



Dowagiac Area History Museum
‘Keep History Alive’ Fundraiser
September 23, 2026

Thank you for attending the 9th Annual
‘Keep History Alive’ Fundraiser for the Dowagiac Area History Museum.

Funds raised from the event benefit the museum’s general operations so it can remain a vibrant community institution.

Dinner this year is from Scott’s Pig Roast of Marcellus, appetizer trays by Railway Café. Desserts from Baker’s Rhapsody have been donated by an anonymous donor. Thanks to Marion Magnolia Farms for providing a great site for the event.

Silent auctions open at 6:00 p.m.

Silent auctions end at 6:55, 7:20, and 7:45
see color codes in final auction booklet

Live Auction will begin around 8:15 p.m.

Please use your assigned paddles

The raffle drawing for a Grand Prize of \$2,000 sponsored by the Friends of the Dowagiac Area History Museum will take place around 8 p.m. The ticket for the Grand Prize will be selected first, followed by 2nd and 3rd place.

All payments are made at the cashier’s table by
cash, checks, and all credit cards.

To avoid a line at the end of the evening, we encourage you to pay throughout the night. You may pay for all your items at the end of the night, but there will be a line. We have made some modifications to help speed up the line at the end of the night.

Thank you and we hope you have a fun evening

**Special thanks to the
Museum's Annual Major Sponsor
Lyons Industries**

Thanks to the Underwriters for this year's event

Diamond (\$5,000)

Don and Joan Lyons

Gold (\$1,000-2,499)

Jackie Bishop

Sid and Patty Drumheiser

Mno-Bmadsen

Mike Petersen

Paul Pugh and Kathy Johnson

Silver (\$500)

Dowagiac Area Federal Credit Union

Lynn Havel and Johathan Lucker

Imperial Furniture

Terri Moore

Terry and Pam Proctor

Sturgis Bank and Trust

Anonymous

Bronze (\$250)

Ausra Equipment

Zena Burns and Richard Jackson

Chi Ishobek

Matt and Beth Cripe

Four Winds Casino

Bonnie Latourette

Gary and Christine Shanafelt

Twisted Bee

Thank You To Our Auction Donors

1 st Choice Automotive	Terry and Ruth Ausra	Auto Zone
Candy Azevedo	Baker's Rhapsody	Beckwith Theater Company
Berrybrook Farms	Estate of Ann Biek	
Jackie Bishop	Rob and Connee Canfield	
Caruso's Candy Kitchen	China Garden	Cass Co. Council on Aging
Steve Comstock	Creative Vinyl Signs	Deck the Halls
Dowsett Chiropractic	Mary Ellen Drolet	Friends of the DAHM
Julie Farver	Hale's Hardware	
Hartman Auto Service	Hairitage	Barb Ickes
Imperial Furniture	Indian Lake Pub	
Tom Jerdon	Jim D's Auto Body	Steve Koshar
Bill and Sheila Krohne		
Don and Joan Lyons	Marshall Shoppe	
Helen Meyer	Midwest Energy Co.	Terri Moore
Niles Scream Park	Oak + Ash BBQ	Olympia Bookstore
Pizza Hut of Michigan	Mike and Phyllis Petersen	
Pam and Terry Proctor	Propaganda Pizza	
Quilted Oak Leaf	Napa Auto Parts	
Rosy Tomorrows	Scott Rose Photography	Schilling's Car Wash
Sister Lakes Brewing Co.	John and Sue Spivey	
Chuck Timmons	Tractor Supply Company	Twisted Bee of Dowagiac
Vincent J. Jewlers	Elaine S. Wilson, artist	
C. Wimberly Automotive	Wood Fire Trattoria	Doug and Ty Wyant
Wounded Minnow	Yarn on Front	Sly's Paracord and More
Indian Lake Hills Golf Course	The Strand	MonaCo Cleaning Services
Vickie Phillipson & Cottage Gallery		

*Any items listed with a business associated have been donated by that business unless otherwise noted.

Thank You to the Friends of the DAHM

This event does not happen without tireless effort from the board of the Friends of DAHM.

