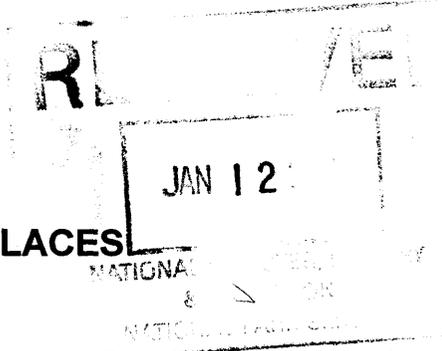


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating, or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Roslyn Auditorium
Other names/site number N/A

2. Location

Street & number 500 Main not for publication N/A
City or town Roslyn Vicinity N/A
State South Dakota Code SD county Day code 037 zip code 57261

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt
Signature of certifying official

01-09-2001
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain:)

for
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beal Date of Action 2/9/01

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	Buildings
_____	_____	Sites
_____	_____	Structures
_____	_____	Objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0
 Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: _____	Sub: _____
Social _____	Meeting Hall _____
Social _____	Dance Hall _____
Rec & Cultural _____	Auditorium _____
Rec & Cultural _____	Gymnasium _____
Rec & Cultural _____	Pool Hall _____
Rec & Cultural _____	Theater _____
Social _____	Senior Center _____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Rec & Cultural</u> _____	Sub: <u>Museum</u> _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

WPA ERA _____

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation	<u>Concrete</u> _____
Roof	<u>Wood asphalt</u> _____
Walls	<u>Brick</u> _____
Other	<u>Metal wood brick</u> _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, Period, or method of construction or represents the work of a Master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack Individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** Removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Entertainment and Recreation

Architecture

Period of Significance

1936-1941

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Significant Dates 1936

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Works Progress Administration

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- Designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: South Dakota State Library, State Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lawrence Diggs

organization CARE date 9- -00

street & number P.O. Box 41 telephone (605) 486-4536

city or town Roslyn state SD zip code 57261

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Roslyn
street & number 500 Main telephone (605) 486-0075
city or town Roslyn state SD zip code 57261

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Roslyn Auditorium is a medium sized one story building located on the corner of Bjornsoa Avenue and Main Street at 500 Main in Roslyn, South Dakota. The auditorium was built in 1936 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. It represents the simple vernacular style that was common of smaller WPA buildings at the time. This building is built on a rectangular floor plan that is 40' wide by 70' long. The overall construction material and architectural style are clearly associated with techniques and plans employed by federal relief agencies during the Great Depression, but additional information is provided by a rectangular metal plaque at the entrance. The plaque states the following:

ROSLYN AUDITORIUM
BUILT BY
TOWN OF ROSLYN
AND
WORKS PROGRESS
ADMINISTRATION
W.P.A. PROJECT NUMBER 441
NINETEEN THIRTY SIX

The one story auditorium is in excellent condition and retains a considerable degree of architectural integrity. The main entrance projects from the facade which faces west on Main Street and provides the primary access to the building. The entrance is flanked by large windows enclosed with vertical wood panels. Above the center of the main entrance is a large black sign with the words "The International Vinegar Museum" in gold letters. The facade is a wall covered with red brick. A parapet is along the edge of the roof above the northern, southern, and western elevations. Dark red soldier bricks characterize the frieze below the parapet along the northern, southern, and western elevations.

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Five large windows and six brick pilasters characterize both the northern and southern elevations. As the 1950's photograph shows the original windows were Casement windows with twenty-four lights.

On the northern elevation moving from west to east, windows one through five are enclosed with vertical wood panels. Below the fifth enclosed window (the eastern most window) is a door that is used as a secondary entrance. On the southern elevation moving from west to east the first window is completely enclosed by the same type of wood panel enclosing the northern elevation windows. The second and third windows have been enclosed with the same wooden panels as on the northern elevation; these two have smaller windows installed at the bottom of the enclosures. The fourth window is completely enclosed. The fifth window is exactly like window two and three. The outer walls of the northern and southern elevations are covered with the same red brick as the facade.

An addition was attached to the auditorium in 1987 covering the original rear elevation. This addition is built in a basic rectangular style with a gable roof. It has basic wood siding and a door centered on the eastern elevation. There is a small window on the addition's southern elevation, another window on the northern elevation, and a window on the eastern elevation. This addition has very little effect on the historic significance on the auditorium.

