

# DAHSAAM News



## December Events

**Saturday**  
Dec. 1st  
**Heritage Guild Bazaar and Bake Sale**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
at the Museum

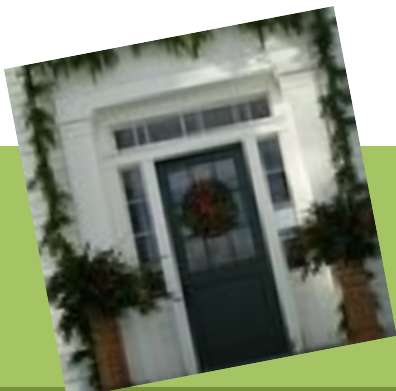
**Sat. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sun Dec. 2nd**  
**Christmas at the Mansion**  
12:00 noon to 6:00 pm  
at Gordon Hall  
\$5 Adults, \$1 Children

**Thursday**  
Dec. 6th  
**Holiday Appreciation Night** at Gordon Hall  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Saturday**  
Dec. 8th  
**A Christmas Tea - Gordon Hall** - Reserved Seating at  
1:00 pm and 4:00 pm  
\$20 Adults, \$5 Children

## Holiday Appreciation Night

Mark your calendar to reserve the evening of December 6<sup>th</sup> to drop by Gordon Hall between 6:30-8:30 PM for a Holiday Appreciation Night for our Members, our volunteers and our supporters. The gathering has been planned as a time to meet and greet as we work together preserving the history of Dexter. Chair Bev Hill, who conceived the idea, is enthusiastically preparing for this gathering at the mansion. Membership forms will be available for non-members in attendance that may wish to join the Historical Society and Museum. Come for a bit of holiday socialization and networking.



## Holiday Shopping Tip

Coverlets woven with scenes of Dexter make great holiday gifts for young and old. They are available for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop and will be on sale during Christmas at the Mansion.

## Gordon Hall News

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### Museum Hours

The Museum will be closed for the winter beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will reopen in early May 2013.

### Updates

The year at Gordon Hall is quickly coming to a close with our winter events. These include Christmas at the Mansion, a Tea and an Appreciation gathering. Our members can be most proud of the progress the Historical Society has made, during the past few years, in paying down the Gordon Hall mortgage. The original amount, in 2006, was \$1,500,000. As of November 1, 2012, this amount has been reduced to \$265,000. This is a major accomplishment.

We continue to establish new events at Gordon Hall to raise money for payments and your assistance with and attendance at these gatherings is greatly appreciated.

In 2013, Civil War Days will continue in June with larger encampments, a Confederate presence, and battle skirmishes. There will be an emphasis on the events of 1863, the battles of Gettysburg and the death of Dexter's Colonel Harrison Jeffords. The theme and plans for the Civil War Days fundraising dinner are both fresh and unique. These occasions should stir the community in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Look for news of the event and donate your time to a wonderful celebration. The Society has a place for everyone. Other fund raising events are in the planning stages so watch your newsletter for details and how you can participate.

*Paul Bishop, GH Management Team Chair*

### Christmas Events

The Society's winter fundraiser, **Christmas at the Mansion** will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Under the able leadership of Julie Knight and Terry Stacey, this year's theme, "A Toast to Ole St. Nick" promises to be more spectacular than last year's wonderful event. Pricing is \$5.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. Some features include festive holiday rooms decorated by local businesses and volunteers, a visit with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies and an opportunity to shop from the Museum gift shop. Tickets for a drawing for an Old World St. Nick doll designed and donated by Jan Lyons will be available for \$5.00 each.

The Society is grateful for the décor provided by Cobblestone Rose, Castlerock Landscaping, the Dexter Garden Club, the Cedars/Jan Lyons, the Dexter Mill, Hearts and Flowers, the Dexter Museum Staff, Team Lewis and a host of volunteers that contribute in ways too numerous to mention. Proceeds go toward reduction of the Gordon Hall mortgage. Additional contributions may be tax deductible under the Society's 501(c)3 non-profit status.

A Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sittings (1:00 pm and 4:00 pm), by reservations only. Tickets are sold for \$20 per adult and \$5.00 per child age 4-14. Make these reservations by calling 734-424-0369 or 734-395-5772.



## Acquisitions

The Society would like to recognize the following acquisitions and extend its gratitude to the individuals listed below.

