National Museum of Roller Skating

Historical Roller Skating Overview



Dear members,

Wow! What a month this has been! With the help of the museum board and many volunteers at the RSA convention, we were able to reach our goal of 500 tickets sold for the 1999 raffle. A total of 506 tickets were sold and a majority of the winning ticket holders were present during the presentation of gifts in San Diego. The \$5000 grand prize winner was Victor Urban from Michigan who donated \$100 back to the museum. Museum board member Robert Bollinger once again proved to be the best ticket seller by selling close to 200 tickets by himself. The complete raffle round-up can be found on pages six and seven.

This month the museum will have extended hours during the last two weekends in June. On Saturdays, June 19 & 26, the museum will be open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays, June 20 & 27, the museum will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that entrance to the museum is under construction until the end of July, so please use the side streets to park. With the construction ongoing, new signs have been temporarily placed to guide visitors to the entrance.

In Lincoln, every high school senior needs to complete twenty hours of community service to graduate. The museum was chosen by four volunteers to complete their hours including Susannah Bohlke, Scott Hawkins, Nic Johnson and Chris Scheinost. These volunteers organized photographs, photocopied archival materials, arranged news clippings and patches, and inventoried items in the collection. The museum wishes to thank these volunteers for their support.

In April, the museum released our fourth publication in five years, *The Allure of the Rink, Roller Skating at the Arena Gardens, 1935-53,* (ISBN 0-9658192-1-3) by former assistant curator, Sarah Webber. With over fifty images from the collection of the National Museum of Roller Skating, *The Allure of the Rink* illustrates one of America's most famous roller rinks, the Arena Gardens in Detroit, Michigan. The book is sold exclusively by the National Museum of Roller Skating. If you are planning to renew your membership this year, a copy of the book is included with your membership. If you are planning to join the museum, you will have the option of which publication you would like to receive as noted on page seven. For a complete review of the

book, please see the next page.

In August, the United States National Artistic & Speed Championships will take place in Syracuse, New York. The museum will have an exhibit during the artistic portion of the event the first weekend in August. If you are near the area or are planning to attend the event, please stop by the museum's booth.

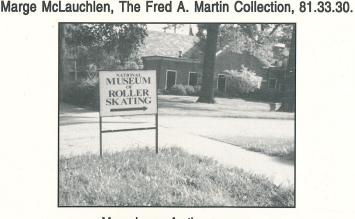
To make room for new items in the museum store, we will have a T-shirt sale. All T-shirts will be reduced to \$10 each for members to purchase. There are several sizes available, but please call first so we can be sure your size is available. Please see page seven for more information or visit our web site at http://www.usarollerskating.com/museum.htm.

Have a great summer and please visit the museum soon. Thanks again for your continued support!

Michael Zaidman

Director & Curator

On the cover: Russell Bice with Marjorie Martin, who often accompanied him at the organ at the Arena Gardens Rink, Detroit, Michigan. This photograph can be found in the museum's latest publication, *The Allure of the Rink, Roller Skating at the Arena Gardens, 1935-53.* Gift of Richard &



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9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Closed holidays and weekends, except in 1999, Saturdays, June 19 & 26, from 12-4 pm, and Sundays, June 20 & 27, from 1-5 pm.

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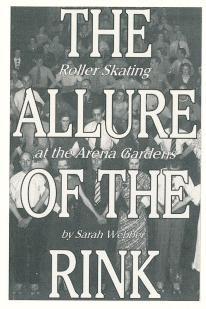
Now available from the National Museum of Roller Skating, The Allure of the Rink, Roller Skating at the Arena Gardens, 1935-53

The National Museum of Roller Skating is proud to present The Allure of the Rink, Roller Skating at the Arena Gardens, 1935-53, (ISBN 0-9658192-1-3). The book is sold exclusively by the National Museum of Roller Skating for \$10 or included with a new Individual/Family Membership for \$35.

The book was written by Sarah Webber, former assistant curator of the National Museum of Roller Skating from the spring of 1997 through the early summer of 1998. During her tenure at the museum, she wrote extensively on the history of roller skating in the United States in the twentieth century.

