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1830sStoneHouse

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Fall Car Show Big Success

At right, Grover Schrock presents Cheryl Soerensen, Co-President of the RHPS, with a \$500.00 check as a donation from the Car Show held at the Rochester Historical Park during the Rochester Fall Festival. The RHPS received an additional \$90 in donations from persons touring the Stone House during the Car Show. We appreciate Grover's efforts to organize, promote and oversee the Car Show at the Historical Park. It helps bring additional awareness to the Stone House and helps promote the RHPS.



The R H P S needs YOU!

We need members! You might ask, " Why should I be a member of the RHPS?"

Check the following list for some of the top reasons for joining this group.

1. Tiered, tax deductible membership offerings.
2. Learn about the history of the community.
3. Help support what is going to be happening at the Historical Park.
4. Supporting the community through historical development.
5. Help preserve the past for generations to come.
6. Make new friends.
7. Informative newsletters sent to you.

JANUARY RHPS PROGRAM

Be sure to attend the January 28th meeting of the RHPS at the Community Room so you can have some fun playing RHPS TRIVIA. Dave Ramsey is going to lead us down the path of Rochester history. Dave has a wealth of knowledge to share about the town's past. Come participate. Test your knowledge and learn some new facts about our great town. Let's have some fun! Hope to see you there.

The RHPS Thanks

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2024-25 RHPS Meetings

Tuesday, September 24

Tuesday, December 3

Tuesday, January 28

Tuesday, March 25

Tuesday, May 27

All meetings in the
Community Room
At the Library

ROCHESTER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

-OFFICERS-

CO-PRESIDENTS

Cheryl Soerensen

Ann Kramer

SECRETARY

Ann Rowley

TREASURER

Max Dillahunty

-DIRECTORS-

David Grubb

Toby McDaniel

David Ramsey

Jerry Robertson

THOUGHTS FROM RHPS CO-PRESIDENTS

As Co-Presidents, we are looking forward to working with the membership of the RHPS to move forward into 2025 and beyond. The RHPS was started in 1988 to share Rochester history with the community. As we move forward, it is our hope that we are able to find creative ways to promote our rich history. It is our hope that you will join and support the RHPS as we all work together to encourage an appreciation for our community.

Ann Kramer and Cheryl Soerensen



I/We would like to become a member of the Rochester Historical Preservation Society

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (Check Appropriate Box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Sodbuster/Youth (Student)	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Settler/Individual	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Homesteader/Family	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Blacksmith	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fur Trapper	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Tradesman	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Storekeeper	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Frontiersman	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonist	\$1,000.00+

My Additional Gift of \$_____ is given:
 in Honor of in Memory of

Name: _____
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Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

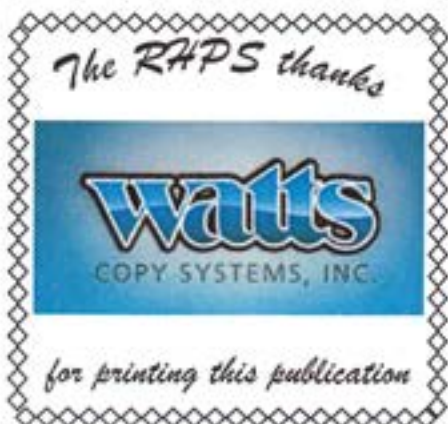
Email: _____

Volunteer Interests: _____

Please also complete the survey on page 4 of this newsletter and include with your membership.

If you have lost your membership form or just forgot to return it, the above form may be used to either renew your membership or become a new RHPS member.

Please return to RHPS, PO Box 13
 Rochester, IL 62563



Stone House Contest Winners

Winners of the Stone House contest were awarded at the Stone House during the Car Show.

3rd - Addison Tupy

2nd - Dillon Catlin

1st - Camden Tupy



STONE HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

During the car show was a great time to invite folks to the Stone House. On the same day, Alan Kibble donated a feather mattress and 2 pillows to RHPs. At left, Emily Soerensen took a break from being a docent to take a little nap finding the feather mattress very comfortable. Above, Kathleen Winhold is ready to welcome guests to the upper level of the Stone House. Ropes on the bed were to hold a mattress and needed to be tightened often. Hence the old saying, "Sleep tight;"



Above: David Ramsey shares a bit of Rochester history with visitors to the Stone House during the Fall Festival Car Show.

