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DARKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
the GARST museum

OUR MISSION

The Darke County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our county and fostering education on its relevance to the American experience. Our mission is to collect, preserve, exhibit, study, and interpret materials relating to the history and culture of Darke County, Ohio.

G.A.L.A. and Gathering at Garst-Together!

This summer, the 14th year of the FUNdraiser, will see changes to keep it on target for continued success. The once intimate Annie's Star-Spangled Gala in the Lowell Thomas meeting room at Garst evolved from a one-evening event featuring auctions, live and silent, and raffles along with an appetizer buffet to become a two-week silent auction, Annie's G.A.L.A. (Garst Alternative to Live Auction).

Annie's G.A.L.A. continues this year inside the Museum with an exciting change. The G.A.L.A. is happening with the Gathering at Garst! The G.A.L.A. is starting a month later than the June event of the past on Saturday, July 15 inside Garst and ending on Sunday, July 30 at 1 P.M., while the Gathering at Garst is happening outside on the Museum grounds. It's another opportunity for fun at the Gathering!

We are continuing the very popular Silent Auction ending July 30 at 1 p.m. Barbara Martin was the first chairperson of the Annie's Star-Spangled Gala, and her presence will be felt at the G.A.L.A. this year in the silent auction with a still-life painting that she created. There will be other paintings by noted local artists including Ruth Trittschuh and Bob Brubaker. Estate gems include a diamond bracelet watch and antique table. There are wonderful mid-century modern items including silver and crystal from those downsizing. Restaurant and store gift certificates and so much more will be available for bidding. The bidding can be done in person or by calling the Museum from July 15-July 30, Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All items can be seen on the auction website at www.garstgala.com.

During the G.A.L.A. weeks until the close of the auction at 1 p.m. on July 30, you can purchase balloons from the Balloon Tree for \$5 apiece with each balloon holding a mystery prize with a value of up to \$25 including shopping, restaurant, and grocery cards; discounts to the Garst Museum Store; and more. The intrigue of the mystery prize is so, so tempting! But, there is no mystery at the Target Raffle; play it safe and just drop your ticket in!

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Guests browsing through auction items at Annie's G.A.L.A. and the Balloon Tree with mystery prizes available for purchase.

Become a Member

Help support the Garst Museum by becoming a museum member today. Your donation makes a difference!

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| Individual: \$30 | Silver: \$500
(Includes Donor Recognition) |
| Family: \$50
(Household family members) | Gold: \$1,000
(Includes Donor Recognition) |
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(Includes Donor Recognition plus 4 Family Memberships) |
| Bronze: \$250
(Includes Donor Recognition) | |

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Garst Museum Membership Benefits Include:

- Garst Museum Newsletter
- 10% Discount in the Garst Museum Store
- Exclusive Invitations to Museum Events
- Free Admission to the Museum (depending on membership level)
- Free Access to the Research Center

Calendar of Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE FUN UPCOMING EVENTS!

Annie's G.A.L.A. from July 15 to July 30 until 1 p.m.

The Gathering at Garst from July 29-30

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MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday
10 AM-4 PM



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G.A.L.A. and Gathering at Garst–Together (cont.)

And, if you cannot wait to begin the excitement, the G.A.L.A. will include a **50/50 Drawing** (winner need not be present) with a minimum prize of \$250. Chances are \$5 each or 6/\$25, and tickets are available now! The 50/50 winner will be announced on Saturday evening during the intermission of the popular concert on the Museum grounds during the Gathering at Garst.

Yes, the original Gala event has changed over its 14 years but has continued to provide fun for visitors, unique treasures, and essential funds for operating the Garst Museum. Fun and philanthropy—they go together at the new G.A.L.A.!

G.A.L.A. Chair Meets Hooker in Pool!

True story! On a very chance meeting in a swimming pool in Florida last winter, the G.A.L.A. Chair Eileen Litchfield met Annie Oakley fan and rug-hooking expert Kathy Wright, a resident of Oxford, Ohio. It was on Kathy's to-do list to contact Garst Museum on return from her Florida trip to donate this fabulous hooked rug of Annie Oakley for the G.A.L.A.'s silent auction. Learning about rug hooking as an art form was new to the chair—and as exciting as meeting in the pool.

