

# Rochester NH Historical Society Newsletter

2023-2024

## **-FYI-**

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- Our phone number is (603) 330-3099.
- Check out our Facebook page, ROCHESTER NH HISTORICALSOCIETY about upcoming programs.
- We always need volunteers.
- Our website is <https://www.rochesternh.gov/historical-society-museum>.
- The museum is open Thursday afternoons 1-4 and located at 58 Hanson Street. Check our Facebook Page for 'Drop in Saturdays!' Occasionally we will open on Saturdays.

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## Welcome to 2023 - 2024

Almost 75 years ago, in 1950, a group of concerned citizens banded together to collect and preserve the historical matter pertaining to the city of Rochester. Led by Miles Dustin, who designed and built The Bandstand on the Common in 1914, they formed the beginning of what we now call the Rochester Historical Society and Museum.

So much has changed in Rochester since then, but the pride we have for our city's history remains significant. The volunteers of the Rochester Historical Society and we're all volunteers, work hard because we love our city.

We love the many historic structures and places in Rochester such as:

The Rochester Opera House, with its historic architecture and fully moveable floor, perhaps the last of this design.

The Rochester Common, with its welcoming walking path and children's playground. In earlier times the Rochester Common was used as a meeting place for soldiers before going off to the Revolutionary War.

Spaulding High School, when it was built in 1939, was considered one of the most beautiful school buildings in the state. Almost 80 years later the building still stands and was named the most beautiful public high school in New Hampshire.

The Rochester Library, opened in 1905, was built from funds donated from Andrew Carnegie. Built in the Georgian Revival style, using brick and granite. The interior was finished with golden oak and cypress. Over 100 years later this beautiful building is still in use.

Our volunteers maintain and operate the Rochester Historical Society Museum, with its fascinating exhibits and stories of life as it was. We archive local histories, pictures, and historical items. We also help folks research topics of historical interest.

We'd love and benefit greatly from your volunteer help, so please consider joining the Historical Society

### **-NH Chronicle TV Appearance-**

Did you catch the July 4th episode of NH Chronicle? NH Chronicle visited Rochester and produced a show on the restoration of the World War II Honor Roll. They also stopped by the Historical Society to view our World War II artifacts and discuss local history with us.

## **\*Monthly Programs for 2023-2024\***

Our monthly programs will continue this season! Many have asked that we start our programs earlier in the evening. We listened to you and now the programs will start an hour earlier at 6pm.

September 14th - "The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company" presented by Robert Perreault

October 12th - "Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire" presented by Rebecca Rule

November 9th - "Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War" presented by Carrie Brown

December 14th - Christmas Open House 2pm -> 6pm

January & February - No Programs

March 14th - "NH Women's Bar" presented" by TBA

April 11th - "NH Roads Taken or Not presented" by Steve Taylor

May 9th - "The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns" presented by John C. Porter

June 13th - "Adjusting to Life in NH as a Flatlander from New York" presented by Brendan Smith

## **-The Museum Located on Hanson Street-**



# Rochester Word Search

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Salmon Falls

Rochester Hill

The Common

Spaulding

City Hall

Band Stand

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