Ruth Ausra	Candy Azevedo	Julie Farver	Barbara Groner
Melissa Gunn	Ky'sha Johnson	Bill Krohne	Dave Moran
Pam Proctor			

Thank you to the Board of the DAHM, LLC.

Kevin Anderson	Zena Burns	Randy Gross	Don Lyons
Dave Moran	Michael Rowland		

Auction Listing

Silent Auction End Time 6:55 p.m.

1. Dowagiac bottles from early 1900s and Round Oak mug, donated by Tom Jerdon
2. 174-gallon detachable deck box from Home Depot, donated by ...Franks
3. Round Oak Chief Doe-Wah-Jack medallion store display, c. 1930s, donated by Jackie Bishop
4. Round Oak collection, including c. 1900 plate, trade cards, stick pins and other items, donated by Mike Petersen
5. \$30 gift certificate to China Garden
6. Rosy Tomorrow's basket (description to follow)
7. Vintage 1970s Bulova clock from the estate of Bob Schuur, donated by the Hairitage
8. History books and booklets on Niles and Berrien County plus Chieftanopoly
9. \$50 gift card to Propaganda Pizza in Sister Lakes
10. Framed print of watercolor by Cyndy Callogg. Callogg is an award winning artist out of Pentwater who has done work for the Audubon Society. From Estate of Ann Biek
11. \$25 Gift Certificate to Vincent J. Jewelers of Dowagiac
12. Cigars from Dowagiac's cigar store Puff-N-Go and a bottle of Bulliet Bourbon, donated by Pat and Ravan Bakeman
13. Round Oak catalogs and Round Oak grocery list advertisement, donated by Jackie Bishop
14. Quilt hand-stitched by Marilouise Hagenberg
15. Car Care Package: Two Gift Certificates for Oil Changes (regular or synthetic, up to \$75 value apiece) from Hartman Service Center of Dowagiac and Car Wash supplies from Auto Zone
16. Joy Susan wristlet, silver earrings and \$50 Gift Certificate to Marshall Shoppe of Dowagiac
17. Knitting package from Yarn on Front of Dowagiac:
18. Full set of car wash supplies, donated by Napa Auto Parts
19. Complete set of Round Oak Chief-Doe-Wah-Jack postcards, gold trim series, c. 1910s, donated by Jackie Bishop
20. Gardening tools and basket donated by Tractor Supply Company
21. Round Oak furnace door, thermostats and other Round Oak items. Donated by Helen Meyer
22. \$50 Gift Card to Indian Lake Pub
23. Set of Dowagiac High School yearbooks, The Wahoo
24. Round Oak advertising package, donated by Helen Meyer.
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26. Color changing ice bucket with wireless Bluetooth speakers, donated by Nancy Crowl
27. Coupon booklets good for 5 "Good" car washes at Schilling's Car Wash of Dowagiac (cost is \$10 per wash at the car wash)
28. Box of apples from Berrybrook Farms

29. Handmade charcuterie board and tabletop Lazy Susan, made of exotic woods, handmade and donated by John Spivey
30. Two Gift Certificates for a Large Pizza and Family Breadsticks from Pizza Hut

Silent Auction End Time 7:20 p.m.

