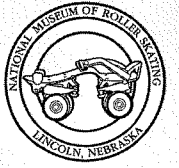


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of Roller Skating



Happy 20th Anniversary!

Curator's Column

Dear Members,

The summer was a busy and hectic time at the museum. From June through August, 357 people were given museum tours and 1790 people visited the museum. Most of our visitors came during the three weeks of National competition for Speed and Artistic skating. Thank you to all who stopped by. It was great to see the museum bustling with activity.

The visitors from the national competition just about bought the store out of all of its merchandise. We have reordered and restocked the store. We have also has added t-shirts with two new designs of a 1880s roller skating scene and an 1878 roller hockey game and a CD version of roller skating organ music. Call the museum for more details.

The biggest museum news is our 20th anniversary. On October 27, the museum will celebrate 20 years of existence. Hard to believe it has been 20 years since the founding group of seven men got together and laid the groundwork for the museum. The feature article gives the history of the museum and includes a time line of significant events in the museum's history.

In honor of the museum's anniversary, we are asking our new and renewing members to consider giving the museum \$20 to go on. The museum needs the help of all of

our members to continue rolling on for another twenty years and more. As a thank you for the \$20, members will receive the museum's 20th anniversary pin, a collector's item. Look for your renewal letter in the mail and help the museum to grow by giving an additional \$20.

During August the museum's board of trustees held their annual meeting here at the museum. The board decided to reduce printing cost by changing the publishing schedule of the newsletter. The newsletter will now be published quarterly instead of bimonthly. Members will now receive a newsletter in January, April, July and October.

Thanks again to all of the members for your continued support of the museum. I wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Wallis

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Thank you!

The museum sends its most sincere thanks to Barbara Abbot for assisting the museum in preserving a film from the 1970 Worlds and to Rob and Nellie Lillie for donation of a second computer for the museum. And a big thank you to Michael Zaidman for all of his work on the museum's web site.

Thank you!

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9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.
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Museum Turns 20

On October 27, the National Museum of Roller Skating will celebrate its twentieth anniversary. Twenty years ago, the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association organized a committee to investigate the possibility of starting a museum for the sport of roller skating. The committee met on March 18, 1980 at the Hilton Hotel in New York City. Discussion topics included how and what type of artifacts to obtain, location of the museum, possible exhibits, how to promote the museum and finally, the name of the museum. It was unanimously agreed that the name should be simple and straightforward: National Museum of Roller Skating.

From these humble beginnings the museum became a reality on October 27, 1980. The original committee members met again to write the museum's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The purpose of the museum was determined to be "to preserve the history

of roller skating for the education and enjoyment of skaters, rink operators, teachers and industry members. The museum will become the complete and accurate source of roller skating information for researchers, writers, publishers and all those with an interest in the sport." The first board members were Bert Anselmi, Richard Young, George Pickard, Chester Fried, Robert Bollinger, Marvin Facher and James Turner and from these seven men they selected the following as the first officers of organization Bert Anselmi as President, Richard Young as Vice President and George Pickard as Secretary. Gerald Rayburn, RSROA employee, was also elected for the position of Treasurer.

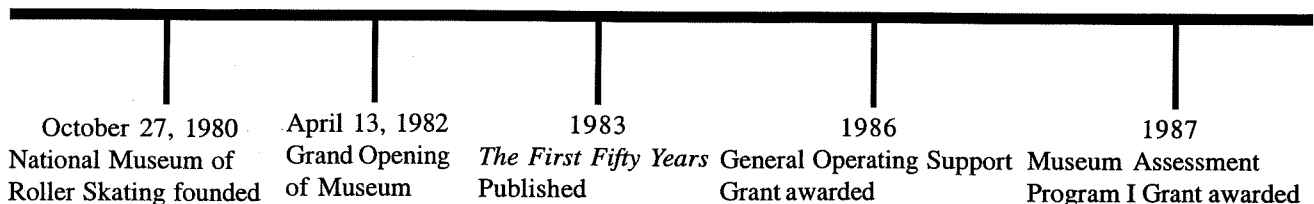
After a couple of years of organizing and obtaining artifacts, the museum opened its doors in Lincoln, Nebraska in the RSROA headquarters

Feature Article



Museum Board of Trustees looking over floor plans for the new museum on October 27, 1980.

Significant Dates in the History of the National Museum of Roller Skating





Founding museum board members at grand opening of the museum April 13, 1982, from left to right: George Pickard, Bert Anselmi, Richard Young, Museum Director and Curator Michael Brooslin, Marvin Facher, Robert Bollinger, James Turner and Chester Fried.

