



Museum Newsletter

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Who We Are

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska and the only dedicated roller skating museum in the world. We are committed to the preservation of the history of roller skating. With over 50 display cases, the museum educates the public on all aspects of roller skating, which dates back to the first patented skate from 1819.

Curator's Corner

Donation

Rob Ferendo Collection



Rob Ferendo recently contacted the museum to gauge interest in a possible donation. Ferendo uses various oils and acrylics to compose roller skating themed paintings.

While growing up in the New England area, Ferendo competed in roller skating competitions. For over twenty years he competed as an artistic roller skater and ice dancer. At the peak of his career, Ferendo captured a World Championship title in 1997.

Rob Ferendo has agreed to donate five or six prints of his paintings to the museum. The pictures provided give an example of his work.

Ferendo describes his work on his website www.rlfdesigns.com with the following statement:

I used bold contrasting colors and cropping of the image to create a sense of energy and movement through the viewers field of vision - as if you're seeing a snapshot of the skating program. My first collection of paintings is an attempt to capture some strong iconic images from my competitive roller skating experience in the 80's and to celebrate the sport/art that has given me so many lifelong memories.

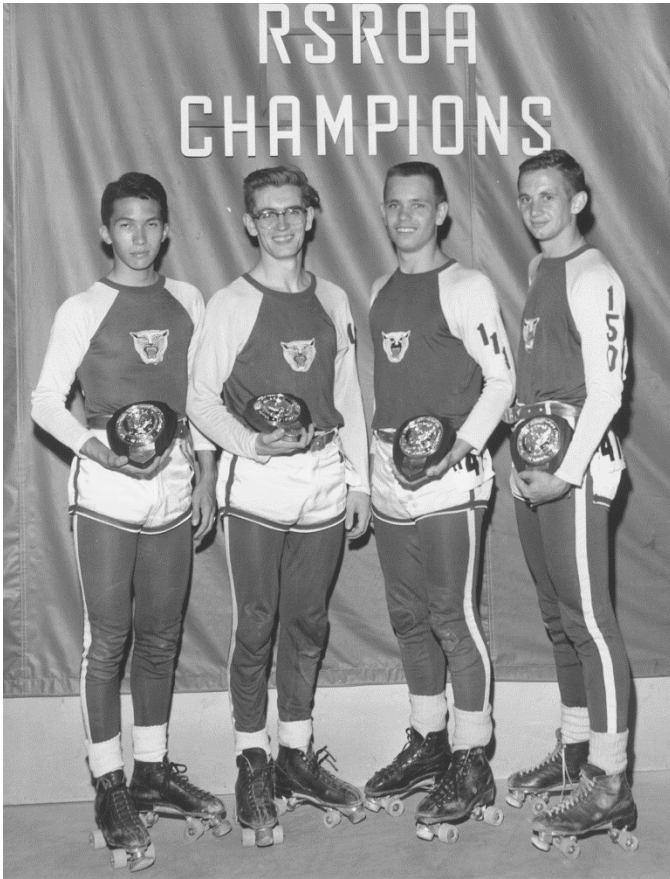


The museum is excited to add these prints to its collection. Art work is just another way we can showcase our love for roller skating.



Featured Skaters:

Don Munoz, Gerald Gohs, Rick Gohs & Bob Smith
Speed Team 1950s



Roller Skating Firsts

- First Roller Blade skate, 1966. Manufactured by the Chicago Roller Skating Company.
- First modern Roller Blade skates, early 1980s. Manufactured by the Olson brothers of Minnesota, creating the inline skating craze of the 1980s and 1990s.

Rink Photo:

