

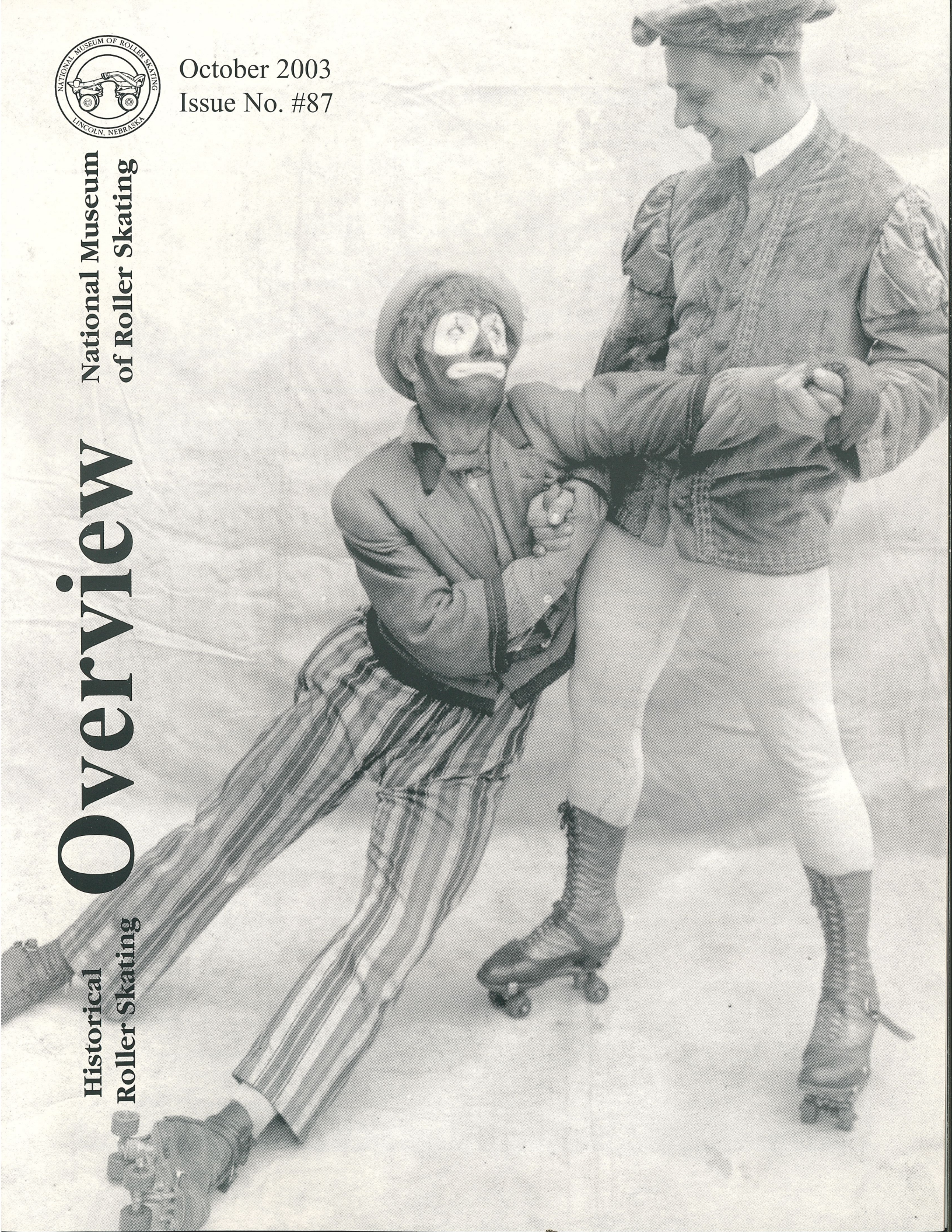


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of Roller Skating

# Overview

Historical  
Roller Skating







## Curator's Column

After a busy summer full of tours and extended hours during the National Championships, the museum has quieted down a little bit but the staff has remained busy. We are focusing our attention on new exhibits, continuing the inventory of our collections and creating new family activities including a skate case full of things to do in the museum.

The cover photo on this issue is of Fred Martin dressed as a clown being helped up by vaudeville skater Don Donnelle. The photo was taken in 1914.

As the holidays approach, remember that museum memberships make great gifts. And do not forget our Museum Store offers some gift ideas. We have updated our website, [www.rollerskatingmuseum.com](http://www.rollerskatingmuseum.com), to include color images of everything we offer in the store. Check it out today.

Thank you for your continued support of the museum.

