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Give the gift of local history

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The 1950s and '60s are the subject of a new calendar from the Rochester-Avon Historical Society.

Those who remember watching movies at the Hills Theatre, seeing the train travel through town and cruising Main Street in a car with fins will enjoy the 2014 limited edition calendar featuring historic photos.

The society offers the calendars, books, exploration of local history, videos, maps, miniature collectable wooden buildings and more for sale. All proceeds support Historical Society education programs and historic preservation. Calendars are priced at \$15 each.

“These items make great gifts for family and friends interested in local history,” Brian Dunphy, vice president of the Rochester-Avon Historical Society, said in a statement. “They provide glimpses into our fascinating past while they help support our efforts to preserve, restore and interpret the historic Rochester area.”

Books include “Home Town Rochester” and “Remembering Rochester: Vanished Rochester,” both by Deborah Larsen. Handcrafted wooden miniature structures of historic buildings including Chapman House, First National Bank, the D & C Store and more are available for \$10 each and will not be produced after this year.

Mouse pads celebrating the Lytle Pharmacy Opera House building and the South Hill trolley trestle bridge are also available.

Items from the Historical Society are available for sale at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and at Lytle Pharmacy on Main Street, as well as through the Historical Society’s

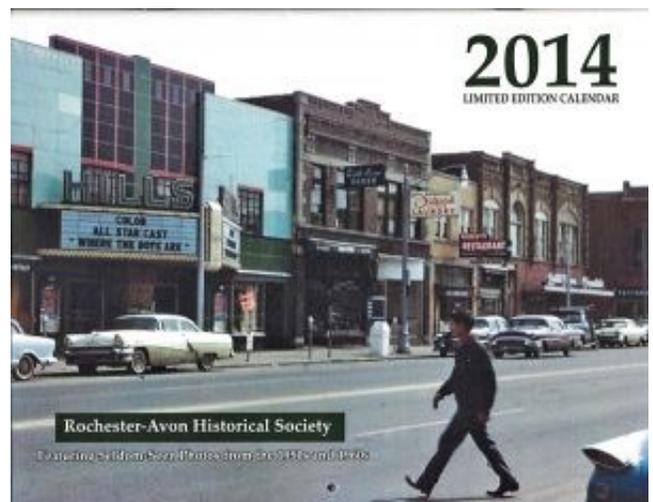


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The Rochester-Avon Historical Society offers historical calendars to support education programs and historic preservation for \$15 each.

website at www.rochesteravonhistoricalsociety.org or by calling [\(248\) 266-5440](tel:(248)266-5440). Availability on specific items is limited.

In addition, these and other local history gift items will be available for purchase from the Rochester-Avon Historical Society booth at this year's open-air Kris Kringle Market Dec. 6 and 7 on Fourth Street in Rochester.

The Historical Society is participating in the market after a few years' absence, said Nancy Voges, marking coordinator for the Rochester DDA.

"We encourage nonprofits to participate in the market," Voges said.

The Rochester-Avon Historical Society was founded in 1969 to help preserve, collect and interpret the history of the greater Rochester area for present and future generations.

For more information, including a list of upcoming events, visit www.rochesteravonhistoricalsociety.org.

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