

## It's working



The Rose Valley Centennial Foundation celebrated the completion and dedication of Phase 1 of the Rose Valley Heritage Garden and Veterans Memorial on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Blessed with a beautiful fall afternoon, a full-force of Boy Scouts from Troop 272 and nearly 100 other enthusiastic supporters gathered for the 45-minute ceremony.



Guests got a close up look at the new millstone fountain and the landmark display sign, which provides information and photographs on the history of the area and the gatehouse ruins that have now been converted to a central feature of the Borough Green.

RVCF President Tim Plummer provided background on the Foundation and the project and Project Manager and Board Member Andy Detterline thanked the many individuals who donated their time and talents before *Mayor* Tim Plummer donned his ceremonial top hat and presented Proclamations of achievement to Eagle Scout candidates Connor McGaffin (left) and Noah Pallmeyer.



The Boy Scouts made the transformation from birdhouse to flagpole and raised the large American flag 25' in the air before leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Rose Valley Museum and Historical Society Chairman Morris Potter accepted a boxed set of the Rose Valley Round-Up, a newsletter compiled from letters from local servicemen that was distributed by Meredith Porter during WWII. The Valley Voices followed with the songs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, inviting veterans of each branch to come forward during the branch's song. Then the entire crowd joined them for the singing of the National Anthem.



Finally RVCF Board Vice President and veteran Bob Cramer gave an invocation.

At the conclusion of the event, anyone who wished to remember a veteran was invited to come forward and place a small flag around the new Veteran's Memorial, which reads:

ROSE VALLEY BOROUGH VETERANS MEMORIAL  
DEDICATED TO OUR RESIDENTS  
WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY  
IN THE ARMED SERVICES  
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE  
WE HONOR THEIR SACRIFICES FOR OUR  
FREEDOM  
Given by  
The Rose Valley Centennial Foundation

Andy Saul, (left) son of Lt. Robert M. Saul, who was the first soldier from Rose Valley Borough to lose his life in WW II, and Lew Beatty, a member of the original Rose Valley Round-up, placed the first flags at the new memorial.



More work was completed during the first phase of this project than was originally anticipated due the many gift-in-kinds of material and labor that the RVCF received. Future plans include annual removal of invasive plantings along the Vernon Run by the Environmental Advisory Council and the Scouts. Additional Eagle Scout projects, including the installation of low voltage lighting and the repair of the retaining wall, are also planned.

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