

A Mini Newsletter or

“ A FEW DAHSAM NOTES REGARDING SUMMER EVENTS”



- Michigan 4th Memorial Room

As part of Civil War Days at Gordon Hall, there will be the reenactment of the funeral and burial of local hero Col. Harrison H. Jeffords. He died on July 3, 1863 in the Wheatfield at Gettysburg, 150 years ago. The funeral will be held, Saturday, June 8th, at 9:00am at Forest Lawn Cemetery (Grand and Broad St) and will be conducted by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. All are welcome to attend.

As an extension of the funeral, the staff of the Dexter Area Museum will be decorating the south room in Gordon Hall to honor those heroes from Dexter who served in the Civil War. The display will feature items acquired by a local collector that had belonged to Col. Harrison H. Jeffords, as well as, other historic artifacts. We will be sharing the genealogical information we have found on a number of Dexter soldiers who served in Company K of the 4th Michigan Infantry. Also included will be the burial information for those soldiers who died during or after the war, showing local cemetery information regarding burial sites of our heroes.

This will be a one-time display of these items, so follow the signs to the South entrance of Gordon Hall.
 - If you are willing to loan your wrought iron shepherd hook plant hanger for the fundraising dinner, please tape your name on it and leave it on the back porch. We will use it to hang a lantern. We are also looking for some older looking bookcases (not necessarily your treasured antiques) some old books, two men's bowler hats, and some very large framed pieces of art. Contact Donna at 649-5169 if you can loan some of what we need.
 - Have you reserved your seat for the June 8th, fundraising dinner? Call 734-649-5169 for details. This year's theme is An Evening of Fine Arts and Fine Dining Hosted by President and Mrs. Lincoln and Michigan's Senator Howard.
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- The Dexter Daze fundraising raffle kicked off on May 11th in the downtown area. All proceeds are dedicated to Gordon Hall. Details are listed in the attached flyer. First prize is \$10,000 and the drawing will take place August 11th.
 - The raffle committee needs you to join them in selling tickets. To sign up go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EAAAE2CA13-gordon>
- If you are unable to sign up on the computer call Bev Hill at 426-4767, Caryl Burke at 476-5232 or Ina Germain at 426-2079.
- CWD co-chair Bev Hill wants to know if you have booked a table for the Lincoln Dinner? A table seats eight. **Both Nina Rackham and Sharon Wheeler** have filled theirs!
 - The DAHSAM website, has a very nice Civil War Days section displaying current information and a photo history of the two previous year's events. See: www.dextermuseum.org

- Visit Dexters-Civil-War-Days on Facebook to get the latest on all things Civil War Days. Manya Grant will keep you up to date!
- There will be a Mother's Day Tea held in cooperation with Dexter Community Education on May 18th at Gordon Hall.



- If you enjoy being outside, drop by Gordon Hall some evening and take a moment to water the flowers. It is such a peaceful place and makes a nice escape from a busy day.
- Watch for the Civil War Days billboard that will go up 13th of May - 194 near the Fletcher exit.
- Should you see an area in the community that could use some advertising for a coming event give Bev Hill a call at 426-6747. She is Ms. Publicity! Way to go, Bev.
- Check in with Captain Donovan Hill, 734-664-9132, to find out season play dates for the Dexter Union Base Ball Team. They will present an exhibition on Sunday, June 9th, during Civil War Days.



- While it is a bit early to think of the winter holidays, contact Julie Knight if you have an idea or are willing to be involved in Christmas at the Mansion -2013. It is a major revenue source used for mortgage reduction!

- Good news: We have some rentals booked for weddings at Gordon Hall later in the summer.
- The Society purchased a fine new mower at the end of last season. If you are willing to ride around the grounds on it, with the blade down, call Paul Bishop at 734-476-0515.
- Tickets are available for the CWD quilt raffle. They are \$1.00 a piece or a bundle of six for \$5.00. First prize is a beautiful queen size patchwork quilt. Second prize is Dexter coverlet and third prize is a hardbound book of Gordon Hall history written by local author, James Parker. Look for Raffle Chair Sharon Wheeler around town or call her at 734-649-6750 for your chances. The drawing will take place on Sunday afternoon, following the skirmish/battle during Civil War Days. You need not be present to win and all proceeds go toward Gordon Hall mortgage reduction.



