



Rolling Through Time

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Who We Are

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska and the only dedicated roller skating museum in the world. We are committed to the preservation of the history of roller skating. With over 50 display cases, the museum educates the public on all aspects of roller skating, which dates back to the first patented skate from 1819.

Curator's Corner

Raffle Tickets Available


**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ROLLER SKATING
2014 RAFFLE**

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PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE
 Price \$50. Total of \$10,000 in cash prizes. Grand prize \$5,000!
 Drawing to take place, May 7, 2014, at the RSA International Convention, Rio All Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada during the President's Dinner. Ticket holders need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the museum.



The National Museum of Roller Skating is a publicly supported, charitable organization.
PLEASE RETAIN THIS TICKET STUB.
 It must be presented to claim a prize. Use the back of this ticket to list the names of those sharing it with you.

Indoor Nationals Begin

With the Indoor National Championships beginning this week in Albuquerque, NM, the museum wants to reach out to those interested in making a donation of equipment used during competition. The museum is very interested in skates and costumes from those at the competitions, especially the winners.

We continue to receive donations of support from each national championship and hope the streak continues. Please let others know that the museum is very interested in donations from these national championships.

Renewing/New Members

Skateland of Carolina
Sin City Skates
Bill and Marian Spooner

Rink Photo

Warnoco North
Greeley, Colorado



After the great success of our 2013 museum raffle, we decided to get a jumpstart on next year's contest. Now available, the museum can provide raffle tickets to all interested for the May 7, 2014 museum raffle held at the Rio All Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. As always, winners need not be present to claim prizes. The prizes include:

- 15 \$100 winners
- 4 \$250 winners
- 3 \$500 winners
- 1 \$1000 winner
- 1 Grand Prize winner of \$5000

Warnoco North operated in Greeley, CO until 2004. It began as Sal's Gardens in 1921. A local roller derby team, The Slaughterhouse Derby Girls, hoped to purchase the building as use it as its derby facility. Unfortunately, a city rule dictated that the building may no longer contain a skating business. The building remains vacant.

Memorial: Rose Martin



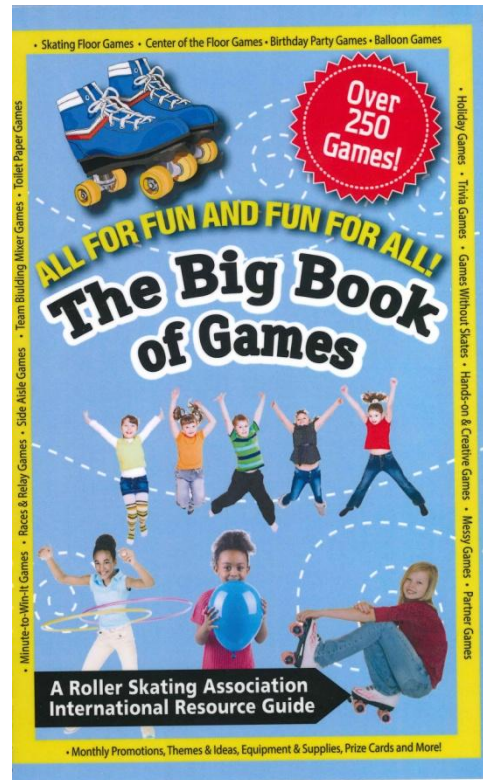
Former skater, coach, and museum supporter Rose Martin passed away this week at the age of 86. From the time her father took over management at the Arena Gardens in Detroit, MI, Rose was enveloped within the sport. Her and her family even lived upstairs from the rink.

Over the years Rose was a great supporter of the museum. She donated books, programs, photographs, postcards, medals, patches, skate boxes, scrapbooks, and papers on her father. Many of these first hand items helped us gain the full story of the Arena Gardens and its impact on the local community.

When assistant museum curator Sarah Webber set out to write a short book on the Martin family rink called *The Allure of the Rink: Roller Skating at the Arena Gardens*, Rose lent out her support, knowledge, and advise to accurately depict the history. Webber extended Rose a thank you acknowledgement at the beginning stating: "Rose supplied many of the specific details found here as well as proofread to make sure I had my facts straight."

Our thoughts and sympathies go out to the Rose Martin family. We thank her again for all of her support over the years.

Library Feature *The Big Book of Games*



The Big Book of Games was compiled by the Roller Skating Association intended for its member skating centers. This new book, copyright 2013, details hundreds of games played while on roller skates.

The book is broken down into fourteen different categories: balloon games, center of the floor games, games played at the birthday table, games played without skates, hands-on and creative games, holiday games, messy games, minute to win it, races and relays, side aisle games, skating floor games, team building and mixer games, toilet paper games, and trivia.

Under "toilet paper games", skaters race with a roll of toilet paper between their legs. If the roll is dropped, the skater must stop, collect the roll, and place it back between the legs before continuing. Races can be one lap around the rink or as many as dictated.

For a relay race, "pass the potato" needs four members per team, each team with one potato. The first team members puts the potato under his/her chin and skates to the second member. They then exchange the potato using their chins only. This exchange continues through each team member until the last person then skates across the finish line.

"Jail break", listed as a skating floor game, only needs to last the duration of one song. The cops skate around and touch others, who are then in jail off to the side. When enough are jailed, the floor guard yells "jail break" releasing everyone for another round.

Skate of the Week 3-Wheeled Skates



British 3-wheeled skates from the 1970s.

Wish List

1.) **Competition worn gear:** One of the most commented on parts of the museum collection deals with our event worn items. Whether dance costumes, speed uniforms, derby jerseys, hockey sticks, or specific skates, visitors like to see what people wear while competing in roller skating competitions.

The museum is most in need of items worn while competing for a national championship or a world title. If you have anything you feel meets the criteria and are interested in donating, please contact the museum at your earliest convenience.

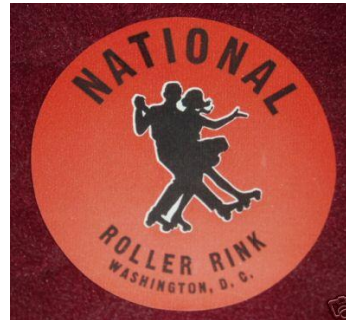
2.) **Original Artwork:** For those who visit the museum, we have a small collection of original artwork with a roller skating theme. We have original oil paintings from the Chicago Skate Company from the 1940s. There is a life-size sculpture of two girls carrying roller skates. We showcase an original lithograph from Cheret, the father of poster art. These items, along with a few others, make up our original art collection.

If anyone has any additional artwork with a roller skating theme, please contact the museum. We are looking to expand this part of our permanent collection.

3.) The museum is always in need of **odd and unusual skates**. Visitors are drawn to our different types of skates, variations to the norm, and how others failed to conform to the typical skate. On display now are animals skates as well as motorized skates. With anything you might consider an ODD skate, please contact the museum.

Rink Sticker Collection

The museum has an extensive collection of roller skating rink stickers. Many skating rinks used to produce stickers as both an advertisement and fun way to for skaters to interact with one another, comparing the different location in which they skated. These were even traded as collectibles both informally and formally, under the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange founded in 1948. Each newsletter, we will feature four different rink stickers. Here are a few examples of the numerous stickers in the collection and on display at the National Museum of Roller Skating.



Thanks for supporting the museum!

