



Quarterly Newsletter



June Member Meeting Potluck

Election Results, Ribbon Cutting, American Founding Documents Exhibit

This year's member potluck was an exciting one! We started with a ribbon cutting ceremony to christen the new Historic Webster Village water pump, recently installed by Cribely Drilling Company. State Representative Jennifer Conlin, America250MI Program Director Robert Doran-Brockway, Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce President Becky Cobler, WTHS Board Directors and WTHS members gathered around the pump for the ceremony. Becky spoke about the importance of fresh water, Robert shared how the America250 program is supporting and preserving local history and Jennifer presented a Michigan state flag to our board President Dita Albert.



After the ceremony, several visitors toured the historic buildings and dinner was served at Crossroads Community Center. The America250MI American Founding Documents exhibit was on display around the tables as we enjoyed conversation and delicious food. 5 Healthy Towns generously donated money to pay for the main dishes and a celebratory cake. See more photos on the [Detroit News website](#).

At 7:15, the Member Meeting commenced and the election ballots were counted. WTHS welcomes Janet (Mast) Stanfield and Eric Albert to the board of directors. Beth Sibray was elected as Vice President and Kris DeAngelo as Treasurer.

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5th Annual Flea and Craft Market and Documents Exhibit

WTHS hosted our 5th Annual Flea and Craft Market on June 6 from 10am - 4pm. We were relieved that the predicted thunderstorms held off and the sun shone brightly. This year, our historic buildings were open to visitors. To celebrate the 250th birthday of our nation, we displayed "The American Founding Documents" exhibit in May's Barn. Our village smithy, Shawn Spitz, demonstrated his skills at the forge while local singer Rachel Dresslehouse serenaded the crowds from 11-1 pm.



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Spring Tea

Vintage Handbags and Silent Auction

Our Spring Tea continues to grow in popularity and was sold out again for the third year in a row! Each table was decorated by a volunteer and adorned with beautiful trimmings from pearls to tulips and seed packets to honey pots. Our guest speakers, Jo Anne Diehl and Jacquie Katz, shared their passion for and knowledge about and history of their vintage evening handbag collections. Guests enjoyed tea, sandwiches and an assortment of cookies.



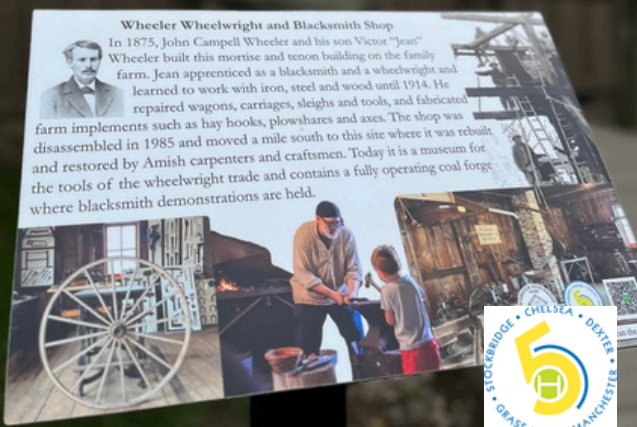
SPRING CLEAN UP



Many thanks go to the community members who were able to make the Spring Work Bee a great success. Led again by Martha Zeeb, everyone came together to get the work done! Seventeen volunteers from the WTHS Board of Directors, Dexter High School National Honors Society, Men's Monday, Webster Women's Social Club and the Webster United Church of Christ came to help with many spring clean-up projects on the list. The buildings are clean and the General Store received some fresh paint. The bushes were trimmed, gardens were weeded and the fall leaves were raked out of the ditch. WTHS provided pizza, cookies and drinks to the volunteers in appreciation of all their efforts.

Village Walking Tour Signs Complete

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 the Village and at Crossroads Community Center. Each sign includes photographs, a brief history of the building, and a QR code that can be scanned by a smart phone to connect visitors to more information. This project brings us another step toward our goal of improving community engagement at the Village.



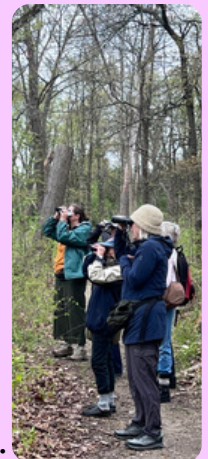
WEBSTER WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Ladies in the Webster Women's Social Club have been busy!

Several women attended another round of basketmaking and the baskets turned out beautifully. Thanks go to Mary Robinson for sharing her time, materials and expertise!

In late April, we met at Hudson Mills and enjoyed a bird-walk led by WTHS Admin Assistant Debi Bailey. The group stopped at a pavilion by the river for lunch.

If you are interested in joining please reach out to wths@webstervillage.org.



RECIPE CORNER -Asian Napa Salad

Beth Sibray shares this tasty salad recipe: a favorite for potlucks and weeknight meals.