- While we took a minute to thank Carol Jones, CWD Volunteer Coordinator extraordinaire, at the May Board meeting, we would like to take things a step further and notify the entire membership of her dedication and success at scheduling all those folks for that busy weekend.
- We are looking for a few people willing to bake a few cookies for the Fashion Tea during CWD. As the treats served last year were very much enjoyed, those recipes are attached. Contact Tea Cookie Coordinator, Julie Knight, at 426-4961 if you are able to contribute.



- We are looking for those fine pie bakers that are willing to provide items for the CWD Community Pie Auction. Johnny Weber will return as our auctioneer and Pie Auction Chair Erin McKillen has great new ideas. Call her at 734-260-5093 if you are willing to bake or want additional information. This year she is asking you to include a recipe and its history when you drop off your pie. Look for the name, Caryl Burke - 2012, permanently installed on the new pie board easel. While Gil Campbell was close, Caryl was the top dollar pie purchaser last year. Who will win this year?
- Have you been wondering what someone in the 1860's might have worn during a function such as Civil War Days and/or the fundraising Lincoln Dinner Saturday evening? Many thanks to Nancy VanBlaricum for making the contact and to Helen Welford for loaning us a collection of books/pamphlets/patterns that is available for viewing at the Museum during regular hours – Fri. and Sat. from 1 to 3pm. If you are interested, stop by and check them out.

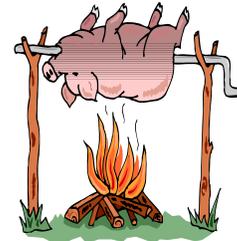
Books:

- [The Family Album, Ladies' Wear 1860-65](#)
- [American Heritage – April 1958](#)
- [Am. Victorian Costume in Photographs](#)
- [Victorian Fashions – A pictorial Archive](#)
- [Godey Costume Plates in Color](#)
- [Fashions from Godey's Lady's Book](#)
- [Antique & Vintage Clothing](#)
- [Victorian & Edwardian Fashion in America](#)

Patterns:

- 60 Civil War-Era Fashion Patterns
- Unique Patterns 1860's Crinoline Ball Gown
- Past Patterns – 1860's Ball Gown Bodice
- Past Patterns – 1850-1863 skirt

- There are a few long CWD dresses that Donna had made in Alma left for purchase. All dresses are \$75 or under. Call her if you need one.
- Donations made to the Dexter Area Historical Society, a 501(c)3 organization are typically tax deductible and greatly appreciated. For more information visit our website www.dextermuseum.org or email us at dexmuseum@aol.com or phone 734-426-2519. A large portion of the Lincoln Dinner ticket price should be deductible.
- We are pleased to have Teri Trotter return this year to cater the Sunday, CWD, Pig Roast Dinner. You will see period fare: pork, turkey, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread/rolls, and a beverage, presented by friendly costumed servers. Seating is available under the big tent. Tickets are \$12.00. As only 150 are available, you might want to purchase yours early, at the CWD ticket booth.



- The Heritage Guild Antique Appraisal Clinic was a great success! The guild was booked with appointments all day and many beautiful and unique items came through the Museum doors. Watch coming newsletters to learn when the next scheduled appraisal clinic will be held. It is a great time to find out the value of items you may have received from a distant relative.
- Here's to maintaining our momentum as we continue to care for our treasured museum and pay down our mortgage at Gordon hall. Only \$247,000 to go!



