

A FEW NOTES REGARDING DAHSAM WINTER EVENTS

With Great Fortune, the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum Begins the New Year

This publication generally opens with a letter from your President. This issue will instead open with a letter from limnologist Wallace E. Fusilier, Ph.D.

Dr. and Mrs. Fusilier are gracious, humble people. DAHSAM is most grateful for their generosity.

January 9, 2014

**DAHSAM Board
3343 Inverness
Dexter, MI 48130**

Attn. Treasurer

Dear Board members,

The enclosed check, in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) is to only be used to pay the principal and/or interest on Gordon Hall.

Furthermore, in the future I will match dollar for dollar, any funds used to pay the principal and/or interest on Gordon Hall. The total amount I will pay will not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)

I request a tally of funds paid each quarter on the Gordon Hall debt be sent to me quarterly (January, April, July and October. I will match those funds.

Sincerely yours,

Wallace E. Fusilier, Ph.D.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

A reminder to our members who may have forgotten about the Society as 2014 began: Membership dues are **payable annually by January 1st**. So if you happened to overlook sending in your dues, please make the effort to make your account current. Our membership form is attached and also available on our website (dextermuseum.org).



Congratulations and thank you to Julie Knight and her 2013 Christmas Activities Committee. All three events - the holiday evening, the tea and the open house - were very successful and generated major contributions to the reduction of the Gordon Hall mortgage.

Congratulations also go out to the Heritage Guild as they once again held a successful Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale.

A Quick Look at the 2013 Bazaar Bake Sale



LIFETIME MEMBERS

A reminder to our Lifetime members: Please be sure to update your membership information for changes in address, phone number, email address and areas of interest.

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Coming in March: The Dexter Artisan Fair

The first Dexter Artisan Fair, on Saturday, March 22, will bring together favorite artists and crafters from the Pioneer Arts Fair and new vendors offering unique jewelry, functional artworks, and edibles. The new Fair is replacing the 40-year-old Pioneer Arts Fair as the spring fundraiser for the Historical Society. All proceeds from the Fair, including admission and booth fees, help support the Dexter Area Museum.

Among the returning artists are Beverly Larsen, who makes “The Best Sox of Your Life” on an antique knitting machine, and Ardyth Paganone, who creates beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs (Pysanky) as you watch. Fans of Susan Falcone’s nature paintings and Rebecca Levenson’s painted silk scarves and jackets can look forward to new selections from their favorite vendors.



The Dexter Artisan Fair has attracted many new vendors. Among them is Josephine Page, who makes recycled fabric brooches, often in whimsical animal shapes. Dan Erickson will bring turned wooden bowls that beautifully combine function with art. Two Dexter artisans will offer locally made food items. Jane Fink will tempt you with delicious homemade granola and Jane Kelly will have pure maple syrup from her own trees.



The Dexter Artisan Fair will be held from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, March 22 at Creekside Intermediate School located at 2615 Baker Road in Dexter. For more information, please visit www.dextermuseum.org or send an email to DexterArtisanFair@gmail.com.

*Message from Paul Bishop,
Gordon Hall Management Team Chair*

DAHSAM has received a letter from Dr. Wallace Fusilier pledging, in 2014, to match up to \$100,000 toward the reduction of the mortgage on Gordon Hall. Enclosed in the letter was an amazingly generous check for \$20,000 as part of the pledge. Since we now have less than \$200,000 left on the mortgage, 2014 could be the year we can have an official mortgage burning ceremony!

All DAHSAM members need to seize the moment and dig deep to maximize this pledge. Many of us are planning our fundraisers, working to send the mortgage to the fire heap. However, more fundraisers, large and small, will speed up the process and do justice to Dr. Fusilier’s offer.

Plans are in the works for this summer’s Civil War Days in June and the Dexter Daze raffle in August. Please help in any way you can and look to your neighbors and friends for assistance with this worthy cause. As we are a 501(c)3 organization, all gifts are tax deductible.

Thank you, Dr. Fusilier, for your generous pledge.

Sincerely,

Paul Bishop

Ideas Wanted

The Historical Society is looking for design ideas to use for such things as the organization’s letterhead. The design should incorporate the images of the Dexter Area Museum and Gordon Hall with and without the Society’s name.

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Message from Bev Hill, Grant Committee Chair

The Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum has been working diligently to preserve Gordon Hall. Our community has been very supportive in volunteering and attending many fundraiser functions. A very successful Christmas at the Mansion was held in December and now we are looking forward to our fourth Civil War Days and our annual Dexter Daze Raffle.