## Recent Donations

- Anonymous**, 1970 World Roller Skating Championship program  
**Eunice Prokop Arnold**, Cream Ridge, New Jersey, *photographs and archival material of donor*  
**Marjorie Brandon**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, *scrapbook and archival material of the donor and rink stickers*  
**Darrell Bufkin**, Troy, Michigan, 1962 regional and state championship programs  
**Lee Elkins**, Carrollton, Ohio, 1906-07 roller polo team photo and accompanying article  
**Robert Ferrer**, Los Angeles, California, *mouse pad advertising Abacus Insurance Brokers*  
**Chester Fried**, South River, New Jersey, *rink stickers, archival material, magazines, book, banner, newspaper clippings and articles and record albums*  
**Cynthia Gates**, Newmarket, New Hampshire, *plates for plaques, programs, magazines, stickers and archival material*  
**Dustin Glebe/Riedell shoes**, Red Wing, Minnesota, *jam skates and wheels*  
**Louis Guinn**, Sacramento, California, 1979 Pan American Games medal  
**Sylvia Haffke**, Covington, Georgia, *videotapes of the 1963 and 1965 National Championships as was broadcast on ABC's Wide World of Sports*  
**Richard Hawkins/USA Roller Sports**, Lincoln, Nebraska, *programs, medals, wheels, hockey balls, key chains, patches, USARS clothing, costumes, uniforms, roller skating toys and photographs*  
**Frank Huffsmith**, Colonia, New Jersey, *archival material from the Rollerland Rink in Oakland, California*  
**Laura Johnson and Bob Pearson**, Ashtabula, Ohio, *newspaper clipping*  
**Jennifer Leslie**, Orlando, Florida, *Jam skating videotape and photographs and a banner from Team Riedell*  
**Bill and Ruth Leighton**, Croydon, Pennsylvania, 2003 NARSA national program  
**Jim and Judy Link**, Mays Landing, New Jersey, *photograph and archival material on Ed and Winnie Young*  
**Gloria Manning**, Miami, Florida, 2003 Southern Regional program  
**Bob McCann/Pepsi**, Getzville, New York, *Pepsi-Cola t-shirt from the 2003 RSA convention*  
**Ed and Rose Morton**, Parlin, New Jersey, *Weber wheels, and USARSA officials jacket*  
**Chris O'Hara**, Steger, Illinois, *jam skating videotapes*  
**Jim Pollard**, Redwood City, California, 2003 Southwest Pacific Figure Skating Championship program  
**Roller Bones**, Santa Barbara, California, *skate tool in the shape of a gun*  
**Clayton Smith**, Orlando, Florida, *volume two of A Historical Collection of Skate Dance Diagrams book*  
**Olga Soto**, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2003 Pan America Games poster  
**Donald Spanton**, Pittsboro, North Carolina, *newspaper clipping*  
**Deborah Wallis**, Lincoln, Nebraska, *bookmark from the Wheels Skating Club of Arvada, Colorado*  
**Sondra Wendell**, Lincoln, Nebraska, *USA Roller Sports magazines*  
**Dan Wurdinger**, Lincoln, Nebraska, *Globe street skates*  
**Michael Yohnicki**, London, Ontario, Canada, *Roller Games poster, photos and archival material and Banked Track Newsletter*

More than twenty years of support from many individuals and companies are behind the National Museum of Roller Skating. The lives of grandparents, parents, daughters, sons and friends are celebrated in the museum in both quiet ways and lasting ways. When you make a gift to the museum, you and those you love are taking part in a vital tradition of generosity that will provide the sustaining support for the museum. Contributing to the museum would be giving back to the sport and business that has treated you so well and will help to preserve the life long work of so many individuals, including yourself, that have competed in or work in the roller skating community. It is a living testimony to your life's work and would bring appreciation and recognition for you and your business. Please consider including the museum in your Will, Living Trust, Gift of Property or to name the museum as beneficiary of an insurance policy or IRA.

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### Museum Hours

9 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday  
Closed holidays and weekends.

**Mission Statement:** The museum exists as an autonomous entity, to acquire, preserve, research and interpret the history of roller skating through its collection of artifacts, photographs, archival material and other skating memorabilia. It strives to document roller skating's historical progression, current status and its future development in context of the associated people and events.

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**Featured Exhibit**

**Odd & Unusual Skates**

Since the very first roller skate, inventors continue to experiment with the design of a roller skate creating many odd and unusual skates. The most popular design experiments occur with the size, shape and placement of the skate wheels. Other inventors set out to design a skate for a specific purpose such as a motorized skate for speed or skates on stilts for entertainment shows. Skating on these skates may not have been the easiest but the designs make these skates some of the most interesting.

What parts of a roller skate would you experiment with? How would you design a pair of skates? Would yours skates be used for a specific purpose? Can you find more odd and unusual skates?



**Membership**

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

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For Rose Bunyan  
from Dolores Pillow

For Carl Forsyth  
from Annelle and Bob Anderson

**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      In Honor of      On Occasion of*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

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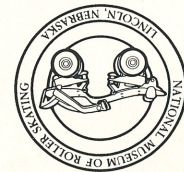
Can you complete this word scramble? Try to unscramble the 10 words associated with holiday gift ideas for the skater. If you need some help, the answers are listed below the puzzle.

1. shelew \_\_\_\_\_
2. taskes \_\_\_\_\_
3. omp spom \_\_\_\_\_
4. krabe shrub \_\_\_\_\_
5. gakints ritks \_\_\_\_\_
6. ltehme \_\_\_\_\_
7. ketas gba \_\_\_\_\_
8. casle \_\_\_\_\_
9. yockhe citstk \_\_\_\_\_
10. hoes aesskt \_\_\_\_\_

- Answers
1. wheels
  2. skates
  3. pom poms
  4. brake brush
  5. skating skirt
  6. helmet
  7. skate bag
  8. laces
  9. hockey stick
  10. shoe skates

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