



Dexter Area Museum Opening May 5 100 Years of Lace

The Dexter Area Museum will open for the season on May 5, 2017 with a display of some of our many Lace articles. The Museum is located at 3443 Inverness in Dexter, and will be open every Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm beginning May 5 and running through November.



Antique Appraisal Day — May 20

The Dexter Heritage Guild will present an **Antique Appraisal Day** at the **Dexter Area Museum** on Saturday, **May 20th**, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Museum is located at 3443 Inverness Street, Dexter, corner of Inverness and Fourth Streets.

The appraisals will be conducted by certified appraisers from DuMouchelles Art Gallery in Detroit. They each have their area of expertise from paintings, baseball memorabilia, war-time memorabilia, old toys, china, pewter, fiber arts, pottery, small furniture, books and more.

Appointments are 15-minutes for 1 to 2 items and you will receive a verbal appraisal. There is a fee of \$7.00 per item appraised. For an appointment call: **734-424-9998**.

The day of event, please call the Museum for additional information: 734-426-2519.



Gordon Hall Days 2017



Gordon Hall Days, "A Country Fair" will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 17th and 18th. We will have many activities available for all ages. Look for more information on the following pages. Many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Information on Volunteering is found later in the Newsletter. This is a great opportunity for those looking for community service projects as well as those simply wanting to support the local historical society.

Please contact us at DexMuseum@aol.com with questions.

Nancy J. Van Blaricum
Gordon Hall Days General Chairperson

DAHS Raffle Sales 2017

The Dexter Area Historical Society will again hold our raffle fundraiser to help preserve Gordon Hall. This is our fifth year selling tickets for our \$10,000 drawing which will be announced during Dexter Daze on August 12, 2017.

We have printed 4,000 tickets and we have from May until August to sell these tickets. Most of our sales will be around Dexter with personal contact. Many businesses will be selling tickets. Our first time selling downtown will be Saturday, June 3rd and then continuing all Saturdays and some Fridays until Dexter Daze. We will also be selling at Farmers Market, and many community events.

We would like you to join us in selling tickets. Would you like to sell with us downtown? Or just to family and friends? Please contact us and we can even deliver tickets to you. Contact the museum at DexMuseum@aol.com or any board member for tickets or to help sell - love to have you join us!!



Events at Gordon Hall Days Saturday and Sunday

The Gift Shop, Information Booth and Raffle Sales \$

The Museum Gift Shop will have some special items for sale at Gordon Hall Days. We will have the Dexter Coverlets, Gordon Hall T-Shirts and snow globes, the James Parker Gordon Hall Books, and many other things. We're looking forward to seeing you there. Rhea Berry, Gift Shop Manager



The Information booth, located between the Gift Shop and the Raffle tent is the place to go if you have questions. We will also have wrist bands available for those who walked in and didn't have the opportunity to purchase the wrist bands.

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The Dexter Lions Club Food Wagon \$

The Lions Club Food Wagon will be open from 11 to 3 both days. They will be selling various foods as well as soft drinks and water. The proceeds go to supporting many groups in the Dexter Area. We hope you will support them.



2017 Gordon Hall Tours



Tours of Gordon Hall will be held both days, and will start at 11 AM and continue with the last one starting at 3:30. The tour itself will include all three floors plus the attic, so to enjoy it completely you will need to be able to go up and down

4 flights of stairs. Provisions will be made for those unable to maneuver the stairs. The tour should take about 35 to 45 minutes. If you are planning on the tea or pie auction at 1:00, please start the tour at least 1 hour before or plan on touring after the event.

Midway Games

The games will be under or near a large tent and will include games for toddlers to adults. We are working with Fun Day Rentals for some great games as well as some other homemade games from individuals. After each game, the participant will be awarded tickets which can be redeemed at the prize booth. The prizes will be awarded once a certain number of tickets have been collected.



The Little Conductors Trackless Train



The Little Conductors Trackless Train is returning for us this year. The Chelsea company provides a colorful train with 3 cars that hold up to 12 children or adults. The train has padded seats & is equipped with safety belts. This year it will be operating from 11 to 4 on both Saturday and Sunday. The "station" will be located as it was last year, in the trees on the left or South side of the hall, but it will roam throughout the grounds.

Photographs \$

Laura Klein from "Pure Photography" will be available from 11 to 2 both days for portraits. She is also available for private sessions, so please feel free to contact her to set up a time. Website is:

www.purephotographydexter.com and her cell is 734.368.3598. The Encore Theater will have some "period" costumes we can use to add character and we will have a car from the collection of the late Wally Fusilier available as a backdrop for pictures



Snack Area \$

Cotton Candy, Snow Cones and Popcorn can be found in our Snack Area. Purchase a treat for your kids or yourself and experience the event



Events at Gordon Hall Days Saturday Only

Tea With Style \$

“Tea With Style” will be visited by several survivors of the Titanic, wearing fashions of the time. They will sport daywear featured in the best French fashion magazines and evening wear that might have been seen on the great ship. The fashions are from the extensive and historically accurate collection of Helen Welford.



