

Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center

Since saving Immanuel Hall from demolition, the Hinsdale Historical Society has been planning a special resource center to be housed on its lower level. With the generous support of the family of Roger Anderson, the dream has come true.

The recently completed Architecture Center has been named as a tribute to Roger and Ruth Anderson. Mr. Anderson, who passed away in 2005, was a successful area builder and staunch Hinsdale advocate. His wife, Ruth, and the Anderson family cumulatively donated \$500,000 to the Immanuel Hall Campaign to establish the Center. A progressive architectural archive, it is fittingly located within Immanuel Hall, a historic building that has been nationally recognized for its structural design.

The Center houses the Historical Society's architectural archive collection which includes blueprints, house histories, photographs, and information on Village development. In addition, the architecture section of the Society's lending library has been moved to the Anderson Center and continues to expand, covering building styles, interior elements, architect biographies, home maintenance, "green" housing, and information on new architectural products.

Based on its educational mission and the results of a village-wide opinion survey, the Anderson Center will offer a variety of architectural tours and educational programs. The Center has already established itself within the public schools, authoring lesson plans on local architecture and arranging visiting architects for high school drafting classes. For the entire community, architecture tours of downtown Hinsdale and the north side have been written; docent groups are forming. (Visit the web site below to volunteer!)

The Anderson Center's many volunteers and donors have committed vast amounts of time, talent and resources to shape this unique community asset. For more information about the Center's programs and opportunities, contact the Hinsdale Historical Society at 630-789-2600 or visit our web site at www.hinsdalearchitecture.org.

The Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center is dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and related design. The Center serves as a community resource, encourages preservation, educates, and inspires individuals to become thoughtful stewards of the built environment.