Antique Show & Farm Fest
Activities Enjoyed by Many

Hundreds of guests came to the farmstead on June 23 and 24 to buy antiques from 14 dealers, watch craftspeople do paper quilling, cedar shingle making, quilting, and hay baling, see a variety of tractors and steam engines, enjoy good food and music, tour the farmstead and special Greenview sites, learn about Civil War encampments, find flea market treasures to take home, and watch vintage baseball.

Dr. Gregory Kane and his 10th Illinois Cavalry Regiment set up their encampment for the weekend, complete with their horses. A nurse, who also served as cook, made hot meals over an open fire each day. She had a wonderful display of medical supplies that would have been used during battle. On the second day of the event, the camp laundress was there demonstrating and explaining her role as it related to the war effort.

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Historic Structure Study Completed

At the recommendation of Landmarks Illinois, an historical structure study was done by architect Dave Leonatti of Springfield. The goal was to prioritize restoration projects and qualify for more grants. Mr. Leonatti specifically looked at the stability of the building (tuck-pointing and brick repair, etc.), openings that might allow for moisture infiltration, condition of the doors, windows, and dormers, and the need for gutters on the north annex. He also made recommendations for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

As anxious as we are to begin rebuilding the conservatory and restoration of the parlor, hallway, and stairs, stabilization measures must be taken to protect those projects. Soon chimney caps, roof step flashing and eave flashing will be put in place, and shake siding dormers will be replaced. After this,

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From the President’s Desk

The lazy days of summer have come to an end. Kids are settled into their school routines, and adults are spending less time maintaining lawns and flower beds. Fall colors are emerging. In the Midwest, autumn never seems to be long enough before we start bundling up, but we enjoy its sights, smells, and activities while we can.

The change of seasons is all part of the circle of life. Looking at our families, we realize that we, too, are part of that circle. One of the articles in this newsletter mentions that the great, great, great great grandsons of John Marbold, the founder of the farmstead, helped raise the cow for the beef auction. Two of our members are the great, great granddaughter and the great granddaughter of John. Other members are descendants of those who once worked on the property or on the “satellite farms” that John owned.

Could he have ever imagined the traffic that now rolls past this site? Wouldn’t his daughter-in-law Margaret have been awed by the household conveniences that we enjoy today? How shocking would it be to see women in shorts and tank tops and men with “etchings” on their skin? To say nothing of most of us talking into those flat, rectangular boxes!

Conversely, it would be fascinating to witness what their work days were like. I can imagine the delicious meals, made with home-grown ingredients, that were set upon the dining room table daily. In the 1890s, they might proudly show us a new harness or set of chairs recently ordered from the Sears Roebuck catalog and delivered that very day.

I like to think that they would be pleased and proud that generations of people who came after them cared enough about their property and their legacy to preserve both. It is a gift that will keep on giving for generations to come, as the circle of life continues.

Diane Masters, President
Menard Electric Donates to HMFA

Menard Electric Cooperative general manager Alisha Anker and board president Jay Frye presented a $4,000 donation to HMFA board members during the association’s monthly meeting on July 10. HMFA was chosen as one of three recipients this year for the CoBank’s Sharing Success program, which matches donations made by Menard Electric to organizations chosen annually by the co-op’s board of directors.

Charlotte Wohler, past president of HMFA, wrote the application for the grant. The intention is to use the funds toward the restoration/replacement of doors for the north annex, which is comprised of the summer kitchen, carriage house, wash house, and smoke house.

Ms. Anker said, “Menard Electric is happy to be able to partner with the CoBank to provide the funds. The dedication and passion of the board members was evident here tonight as they discussed bringing history to life in the local area.” Jay Frye commented, “Concern for community is one of our founding principles, and our board is pleased to participate in the Sharing Success program to support groups like Marbold Farmstead that bring a true value to our local communities.”

Menard Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy, an alliance of more than 750 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country. The co-op serves more than 10,700 meters over 2,590 miles of line in parts of Cass, Logan, Macon, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, and Tazewell counties. HMFA thanks Menard Electric and CoBank for this generous gift.

Structure Study
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19th century-style half round gutters and downspouts will be installed on the four outbuildings of the north annex. As funds allow, soffits, fascia, and trim will be addressed. After this, masonry and leaky doors and windows will be taken care of. All this work takes time, money, and patience.

Bids were received from several contractors, and Damon Dennis of Illinois Builders was chosen to serve as general contractor. He has 28 years’ experience in the construction business and has worked on such buildings as the Iles House and the Strawbridge-Shepherd House in Springfield. We look forward to working with Damon and completing projects one by one as funds allow. Whenever a grant that we qualify for is found, application is made. HMFA events, as well as the generosity of donors, also bring in funds. Please consider a tax-deductible gift so that work to stabilize and protect the house can move along. Plans for a public capital campaign are in the works so watch for updates.

Annual Dinner and Meeting to be Held in January

Mark your calendars for a special evening on Monday, January 14, when HMFA will hold its annual dinner and meeting at the First Baptist Church on Rt. 29 in Greenview. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dave Leonatti, the Springfield architect who did the historic structure report. He is with the firm of Melotte, Morse, Leonatti, and Parker, LTD. Dave is also a freelance writer and self-professed “music nut.” He plays in the NPR Illinois All Star Band, and in the 1980s started the Nightsounds program.