Kathy Canham:

- *An ironstone platter, ca. 1890*

Virginia Davis:

- *Two medicine bottles discovered during the construction of new steps from the Dexter District library down to Mill Creek Park*

Faith Esch:

- *Old greeting cards*
- *New Era potato chip can*

Fred Fcaunmann:

- *A collection of photos assembled by the DHS Class of 1968 for a book called "Dexter, Michigan, USA"*

Janet Kemp:

- *Brass microscope belonging to medical Dr. Wallace Kemp*

Linda Mast Kociba:

- *Walnut organ with red velvet stool ca. 1890*
- *Music book*
- *Framed portrait of Mast female relative in 1880*
- *Late 1800's child's bed*
- *A Maple child's, adjustable high chair of the late 1800's*
- *A zither autoharp*
- *8 volume set of books, ca. 1890, Great Men and Famous Women*

Brian and Evelyn Koval:

- *Victorian paper doll and its cloths*
- *A Little Golden Book ca. 1870*
- *June 1877, Barran Lesson leaf*

Barbara Mannis:

- *Two ca. 1910 ladies chairs*
- *A tiptop table - Chinese design - black paint, made in Grand Rapids, MI, has label on back of table.*

Erin McKillen:

- *Mechanical drawings from James Hoey and John Hoey 1907-1915 (Items found in the Kaupp family home located on Dan Hoey Road that has been purchased by the Village of Dexter.)*

Sybil VanHouten:

- *Inkwells from the late 1800's Photo albums*

Loren Yates:

- *A photo of Dexter*

### Holiday Shopping Tip

Two books on our local history are available in the Museum Gift Shop. Both, one featuring Gordon Hall and the other the life of Judge Dexter, would make excellent gifts.

## Donations

The Historical Society is very proud of both its Museum and Gordon Hall. In addition to the many, many volunteer hours logged by its members and friends, it is dependent on its generous donors.

As we move into December, please keep Gordon Hall in mind for your end-of-the-year contributions.

The DAHS&M is a 501c3 non-profit so donations may be tax deductible.

## Business Support

Thank you to the Dexter Pub for holding a Gordon Hall fundraiser back in October.

Now, Myint Family Chiropractic, located at 7200 Dan Hoey Road, Suite F, has designated Gordon Hall as their charitable organization of the month of December.

For each new client visiting during the month a \$35.00 contribution will be made to Gordon Hall. If you are interested, please contact them at 734-424-9500 or email [myintfamilychiropractic.com](mailto:myintfamilychiropractic.com) to get specific details.

## Appreciation

Our thanks go out to Paul Bishop and Jim Wheeler for taking care of the mowing at Gordon Hall.

More thanks go out to Jan Lyons for planting the annuals and sharing her perennials around Gordon Hall.

Many thanks to the members of the Dexter Garden Club for keeping the plants and flowers hydrated. Additional thanks for their yard cleanup in preparation for Christmas at the Mansion.

Thank you to Sue Behnke for cleaning all the windows of the Museum and for trimming the landscaping around the building.

Many thanks to Mike Williams for taking care of the Museum grass cutting and leaf removal, as well. Things look wonderful and we appreciate your time and effort.



## Important Notice for Members

Starting in January 2013, a new membership form and dues rates will be in effect. The Board determined it is necessary to raise our dues beginning in January, so you have until the end of this year to renew at the current rates.

In addition, going forward all memberships are for the calendar year. This means they expire at the end of each year and need to be renewed by end of January.

### Current Rates

- Student \$1.50
- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Business \$25
- Patron \$50 and up
- Life \$150

### New Rates

- N/A
- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Business \$50
- N/A
- Life \$200

*Current and New Membership Forms will be sent at the end of this newsletter.*

# A Perspective on Road Construction

It seems that our area has had an inordinate amount of road and bridge construction in the recent months. We all enjoy the finished product - the smoother, safer routes and the improved landscaping that are a result of these projects. However, during these times, finding another way around doesn't always agree with us. Detours put us under time constraints, put extra miles on our vehicles, cause the use additional fuel and in some cases, are simply a major irritant.

Yet, the way we have now seen these inconveniences might pale when compared to those experienced by the people of Dexter in the mid 1800's.

