

# 2023 FoundersDay

FINDING ROOTS IN DOWNERS GROVE

This week-long event is a chance to celebrate Downers Grove's rich history. There's something for everyone.

## Saturday, April 29

**11am..... Pine Hollow Open Golf Tournament**  
Grab your clubs and play a part of history.  
*Location:* Belmont Golf Club  
*Fee:* Residents: \$24 Non-residents: \$28  
*Register:* 630.963.1306 - Clubhouse  
*Hosted By:* DG Historical Society & Park District

**1-2:30pm ..... Farm to Table: Heirloom Gardening**  
Learn all about heirloom plant varieties and historic farming practices.  
*Location:* DG Museum - 831 Maple Avenue  
*Check-in:* Montrew Dunham History Center  
*Register:* <https://tinyurl.com/3zxwb3ux>  
*Fee:* \$14 (dress for outdoors)  
*Hosted by:* DG Park District

**3:30pm..... Historic Site Dedication 2023 (Free)**  
Belmont Golf Club will be dedicated as a historic site.  
*Location:* Belmont Golf Club  
*Hosted by:* DG Historical Society

## Tuesday, May 2

**6-8pm ..... Tivoli Theater Documentary**  
An evening honoring Willis and Shirley Johnson, the owners of the Tivoli Theater, as "Historians of the Year 2023" and a special premiere screening of the documentary featuring the Johnson Family.  
*Location:* Tivoli Theatre - 5021 Highland Ave  
*Fee:* Members (free) Non-Members (\$5)  
*Register:* [www.dghistory.org/tickets](http://www.dghistory.org/tickets)  
*Hosted by:* DG Historical Society

## Wednesday, May 3

**6:30 pm ..... Homesteading in the Burbs (Free)**  
Listen & ask questions from our panel of local homesteaders, and learn about a sustainable life.  
*Location:* DG Library  
*Register:* <https://tinyurl.com/3dan99kh>  
*Hosted by:* DG Public Library

## Thursday, May 4

**6:30-8:30pm .... Our Precious Grove (adults only)**  
Learn strategies to help conserve and protect our amazing oak trees with guidance from Dr. Isabel Rivera of the Morton Arboretum.  
*Location:* Alter Brewery - 2300 Wisconsin Ave  
*Fee:* Donations accepted. Cash bar, pizza provided  
*Register:* <https://friendsoftheedwardshouse.com>  
*Hosted by:* Friends of the Edwards House & Pierce Downer Heritage Alliance

## Saturday, May 6

**9-11am ..... Walking the Grove**  
Self-Guided 5k and 10K Walk  
*Location:* DG Museum Annex - 831 Maple Ave  
*Fee:* Cost \$3 - Group walk begins at 9:30  
*Register:* On-site only  
*Hosted by:* [www.windycitywalkers.org](http://www.windycitywalkers.org)

**9-11am ..... Lyman Woods Wildflower Walk**  
Enjoy a spring walk surrounded by the wonders of nature.  
*Location:* Lyman Woods - 901 31st Street  
*Register:* <http://www.pdha.org>  
*Hosted by:* Pierce Downer Heritage Alliance

**9am..... Family Fun Bike Ride**  
*Location:* SE corner of Fishel Park  
*Register:* [www.downersgrovebicycleclub.org](http://www.downersgrovebicycleclub.org)  
*Duration:* 4 or 10 mile routes can be taken  
*Hosted by:* DG Bicycle Club

**11:30am ..... Recognition of the Founder of the Year (Free)**  
Abigail Stearns Root - honoring women in local history.  
*Location:* Main Street Cemetery  
*Hosted by:* DG Historical Society

**12-3pm..... Country in the Park**  
Petting Zoo, Games, Exhibits and Live Music - "Songs of the Civil War" at 12 & 1pm  
*Location:* DG Museum - 831 Maple Ave  
*Sponsor:* DG Park District, Library & Museum; Petting Zoo sponsor the Grove Foundation



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