The president’s and treasurer’s reports will be presented, and ten door prizes will be awarded. The cost of the meal is $16, payable at the door. Hamilton’s Catering will serve roast turkey, sage dressing and giblet gravy, baked premium ham, whole cranberry sauce, peas with mushrooms, mashed roasted garlic potatoes, rolls, coffee and iced tea, and made-from-scratch German chocolate cake for dessert.

Please join your fellow members for an evening of good company, delicious food, and an informative meeting that will keep you in the loop about what is going on at the farmstead and future plans! Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor; all are welcome. Please be sure to RSVP on the green envelope for those who get a printed newsletter or e-mail Louise Browne at gamab@mchsi.com. You may also call her at 217-968-5620. The caterers will need to know the number of meals to prepare by January 1. We look forward to seeing you!

2019 Memberships Due

In order to save on postage costs, enclosed in the printed newsletter is a 2019 membership form. All members are asked to fill out the form so that complete information is available. Some pieces of members’ information may be missing, and others may have had a change of phone or email. Returning the form, along with a check for dues, by December 31 will be appreciated. Those who receive the newsletter by email will receive an attachment to copy and return. Our members are valued, and together we can achieve great things!
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Both days Susan Wilson, dressed in period attire, gave walking tours of the farmstead. In each group, there were people who have driven by the farmstead for years and always wanted to see it. Rodney Dimmick served as tour guide on the Stier trolley that took guests to important Marbold family sites on Sunday. Mike Stier’s willingness to donate use of his trolley and serve as driver at events is greatly appreciated. His family has a connection to the farmstead, and he feels that this is his way of contributing to the HMFA mission.

Saturday evening a large group of guests watched a vintage baseball game between the Chicago Salmon and the Springfield Long Nine. Players wore uniforms from the late 1800s and played by the rules of that time. The crowd enjoyed the plays and antics of the spirited competition. Afterward, they were provided Sara and Kevin Killebrew’s meal of fried chicken and all the trimmings.

Special guests Bonnie and Chris Leins made a trip from Walkersville, MD, to present a framed sketch of the main house drawn by Bonnie’s father. Bonnie is related to the Marbold family and had never been to the farmstead. She also provided some old family pictures. (See photo on the photo insert.)

Sunday afternoon the ticket was drawn for the 1/8 beef that had been raffled. Winners were John and Rhonda Grosboll of Petersburg. The idea for the raffle originated from board member Melody Bredberg, and the cow was raised by Henry, Laura, Gavin, and Bradley Marbold of Rochester.

This successful event would not have been possible without the sponsorship of many local companies, including the premier sponsors, Indian Creek Farmstead and Greenview Village Board. They allowed us to provide musical entertainment, tents, advertising, and more. The Rotary Club of Mason City kindly provided members who helped direct parking.

Volunteers were treated to a thank-you dinner on July 9 at the Greenview CIA, where HMFA board members provided food for the evening. HMFA is grateful to each and every person who contributed to a successful weekend!

Volunteers Maintain Farmstead Grounds

Those who have helped keep the house and property maintained in the best shape possible since spring are greatly appreciated by HMFA! Nathan Wood, one of HMFA’s in-kind sponsors, donates mowing service and deserves a shout-out. Passers-by definitely take a positive note of the farmstead’s appearance! (See photos on the photo insert.)

State Representative Butler Visits Farmstead

State Representative Tim Butler of the 85th district and his assistant, Rachel Tabor, made a visit to the farmstead on August 8. Charlotte Wohler and Diane Masters of HMFA gave them a tour and answered questions about the history of the site and the Marbold family. Representative Butler was impressed with the progress made since the property’s acquisition by the association and assured HMFA that he would be glad to write any letters of introduction that would be beneficial.

Representative Butler was recently named co-chair of the governor’s Bicentennial Commission. He is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and has served in his present position since 2015. He will be the presenter of student art awards at the September 29 Arts and Crafts Festival. His time and support are appreciated!

From Trash to Treasure

If you live in the Greenview area, consider cleaning out your cupboards, basement, and attic to see what items you may no longer want. The items might become someone else’s treasures at HMFA’s “garage sale” on October 12 and 13. This event coincides with the Greenview city-wide garage sale. Having a sale is a lot of effort, so let HMFA do the work and you will be donating to a good cause. Sale hours are 3-7 on Friday, October 12, and 8-12 on Saturday, October 13. Come and shop during those times for items you may be looking for yourself!

Items in good condition may be brought to the farmstead on October 10 and 11 from 4-7 p.m. We will be glad to mark prices on them if you do not wish to do so. Large appliances, TVs, or other electronics cannot be accepted. At the end of the day on October 13, there will be a Salvation Army truck on the square in Greenview, and all unsold items will be taken there. Larger items, such as a piece of furniture that did not sell, will need to be picked up the following week by those who donated them. If prices are reasonable, most things will “go”!

The sale will be inside the main house. 100% of the proceeds from the sale will go toward restoration of the farmstead. Thank you in advance for your participation!
Our Mission

The not-for-profit Historic Marbold Farmstead Association is dedicated to the creation of a living history farm at the Marbold Farmstead south of Greenview, Illinois, by:

- Educating the public about the historical significance along with the cultural and agricultural heritage through hands-on learning opportunities for children through adults
- Preserving, restoring and rebuilding the farm, including the house and remaining outbuildings, and preserving the site in general as an interpretive agricultural and historical attraction circa 1890-1910

Special Thanks!

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  - Greg McKinney, Webmaster

- Donors
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