The tea and presentation will take place at Gordon Hall on Saturday, June 17th at 1:00. Hot or iced tea and dessert will be served for a small donation of \$10 with reserve seating needed as space is limited.

Please call Ina Germain at 734-395-4106 for reservations.

ReMax Walk-In Balloon



ReMax is bringing a large Balloon that you will be able to actually walk into. This event will depend on the weather, but if it doesn't rain, it will be lots of fun. They will be on the grounds on Saturday from 11:30 to 1. We thank ReMax Realty for presenting this new experience for us.

Michigan Pedal Pullers, Inc.

A family run business from Stockbridge, the Michigan Pedal Pullers run pedal tractor pulls for kids aged 3-10. We run the girls and the boys separately. The age groups are 3-4 year olds; 5-6 year olds; 7-8 year olds; and 9-10 year olds.

We will begin registration one hour prior to the pull to begin. It runs just like an adult tractor pull - except with pedal power. Every child will receive a participation



ribbon and we give out placement ribbons to the top four winners in each age category.

So bring your kids to Gordon Hall on Saturday, June 17th. The event is scheduled from 10 to 4, so go to the paved area near the garages to sign up when you get here and you will be able to come back when it is time for your child's event.



A Country Dance \$

“A Country Dance”, a program of beginner/family friendly, interesting and fun dances in the style of the turn of the 19th to 20th century will be presented at Gordon Hall on Saturday, June 17th at 7:00 P.M. Robin Warner will lead us in the dances for the evening with the “Country Fair Players” providing live music.

Hearty appetizers, desserts and drinks will be provided. Ticket prices are \$50 per person or \$125 per family with children ages 12 and older.

Reservations are necessary as space is limited. Call Ina Germain at 734-395-4106 for reservations and additional information.



Dexter Dulcimers

The Dexter Dulcimer group will be playing for us from 12 to 1 on Saturday. They have chosen some great songs for us to listen to and sing along with. They will be located near The Lions Food Wagon so you can enjoy music with your lunch.



Events at Gordon Hall Days Sunday Only

The Pie Auction \$

A Country Pie Auction will be held at Gordon Hall on Sunday, June 18th at 1:00 P.M. Johnny Weber will again auction delicious pies provided by members and friends of the Dexter Area Historical Society.



Please join us to Support Gordon Hall and surprise Dad with a wonderful pie for Father's Day! We always have a great variety including cherry, apple, blueberry, pecan and even sugar free pies, as well as other family recipe favorites.

Colors the Clown



If you'd like your children to enjoy some real-life family fun, then join Colors the Clown on Sunday, June 18 from 12 to 2 for an interactive animal-based magic show as a part of Gordon Hall Days. She will entertain children of all ages with a unique and whimsical show full of magical surprises including colorful animal balloons. Colors the Clown isn't a scary clown, but instead uses humor, magic, and her love of animals to entertain children – as well as their parents and grandparents. A Chelsea-based artist and skilled animal caretaker, Colors the Clown has been

performing since 1992. Don't miss this opportunity to support a local artist and enjoy a one-of-a-kind family experience!

The North Creek Fiddlers

The North Creek Fiddlers have been playing together since 2006. They started out playing Irish folk music, but later expanded to cover tunes by such greats as Roy Acuff, John Denver, Johnny Cash and others. They are one of the local favorites at events such as Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights in Chelsea and Pioneer Day at Waterloo Farm Museum. Join The North Creek Fiddlers for a rollicking time and good music on Sunday, June 18 at 2 PM!



The Kids Music Emporium

Sue Sherrill and friends will be giving the children a chance to play some very interesting instruments. They will be located in a tent on the South side of the hall from 10 to 4. Come and have a great experience learning about music and experience playing the instruments.



Needed Items

We are in need of tents and tables for Gordon Hall Days on the 17th & 18th of June. On the tents we are thinking of tents like the Canopy E-Z up tents, or something similar and on the tables we are looking for 6 foot or smaller. The tables need to be for outside use.

If you can help us, please send a message to DexMuseum@aol.com and we will get back to you. Thank you.

We need pine lumber, 1X2's, 1x4's, 1x6's, and 1x8's of any length, as well as Luan board with both sides useable in any sizes for Gordon Hall Days. Contact Jan at 2stagg@ameritech.net Thanks, Jan & Mike Stagg

The Museum sustained damage during the last wind storm and we will need to replace the roof shingles and also some damage to the protective covers over the stain glass windows. Any contributions for this project would be greatly appreciated.

General Announcements and Needs

The Dexter Area Museum

The Dexter Area Museum will open May 5th with a display of "One hundred years of Lace".

We have re-done the sewing display in the lower level, it's amazing how many old sewing artifacts the museum has in its collection.