*Information compiled by Nancy Van Blaricum*

In an article published on September 23, 1999 in the Dexter Leader, Norma McAllister tells us the history of Broad Street:

*"Driving leisurely or strolling along Broad Street, one might wonder why some of the homes between Fourth and Fifth streets are standing on a hill a distance above street level. Until 1869, a hill extended from north of Broad Street across the road into the area of Broad and the southwest corner of Fifth Street.*

*A one-track railroad was extended through Dexter in 1841, marking the beginning of the busiest street in the village. Dexter was growing, but one problem bothered the Dexter folks. They were unable to see from Main Street down to the depot. So something had to be done. The Dexter Leader reported in July 1869, 'The grade on Main Street to the depot is coming down to proper level and it's hoped the 'Dutch Gap' will yet be excavated so the depot will be visible from town.'*

*The next year, The Leader reported, 'grading down of the hill on B Street from Ann Arbor*

*Street to the railroad will leave some dwellings and two churches several feet above the sidewalk.' Much has changed along Broad Street since the grade was taken to its present level."*

Norma's article goes on to describe the various houses and buildings effected by the road work, but we wanted to point out an article that appeared in *The Dexter Leader* on April 20, 1872. This article discusses the aftermath for residents along "B" street (it became Broad street in the 1960's). We have copied the article below:

*"B Street --- Now that the frost is out of the ground, we note preparations for improving and re-arranging the fronts of those lots which were left in such bad condition by the excavating of last season. Whatever hardships property holders may consider have been put upon them by the grading, it is the part of wisdom to make the best of it and proceed to repair the damage as soon as possible. Very neat and tasteful fronts may be made by terracing, which, however, will be attended by considerable expense, as the height of the embankment and the nearness of the buildings to the*

*front of the lots will render necessary the building of stone walls to protect the lower terraces. But whatever the expense, something of the kind must be done, for continued exposure to freezing and thawing will cause the banks to slide off so as to put the buildings in jeopardy of falling into the street. The Baptist society and A. R. Beal, Esq., are already at work upon their premises, and it is to be hoped the work will be prosecuted until the street assumes a more thrifty appearance than at present. We observe that maple trees have been newly set out in front of the premises of Messrs. Geo. Alley and Soulier and Mrs. Martin and O'Brien. May others follow suit until both sides of this street and every other street is shaded by these beautiful trees."*

Although we have gone through street construction for the past few years, it is hard to imagine the homeowners faced with such an enormous task, but their work has created a beautiful portion of our village.

## Heritage Guild Christmas Bazaar Dedication

On May 7, 2012, the Dexter Area Museum lost a faithful volunteer and comrade, **Bea Christopherson**. The Guild has dedicated this year's Bazaar to her memory.

In the early eighties Bea began her association with the Museum. She joined the Heritage Guild in 1981 and was the tatting demonstrator at its Pioneer Arts Fair beginning in 1983. For over thirty years Bea gave her time and talents to both the Society and the Guild. Most members of both groups saw Bea as the driving force behind the Guild's holiday bazaar. It was her vision that created the festive display and her artistry that had customers lined up at the door.

A Bea Christopherson handcrafted garland, miniature Raggedy Ann or crocheted snowflake were items to be taken home and treasured. Bea was a true friend to all in the Guild. She was always willing to teach a skill and was quick to offer encouragement and praise. We acknowledge our loss and miss her greatly.

The Dexter Heritage Guild's Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, December 1, at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness Street, from 9-3. There you will find antique linens, colorful knitted items, toys, fresh green wreaths, fire starters

and holiday ornaments, among many other goods for home and family. Included in the event is a delicious bake sale, a luscious assortment of homemade treats for all ages.

The Bazaar is a major fundraiser for the Museum, with it receiving all proceeds. We hope to see you there.



This year's drawing items include two lovely items donated by Mary Robinson, a hand-woven basket and a hand-loomed, woven rug. Mac Buxton contributed a beautiful hand-made wooden bowl.

Be sure to buy your chance.



## Callings All Bakers and Cooks

The Dexter Heritage Guild relies on the generosity of the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum members, as well as, its own members for the contribution of baked goods. Other desirable items include candies, fudge, jams, jellies and preserves.

Please take a few minutes to drop off a baked item or two. Drop off for all items will be Friday, November 30, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Museum.

If you are not a member of the Guild, but have a craft item you would like to donate, it would be most appreciated.

Any questions should be directed to Cindy Henes at 426-0973.

## Tours

Each fall the Society is proud to share our local history with Dexter School District elementary grade students. Many children, parents and teachers tour our Museum and Gordon Hall. This not only enriches their lives but also is a wonderful way for us to introduce the history Dexter to our younger generations - the future of the Historical Society and its holdings.

