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24 Portage Street**



*Nunda Historical Society Museum &  
Rose Shave Gallery are open on  
Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm,  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 2 - 4 PM, April  
through November, and at other times  
by arrangement. Call 585-451-0971  
or 585-490-3302*

### **Our Mission**

*The Society collects, researches, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history, heritage, and culture of that area of western New York in and around the Town of Nunda and educates the public through its collections and programming.*

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2023

# **Nunda Historical Society**



*Celebrating 40 Years*

## **Museum & Rose M. Shave Gallery**

*Dedicated 2003*

# Keeping Nunda's History for this and Future Generations

The Nunda Historical Society, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 charitable organization founded in 1983, was gifted the former Tunningley/Stamp automobile/RV sales building at 24 Portage Street by Tom and Marjorie Stamp in 1999. With the assistance of grants and generous donations from members, building renovations and exhibits resulted in dedication of the



NHS Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery in 2003. Since then, an archive room, workshop and storage space, a pavilion for outdoor education programs, upgrading of the HVAC system, and an extensive exhibit telling the 200 Year "Story of Nunda" have been added. *See photos of this exhibit below.*

**Visitor Comment:** *Extremely nice work on the museum overall (and really quite breathtaking for those of us who have an idea of what is required for strategic organization and adding all the educational materials you have created for the collection). I have raved about the Nunda museum to a few others, mentioning that it really is not typical of a small-town museum but is better identified as a window into the entire region's history with a design, layout, and contents more typical of a large urban museum. Exceptionally well done.*

A. Kerkeslager, Assoc Prof, Ancient & Comparative Religions, Saint Joseph's U, Philadelphia

**Visit the Museum  
Join the Society - Volunteer  
Donate to the Collection  
Donate to the Building Fund  
Donate to our Endowment  
Fund at [www.racl.org](http://www.racl.org)**

## 2023 Capital Building Fund Drive

The renovations and additions over the past 20 years have been significant, including the much-needed recent restoration of the historic stucco front of our building, accomplished with a generous member donation. However, we still have a pressing need for: additional space for a new archive room to adequately care for our growing collection of treasures from Nunda's past; a research/classroom to improve public access to research materials and educational programming; and additional upgrading of our HVAC system.

We plan to accomplish these goals with an 835 square foot addition to the west side of our building (*See photos at right*) at a cost of \$160,000 to be completed in three stages: the basic cost of \$120K for the addition; \$20K for siding the west side of the building; and \$20K for siding the east side. We delayed siding the museum for many years, but this will make the building more aesthetically pleasing and improve energy efficiency.

We currently have \$70K in our Building Fund for this project.

## Programs

- The Society offers **regular monthly programs**, usually on the second Wednesday evening, Sept.- Dec. and March- June. In 2021-22, Covid-19 caused the addition of remote offerings.
- Special **workshops and local history tours** provided for the public and visits by local students, temporarily interrupted by Covid-19, are again being scheduled.
- Grants assist with funding of some historical programs.
- The Society **assists with family genealogies and other Nunda area research.**

## The Collection

- The Society's Collection of donated photos, documents, and artifacts consists of over 14,500 items.
- The Collection includes 50 paintings by Nunda Painter Rose Shave that are exhibited in the Rose M. Shave Gallery. Other painters featured are Roger Taze DeMuth and John Gordinier.
- Remember the Society when you have items from Nunda's past you can donate or photos/documents we can copy.
- Since 2021, a new furnace with air conditioning has improved the environment for both the Collection and visitors.



Before



After

## Publications

- The Society **publishes, reprints, and sells local history books** such as *The Centennial History of the Town of Nunda*, *Bicentennial Book Series* (Nunda's Firefighters, Churches, Medicine, Schools, Stories), *Nunda, Portage, and Genesee Falls* by Tom Cook, *Elmwood*, and *Notable Nundaians* by Pete Piraino. **Watch for new titles.**
- Special Historical Society Calendars each year
- *Historic Nunda*, the Society newsletter, is usually published twice yearly.

