

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

News and Updates

August 2009

Special Events at the Museum

- Dexter Daze -

Friday, August 14

The Museum will be open Friday from 1-3pm. The train will be running so bring the kids! Also, there will be a Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum informational booth downtown at the corner of Main and Central Streets.

MOVIES AT THE MANSION

Thunderstorms threatened a warm evening, but the rain held off and over sixty people enjoyed "Night at the Museum" in the backyard of Gordon Hall last month. Patrons drove to Gordon Hall and were parked along the driveway by volunteers. The movie started at 9:30pm after concessions were purchased and everyone was snuggled into their chairs and blankets. The mosquitoes joined in the fun, but didn't spoil it for anyone. Fun was had by all and we hope to gain some new members for the Society.

As a new event for the Historical Society, we hope to expand the series next summer.

If you would like to volunteer for next summer's "Movies at the Mansion" please contact the Museum.

Happenings at Gordon Hall

-Dexter Daze -

Saturday, August 15

On Saturday from 12-4pm, a **WAVE** bus (paid for by the Dexter Daze Committee) will shuttle the public to Gordon Hall for docent led tours of the home. Cars will be allowed to drive there as well. Remember, accessibility is limited and stair climbing is required to see the home.



Guides are still needed for the Gordon Hall Tour on August 15th. You would need to lead groups through the entire tour which means 3 flights of stairs. Help is needed in the 2-4pm shift. Practices will be held the last week of July and the 1st week of August and you would need to attend at least 2 of them. Please contact Nancy Van Blaricum at nanvanb2@yahoo.com or call the Museum at (734) 426-2519 and leave a message.



Member Appreciation Tea

In May more than 30 Dexter Area Historical Society Members gathered at Gordon Hall on a beautiful spring day. Punch, tea and light snacks were served in the punch bowl and silver platters from the Museum collections. The Historical Society plans to invite members again to enjoy each other's company and the view out at Gordon Hall.

The Museum is now open through December



Museum Hours

Friday 1-3pm
Saturday 1-3pm

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Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum Board

Normally meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be at Gordon Hall on Thursday, August 6th.



excerpted from

The Dexter Leader

July 9, 2009

“Community treasure”

The Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum is deeply indebted to Norma McAllister, who has spent the greater part of her life discovering and recording the history of the Dexter area. McAllister will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday. In July 1971, the Dexter Area Historical Society was founded with the help of McAllister and former Dexter High School history teacher Frank Wilhelm.

"We decided something had to be done about our history in this area," McAllister said. Under their leadership and with a number of other interested volunteers, the Society was formed and the group acquired the St. Andrews Church building which was moved to its present location. Soon after the formation of the society, McAllister helped organize the celebration of the Dexter Area Sesquicentennial in 1974. In 1987, McAllister wrote a book about Dexter's founder, Judge Samuel Dexter, and his descendents. The book is available at the Museum Gift Shop.

from the
Dexter Leader

Thursday,
August 5, 1915

Interesting Sketch of an Old Time Dexter Boy

The subject of this sketch who expresses regret at his inability to be present at the "Dexter Home Coming" will be very pleasantly remembered by many of the people residing here 40 to 50 years ago, as teacher, orator, and hard worker to gain knowledge for a busy, honorable career.

T.J. McDonnell -Vice President- Toledo O. who sawed wood in this village Saturdays, at 75¢ a cord, winters, and did farm work in summer to get through College. He was the honor man of his class and Valedictorian at the Commencement exercises in Hangersterfer's Hall, Ann Arbor, June 1896, and I was present 15 years old and in the High School at that time. After many years one of Ohio's leading lawyers and famed as an orator, he is now retired from practice and as Vice President of a Prominent Bank and Trust Co. gives his whole attention to banking. Many a young man can gain inspiration by seriously contemplating this man's life work. It is a far jump from going about the streets of Dexter with a saw buck and saw in cold and slush looking for a job, to the simple but elegant surroundings in the management of one of Ohio's leading financial institutions. If I ever got inspiration and determination from any one it was from Terrance J. McDonnell.

Homer H. Peters

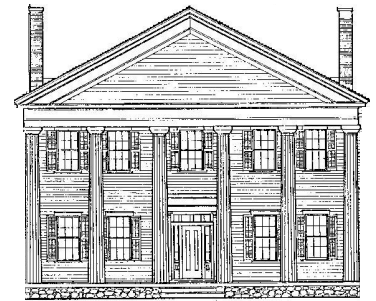
Dexter Heritage Guild

Meets the 3rd and 4th
Wednesdays of the
month, 9am to noon
at the Museum

Recent Acquisitions



Photographs- Photos of Michigan Molded Plastics, including photos of employees and a large picture of the factory. Michigan Molded Plastics was started in Dexter and geared up production for the WWII effort. It was later bought by the St. Regis Paper Company. Many local women worked there while their husbands were at war. Donated by Jerry Wireman of Dexter, MI



Gordon Hall

is available for

Special Events

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Located in the Village of Dexter, Michigan the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum serves as western Washtenaw County's link with history. The museum is housed in the former St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, built in 1883. The museum contains a large display area, a genealogical library, a local history library and the Corner Gift Shop.



Mission Statement

Honoring the lasting influence of our heritage; inspiring civic spirit with historic beauty and the power of place; connecting with the past to light the future at the crossroads of our communities.

Easy Ways to help Gordon Hall



Through your everyday purchases you can raise money for Gordon Hall by patronizing two local businesses that will give back a percentage of your purchases to the Society.

Earn up to 5% when you buy groceries at **Busch's** by using a rechargeable gift card (contact Gil Campbell @ 476-6263 for more information).

Todd's Services, Inc. of Hamburg will make a donation to the Society for any customer's landscaping work. Contact Todd's Services @ 810-231-2778 for more information and mention the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum.

From the Museum Archives-

The Joys of Living

To see the seasons come and go, the beauty and scent of Spring, the lovely calmness of Summer, the brilliant colors of Autumn, the white tranquility of Winter.

The setting sun on the shimmering lake, the knowledge that it will rise again tomorrow.

The joy of meeting new friends, the comfort of old friends and memories.

The goodness of people, the ability to cope with life, the inspiration of planning and looking ahead, the vitality to dream.

The fine people waiting at home, good health, and the ability to make the best of what we have.

To listen to the birds, the purr of a kitten, the neigh of a horse, or the wind blowing through the trees.

Good cooking and seeing the beauty around us.

To know that we are part of God's great plan and the Universe.

-May Mast

Volunteer Opportunities



The Society needs a new web designer. Limited time is required- updates are made monthly. Please email: jennifercolby@hotmail.com




Please call the Museum if you could mow the lawn at the Museum or help out with the grounds at Gordon Hall this summer. Lawn mowing at Gordon Hall is on a rotating schedule- if you have a week or two available, please let us know.



We encourage you to start getting the newsletter online. With the cost of postage going up again, this would really help. Just send your e-mail address to: dexmuseum@aol.com

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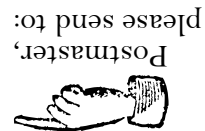
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