



The Informer

Newsletter of the Dundee Township Historical Society

July 2016

The Civil War Comes to Carpentersville August 6th and 7th



The Village of Carpentersville and Stanford's Battery will host a Civil War Reenactment on August 6th and 7th, Saturday and Sunday in Carpenter Park.

The park will be open to the public from 10am -4pm both days. Visitors can expect a variety of special events throughout the weekend

Events include living history demonstrations, historical presentations, period music, skirmishes and battles.

Don't miss the Dundee Township Historical Society booth for information on how our township was involved in this part of our country's history.

SUPER SPECTACULAR ONE OF A KIND GARAGE SALE

August 20th

This year we are pleased to announce our Garage Sale will feature collectible dolls, jewelry, garden art, a variety of household items (old and newer), small furniture, art work, books, antiques and other collectibles, toys, bikes, tools. No clothing unless vintage.

Thanks to members, friends, neighbors and even strangers, for their many donations to the garage sale cause to have something for everyone.

Hours are 9am-3pm. No early birds.





THE HISTORY OF THE GARAGE SALE

In the early 1800s shipping yards would sell unclaimed cargo and sometimes damaged or other warehouse items on their docks. These sales were referred to as “Romage” or “Roomage” sales.

Romage was a nautical term referring to the stowage of packages in close proximity in the hold of a ship. Warehouses soon held their own sales offering items at reduced prices.

This term changed to rummage later in the 1800s and romage/roomage is an obsolete term now. The sales moved off the docks into the community. These Rummage Sales were held at churches or other locations usually as a fundraiser for a charitable or other good cause.

In the mid-1900s, many World War II veterans were purchasing homes in the suburbs and holding yard sales. In the 1970s the garage sale term took hold and has continued. The sales of unwanted and no longer needed items helped generate extra money for the seller or homeowner.

Today the method of sales continues to evolve as sales on the internet have grown in popularity.

They say another person’s junk is another person’s treasure but items at garage sales, rummage sales, yard sales, Ebay sales and estate sales are far from being junk. Junk is what goes in the garbage.

The idea is to determine what is really junk and to find a new owner to appreciate items no longer needed or wanted by the previous owner. At the Dundee Township Historical Society we invite you to be that new owner. See you August 20th.

SMILE WHEN YOU SHOP

Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com to support the Dundee Township Historical Society. Thanks!!

THE END OF AN ERA

Haeger Pottery began as a small brickyard on the bank of the Fox River in East Dundee. David Haeger made his first investment in the business in 1871 and the following December bought out the remaining stockholders.

It was just two months after the great Chicago fire which destroyed much of the city. Chicago must rebuild, but this time it will be a better Chicago that would not burn. It would be built of brick and mortar. David Haeger seized the opportunity that lay ahead. In order to keep up with the demand for brick five new kilns were added, which increased production to nearly five million bricks a year. Many of the homes and merchant buildings, schools and churches in East and West Dundee, Carpentersville and Elgin are built of that soft, cream colored brick embossed with the recognizable HD.

David Haeger passed away in 1900 at which time his sons, David C. and Edmond, took over management. In 1914 Edmond took over the business and made some changes. The first “milk bottle” kilns were introduced in 1915 – 1916. Mr. Haeger then hired artists and designers and formed The Haeger Potteries, Inc. They began producing art pottery; the first two pieces fittingly named “Adam” and “Eve”. Marshall Field’s in Chicago was the first store to carry the new line.

After 100 years of producing pottery and making a major contribution to local history, the doors will close, the kilns will shut down and we bid farewell to Haeger Potteries, Inc.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Your membership helps support the Dundee Township Historical Society. The basic objective of the 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.

Visit our website at www.dundee-township-historical.org to learn more.

*Complete the form below and include the tax deductible membership fee.
 The Dundee Township Historical Society does not share any membership information with any entities.*

Please Check One

- Annual Membership Lifetime Membership Change of Address or Email

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- Senior Citizen Membership (Age 60+) - \$7.50 Annual Fee
- Youth Membership (Age 18 & under) - \$7.50 Annual Fee
- Individual Membership - \$10.00 Annual Fee
- Couple or Family Membership - \$17.50 Annual Fee
- Sustaining Membership - \$40.00 Annual Fee
- Business / Organization Membership - \$60.00 Annual Fee
- Lifetime Membership - \$250.00 One-time Fee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

*Make checks payable to Dundee Township Historical Society
 Mail to 426 Highland Ave, West Dundee IL 60118*



Welcome New Members

During the past year the following people have joined our society

Cindy & Dan Kennedy
Gwen Menz

New Business Members

Motl Accounting

IMPORTANT DATES

August

6-7 Civil War Reenactment
Carpenter Park 10am-4pm

20 Garage Sale 9am-3pm
Museum Parking Lot

October

16 Cemetery Walk
West Cemetery 1-3pm

Dundee Township Historical Society

Marge Edwards
President

Open Position
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Secretary

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Connie Kaschub, Jim Prow, Jack Wendt,
Dave Culligan, Kristie Benedik**
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