- Look for the Cricket Exhibit, the 19th Century Gardening lecture, the Reenactment of the Gettysburg Battle in the Wheatfield where Col. Harrison Jeffords went down, the display of authentic 1860's women's clothing at the Tea – all new events for Civil War Days this year.
- Did you know that the Dexter Heritage Guild continues to meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, on the third and fourth Wednesdays of every month, throughout the summer? They work on projects needed for their annual Holiday Bazaar. In order to keep their bazaar items reasonably priced, they rely on and gladly accept donated craft supplies. They are always looking for items on this non-exclusive list: cotton fabric, buttons, batting, lace, wooden beads, 100% wool fabric, 100% cotton sweaters and wiggly eyes. If you have questions, please call Carol Ann Emerick, at 426-0477 or Cindy Henes at 426-0973. The Guild genuinely appreciates all the support and donations people have given to the group in the past. They always welcome new members or volunteers to the group. Its success depends on the diverse skills of many. Please drop by on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays to meet Guild members and volunteers!
- Your newsletter editor is begging your forgiveness for putting out a publication without the wonderful formatting skills usually supplied by Jim Smith. However, he and his wife Nan, were spending a few well deserved vacation days in Northern Michigan, and did not even know I was compiling and composing. I promise he can help again on the next newsletter.

- Civil War Finance Chair Paul Bishop (he is also both parking and grounds chair and terribly busy) is feverishly looking for sponsorships for Civil War Days activities. Could you find someone to sponsor the following or would you consider sponsoring one or a portion of the following modestly priced items?
 1. \$50 wet plate photography
 2. \$50 author the Michigan 4th Infantry in the American Civil War
 3. \$25 Sunday Church Services
 4. \$85 Research – Family Connections to the Civil War
 5. \$40 children performers Dairy Queen Friday night concert:
 6. \$35 per cannon firing Battery B 1st Michigan Light Artillery -
 7. \$185 Poet Bard – will be here two days and perform at dinner
 8. \$25 author, fiction Civil War Era Northern Michigan
 9. \$95 Bones performance and workshop
 10. \$40 Dairy Queen for 2nd grade patriotic choir for Friday night
 11. \$75 Friday night barbershop vocalists
 12. \$75 Printed ribbons for kids games
 13. \$75 handkerchief Sat. dinner favor men
 14. \$75 handkerchief Sat. dinner favor women
 15. \$200 Banner downtown
 16. \$75 advertising signs
 17. \$75 flyer printing
 18. \$50 Butter churning, etc. kids demonstrations.

Please contact Paul at 476-0515 if you are willing to help.



Sending many thanks to all those contributing to the Society newsletter. Timely sharing of information helps to keep us connected and working together!

Sugar Cookie

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup milk

Directions

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Cover and refrigerate for 15 to 30 minutes. On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut out cookies into desired shapes (small round) and place 2 in. apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F for 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

Ginger Cookies

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/3 cup white sugar for decoration

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

1. In a large bowl, mix together the brown sugar, oil, molasses, and egg. Combine the flour, baking soda, salt, cloves, cinnamon, and ginger; stir into the molasses mixture. Roll dough into 1 inch balls. Roll each ball in white sugar before placing 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
2. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in preheated oven, or until center is firm. Cool on wire racks.

Lemon Sugar Cookie

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- Additional sugar

In a mixing bowl, cream butter, shortening and sugar. Beat in egg, milk and extracts. Combine the flour, salt and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture. Shape into 3/4 in. balls 2 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Flatten with a glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 400 degrees F for 9-11 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Immediately remove to wire racks to cool.

Raspberry Almond Shortbread

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup seedless raspberry jam
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

In a medium bowl, cream together butter and white sugar until smooth. Mix in 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Mix in flour until dough comes together. Roll dough into 1 1/2 inch balls, and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Make a small hole in the center of each ball, using your thumb and finger, and fill the hole with preserves.

Bake for 14 to 18 minutes in preheated oven, or until lightly browned. Let cool 1 minute on the cookie sheet.

In a medium bowl, mix together the confectioners' sugar, 3/4 teaspoon almond extract, and milk until smooth. Drizzle lightly over warm cookies

GORDON HALL RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE

\$10,000

2nd Prize \$1,000

3rd Prize \$500

**\$500 Bonus To Grand Prize If Ticket
Is Present At Drawing**

WHEN: August 10, 2013, at 7 P.M.

WHERE: Dexter Monument Park

TICKETS: \$10.00 EACH

Only 4000 Tickets Will Be Sold.

**If Less Than 1000 Tickets Are Sold, a 50/50
Drawing Will Be Conducted With A
MINIMUM GRAND PRIZE OF \$3000**

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Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

All proceeds are used to support Gordon Hall.

Winners responsible for taxes.

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