Ramen Crunch:

1/2 cup butter
 2 tbsp sugar
 1/2 cup sesame seeds
 1-2 packages ramen noodles (gently crush in the package) **DO NOT USE FLAVOR PACKET**
 Saute butter, sugar, sesame seeds and crumbled noodles in a pan until browned. Cool on cookie sheet.

Into a large bowl add:

1 head of Napa cabbage washed and cut into bite sized pieces.
 4 green onions sliced
 Add ramen crunch and mix well. Toss with dressing (recipe below) and mix again to coat salad.

Dressing:

1/3 cup vegetable oil
 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon Soy Sauce



Thank you Dexter Firefighters!

Once again, our community firefighters showed up to set up the big tent in the village. We love that we can count on them to do the heavy lifting!

DEXTER GARDEN CLUB GRANT

We are grateful for another grant awarded by the Dexter Garden Club this spring. We will be planting hydrangeas in front of the Old Town Hall and will be able to mulch the garden beds. Big thanks go to Dave Polley for bringing the mulch.



Visit the link for Township information.
<https://twp.webster.mi.us/>

WTHS is grateful for the recent support received from Webster Township. These funds will be allocated to help cover operational, archive and maintenance costs.

Donations Galore!

We are fortunate to have received several unique donations from our community to help expand our historic collections.



Sue Sherril donated a variety of beautiful handmade period costumes for our docents to wear during events and open houses.



An early 1900's Student Art Desk, complete with a chalkboard and rolling scroll of drawing and painting examples, was donated by **Carol McCrae** and is on display at Podunk Schoolhouse. The desk belonged to her mother and traveled to Africa and back!

The **Men's Monday** group pooled together some cash and purchased two high quality portable first aid kits for WTHS. These complement our AED unit and will come in handy in the event of any type of medical issue or emergency during meetings, programs or events.



AED and CPR Training

Board director and retired Fire Chief Loren Yates and Dexter's Fire Department were instrumental in setting up a free AED and CPR training course for WTHS. The course was held at the Webster fire house and led by Joe Valentine and Ian Russel.



Participants had the opportunity to earn certification for \$25 dollars and the training was open to any members of the Webster Women's Social Club, WTHS Men's Monday, Webster United Church as well as residents of Webster Township. We are grateful for this opportunity and are working on setting up one more CPR/AED training class and may include First Aid training as well. More information will be shared on our website.



March Member Meeting

The March Member Meeting focused on sharing the results of our Community Survey, the trajectory of our Strategic Plan and included how these important processes will help to shape the future of WTHS. We were delighted to welcome some new members whose participation added fresh perspectives to the discussion. Members shared their ideas about programs, events, and other ways to build connections across the community.

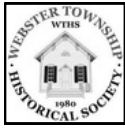
Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) Initiated

A WTHS team has started a Facilities Condition Assessment to assist with predicting probable facilities needs over the next decade. A prioritized list of projects, updated periodically, will help WTHS determine capital plans and seek funding where necessary. Eric Albert leads the team that includes Loren Yates, Rick Kleinschmidt and Mark Krecic. The project will be completed this summer.

Michigan in Perspective: Local History Conference

Gini Davis and Debi Bailey represented WTHS at this year's Michigan History Conference held at Oakland University in Rochester. The conference focused on the amazing contributions of people in Michigan's history, especially around metro Detroit. A big highlight was attending an evening reception and private tour at Rochester Hills Museum at VanHoosen Farm which has a rich agricultural history dating back to the early 1800's.





Upcoming Events



Consider giving the WAVE 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.

Men's Monday

Coffee, donuts and good conversation!

Mondays, ongoing throughout the year

10 am - 12 pm

Spring Tea*
Saturday, March 21 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celtic Harp Concert*
Sunday, May 31 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Flea and Craft Market
Saturday, June 6 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ribbon Cutting and Member Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Bluegrass Jamboree*
Saturday, August 1 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Webster Women's Social Club Lunch Meeting

Last Tuesday of each month

12:00-1:30 pm

Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Annual Conference
(registration required)
Saturday, September 12 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

43rd Annual Webster Fall Festival
Saturday, September 26 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Volunteer Appreciation Party
Saturday, October 17 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hallowe'en on the Village Green*
Saturday, October 24 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Woodturners Holiday Craft Sale
December 5 and 6

Christmas in the Village*
Saturday, December 12 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

WTHS Member 2026 Meetings

2nd Tuesdays
6:30-8:30 pm

Mar. 10 Guest Speaker at Crossroads

Jun. 9 Family Picnic in the Village

Oct. 13 Guest Speaker in the Village

Dec. 8 Holiday Potluck at Crossroads

BLUEGRASS JAMBOREE
Save the Date!
August 1
2-7 pm
We have yet another amazing lineup this year!
Tickets are now available online!

* Denotes Ticketed Event