

# Quarterly Newsletter



## Member Potluck - Board of Directors Election Results

We are excited to invite you to a special potluck gathering to reveal the results of our recent board of directors election. Let's come together to share delicious food, great company, and discuss the future of our organization. Bring a dish to pass; WTHS will provide drinks, hotdogs and dessert!

Date: Tuesday, June 10

Time: 6:30-8:30

Location: Picnic tables by Dieterle Corncrib  
(Crossroads if raining)

## A MESSAGE FROM WTHS

Spring is always a time for renewal and growth. Your Historical Society Board of Directors is busy at work bringing new programs and events to the community. Your suggestions are always welcome and can be emailed to [wths@webstervillage.org](mailto:wths@webstervillage.org)



## APRIL WORK BEE

Heartfelt thanks go out to Martha Zeeb for organizing and leading the April Work Bee. Her chocolate chip cookies were a welcome treat throughout the work day. Our volunteers made sure the ditch was cleaned out, garden beds were tidied up and our historic buildings were swept and scrubbed from top to bottom. Thanks also go to the volunteer students from Dexter High School's National Honors Society. These motivated young people show up on time, are willing to do whatever is asked and get the work done with positive attitudes. We appreciate you!



## Keep a Lookout for Our Survey

WTHS plans to share a general survey with Webster Township residents in July. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us and we appreciate your time and thoughts!

This year, we are entering survey participants into a drawing to win a \$20 gift certificate to a local business of your choice.



## COMING SOON: AUDIO TOURS!!

Grant funding was awarded through the Dexter Wellness Coalition/5 Healthy Towns for new signs to be placed outside of each of our buildings in Webster Village and Crossroads Community Center. Each sign will include photographs of the building's interior, a brief history of the building, and a QR code that can be scanned by a smart phone to connect visitors to more in-depth audio recordings. This project will bring us another step forward as we move toward our goal of improving community engagement at the Village.

## FIELD TRIPS TO HISTORIC WEBSTER VILLAGE

We are excited to share that we have been developing field trip programs for school aged children at the Village. Students will visit each building to participate in engaging activities that aim to connect them to the history of our land and the challenges faced by those who lived here and settled the land before us. Activities will include lessons, hands-on experiences and role-playing. Our young guests will also have the opportunity to try chores and games from the 1800's on the Village Green. A pilot field trip for a group of local Girl Scouts is scheduled in July.

## LOOKING BACK...

### Spring Tea

Once again, our Spring Tea Event was a sold-out success. We are grateful to Anne Lask and Karen Hertenstein for taking the lead on this event to make it truly special.



The tables were set with beautiful china tea sets and themed decorations. Guests enjoyed delicious English tea sandwiches, scones, cookies and other sweet treats served by our Dexter High School NHS volunteers.

Diane Hall presented a detailed and fascinating history of vintage hats while our volunteers modeled her collection.

One very important guest at the Spring Tea was Gloria Brigham, who joined us on her 95th birthday. Everyone sang a jubilant round of "Happy Birthday" to honor her special day.



We concluded the tea with a silent auction to benefit the Historical Society. Select vintage hats, antique jewelry, tea sets, and other collectibles found new homes.



### Living Well with Chronic Pain



On April 12, WTHS welcomed Julie Gruber to Crossroads Community Center where she spoke about ways to manage life with chronic pain. The event was free and open to anyone interested in the topic. Julie presented great strategies for taking back the reins when dealing with pain. She also provided participants with helpful resources.

### Wine Tasting and Silent Auction



Attendees enjoyed our very first Wine Tasting event with *Wines for Humanity*. It was a lovely evening that included tasting a wonderful selection of wines from around the world accompanied by light food pairings. Guests also had the opportunity to bid on a



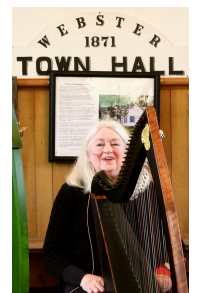
collection of fine auction items. Linda Szafran summed it up perfectly: "Great people. Well organized. Wonderful wine."

### CELTIC HARP CONCERT

Guests dodged the raindrops as they gathered in the Old Town Hall for our Celtic Harp Concert. Listeners were treated to beautiful music, with arrangements ranging from ethereal to celebratory.



Carol Kappus started the concert by performing wistful love songs from Ireland and Scotland. The second half included lively sing-alongs with the Ann Arbor Celtic Harpers. Champagne punch and an assortment of cookies were served as refreshments.





## RECIPE CORNER - DITA'S HOMEMADE RANCH DRESSING

Dita Albert offers us her Homemade Ranch Dressing recipe. The Webster Women's Social Club can attest to how delicious this dressing tastes! Creamy and flavorful, it's perfect on a fresh salad or as a dip for your favorite raw veggies. Put all ingredients into a mixing bowl and whisk together until smooth. Allow it to sit for at least one hour. This recipe makes about 2 cups and will be good for a week in the fridge. Adapted from barefootinthekitchen.com



### Homemade Ranch Dressing

1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 tsp dried or fresh dill  
1/2 tsp dried or fresh parsley  
1/2 tsp dried or fresh chives  
1/4 tsp onion powder  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1/4 tsp fine sea salt  
1/8 tsp finely cracked pepper  
1 Tbsp dill pickle juice

## WEBSTER WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Good fun and community connections are happening in the Webster Women's Social Club. Ladies, if you haven't had a chance to come for a meeting or field trip, don't hesitate to join in! In the past few months, the group has enjoyed nature and bird walks, lunch at Raterman's in Dexter, a personalized tour of Arbor Farms Market and monthly lunches at Crossroads Community Center.



To learn more, please send an email to:  
[anne@webstervillage.org](mailto:anne@webstervillage.org)



Visiting this link will provide you with more information about Webster Township's proposals, agendas and meeting schedules.

<https://twp.webster.mi.us/>

## DEXTER GARDEN CLUB GRANT

Thanks to a grant awarded by the Dexter Garden Club, several Happy Chappy ground-cover rose plants are now growing under our main signs at Webster Village. The grant included funds for the plants, compost and mulch. Thank you to Joanne Westman for securing the grant and to our Work Bee volunteers for preparing the flower beds!



Pictures by Brian Crane

# Upcoming Events

## NEED A RIDE? RIDE THE WAVE!



The WAVE (Western Washtenaw Area Value Express) bus system provides safe, affordable rides to **anyone** in the WAVE Coverage Area to **anywhere** in Washtenaw County for **any** reason with fixed routes and door-to-door service.

Consider giving them a call if you need transportation to any of our events. Fares are \$1 each way for Seniors!

Click the bus for more info. <https://ridethewavebus.org/> (734) 475-9494

We are adding new programs and events throughout the year.  
Keep an eye on our website for additional dates and information.

### Flea and Craft Market Saturday, June 7 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### Men's Mondays

Recurring  
every Monday  
throughout  
the year

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### Quarterly Member Meeting Potluck Picnic

Tuesday, June 10 6:30 - 8:30 pm

#### Supper Club with Maureen Thursday, June 19 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#### Bluegrass Jamboree\* Saturday, August 2 2:00 - 7:00 pm

#### Webster Women's Social Group Lunch Meeting

Last Tuesday  
of each month

12:00-1:30 pm

#### Webster Fall Festival Saturday, September 27 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Holiday Craft Sale Saturday, December 6 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday, December 7 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

#### Christmas in the Village\* Saturday, December 13 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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