



Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

APRIL 2011

DAHSAM Members: Our Newsletters are sent out by “snail mail” and email. We could save postage costs if we were able to distribute more of the newsletters via email, especially since **now** most of the newsletters go by US mail. We would very much appreciate you sending your email address to Nancy Van Blaricum at dexmuseum@aol.com. Thank you!

Gordon Hall Guides are again needed for tours of Gordon Hall on August 13th, 2011 from 12 to 4pm. There are many who have been able to help us every year, but we encourage new persons to consider becoming active members and volunteering to help us. There are two different types of docents for the tour: (1) Single station persons who will be in an one area and tell visitors about the room and other information, and (2) traveling guides who are able to go up and down the stairs as they take small groups to each station. You will be provided with a script and training. We prefer to have help in 2-hour shifts and to do so we need about 30 volunteers. If you would like to know more or volunteer, please email Nancy Van Blaricum, Volunteer Coordinator, Gordon Hall Tours, at dexmuseum@aol.com or leave a message at the Museum, 734-426-2519.

Museum notes: The Museum will open on Friday, May 6th and will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 PM. Special tours may be scheduled by contacting the Museum staff at 734-426-2519 or by email dexmuseum@aol.com. Displays this summer will feature party dresses and traveling clothes from the Civil War era. Other items on view will be documents and artifacts of the Civil War era from the Museum's collection.

In August, during Dexter Daze, a quilt show will be at the Museum. Also, plans are under way for those that are interested to have their own garage sale table on the Museum lawn during that time.

Volunteers to act as docents and for assisting staff in Museum projects are always welcome. If you are interested, please contact the Museum staff. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

The **Annual Antique Appraisal Clinic by DuMouchelles** will be held at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness Street, on Saturday, May 7th, from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Appointments are 15-minutes for 1-3 hand carried items. There is an asking donation of \$7.00 per item. All donations benefit the Dexter Area Museum. To make an appointment, please call 734-424-9998. On Saturday, May 7th, call the Museum: 734-426-2519.

Bake Sale News from the Heritage Guild: The Pioneer Arts Fair Bake Sale was a resounding success! We couldn't have done it without the Historical Society and Guild members who contributed to the sale. The tables overflowed with an incredible variety of tasty treats and people loved having so much to choose from! Thank you very much! All money earned by the Heritage Guild supports the Dexter Area Museum.

It's not too early to think about the Guild's Christmas Bazaar. We meet at the Museum on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9 AM to craft. If you are unable to join us, but have a handmade item you'd like to donate, we would welcome it.

Civil War Days at Gordon Hall

Beginning Friday, June 10th through Sunday, June 12th, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the DAHS&M will present **Civil War Days at Gordon Hall**.

On Friday evening there will be a free concert by the Towne Band on the front lawn of Gordon Hall. Please bring blankets and chairs for seating. The group will wear period dress, play authentic Civil War era instruments and will perform 1860's music. A historical narrative will accompany the music.

Saturday and Sunday the military and civilian encampments will be open for visits. In addition to the troops, there will be quartermaster's wagons and artillery firings. Activities in civilian camp and around Gordon Hall will include the sewing of a period flag, children's games and storytelling, and a scavenger hunt. A Look-Alike Contest (Judge Dexter, Millicent Dexter, and Harrison Jeffords) will take place through the weekend. The reading of the "roll" of local GAR soldiers will take place both days. Sons of Union Veterans members will assist families researching their connections to Civil War soldiers. *To request their help, please submit the Research Information Form inserted in this newsletter by May 21st.*

Saturday includes living historians, minstrel music, a poet/bard, and a period fashion review and tea. Available lunch and supper reflect period fare. President and Mrs. Lincoln will arrive, coming through town via horse and carriage, where from the front porch of Gordon Hall he will address the crowd, bringing greetings from Washington. A fund raising dinner will be held Saturday evening.

A morning service and gospel sing will begin Sunday. Activities of the day include a pie auction, a pig roast, an old time baseball game and horseshoe contest. The day will conclude with announcing contest winners and a mock mortgage burning.

