

ROSE HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

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February 2017 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends,

The Rose Hill Historical Society and Museum was founded in 2007 by Rose Hill citizens with the intent of preserving the past of Rose Hill and continues to meet regularly. The Historical Society/Museum information and links to pictures, related Rose Hill sites, the Museum, Pleasant School, events, etc. are on our web page and updated regularly:

<http://rosehillhistoricalsociety.com/>

The web page has information about joining the organization and making donations. If you have not already sent your 2017 renewal membership please do so as soon as possible. We also encourage you to visit our Facebook page. This newsletter is a print review of the year 2016 and we rely on our web page and Facebook page to publish current information about the organization and what we are doing. We also update events and advertise in the Rose Hill Reporter.

The purpose of the Rose Hill Historical Society is to build support in the community for the Society and Museum; to encourage gifts, endowments, bequests, and memorials to the organization; to enhance the image, materials, services, and facilities of the Society by undertaking specific projects on its behalf; to maintain an association of individuals, civic organizations, businesses, and other groups with an interest in preserving Rose Hill history; and to create public awareness of the activities of the Historical Society and encourage participation in the organization. Through collection of memorabilia, the Society wishes to educate and provide programs to make the past more meaningful to Rose Hill's residents and visitors. By doing so, the Society will encourage preservation and appreciation of the history of Rose Hill and its community members/past and present in our Museum.

The Museum and Pleasant School are open on the second and fourth Saturdays each month from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. We are also open by appointment and welcome group tours of both facilities. There is no admission charge to visit the Museum and School. Volunteers are available for tours or to help you with research about Rose Hill. We have a scanner to copy documents in the Museum. Our monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month and held at the Pleasant School. We encourage you to come to our meetings.

Volunteers keep the Museum front window with rotating displays to attract visitors. We have study guides for use by student visitors and each year groups of students take field trips to the Museum. We are involved in Rose Hill city events such as the October Fall Festival, Hometown Christmas, July fireworks, and the citywide garage sale. We provide an annual scholarship to a RHHS Senior given in the name of Wm Jack Carr. We have had several local groups hold small events in the Pleasant Center School. Groups have included family reunions, scouts, book clubs, class reunions, birthday parties, etc. We held a pancake feed with a cowboy speaker from the Kansas Humanities Council as a fund raiser to begin our kick off for our biggest accomplishment this year which has been the ground breaking of a new building behind the Museum to house our growing collection of artifacts. We received a loan from Mark and Virginia Alley so the building could begin now. We are seeking pledges and donations from the members and community to help fund this project. Information as to how you can contribute is on our web page. We plan to have another speaker and meal fundraiser this spring along with a car show and raffle for a new car to be given away later this year by Rusty Eck. Watch for advertisement on these events.

We have volunteers and members who give of their time and donations to improve our Museum and Pleasant Center School. We plan to continue to pursue resources and renovations through donations, memorials, and grant funds. The summer fireworks stand helps local organizations working in the stand with a portion of the profits. Copies of the Rose Hill history book are still available to purchase. When the new building is finished there will be an area for family histories and genealogy research.

Thank you for your generous support and volunteer help this past year. The contributions of the friends, visitors and members of Rose Hill Historical Society are what will preserve our town's history and its past accomplishments. Small towns in Kansas are the driving force in promoting the history of the settlement of Kansas. We have made a lot of progress these past ten years but have a vision for the future to continue to add to our collection and services.

If you wish to contact the Historical Society or have questions, please use the contact link on our webpage or the address of the Historical Society. Membership forms and pledge forms are linked from our web page with information as to where to send your information, dues, and donations. Thanks again for all your support and please continue to support us in 2017 and the future.

Sincerely,

Keith Cox, President
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