The following members assisted with this year's tours: Richard Ashley, Paul Bishop, Gil Campbell, Paul Cousins, Bene Fusilier, Manya Grant, Cindy Henes, Beverly Hill, Sybil VanHouten.

## 2013 Events

### FEBRUARY

- Annual Members Meeting

### MARCH

- Pioneer Arts Fair (3/9)

### MAY

- Possible Spring Fundraiser

### JUNE

- Civil War Days (6/7-9)

### AUGUST

- Dexter Daze

### OCTOBER

- School Tours and Possible Fall Fundraiser

### DECEMBER

- Guild Christmas Bazaar
- Christmas at the Mansion

# Annual Members Meeting Information February 2013

We are planning a special presentation for our Annual Meeting in early February 2013.

Judge Samuel William Dexter died February 6, 1863, 150 years ago. We hope to recreate his funeral service and to do so we need help. The judge had 8 children and by the time of his death there were 5 grandchildren.

We are looking for persons to portray most of the children and their spouses as well as some well-known men from the area to eulogize Judge Dexter. All actors will be in appropriate costumes, but only a few of the men will have "speeches" to read.

We need help in all theatrical areas such as costuming, makeup, staging, etc. This will only work with **help** – please consider being a part of this endeavor.

If you are interested or have friends or family who are interested, please contact Nancy Van Blaricum at [NanVanB2@yahoo.com](mailto:NanVanB2@yahoo.com) or 734-426-3341.

## DAHS&M 2012-13 Board of Directors

### Officers

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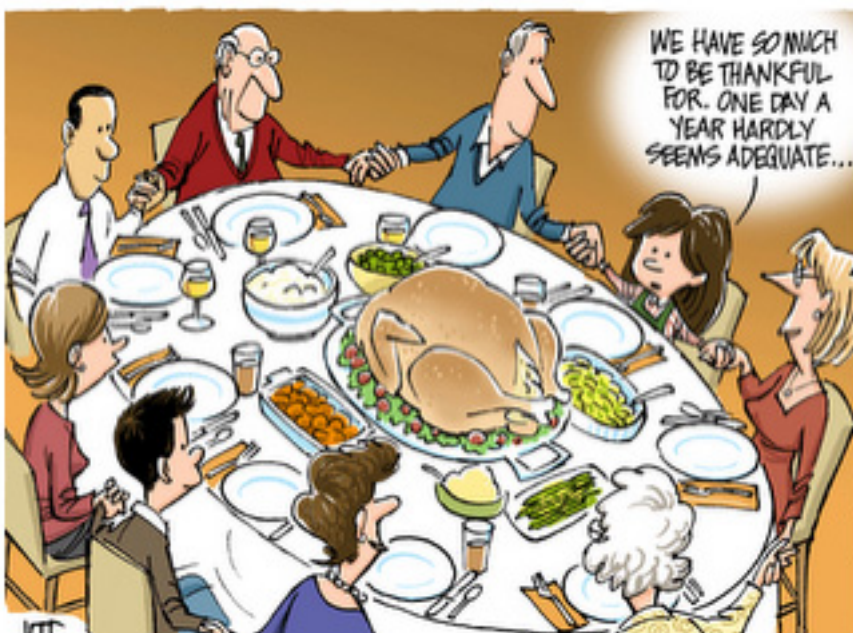
## Tally Ho!



As we go to press, the Museum staff is proud to announce its latest acquisition. The Society was able to successfully negotiate the purchase of the horse driven, Hoey Family, Tally Ho Wagon. Many of you will remember riding it, both as children and adults during Dexter social occasions. It is in very good condition and we express gratitude to Neil Adams for its transport and Gloria Shore for its safe resting place at her facility. A history of the vehicle will be reported in a future newsletter.

## Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

3443 Inverness Street  
Dexter MI 48130



### Newsletter Attachments

– Flyers and Forms

- Christmas Bazaar
- Christmas Events at Gordon Hall
- Holiday Appreciation Night
- Membership Form – Current
- Membership Form – As of January 1, 2013



**Please check type of Membership:**

- Student \$1.50
- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Business \$25
- Patron \$50 and up
- Life \$150

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*I would like to donate:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*for:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Active  Inactive

**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!*

**Dexter Area Historical Society & Museum**

Date

**Check Membership Type**

- \$15 Individual (annual)
- \$25 Family (annual)
- \$50 Business (annual)
- \$200 Life (Individual/Couple)

*Please Circle Residence Location*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dexter Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Webster Township           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lima Township   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

**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: dexmuseum@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
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