The interior configuration is largely intact, with only minor alterations. The building features a hardwood floor and walls that retain their historic size and shape. The auditorium has been altered to accommodate the needs of the Vinegar Museum. Several partitions have been set up in the building to be used as displays for museum artifacts and information. Further display cases were built on the interior walls using two by fours. A drop ceiling was built to improve the lighting for the displays.

Within the context of the Multiple Property Listing, *Federal Relief Projects in South Dakota, 1929-1941*, this property is notable as an individual property type (Auditoriums and Community Buildings) under the category of Social and Recreational Facilities. The multiple property listing stipulates that, in addition to social history and economics, the auditorium is significant in the areas of entertainment/

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recreation, community planning/ development, and architecture. The Roslyn Auditorium is an example of community buildings designed for multiple use and retains a high degree of architectural integrity both in its exterior construction.

8. Statement of Significance

The Roslyn Auditorium is historically significant for its long association with the development of social and civic life in a rural community. As a Federal Relief project, the property is significant because it is directly associated with federal program designed to provide work for unemployed segments of the population and to supplement the depressed economy of many rural communities.

Prior to the economic crisis of the early 1930's, little or no federal funding was available for community-based construction activity. The Federal Emergency Relief Agency instituted programs that filtered money for improvement projects through various agencies. The projects, approved and executed by organizations such as the Civil Works Association (CWA), Public Works Administration (PWA), Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and Works Progress Administration (WPA) also contributed to the substantial increase in the number of public-related construction projects and community improvements. As a result of federal funding and local labor, a vast proportion of communities in South Dakota erected public buildings and recreational facilities that promoted pride and local support during the economic crisis.

As an intact historical resource, the auditorium is also architecturally significant because it embodies distinctive features associated with the simple vernacular style of the WPA. The building is both utilitarian and well designed, and incorporates all the character-defining features associated with its period of construction.

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SIGNIFICANCE, Cont'd

Historical Background And Significance

The small community of Roslyn (population 261) is located in Day County, South Dakota. Old Roslyn was a post office and trading post on the old Ft. Sisseton road, Section 10 Raritan Township. The town-site was moved in 1914 so it would be closer to the newly constructed Soo Railroad. On August 17, 1914 August William Hartage, deputy state surveyor, surveyed and plotted the new town-site into blocks, lots, streets, and alleys. The modern town is located 11 miles west of Pickerel Lake and 12 miles south of historic Fort Sisseton. Roslyn takes its name from Old Roslyn, which was named by H.H. Russell, the first postmaster of Old Roslyn, who took the name "Roslyn" from his native city in Scotland. The lots were sold at public auction on August 20, 1914, soon after large numbers of settlers began to arrive and settle in the new town.

The economic crisis following the stock market crash in 1929 and the Dust Bowl during the 1930s took its toll on South Dakota. High unemployment, low commodity prices, and dust storms forced thousands of South Dakotans to leave the state in search of work. Federal Relief Programs implemented during these years provided the state with the work and financial assistance that helped sustain small towns like Roslyn during this terrible period.

Prior to the initiation of federal relief programs, large-scale community improvements were less frequent. Federal programs allowed small towns to construct facilities that did not exist previously. The auditorium represents that effort to provide local recreational and social facilities. The Roslyn Opera House had occupied the site until a fire destroyed it on January 8, 1923. As was common in this type of property, the auditorium served multiple purposes, as a meeting hall, gymnasium, music hall, senior citizen center, and museum.

Two local lodges, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Sons and Daughters of Norway held their regular meetings in the auditorium beginning in 1936. The largest social gathering was held in

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SIGNIFANCE Cont'd

1938 when the Fourth District Legion Convention met there. From the 1960's through 1980's the auditorium was leased to Roslyn high school. The school used the auditorium as a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports. In the 1970's the school used the auditorium as a headquarters for the band and music rehearsals. The addition was built in 1987 to accommodate the town's Senior Nutrition Program. This program served meals to senior citizens in the auditorium. On June 4th 1999 Lawrence J. Diggs opened the International Vinegar Museum in the auditorium.

The Roslyn Auditorium meets all the general registration requirements stipulated in the associated Multiple Property Document, *Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941*, in that it was financed by the federal government under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration; it was substantially complete by 1941; it is locally significant; and it retains its historic integrity.

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10. Geographical Data

Boundary Justification

The building is located on Block 15, lot 1 and 2, on the original plot of Roslyn.

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located at Main Street at 500 Main on the corner of Bjornsoa Avenue and Main, and includes the property historically associated with the auditorium.