Right: Emily Soerensen poses with David Ramsey's antique rifle on the porch of the Stone House,

2025 MEMBERSHIP LIST *

Charter – Life

*Elliott Bell
 *Tery & Tammy Campbell
 *Carolyn "Cari" Carlson
 *Patricia Creviston
 *Adron Cross
 *Chelsea Gerberding
 *Fred & Carolyn Gerberding
 *Gabe & Angela Gerberding
 *Linda Grimm
 *David & Arlene Grubb
 *Dean & Renee Housel
 *Dennis & Nancy Keiffer
 *Allen & Barb Mendenhall
 *Carl O. "Bud" Moore
 *Lee & Carol Shafer
 *David & Debbie Taft
 *Steve Taft
 *Ron & Ann Tucker
 *Bill & Barb Voisin
 *Nate & Carol Wilcoxon
 *Tom Wood

Storekeeper

Joshua & Cecile Becker
 *Mike & Brenda Jeffers
 *Patricia Kessler

Tradesman

*Wayne & Anita Beck
 *Harry & Jane Hendrickson
 Dave & Ruth Hicks
 *Jacquie Ramsey
 Roxy Schmidt-Gundy

Fur Trapper

*Richard & Karen Alexander
 *Roy & Trudy Ballinger
 *Lyle & Donna Behl
 Grant & Alison Blasdell
 Gary Bottrell
 *Mike & Sandy Brewer
 Mike & Sharon Cortelyou
 *Susan Cull
 George Anne Daly
 Robert Dean
 *Max & Debbie Dillahunty
 *Brian & Mary Fairchild
 *Jane Fairchild
 *Phyllis Fairchild
 *Henry & Mary Gartner
 *Randy & Brenda Hawkins
 Robert Hendrickson
 Bill & Penny Hinrichs
 *Kim & Cinda Klickna
 *Tim & Priscilla Kluge

Nancy Leach
 *Stu & Sandy McMillan
 *Carolyn Moore
 Pat Palmer
 Mark & Suzanne Pettyjohn
 Rich & Ann Ramsey
 Bill & Sandy Sheppard
 *Cheryl Soerensen
 *Don Taft
 *James & Ruth Ann Theis
 *Rosemary Weistart
 *David & Vanessa White
 *Richard Williams

Blacksmith

*Lillian Dalsin
 *John & Sue Endsley
 Ron & Sue Green
 Sara Hopper
 Ann Kramer
 *Mike & Glenda Long
 *Darrell & Denise
 Maxheimer
 Sandie Nuding
 *Jerry Orban
 *Henry & Margaret Patterson
 David & Karen Ramsey
 *Jerry & Reba Robertson
 Gina Roccaforte
 *Ann Rowley
 *Tris Schnepfer

*L. Keith Steiner
 Ben & Mary Tuxhorn
 Dwight & Marcia Van Pelt
 *Lois & John Weissberg
 *Ron & Kahla Wiggins
 *Curt & Kathleen Winhold
 *James & Debbie Yeaman

Homesteader

*Mark & Cynthia Anderson
 Terry & Diane Arthur
 Tom & Michelle Betrand
 *Ray & Pam Bruzan
 Paul Carlson
 *Janice & Carlo Catalano
 *Mark & Teresa Creviston
 Jeffrey & Andrea Deters
 *Tom & Cherie Doherty
 Rick & Jeanne Eilering
 *Sharon Evans
 *Dennis File
 Henry & Beth Haupt
 Don & Gayle Highley
 Forrest & Mary Lou
 Holsapple
 Don & Becky Honigman
 Elaine Hundley
 *David & Fay Ann Jostes
 *Stephanie & Larry McDevitt
 *Ken & Nancy Miller
 Scott & Suzanne Moss

Tom, Stacia & Logan Munroe
 *Nick & Stephanie
 Palazzolo
 *Mark & Nancy
 Poffenberger
 Loree & Carolyn Riggs
 *Randall & Suzann Segatto
 Sandy Wheeler
 *Dick & Lorine Wallin
 Deidre Zobrist

Settler

*Carolyn Lea Clevenger
 Bev Drilling
 Nancy J. Leach
 *Toby Mc Daniel
 *Eleanor Ranney
 *Robert & Leslie Struble
 Carolyn Wanless

Sodbuster

*Terrence Hensey

NOTE: This listing of the 2025 RHPS Membership is as of January 16, 2025. If there are any questions, please contact Max Dillahunty at 217-498-9709.

* Indicates Members who have renewed for 2025

DONATIONS to RHPS

From Fall Festival Car Show	\$500.00
From Dean Housel (Life Member)	\$1000.00
From Allen & Barb Mendenhall (Life Member)	\$1000.00
From Toby McDaniel (director)	\$35.00
In Memory of William Dalsin (by Lillian Dalsin)	\$50.00
In Memory of Carolyn Carlson (by Paul Carlson)	\$25.00
In Honor of James R. Weistart (by Rose Weistart)	\$50.00
In Memory of Robert Fairchild (by Jane Fairchild)	\$100.00
In Memory of George Fairchild (by Phyllis Fairchild)	\$50.00

SURVEY

We Need YOUR OPINION ...

We have two original log walls of the deconstructed Capoot-Barr Log Home from its discovery in 1988. Additional items have been acquired to be used in reconstruction, but we do not currently have enough material to complete the full reconstruction.

We would like input from the RHPS membership. Please mark your preference as to how we should proceed with the reconstruction of the log home:

___ Reconstruct the log home outside as a separate free-standing structure at the Historical Park.

___ Reconstruct the entire log home inside the new multi-purpose building.

___ Reconstruct a portion of the log home using the two original log walls in the new multi-purpose building.

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