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The official newsletter of the Downers Grove Historical Society



History Happened... at Tivoli Documentary Premiere Screening

Nearly a thousand people attended the premiere screening of the documentary “History Happens Here: The Tivoli Theatre” at the Tivoli Theatre on May 2. The documentary, created by Downers Grove filmmaker Jim Toth, tells the story of the historic theater and its current owners, Willis and Shirley Johnson. The film features interviews with the Johnsons, as well as CEO Chris Johnson, and provides a behind-the-scenes look at the theater’s 95-year history.

Note!

This printed newsletter is only a fraction of the news the Society has to share. For much more information, visit our website and sign up for the full email newsletter.

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The documentary is now available online for those who were unable to attend the screenings. To watch “History Happens Here: The Tivoli Theatre,” follow this link: youtu.be/Kx8s_4LbsVE

To learn more, and receive full news articles, sign up for our e-newsletter at **DGhistory.org**.

Save the Date!

For these upcoming Downers Grove Historical Society events!

Thursday, August 17

5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Members Only
Social Hour**

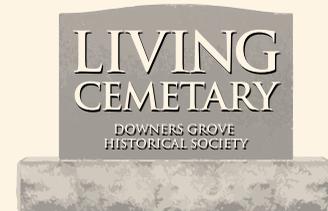
Goldfinger Brewery

Saturday, October 7

1:00 pm

**Montrew Dunham
Award Ceremony**

2023 Recipient –
Bruce Swanson
Lincoln Center



Saturday, October 21

10am – 12noon

Living Cemetery

Main Street Cemetery



Thursday, November 9

Time TBD

History On Tap

Various downtown locations



DG Museum Receives Award

The DG Museum has received an Award for Superior Achievement in Building/Site Preservation from the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) for the restoration of the Israel Blodgett House.

Learn more at DGhistory.org.

Too much news to print!

If you sign up to receive our e-newsletter, you'd get the full versions of the stories in this printed newsletter and you'd also learn all about:

- FREE Members Only Social Hour
- Flag Day Recognition
- 2023 Montrew Dunham Award Announcement
- DGHS Logo Facelift

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Founders Day 2023 – A Historic Happening!

If you attended any of the 12 events offered during this year's Founders Day week (Theme of "Finding Roots in the Grove"), we're sure you would say that all the hard work of the Founders Day Planning Committee paid off!

It was an Historic Happening with group outdoor activities, a Family Bike Ride, Walking the Grove, Wildflower Walk, Homesteading in the Burbs program, the Pine Hollow Golf Tournament and the Downers Grove Historical Society 2023 Founder of the Year Award Ceremony ... there was something for everyone. One huge highlight this year was the Downers Grove Historical Society Tivoli Event which featured Jim Toth's Tivoli Documentary and where Willis and Shirley Johnson received the well-deserved

DGHS 2023 Historians of the Year Award. When you add Country in the Park (where the DGHS booth of course served "Root" Beer!) to the list of activities, you have an Historic Happening!

Thank you all who attended this year. Founders Day 2023 is now on the books – but be ready for Founders Day 2024!

To read the full story of the Founders Day events, visit DGhistory.org and sign up for our e-newsletter!



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