Del Monte Gardens, Monterey, CA

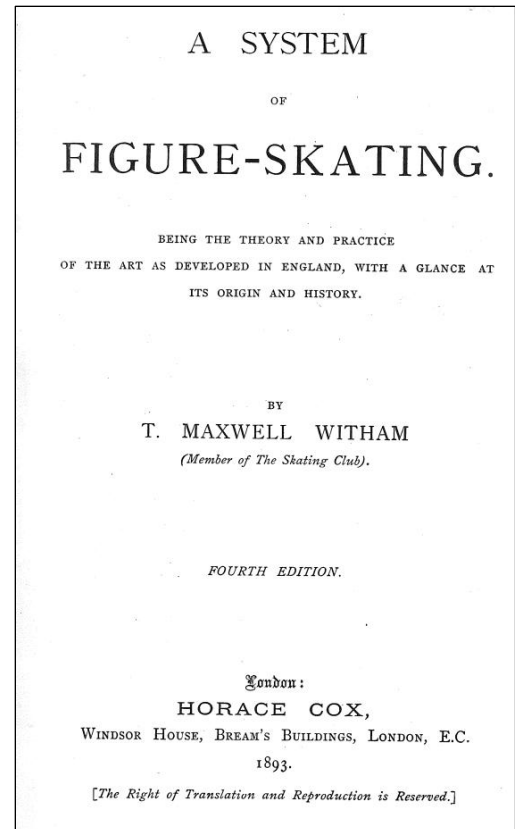


Renewing/New Members

Robert Alstead

Library Feature

A System of Figure-Skating



This forth edition of figure skating techniques, published in 1893, gives the reader instructions on proper formations on both ice and roller skates. When commenting on marble floors the author states, "*It was fairly fast, and when the feeling that the joints of the marble slabs must be somewhat uneven is overcome, there is no floor to equal it.*"

Featured Photo



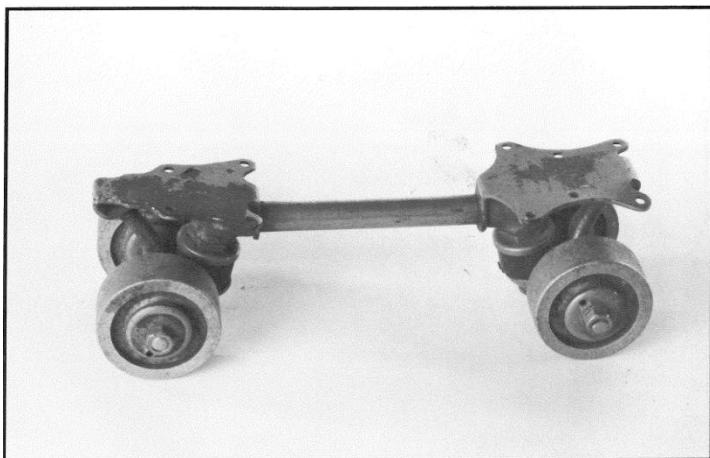
1881 Philadelphia

In Memorial

Our thoughts are with the family of Joe Nazzaro Sr. who passed away April 4. Joe was a great ambassador to the sport of roller skating and a long time supporter of the museum.

Skate of the Week

King of the Rink



Manufactured by the Brampton Company of England, this racing model quad skate is stamped "King of the Rink." Donated by Chester Fried, this model dates to the early 1910s.

Wish List

1.) **Competition worn gear:** One of the most commented on parts of the museum collection deals with our event worn items. Whether dance costumes, speed uniforms, derby jerseys, hockey sticks, or specific skates, visitors like to see what people wear while competing in roller skating competitions.

The museum is most in need of items worn while competing for a national championship or a world title. If you have anything you feel meets the criteria and are interested in donating, please contact the museum at your earliest convenience.

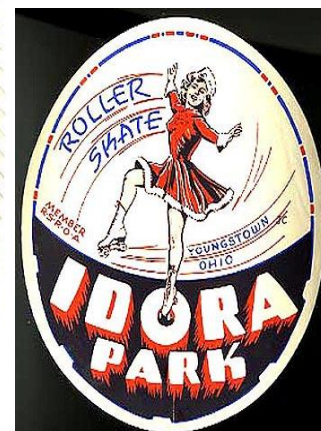
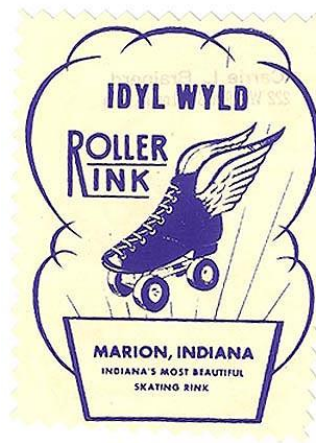
2.) **Original Artwork:** For those who visit the museum, we have a small collection of original artwork with a roller skating theme. We have original oil paintings from the Chicago Skate Company from the 1940s. There is a life-size sculpture of two girls carrying roller skates. We showcase an original lithograph from Cheret, the father of poster art. These items, along with a few others, make up our art collection.

If anyone has any additional artwork with a roller skating theme, please contact the museum. We are looking to expand this part of our permanent collection.

3.) **Gramophone sponsor:** As headlined in an earlier newsletter the museum recently acquired a 1906 gramophone. The museum purchased this with our operating funds. We are seeking the \$500 used to offset our cost of the purchase. Please contact the museum if interested. We will put the name of the donor on the descriptive plaque.