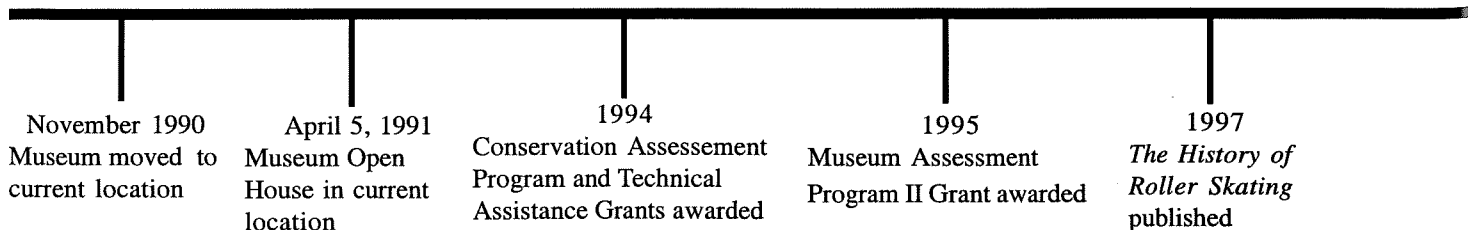
on April 13, 1982 under the first Director and Curator, Michael Brooslin. The opening was a success. Brooslin, considered the father of the museum's collection, successfully launched the museum and during his tenure of Director, established the museum as the source for the history of roller skating. The museum continued at this location until the RSROA separated into the Roller Skating Association and United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating.

In November 1990, the museum, under the direction of Barbara Sorenson, moved to its current location inside the USA Roller Sports building. The new space doubled the space the museum had at its former location and allowed the museum to double the number of exhibit cases. More storage space also allowed the collection to grow. Over the last ten years, the museum has almost filled up all of the storage space and has almost outgrown our current location.

Since 1980, the museum has had six directors Michael Brooslin, Anne Diffendahl, Barbara

You are cordially invited to attend the
GRAND OPENING
of the
**NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF ROLLER SKATING**
and an open house at the
ROLLER SKATING ASSOCIATIONS,
7700 A Street in Lincoln, Nebraska.
to be held on
Tuesday, April 13, 1982
from 4:30 until 7 p.m.
Refreshments will be served
RSVD by April 2nd (402) 489-8811

Invitation to the April 13, 1982 grand opening.



*The U.S. Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating
and the
National Museum of Roller Skating*

*Request the honor of your presence during our
VIP Champagne Reception and Tour
on Friday, April 5, 1991 from 4 - 6:30 p.m.*

*Please join us in the celebration of our new facility at
4730 South Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.*

Kindly R.S.V.P to 402-483-7551.

*Invitation to the April 5, 1991
re-grand opening.*

Sorenson, Scott Whilwhite, Michael Zaidman, Susan Curtis and Deborah Wallis. Twenty five individuals have and some continue to serve as members of the museum's board. These individuals include: Annelle Anderson, Nellie Anderson Lillie, Bert Anselmi, Robert Bollinger, Frank Cernik, John Chrien, Marvin Facher, Chester Fried, Charlotte Groves, Bill and Gladys Kelly, Ken Leigh, Bill Ludascher, Mills Lynn, Kathy Mandusic Finley, Joe Nazzaro Jr., Bruce Pearson, George Pickard, Dave Schafer, James Turner, Budd Van Roekel, Charles Wahlig, Keith Ware, Edmund Young and Richard Young.

Over the years, the museum has been awarded eight major grants, published five books and seventy four newsletters, established a presence on the internet and has increased the collection all while maintaining the primary goal of preserving and promoting the history of roller skating. The museum still strives to consistently improve and to better serve the roller skating community. We hope to be rolling around for many more years.



*Elizabeth Plimpton and her grandson,
William P. Reynolds, standing
next to the museum's sign during the
museum's open house April 5, 1991.*

1998
*Awards and Honors of
the RSA published*

1999
*The Allure of the Rink published, Museum
Assesment Program III and Cooper
Foundation Grants awarded, Museum's web
page established*

2000
*Museum's 20th anniversary
Museum establishes endowment fund*

MEMORIALS

The Patron Memorial Plaque was created to honor those individuals who have contributed to the growth of roller skating as a sport, recreation or business. A plaque may be purchased for a minimum contribution of \$250. Please fill out the information below if you are interested. All other donations are recognized in the newsletter.

In memory of Anthony and Marjorie Puracchio
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All donations are tax-deductible.*

Donations

The National Museum of Roller Skating's collection has grown each year because of donors who have contributed to the growth of the museum. If you have an artifact that you would like to donate, please contact the museum before donating. Thank you for your continued support! The following donors have contributed to the collection:

- Steve Bogoyevac
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- The History of Roller Skating* ©1997 ISBN 0-9658192-0-5
- The Allure of the Rink* ©1999 ISBN 0-9658192-1-3

All donations are tax-deductible up to the amount permitted by law. Please clip/return to: National Museum of Roller Skating, Suite 2, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Thanks

The National Museum of Roller Skating would like to thank these members who have either joined or renewed membership with the museum since our last issue. Thank you for your support!

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Membership Matters

Look for your museum on the Web

The museum's new and improved web site debuted in August.

Check it out at

www.rollerskatingmuseum.com

Send your comments to postmaster@rollerskatingmuseum.com

Board of Trustees



2000 museum board members attending annual board meeting, clockwise from bottom left: Nellie Anderson Lillie, Chester Fried, Frank Cernik, George Pickard, Bert Anselmi, Robert Bollinger, Annelle Anderson and Charlotte Groves. Photo by Dianne Bollinger.

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