An Evening in 1861 with President and Mrs. Lincoln at Gordon Hall

The fundraising dinner will take place on Saturday, June 11th at 7:00 PM. This experience will include: A Period Quintet, Conversation with the President and First Lady, An 1861 White House Menu, Lantern Tour of Military and Civilian Encampments and an Evening Farewell. Tickets, \$125 per guest must be purchased in advance. Reservation request forms are available from Society board members, or on the home page of the DAHS&M website. Mail request form and payment to Donna Fisher, 3035 Inverness, Dexter, MI 48130. Phone inquiries: 734-649-5169. All proceeds to go toward Gordon Hall mortgage reduction. Please sell a table of eight or combine with others to fill a table. DAHS&M is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and tickets may be tax deductible.

DAHS&M Civil War Days Raffle

Thanks to Society member, Sharon Wheeler, we have a beautiful handmade patriotic theme quilt to raffle. Tickets are available from Donna Fisher and it is hoped that each Society member will sell twenty-four tickets. Ticket prices are \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Prizes: 1st Patriotic Quilt, 2nd Dexter History Coverlet, 3rd Hardbound Biography of Judge Dexter. Drawing will be held Sunday, June 12th at Gordon Hall. Parties need not be present to win.

Volunteers Needed for a Successful Civil War Days Event

Volunteers Needed: Plans are well underway and we are beginning enlist and place volunteers. We need your help. Please contact Carol Jones at 734-426-8114 if you can contribute a couple of hours or more.

Pie Baking Volunteers: We need you to bake and donate a pie or two for the Pie Auction. For further information contact Jennifer Colby at 734-660-4083.

Items Needed for Special Civil War Days Event Activities

Fashion Review and Tea: Many service items are needed to create a period setting for our guests. We would like any kind of white, flowered or pastel "period" looking item. We plan to keep all donated items out at Gordon Hall so they may be used for future functions.

Items needed:

- any size table cloth (white or pastel, flowered is ok)
- cloth napkins (white or pastel, flowered is ok)
- tea cups and saucers
- teapots
- "silver" tea spoons and serving utensils
- sugar bowls and creamers
- quart size mason jars, the older the better
- service items- platters, tea trays, tiered servers

If you are able to permanently donate any of the above items, please contact Jennifer Colby at 734-660-4083 or jennifercolby@hotmail.com .

Fundraising Dinner: A few items are needed to complete the décor for Saturday evening.

Items needed:

- old time looking oil or kerosene lanterns,
- 3 long runner rugs
- large pictures in antique looking frames
- large portrait of President Lincoln
- 10 ground mount flood (spot) lights
- old chandelier
- loaned outdoor benches
- cut flowers.

If you are able to loan any of the above items, please contact Donna Fisher at 734-649-5169 or donnadlf@gmail.com .

CIVIL WAR DAYS at GORDON HALL – SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011
RESEARCHING FAMILY CIVIL WAR CONNECTIONS

Headstone: Yes No **1890 Census:** Yes No **1888 Census** Yes No **GAR Post** _____ **Computer:** Yes No Entered

Pension: Yes No **1894 Census:** Yes No **Roll of Honor** US MI **Des. Rolls** Yes No **Roster:** Yes No

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Information Request...please help me learn more about:

*Note: Please fill in all the information you have available, it is very important in locating this veteran!
Use reverse side for additional information such as service in more than one unit & etc.*

Research is limited to Union Civil War veterans. This form may be copied for more than one request.

Veteran's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Aliases or other spellings of names _____

Born: _____ Day Month Year Died: _____ Day Month Year Where _____

Military Service: _____ Unit State / U. S Branch Company / Ship name Rank

Service Dates: Enlisted _____ Day Month Year Discharged: _____ Day Month Year

Residence: _____ When entering the service _____ Where he lived from 1880 until his death

Wife (1) _____ Name Year of Death Wife (2) _____ Name Year of Death

Cemetery Name: _____

Cemetery Location: _____ City / Township County State

Your Name: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____ Street City State Zip

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Your relation to the veteran: _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Austin Blair Camp No. 7, Jackson, Michigan
Organized 1881-Legal Heir of and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic.
Mail to: Donna Fisher 3035 Inverness St Dexter MI 48130
cwdagh@gmail.com

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Please check type of Membership:

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| Individual | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Address: | _____ |
| Family | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> | City & State: | _____ Zip: _____ |
| Business | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Phone: | _____ Twp: _____ |
| Patron | \$50 and up | <input type="checkbox"/> | Email: | _____ |
| Life | \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Date: | <input type="text"/> |
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Please indicate your areas of interest:

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Please make a check payable to **The Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum** and mail to the address above. A membership card will be sent to you upon receipt of your dues. Thank you for your support!

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