Pictures are our biggest collection at the museum, we are going through a reorganization of archiving and storage of the picture collection. This is a large project and the museum staff has been working



Artifacts given to the Dexter Area Museum

- Keough Family - Household items and toys
- Judy Ashley - Early 1900s skates belonging to her grandfather
- Mary Ann Fielder - Portfolio of Dexter drawings of buildings painted by Keith Hoatlin
- Julie Wilkinson - Aerial Map (28" x 28") of 4-29-1946 Detroit Edison Mainline
- Larry Stalker - Prominent citizen awards
- Scott Otto - Dexter Cider Mill Photograph
- Rene Kuneman - Kitchen and sewing items
- Daniel Kaplan - Poster and documents for the Warner Building Summary 1843-2016

The Museum Gift Shop

May is fast approaching and the Museum gift Shop will reopen with some newer gift items. Remember Mother's Day is right around the corner. We will reopen on May 5th and will then be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 pm through November. We would love to have you visit. Rhea Berry, Gift Shop Manager

Volunteers Needed – 2017 Gordon Hall Days

We are in need of volunteers for our upcoming event, Gordon Hall Days - "A Country Fair", June 17th and 18th, 2017. There are many activities occurring on the two days and we hope you will be able to help us. Please email me at theladyin-purplesb@gmail.com if you can volunteer OR leave a message at the Dexter Area Museum at (734) 426-2519. Push # 4 to volunteer. Please make sure you leave a phone number so we can get in touch with you in case of inclement weather. The proceeds for this event go towards the support and maintenance of Gordon Hall. If the times on the sign up sheet don't work for you, please let me know and I will work something out that matches your schedule.

We need volunteers on Saturday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, June 18th, volunteers are again needed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The attached schedule may help you decide how you can help us. The first volunteers at each site are being asked to come early to help with set up and to have procedures explained. All other volunteers should plan on being at their station 15 minutes early. Visitors to our event will be paying \$5 each or \$15 per car, but volunteers may enter for free (we do appreciate a donation if you wish to do so). You will simply let the gate keepers know you're a volunteer when you drive in, and they will give you your purple volunteer wrist band and also indicate where we would like the volunteers to park. Thank you in advance. Stephanie Bell, Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator

Popcorn, Snow Cone and Cotton Candy Stand

Both Saturday and Sunday

- 9 to 11:30
- 11:30 to 2
- 2 to 5

Little Conductor Train Ride

Both Saturday and Sunday

- 11 to 1:30
- 1:30 to 4

Midway Games

Both Saturday and Sunday

- 9 to 11:30
- 11:30 to 2
- 2 to 5

Clean Up — 5 to 8

The Midway will have games that all will be occurring simultaneously. Volunteers are needed for each time period. Volunteers may be assigned more than one game that will need assistance at the same time. Friends could sign up together.

DAHS NEWSLETTER

Dexter Area Historical Society Membership

Do you have friends, relatives or neighbors who are interested in what is happening at

Gordon Hall and the Dexter Area Museum? Would they be great Historical Society members and volunteers as we move forward with the next steps for Gordon Hall?

An application for membership is included in this newsletter. Please pass it on to anyone you feel would be a great member of the Historical Society. And if you haven't as of yet renewed your membership, please do so with the form.

Dexter Area Historical Society

Date _____

Check Membership Type

ACTIVE - Individual

(age 18 or older; 1 vote)

\$15 Annual

\$200 Life

\$150 Life (age 60 or older)

ACTIVE - Family (2 adults)

(age 18 or older; 2 votes)

\$25 Annual

\$300 Life

\$250 Life (age 60 or older)

AUXILIARY - Family

Children under 18 of Active Individual or Family Members
(no additional dues; 0 votes)

AUXILIARY - Business

\$50 Annual
(0 votes)

New Member

Renewal

Please Indicate Residence Location

City of Dexter

_____ Township

Other

Contact Information (please print)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #'s _____
Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please make your check payable to

Dexter Area Historical Society

Mail to: **3443 Inverness Street, Dexter MI 48130**

First-time members will receive a membership card.

All Memberships, except Life, are up for renewal each January.

Opportunities for Participation

Please check those you want to be involved in or would like information about.

Historical Society

Newsletter

Programs

Publicity

Gordon Hall

Housekeeping

Building Maintenance

Landscape Maintenance

Tour Guide

Museum

Displays

Genealogy

Historical Research

Tour Guide

Curator Assistant

Activities/Events

Gordon Hall Days

Christmas Bazaar

Gordon Hall Christmas Events

Dexter Heritage Guild

Donations

DAHS is a 501(c)3 Organization

I would like to donate \$ _____ for the following purpose:

DAHS General Fund

Society Programs

Museum Maintenance and Operation

Gordon Hall Maintenance and Operation

Gordon Hall Restoration

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Museum Hours: May to November, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 3 pm