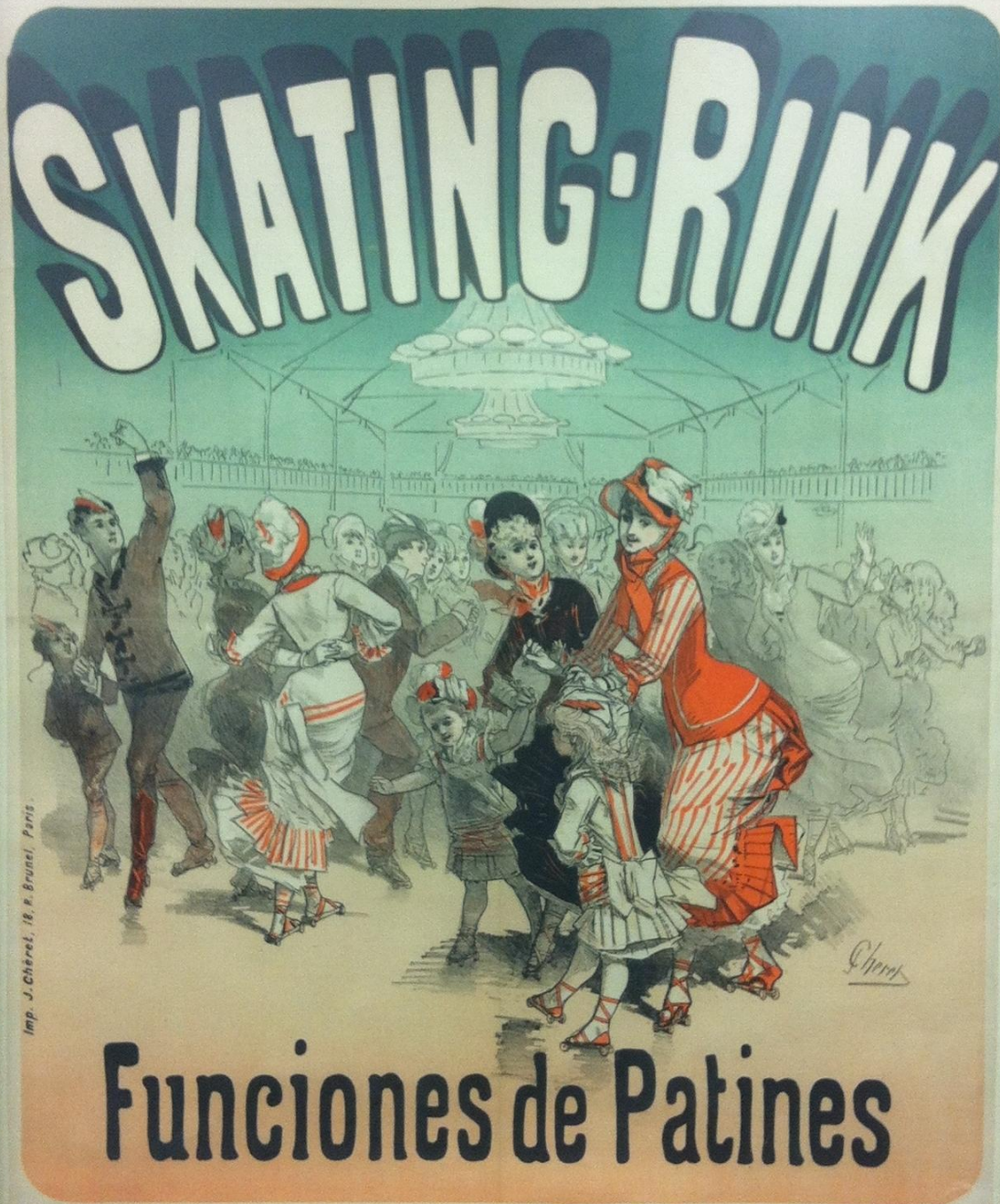
Rink Sticker Collection

The museum has an extensive collection of roller skating rink stickers. Many skating rinks used to produce stickers as both an advertisement and fun way to for skaters to interact with one another, comparing the different location in which they skated. These were even traded as collectibles both informally and formally, under the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange founded in 1948. Each newsletter, we will feature four different rink stickers. Here are a few examples of the numerous stickers in the collection and on display at the National Museum of Roller Skating.



Thanks for supporting the museum!





Original lithograph from Paris, circa 1870.
Prints available in museum store for \$8.