In an amazing new development, Wally Fusilier pledged up to \$100,000 in matching funds to help pay the interest and principal on our mortgage. This is an exciting pledge for both the Historical Society and Museum and the community. With only \$200,000 to pay on the mortgage (down from \$1,500,000) this pledge will go a long way toward helping the Historical Society pay it off.

This is a very exciting time for the Historical Society and Museum as we move forward to meet the challenge pledge, plan for future events, apply for grants, proceed with our many fundraisers and begin restoration of the mansion. If you would like to make a donation toward the Fusilier Challenge pledge, please use our attached Membership Form or contact the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum at dexamuseum@aol.com or 734-426-2519.

DEXTER DAZE – August 2014

The Dexter Daze fundraising raffle committee is beginning to meet to prepare for the August event. Contact Bev Hill for more information.



Donations made to the Dexter Area Historical Society, a 501(c)3 organization, are typically tax deductible and greatly appreciated. For more information email us at dexamuseum@aol.com or phone 734-426-2519.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE GUILD!

Did you know that the Dexter Heritage Guild meets at the Museum from 9 am to 12 pm on the third and fourth Wednesdays throughout the year? Guild members work on a variety of craft projects to sell at the annual Holiday Bazaar. Proceeds from the Bazaar support the operation of the Museum.

The Guild greatly appreciates the support of Historical Society members and gladly accepts donations of craft supplies. For more information, please contact Carol Ann Emerick at 426-0477 or Cindy Henes at 426-0973.

The success of the Guild depends on the diverse skills of many people. If you love crafts and good company, stop by the Museum and check out the Dexter Heritage Guild.



As they have done in the past for the Pioneer Arts Fair, the Dexter Heritage Guild will hold a Bake Sale during the new Dexter Artisan Fair. Historical Society members who would like to help the Guild can drop off baked goods on Friday, March 21 from 4-6:30 pm or Saturday, March 22 from 8:30-9:30 am at Creekside Intermediate School on Baker Road.

The Guild suggests small quantities per plate, see-thru wrapping, and labels listing ingredients. Gluten-free items are especially welcome. For more information, please contact Sue Schotts at 734-424-9998.

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Be Part of the Fusilier Challenge

- Cookbook sales
- Candy sales
- Spaghetti dinner
- Letter writing campaign by each member, asking five of your best friends for a donation to be matched by Dr. Fusilier
- Homemade breads and rolls orders and sales at Easter
- Youth organization renting a service for a donated fee
- Pie orders and sales at Thanksgiving
- Society rummage sale
- Cater a dinner party and give Gordon Hall the earnings.
- Encourage rentals of Gordon Hall this season.

If you have a thought with regard to mortgage fundraising, share your idea with a Board member or email dexmuseum@aol.com. Remember, every dollar raised now has twice its value!

NOTES

The Museum will reopen on Friday, May 2, 2014.

The next Heritage Guild antique appraisal event will be held on either May 3 or May 10, 2014. Contact Sue Schotts at 734-424-9998 for more information.

Good news: We have some rentals booked for weddings at Gordon Hall this summer.

Check in with Captain Donovan Hill, 734-664-9132, to find out about the Dexter Union Base Ball Team.

DAHSAM Contacts

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DEXTER ARTISAN FAIR

 45 Vendors 

Baskets, Birdhouses, Blankets, Bowls
Easter Eggs, Fashions, Gifts, Granola
Jewelry, Paintings, Pottery, Purses, Quilts
Sachets, Soaps, Socks, Toys & more!

10-3, Saturday, March 22

Creekside Intermediate School
2615 Baker Road, Dexter

Admission \$3/Children K-Gr. 8 free
Bake Sale, Children's Crafts, Drawings

The Dexter Area Historical Society & Museum
www.dextermuseum.org [a 501(c)3 organization]

Dexter Area Historical Society & Museum

Date _____

Check Membership Type

<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual (annual)	<i>Please Circle Residence Location</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family (annual)	Dexter Village	Scio Township
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Business (annual)	Dexter Township	Webster Township
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Life (Individual/Couple)	Lima Township	Other _____

New Member Renewal

Contact Information

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #'s _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please make your check payable to

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

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.

Contact Information

Museum Phone: 734-426-2519

Museum Email: dexamuseum@aol.com

DAHSAM Website: <http://www.dextermuseum.org>

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

Pioneer Arts Fair
 Civil War Days
 Christmas Bazaar
 Christmas at the Mansion
 Dexter Heritage Guild

Donations

DAHSAM is a 501(c)3 Organization

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

DAHSAM General Fund

Gordon Hall Mortgage Society Programs

Gordon Hall Maintenance and Operation

Museum Maintenance and Operation

This space for DAHSAM notes.