31. 4 Triple Dog Dare certificates to Niles Scream Park—good for entry to all 3 interior haunted house attractions
32. Deck the Halls Dowagiac-themed basket, which includes:
33. Framed Heddon Fish Prints, c. 1940s. Donated by Bill and Sheila Krohne
34. 2 season passes to all productions of the Beckwith Theatre Company
35. Gift certificates from 1st Choice Automotive for a two-wheel alignment and a free oil change (up to \$100)
36. Original watercolor of a Dowagiac area scene, done by Elaine S. Wilson for her *Charting the Wolverine* Series exhibit. Donated by Elaine S. Wilson.
37. \$30 gift certificate to China Garden
38. Three hand towels/table runner crafted and donated by Marilu Franks
39. All Access Fitness Membership at the Cass County Council on Aging
40. Edgar Allen Poe-themed basket from Olympia Bookstore
- 41.
42. Package of goods from Dowagiac Liquidation
43. Chiroflow Professional Waterbase pillow from Dowsett Chiropractic of Dowagiac
44. Grease gun from anonymous donor
45. \$250 Gift Certificate from Imperial Furniture
46. Canvas print of ‘Morning Fishing Fleet’ in Sitka, Alaska, March 2022, photo taken by Steve Comstock.
47. Hand-made quilt, red/white/blue for America 250, made by Julie Winchester Farver of Quilted Oak Leaf Shop of Dowagiac.
48. Original nameplates from Dowagiac Steel Furnace Company and Excel Furnace, donated by Don and Lauren Woodhouse
49. Two tickets to the Notre Dame men’s basketball game of the high bidder’s choice. Tickets are great seats in lower bowl, Section 16. Arrangements to be made with donor, Mary Ellen Drolet.
50. Round Oak Base Burner finial and swingtop, c. 1910. Donated by Helen Meyer
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53. \$25 gift certificate and swag from Lakeview Bar and Grill of Sister Lakes
54. Framed print of Alice Lewis watercolor of a red barn, print #82/500 and signed by Alice Lewis
55. Gift certificate for an Event Photography Session from Scott Rose Photography, including USB of images and release.
56. Gift Certificate for a full interior auto detailing AND exterior polish/scratch removal at Jim D’s Auto Body Repair Shop. Donated by Jim D’s Body Shop (\$1,000 total value)

57. Pokagon Band of Potawatomi made Black Ash Basket, vintage c. early 1900s, donated by Steve Winchester
58. Basket of golf balls, golf equipment and Edward Jones mug and swag, donated by Kim MacGregor, Edward Jones.
59. Italian themed basket, featuring wine, pasta, Caruso's chocolate and more. Donated by Barb Ickes
60. Basket of essential oils and lotions from Jordan Essentials, donated by Cindy King
61. \$50 Gift Certificate to Indian Lake Pub
62. Dowagiac postcards, donated by Mike Petersen
63. Framed print of watercolor by Cyndy Callogg, signed by artist. Callogg is an award winning artist out of Pentwater who has done work for the Audubon Society. From Estate of Ann Biek
64. Digital photo frame, donated by Midwest Energy Co.
65. Box of apples from Berrybrook Farms

Silent Auction End Time 7:45 p.m.

66. Museum membership package featuring local history books and Sustaining Level membership (\$100 value) that gets reserved seating at programs
67. Vintage Independence Ironstone three-piece tea set by Castleton China, designed in the 1950s for American colonial revival decor. This is paired with Simpson & Vail dessert teas and coordinating napkins from Michel Design Works. The package has a retail value of \$100, donated by Cottage Gallery and Vickie Phillipson
68. \$100 gift card to Wood Fire Restaurant of Dowagiac
- 69.
70. Round Oak collection. Donated by Helen Meyer
71. \$100 gift certificate to Baker's Rhapsody
72. Stihl electric lawn mower, including battery and charger. Donated by Hale's Hardware
73. Two Heddon Fishing Tackle catalogs, 1951 and 1956, donated by Don and Joan Lyons
- 74.
75. Pizza Party for 4 at the Wounded Minnow. Package includes two 12-inch pizzas, order of SCMODS and four trips to the salad bar
76. \$250 Gift Certificate to Imperial Furniture
77. Round Oak finial for C and early D-model stoves, c. 1900, donated by Helen Meyer
78. Original watercolor by Alice Lewis of a pink flower, donated by Chuck Timmons
79. Canvas print of a former President Theodore Roosevelt in front of the Dowagiac Depot while campaigning for the Republican nomination in 1912. Donated by Creative Vinyl
80. Four brand new tires of your choice, up to \$800 total, from C. Wimberley Automotive Group
81. Bench planter, made by John Sly of Sly's Paracords and More, a regular at the Dowagiac Farm and Artisan Market.
82. Collection of Round Oak papers, donated by Helen Meyer