The 16"x 20" wool-on-linen hooked rug created by Ms. Wright has been on display at the Women's Hall of Fame in New York and featured in an edition of *R·U·G Hooking* magazine. Ms. Wright is the coordinator for the yearly Rug Hooking Week at Sauder Village in Toledo, Ohio. She has written books about this historic American art form and coordinates classes and workshops on the subject.

Ms. Wright visited Garst regularly and often stopped at the museum on her return trips from the Sauder Village event. She writes, "[Annie] is someone who can be looked at to this day as a role model for hard work, determination and freedom of expression."

The rug will be a featured Silent Auction item at the upcoming Garst G.A.L.A. Bidding can be done by calling Garst (937-548-5250) or stopping at the museum starting July 15 and ending Sunday, July 30 at 1 p.m.



This 16"x 20" wool-on-linen hooked rug was donated by artist Kathy Wright for the silent auction at the G.A.L.A.

A "Time & Materials" Collaboration

Drive through the park, and you will notice Scott and Lee Ann McAlpine prepping and painting the Lowell Thomas House to make sure it remains in good shape for the planned renovations that will be funded out of Garst's upcoming Capital Campaign. The McAlpines furnished the labor, and Daniel Jones donated the materials. The members of the Darke County Historical Society, Garst Museum staff, and members of the community appreciate the generosity of Scott, Lee Ann, and Daniel in helping to preserve this unique part of the museum's campus and local history.



Scott and Lee Ann McAlpine painting the Lowell Thomas House with materials donated by Daniel Jones.

Hold Annie Oakley's Gun!

...and imagine thrilling the crowd at Madison Square Garden and bowing after performances throughout Europe.

This opportunity has never been offered before! Dan Kagey, maintenance staff at Garst, is removing the gun from its display case in the National Annie Oakley Center at Garst Museum so that enthusiasts can hold Annie's 1910 J. Stevens .22 caliber deluxe target rifle with a Scheutzen butt.

Set your sights on the target days and times at Garst Museum during the Gathering at Garst. This extraordinary event will be from 12 p.m.–3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30 in the Pioneer Wing, directly behind the Lowell Thomas Meeting Room, with knowledgeable individuals available to assist. As a fundraising event sponsored by the Annie Oakley Center Foundation, the cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth under 18. Admission to the museum will be charged only if guests want to tour the facility beyond the Pioneer Wing.

Annie Oakley is a legend who lives on, and you can personally connect with history's most famous "sure shot." Have your picture taken like Dan did so you can impress your family and friends when you tell them that you held an authentic piece of history in your hands!



Dan Kagey is shown holding Annie Oakley's 1910 J. Stevens .22 caliber deluxe target rifle just as patrons will be able to do as a fundraiser during the Gathering at Garst.

Gathering at Garst Summer

The grounds of the Garst Museum will again come to life on July 29–30 for the Gathering at Garst! This year brings a lively array of unforgettable experiences for folks to enjoy. Artists and shopkeepers will offer their unique goods, pop-up kitchens and food trucks will serve culinary delights, musicians will fill the air with summer melodies, and kiddos will have a heyday in the "Buckaroo Barn!" Cannon booms, campfires, and historical re-enactors will again make the Living History Encampment a place of legend. Don't forget about the irresistible treasure hunt at our Last Chance Mercantile! And the Katzenberger Tavern is just the right spot to kick back, enjoy a cold pint with friends, and reflect on how sweet a tradition the Gathering at Garst is.

Plan on grabbing a bite of dinner and a scoop of ice cream while the highly acclaimed Deron Bell Band fills the evening air with jazz music at 8 p.m. on Saturday. The Living History Encampment again welcomes a roster of colorful characters—such as that ever-so-handsome heartbreaker "Silas the Rat Catcher"—that aim to educate and entertain. The youngsters will have a blast in the new Buckaroo Barn while saddling up a stick-pony to ride, winning prizes in the Buffalo Bill Bucket Toss, and hunting for treasure in the "Corn Maze."

The Gathering at Garst, above all else, is a sure-fire place to make long-lasting community memories! Mark your calendar and join us for this summer tradition at the Garst Museum!



Historical re-enactors at the Living History Encampment make our past come to life during the Gathering at Garst. (right)

Gathering at Garst hosts many shopkeepers and talented artists offering delicious foods and unique treasures for visitors to enjoy. (left)