From the 1930s through the 1950s, Americans met at their local roller rink after work, went roller skating there on dates, and joined their rink's roller skating club. Roller skating reigned as the second most popular participation sport in the country. Millions of people across the United States embraced roller skating. For thousands of Americans, roller skating at their local roller rink became an important, intimate part of their lives.

The Arena Gardens in Detroit, Michigan, like hundreds of other rinks across the United States, served the social and recreational needs of thousands of Detroit residents. Noted across Detroit as well as the United States for its professional staff, skating clubs, organist, and even its refreshment counter, the Arena Gardens quickly attained a legendary status after it opened in 1935. This celebrated roller rink, completely designed



and organized around providing roller skaters with a wholesome and enjoyable experience, represented then as now the model rink in the era of roller skating in the United States.

With over fifty images from the collection of the National Museum of Roller Skating, The Allure of the Rink illustrates one of America's most famous roller rinks, the Arena Gardens in Detroit, Michigan.

To order a copy of The Allure of the Rink, please fill out the form below. If you wish to join or renew your membership, please see page seven or call the museum or visit our web site.

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I would like to order copies of <i>The Allure of</i>
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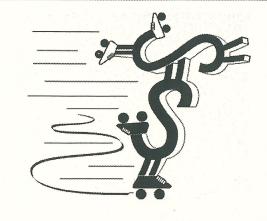
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The National Museum of Roller Skating's annual raffle took place May 12, 1999 during the RSA International's Presidential dinner in San Diego, California. The museum sold 506 raffle tickets and gave away \$10,000 in cash prizes. Robert Bollinger sold the most tickets for the third straight year claiming the top ticket seller award. Below are the 1999 Raffle Winners and the names of the ticket sellers who sold the winning tickets.



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1. \$100	Kevin Cernik
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3. \$100	America On Wheels*
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1999 Raffle Winners

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Nellie Anderson was the official raffle chooser while Robert Bollinger supervised Mills Lynn roll the squirrel cage with the raffle tickets enclosed during the 1999 Museum Raffle.

*Donated back to museum *Donated \$100 back to museum

David Fleming

Dianne Bollinger

Dillon Lovelace

23. \$1000 Judy Officer

24. \$5000 Victor Urban**

The museum would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's raffle including those individuals who helped sell tickets including

Annelle Anderson, Nellie Anderson, Bert Anselmi, Kevin Baker, Robert Bollinger, Robert Braun, Danny Brown, Frank Cernik, Marvin Facher, Dave Fleming, Charlotte Groves, Bill Johnson, Bill & Gladys Kelly, Mills Lynn, Bill McDonald, Chuck McDonough, Tim Mitchell, George Pickard, Charles Wahlig and Ed Young.



Gigi Boyd was ecstatic when she found out she won \$100! Gigi Boyd is the Travel & Events Coordinator for USA Roller Skating.

The 1999 Raffle was successful because the individuals listed on this page bought tickets. The National Museum of Roller Skating greatly appreciates their support. The number besides their names indicates the number of tickets purchased if it was more than one.

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In Lincoln, Nebraska, every high school senior needs to complete twenty hours of community service to graduate. Seen below are volunteers Chris Scheinost organizing newsclippings and Susannah Bohlke counting raffle tickets. The museum wishes to thank these volunteers for their efforts.





The National Museum of Roller Skating would like to thank these members who have either joined or renewed the museum since our last issue. Your support is appreciated!

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Winners: Larry & Mary Hayes

Do You Know?

NEXT MEMBERSHIP QUIZ

In what year was the first patented roller skate? If you have answered the questions correctly in the past two newsletters, you are not eligible.

The first two correct answers will win two items from the museum store. Please mail your answers to the museum.

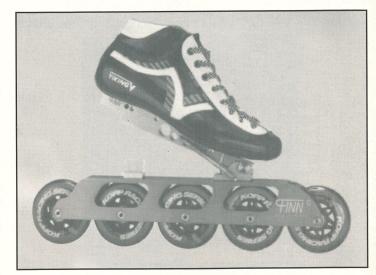
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