83. Celebrate Fall with this basket of Michigan wines—a spiced apple wine, black and blueberry wine and a spiced red wine—and gourmet popcorn and South Bend Chocolate Company chocolate pretzels. Donated by Terry and Pam Proctor
84. Gift Certificate for a full interior auto detailing AND exterior polish/scratch removal at Jim D’s Auto Body Repair Shop. Donated by Jim D’s Body Shop (\$1,000 total value)
85. Round Oak collection, donated by Jackie Bishop from collection of Dr. Marshall Bishop
86. Print of Rick Herter painting, *Mustang—Ode to a Classic*, #228/9500, signed by Herter, one of the World War II plane designers and Mustang WWII pilot with 14 ‘victories.’
87. Two tickets to Michigan State University football game, MSU vs. Oregon on November 20. Tickets are in Section 16, lower bowl, row 14. Donated by Rob and Connee Canfield.
88. \$20 gift card and assorted chocolates from Caruso’s Candy Kitchen
89. Round Oak advertising papers: Two catalogs, two trade cards and P.D. Beckwith brochure (1890s). Donated by Helen Meyer
90. Heddon #14, 9-foot bamboo fly rod, customized for former Dowagiac Mayor and Dowagiac Steel Furnace Company President Graham Woodhouse, plus a fly lure. Donated by Don and Lauren Woodhouse
91. Rare salesman’s sample of a Round Oak Moist-Air Furnace, c. 1920s. Donated by Helen Meyer
92. Dowagiac High School yearbooks, mostly ‘The Wahoo.’ Donated by Kathryn Steadman
93. Vintage Dowagiac souvenir pennants, c. 1950s. Donated by Tom Jerdon
- 94.
95. Framed print of watercolor by Cyndy Callogg, signed by artist. Callogg is an award winning artist out of Pentwater who has done work for the Audubon Society. From Estate of Ann Biek
96. Sister Lakes Brewery package: \$25 gift certificate, T-shirt, hat, two pint glasses, magnet and sticker
97. \$50 gift card to Dowagiac’s BBQ joint, Oak + Ash, donated by Oak + Ash
98. Box of apples donated by Berrybrook Farms
- 99.
100. Booze Basket from the Friends of the DAHM, includes: bourbon, rum, vodka, beer and win
101. 18-hole greens fees and carts at Indian Lake Hills Golf Course
- 102.
103. Lighthouse-themed basket, includes: lighthouse lamp, model of St. Helene, MI lighthouse, placemats, books on Great Lakes Lighthouses, Lenox salt and pepper shakers. Donated by Candy Azevedo
104. Gift certificate for a premium/luxury clean from MonaCo Cleaning Services. Certificate good for a 6-hour (total) residential or office interior clean on a mutually agreeable date. Valid in Cass, Van Buren, or Berrien counties. Travel outside the service area potentially possible for a small fee. Must be used by September 23, 2027.

Live Auction Around 7:45 p.m.

- 105. Four nights for up to four people in a two-bedroom, two-bathroom home on Drummond Island in Northern Michigan (Lake Huron). The winning bidder will have access to kayaks, canoes and bikes during the entire stay. Donated by Terry and Ruth Ausra.
- 106. Five tickets to the Indianapolis 500 'Indy car' race, Memorial Day weekend 2025. Donated by Don and Joan Lyons
- 107. Round Oak Stove, Model O-3, size 14 in excellent restored condition
- 108. Fall Colors airplane ride out of Dowagiac airport for two on a Cessna 172 Skyhawk, which won numerous awards at the EAA Venture Air Show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Donated by Steve Koshar, your pilot for the day.
- 109.
- 110. Round Oak calendar, framed, 1926. Donated by Helen Meyer
- 111. Shadowbox of Round Oak collectibles—to be auctioned off as 'Choice' of high bidder. Donated by Jackie Bishop
- 112. Two football tickets to #3 ranked Notre Dame vs. #16 ranked SMU on November 21. This is the home finale for 2026 with great seats at the goal line in section 6 of the lower bowl. Donated by Mary Ellen Drolet