

Dunham Tavern Museum *News*



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Get Ready for the 2009 Antiques Show



The 114th Annual Dunham Tavern Museum Antiques Show heads to a new location at the beautiful Lillian and Betty Ratner School at 27575 Shaker Boulevard in Pepper Pike on Saturday, November 28 from 11am to 5pm and Sunday, November 29 from 11am to 4pm. General admission, good for both days, is only \$10 per person and parking is free. As always, shoppers eager to get first peek at quality antiques and coveted collectibles from some 60 or so national dealers can make reservations for the Antiques Show Preview

on Saturday, November 28 from 9am-11am at \$20 per person, which includes admission to both days.

Antique-goers get to choose from a diverse selection of rarities from over sixty antique dealers. Visitors can also participate in a Silent Auction of collectibles and decorative arts thanks to museum members and noted antique dealers who make charitable donations to create an auction that includes a colorful array of seldom-on-the-market items.

As one of the longest-running antiques shows in America, dealers come from all over the east coast and Midwest to exhibit. Expect tickets to go on sale late September. For more up to date DTM information, visit the web site at DunhamTavern.org. For dealer information please email duntavern@sbcglobal.net.



Changes in Museum Staff

Dunham Tavern Museum welcomes new staff member Lauren MacClaren who will manage barn rentals and assist with events. Lauren is also employed at the Cleveland Clinic where she plans employee recognition events for the office of Service Relations in Human Resources. She has a degree in Modern European History and is excited to work for a local historical nonprofit.



Lauren MacClaren

While Lynette Filson continues to be Museum Manager for DTM since March 2009, Allison Tillinger Schmid was fortunate to be offered a full-time position for the Akron Art Museum, which she accepted in July. Allison will be missed. We wish her well and thank her for all she has done during her short time here.

Please introduce yourself when you see Lauren and Lynette at upcoming events!

To those who are committed to ensuring the success of Dunham Tavern Museum's largest fundraiser or for those who just enjoy lending a helping hand, we need you! Volunteers are needed for various tasks in preparation of the antiques show as well as during the event. Interested? Wonderful! Please email dunhamtavern@sbcglobal.net or call (216) 431-1060.

Keep Dunham's History Alive by Becoming a Docent

Would you like to be a part of sharing Cleveland's rich history by providing guided tours at the Dunham Tavern Museum? Many members of DTM are not aware of the need for docents and may even be unsure about what a docent does and what time commitment is needed to be a docent. Here's your FAQ's answered about being a DTM docent in the hope of dispelling the "fear of docenting" and helping members to realize that being a docent is not only an educational, but highly rewarding, activity.



1. ***What is a docent?*** A docent at Dunham Tavern Museum is an unpaid volunteer who leads tours of the museum. On these tours you translate knowledge of the history of the museum, the history of the Dunham family and the Cleveland area during the period from 1819 to 1870. You must also be able to identify and comment on the uses of the artifacts on display in the museum.

2. ***How can I obtain the information needed to be a docent?*** DTM has a docent manual. The current version has been prepared by Mary Loud. It covers information about the antiques on display (mainly taken from the first version of the manual prepared many years ago by the late Gordon Mott) and the history of the Dunham family and the Cleveland area in the Dunhams' time. This manual is a work in progress. Updates are issued any time sufficient new information has been accumulated to make it worthwhile. In addition to the docent manual, we have inventory of Dunham Tavern artifacts prepared by the late John Puskas. Each item on display has a number so if you don't know what it is and it is not mentioned in the manual, you can look it up in the inventory.

Each museum member who declares interest in becoming a docent will be sent a copy of the docent manual. In addition, an introductory class will be offered to any new docents so that they can get a hands-on introduction to the museum and its artifacts. The class will be conducted at the museum at a time convenient to all interested parties and will last from 3-4 hours or as two classes for 2 hours each, depending on preference. It is important that anyone who wishes to be a docent be willing to commit to the introductory class(es). In addition, there is a "cheat sheet" of the most important items to point out and points to bring out in each room to help get new docents started.

3. ***When are tours given?*** The museum is open for walk-in tours by individuals or small groups on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Currently the only holidays when the museum is closed are Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter. Instructions for the docent's duties on days the museum is open will be handed out and explained at the introductory docent class. Currently most docents work alone. If, however, you prefer to work with someone else, both of you can join together and we will be happy to accommodate your wishes. The museum caretaker, Tyrone Hatcher, is present every day the museum is open to provide security so you will never be alone.

