



# The Informer

Newsletter of the Dundee Township Historical Society

June 2008



The annual garage sale will be held on Saturday July 12th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the museum parking lot.

Check your attic, cabinets or garage for treasures you may have hidden away and you would like to donate. We are accepting donations of antiques and collectibles, linens, household items, glass and china, home decor, tools, garden implements, knick-knacks, etc. No clothing please !!!

Members can reserve a space to sell their own wares for a fee of \$15.00. Call the museum (847-428-6996) if you have items that need to be picked up or if you wish to reserve a spot.

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## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Sunday, July 20th

Have you ever wondered where your great grandpa came from and how he got to the place he called home? Bonnie Cernosek will present a workshop on beginning genealogy on Sunday, July 20th, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the museum. Learn about the resources available to the general public and how to use them. Where and how to start the search for your ancestors. Join us as we learn how to delve into the past.

The workshop is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

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## PHOTO RESTORATION

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Do you have an old family photo that is faded, torn or just deteriorating in general? See how these photographs can be given new life by using a computer to repair damage and enhance them for future generations to enjoy

Larry Pepper will share his expertise with attendees on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm. No admission charge. Members and non-members are welcome



## HOUSE WALK

The annual House Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. Mark your calendars.

Several lovely homes from different periods of the past as well as an array of beautiful gardens are being considered for the walk. This is the major fund raiser for the society and we urge our membership to support this event. More details will follow at a later date.

If you would like to be a docent at one of the homes or help with preparations call Marge at 847-428-2279.



## MEADOWDALE RACEWAY 50th ANNIVERSARY

September 13 - 14 at Raceway Woods  
10 am to 6 pm.

Activities include Vintage race cars display, silo ribbon cutting, 50s and 60s car display, hayrides, "Kiddies" activities, food vendors, guided trail walks, original race videos, commemorative memorabilia and race history display.

For more information check on line at [donnazip@comcast.net](mailto:donnazip@comcast.net).



## ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Fall Conference of the ISGS will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Elgin Community College.

*40 Years of Discovery-Portals to the Future* will be a conference with nationally known speakers and genealogists speaking on a variety of subjects.

Registration forms can be found at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/).



What are the benefits to being a member of the Dundee Township Historical Society? What extra incentives do we offer our members?

These are difficult questions to answer simply. At first it does not seem like there are any extras for members. We sign you up, take your money for dues, ask you to volunteer in your free time; we don't give you discounts on programs or purchases. Each year we ask for money for dues again and the cycle continues. Where is the benefit in that??!!

Basically you have to go back to why you joined the Historical Society to begin with. Some of us are interested in local history. Others have genealogical or architectural interests. Some are interested in the migration of people and the beginnings of our area. What brought those earliest residents to settle here? Why did they leave where they were from?

Our programs, museum and library help us in our research and expand our knowledge. They also allow us to teach and expand the knowledge of others-our area residents from school aged children on up.

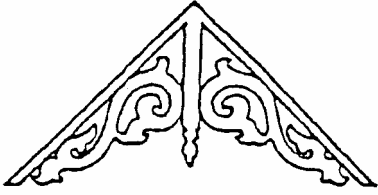
Some of us volunteer while others are unable to. Our society is run by volunteers from weekly docents in the museum and library to program coordinators and script writers to newsletter and website chairmen. There are members that volunteer many hours and those who can donate only a couple hours once in awhile. There are even volunteers who recruit volunteers. All are important in getting the needed jobs done.

We are supported by membership dues, donations and fundraisers such as our programs and annual garage sale. We are not financially solvent enough to have hired staff or offer discounts to our members. If we could, we would.

But we can give you the chance to meet new people, to learn more about the area in which you live and the people who preceded you. We can sharpen your research skills, let you make your acting debut by portraying one of our earlier residents during the Bus Tour or Cemetery Walk, learn about architecture during our House Walk or Historic Sites, etc. Your incentive is to be active and involved.

As an active member you can reap all the benefits of a museum with a research library and a society that will service your needs while at the same time enhance our community.

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## **DUNDEE - 100 YEARS AGO**

### **DUNDEE HAWKEYE June 1908**

Dundee local happenings:

Positively the last dance of the season at the Dundee Opera House, Friday, June 19.

The 40th annual reunion of the early settlers of the Fox River Valley will be held at Lord's Park, Elgin, on Saturday, June 20.

