know what you think.



Recently added to the collection...

Thank you to an anonymous donor who left a shopping bag of books.

Thank you to an anonymous donor who sent us a box of materials from Arizona.

Thank you to Peri Query for several old-fashioned Christmas tree clips and candles.

Thank you to Sandra Hickey and Kathy Sullivan for a variety of Camp Fire

artifacts, Central School Band (1956) photos, and misc paper artifacts.

Thank you, D'Anna Bachman for a 1923 New Years postcard, Lent Services card from 1929, a newspaper clipping of a car accident, and a wool jacket.

What artifacts do you have that help tell the story of Rochelle's history? Donations are always welcome.

The Prabhakar Collection

Dr. and Mrs. Prabhakar have donated many, many artifacts from their long Rochelle history.

Exhibition opening in April.



New in Debby's Closet

Thank you, Peri Query, for adding to Debby's Closet. Two new prairie dresses and a poodle skirt outfit – what a great addition to our "try-it-on" collection.

They are all hanging in our Debby's Closet wardrobe just waiting for someone to come try them on.

We Voted for a Cause

Ballots have been counted!

The Bat House Dedication will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 1 -3 pm

Come for activities, information, and refreshments.

We're promoting mosquito control by installing a Bat House.

Thank you, everyone who voted!

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Museum Hours

Thursday – Sunday
11 am to 4 pm

*Group tours available by
appointment*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.flaggtownshipmuseum.org

Like us on Facebook

About Your Organization...

The Mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

Wish List

Musicians to play in the museum on the 2nd Friday of the month from 4 to 7:30 pm during *Music at the Museum*. We'll be starting Music at the Museum in April.

Your collections...

What do you collect? Share Your Stuff at the museum in the Cabinet of Curiosities.

We're looking for these things to display...

- Girl Scouting's Gold Award – 100 years old this year.
- Racing cars, the Daytona 500, the Indianapolis 500
- Baseball cards or baseball artifacts
- HUB Theatre memorabilia
- Pearl Harbor collectibles
- Day of the Dead Memorials
- Snow globes

Call us if you have a collectible you'd like to share – we'll put it on display!

Share your stuff and have it on display at the Museum

We'd love to show your collection in our Cabinet of Curiosities. Do you any of collect these?

- Baseball cards or baseball artifacts
- Model cars or Indianapolis 500 commemoratives
- Snow globes
- HUB Theatre memorabilia
- Day of the Dead memorials
- Pearl Harbor collectibles

Contact the museum at 815 562-3040 or hubhistory@gmail.com to make arrangements to share your collection.

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Saturday Stories Schedule

It's free! An activity, a treat and a story are all part of the Saturday Stories hour every Saturday from 11 am to noon at the museum. Stories for all ages and activities for elementary-age children with a little history mixed in. Come on over one of these Saturdays!

February

- 6 – Football & Super Bowl Stories
- 13 – With Love for Valentine's Day
- 20 – At the Races & the Daytona 500
- 27 – Leaping this Year!

March

- 5 – Sock Monkey Day!
- 12 – Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts
- 19 – A Quilting Bee
- 26 – Let's Play Marbles!

At the museum...

February Saturdays:
Saturday Stories, 11 am - noon

February 20, 21, 25, 26:
Conversations About History & Community

March Saturdays:
Saturday Stories, 11 am - noon

March 28-31:
Chautauqua, 7-8 pm

April Saturdays:
Saturday Stories, 11 am - noon

April 8: Music at the Museum 4-7:30 pm

April 16: Bat House Dedication, 1 pm

Also coming in April is the Opening Reception for the **Dr. Prabhakar Exhibition** to be on display on the 2nd floor. Invitations will be sent in April with the details.

There's a program every month. Watch for new programs and old favorites to return.

Have an idea for a program? Call us!