In addition to the regular tours, DTM also offers special guided tours to groups who have an interest in the museum. These tours can occur on any day and any time. Normally, the Museum Manager takes the request and forwards it to the docent coordinator who then tries to find one or two (usually two) docents willing to conduct the tour. Tyrone Hatcher may not be available to provide security for such tours so docents should be careful to lock the door before they start the group on the tour.

4. ***How many hours does a docent have to commit to DTM?*** Normally we ask docents to commit to only four Wednesdays or Sundays per year, which amounts to one session per quarter. Every three months the docent coordinator makes up the schedule for that quarter and asks docents how many sessions they can cover that quarter. Some people do more in one quarter and then take a quarter off. It is possible to do four sessions in one quarter and take the rest of the year off.

Docents are not required to do any of the private tours. We would hope that, after completing their first year and have some experience under their belts, most new docents would be willing to take on at least one of the private tours per year.

5. ***Are there any "perks" to being a docent?*** Every year Dunham Tavern Museum holds a docent appreciation luncheon or dinner to honor those docents who have given of their time the past year. Of course, another big "perk" is the opportunity to increase your knowledge about history and antiques.

6. ***How do I sign up for the docent class?*** Please call our docent coordinator, Mary Loud, at 440-449-1983 or email her at mary.loud@gte.net.

Member & Donor Appreciation

Members and donors are the reason why the Dunham Tavern Museum exists today. These individuals, families and businesses understand the importance of preserving this historic landmark. Benefits for being a part of DTM include free admission, use of the museum's library, rental usage of the barn, and invitations to special programs and members-only events. For those who are able to contribute \$100 or more, DTM hosts a private appreciation reception. The Dunham Tavern Museum gratefully acknowledges everyone's commitment to the continuation and preservation of the museum and its gardens. Thank you!

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Jay's Garden Progress

Jay Szabo set out to create a viable market garden on Dunham grounds using organic methods. Since that time, he has found it both challenging and rewarding. Jay now has about 25 clients who regularly purchase a variety of eggplant, zucchini, tomatoes, beets, cucumbers and lettuce grown in the Dunham Market Garden. Challenges included soil preparation, weed control and marketability while the rewards offered delicious harvests, ease of maintenance and wonderful volunteers who helped tend the garden, making the first year of a market garden a worthwhile endeavor. Though the garden has been successful, recent theft and vandalism activities are currently being addressed, leaving costs verse profits at breakeven. For more updates and some luscious images of the produce, become a fan of the Dunham Market Garden on Facebook.

Dunham Commits to End Barn Debt

An anonymous donor set Dunham up to the challenge of retiring the Barn debt once and for all. The donor is willing to match contributions up to \$10,000 to help pay off the remaining \$23,000 debt. The debt was accumulated from the construction of the Barn ten years ago and we are ready for the challenge! Board Member and past President Barbara Peterson and her husband, Ted Peterson, have volunteered to direct this capital campaign and other capital improvements for the Barn. Please help eliminate the Barn debt by the end of November and we'll celebrate during the Candlelight Gathering in December. To send your donation, make a check payable to Dunham Tavern Museum and in the memo line write "barn debt". Stay tuned for more details as the campaign challenge progresses!



CWRU Volunteers at Dunham

Each year, Case Western Reserve University hosts the annual Case for Community Day. On September 25, several volunteers will come to the museum to help clean up Dunham's gardens and landscape to prepare for the winter. These volunteers include university staff, faculty, students and alumni who participate in a half-day of volunteer service throughout the Cleveland neighborhoods. Dunham Tavern Museum is fortunate to be a part of this wonderful tradition thanks to CWRU.

Dunham at Parade the Circle

For the 4th year in a row, DTM has provided hands-on activities with an historic twist for children to enjoy. Thanks to the dedication and creative inspiration of museum member Christeen Tuttle, over 800 children made their own paper quilts to take home.



Upcoming Events

9/20: Member's Potluck Show & Tell, 4pm at Dunham Barn

10/25: Pumpkin Carving, 4pm at Dunham Barn

11/28 & 11/29: 114th Annual Antique Show at The Lillian and Betty Ratner School

12/11: Candlelight Gathering at Dunham Barn

Museum hours: Wed. & Sun. 1-4pm
Office hours: Wed. 1-5 pm

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