Lost - Lace handkerchief; Thursday night, either in Opera House or between there and Sixth Street on Main. Initial "S" in corner. Finder please leave same at this office.

Strawberries are very fine this week at .25 cents for two boxes.

Auction: One of the most desirable locations in Dundee, on the edge of the bank on the west side of the river, overlooking East Dundee, will be sold at auction to the highest bidder on July 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

This is one of the best propositions ever put on the market in Dundee, either for a home or for speculation, is located at the corner of Fifth and Geneva Streets, fronting 120 feet on Geneva and running back 150 feet on Fifth, is described as lots 1 and 2, block 23. There is a substantial frame house with both city and cistern water in the kitchen... Possession can be given at anytime. Terms of sale - one third cash, balance in one and two years at 6%.

Doings of the Dundee Union: other temperance jottings.

...The new material of the season is the boy and the finished product is the drunkard. Who in Dundee wants to furnish the boys to be made into drunkards? Look at them now and look again when the change has taken place and reflect that this is the result of the liquor saloon.

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## **DOCENTS**

There are openings for museum docents. Interested persons will be trained. Docents work 2 hour shifts on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the season from the March opening until the end of the year. Most docents work 1 shift a month. If you are interested, contact Jack or Nancy Wendt at 847-428-4614



## What the Dundee Township Historical Society does...

Collects and preserves items of historic value to Dundee Township since its settlement in 1835.

Maintains a museum with changing exhibits to display its collection from March through December.

Maintains a research library in the museum which includes books and documents, an extensive group of slides made from old photographs, and a complete microfilm record of the Dundee Hawkeye newspaper from 1890 to 1916.

Encourages the preservation of historic sites and buildings by awarding plaques to qualified structures at least one hundred years old.

Cooperates with the township schools and scouts in the teaching of local history.

Provides programs covering topics of historic interest. A meeting room is available for cultural and social activities, as well as a showplace for private collections.

Stimulates outside interest with a bi-ennial fall house walk and bi-ennial cemetery walk (alternating years). The tour committee conducts a bus trip through the township in the spring covering topics of local interest such as the township's involvement in the Underground Railroad.

Has for sale at the museum gift shop, items including ready to frame prints of old area maps, stationery, and cross stitch kits with illustrations of local historic buildings. A map is available for your own ride through historic East Dundee, West Dundee, Carpentersville, and Sleepy Hollow.

Assists residents and visitors in researching the history of their home, family, and community.

## How it is supported...

By dues from membership, donations from villages, organizations, businesses, and individuals, and by profits from money-making projects. Gifts of money or bequests in wills are gratefully accepted.

## Its goal...

The basic objective of the Dundee Township Historical Society is to inspire appreciation in our rich local heritage by encouraging understanding and preservation of the history of our township.

Dundee Township is an area where new growth and historic preservation stand side by side. We seek your active involvement in the Historical Society. Your financial support by membership dues and donations, and/or your gift of time as a docent, library aide, special events volunteer, etc. will enable us to fulfill our goals.

I desire to aid the Dundee Township Historical Society by becoming a member.

- Senior Citizens (60+) & Youth (18 or less) \$ 7.50
- Individual \$ 10.00
- Couple or Family \$ 17.50
- Sustaining \$ 40.00
- Business/Organization \$ 60.00
- Life \$250.00

I would like to be involved in/as \_\_\_\_\_

*payable to:*

**DUNDEE TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

426 Highland Avenue  
West Dundee IL 60118

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Welcome New Members

Audrey Eyman  
 Lenore McDonald  
 Marilla Fuge  
 Connie Kaschub  
 Lenore Hylander  
 Lynn Brittain  
 Betty Gehlbach  
 Caroline Loritz

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>July</b>	
12	Annual Garage Sale
20	Genealogy Workshop for Beginners
<b>August</b>	
17	Photo Restoration
<b>September</b>	
20	House Walk

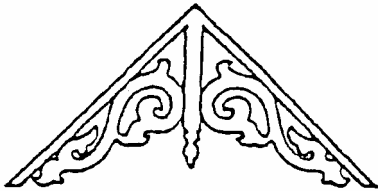
## Dundee Township Historical Society

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**Marge Edwards**  
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 Secretary  
**Gene Lamp**  
 Treasurer  
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### Committees:

<b>Newsletter</b>	Marge Edwards Kristie Benedik Jack Wendt
<b>Historic Sites</b>	
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<b>Museum</b>	Faye Williams
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