

MARBOLD QUARTERLY

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Historic Marbold
Farmstead Association



Landmarks Illinois Continues Its Support of Marbold Farmstead Renovations

Landmarks Illinois, the only statewide not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to the preservation of Illinois' historic places, provided matching funds through the Preservation Heritage Grant to assist with the placement of half-round gutters and downspouts on the north annex—the wash house, smokehouse, carriage house, and summer kitchen.

Illinois Builders recently installed the gutters and downspouts which have been missing for years. They were greatly needed to halt the deterioration of the bricks from years of rain. Old photographs gave proof of a half-round guttering system.

To have the north annex buildings saved from further weather-related issues and look great at the same time is exciting and encouraging as restoration plans move forward.



Landmarks Illinois has recognized the farmstead in another way, as well. This organization began recognizing the “Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois” 25 years ago. The farmstead was fortunate to be listed in 2012 as one of the “Top Ten Most Endangered” sites. To recognize the 25th anniversary of the program, LI reviewed their past endangered sites and chose

a “Top Ten” list of which the Marbold Farmstead is one. This is an honor and a recognition of the importance the farmstead plays in preserving the state's history. Former LI President Brad White said in 1995 when announcing the inaugural list, “We hope by announcing this “Top 10” list, preservation solutions can be found for these sites.” LI considers the “Most Endangered” program as “the best way to bring attention to threatened sites in the state.” Visit their website, www.Landmarks.org, to read about all the historic sites listed for LI's 25th anniversary promotional program.

From the President's Desk

It is gratifying to look back over the past quarter and know we have accomplished so much! Most of the chimneys have copper flashing, chimney caps now seal the chimneys and gutters and downspouts grace the north annex. Due to ground hog damage affecting a large portion of the foundations, concrete and masonry work have been accomplished, stabilizing the house from future problems. Upcoming work will involve tuck-pointing around the windows and dormer repair, restoration and painting. Isn't it great to see work being done? And, that happens because of YOU—our members, donors and supporters!

This issue will inform you about the happenings at the farmstead—past events, recognition, fundraising, education opportunities and more. Enjoy reading about each one. The board of directors takes seriously the decisions necessary to continue the work of creating a living history farm. We appreciate hearing from our members and supporters who say, “You are doing a great job!” “You've made so much progress.” “The place looks great!” Thank you for acknowledging our efforts and encouraging us with your kind words.

Encouraging words are very helpful, and as much as we love hearing them, we want to encourage you to support our efforts through a gift that will allow us to carry on our restoration plans. Our 2019 Capital Campaign indicates our desire to install electrical, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems—expensive projects. We're working hard to raise funds as you will read, so if you can provide a donation, we will use it to move our efforts forward. Did you know we have a “Donate” button on our website? It makes donating easy. Thank you in advance for your support, for “There's no place like the Marbold Farmstead.”

Charlotte Wohler, President

Save the Date: Marbold Artisan Fair

Plans are being made for the September 7 Marbold Artisan Fair, a plain air with local and area artists, a student art show, and much more. Check the website as the date approaches or call Kathy Olesen (341-0757) for more information.



Wm Crook Jr creates line drawing of the farmstead

HMFA Hosts Two Successful Fundraising Events

The Marbold Spring Dinner and Auction was held on April 20. Approximately 120 guests enjoyed music by Wild Columbine, delicious food from McCormick's Catering, specialty cakes from Red Barn Desserts, and a great venue at Indian Creek Farmstead. A variety of silent and live auction items (some of which are shown below) were available for guests to bid on. Ron and Sue Sanert auctioned some items and guests left with their winnings. HMFA is grateful to the many businesses and donors who supplied an array of items. Visit our website to see the complete list. The event raised over \$8,000.



Many thanks to all who purchased tickets for these two successful fundraising events. The funds are earmarked for restoring the farmstead.



On May 6, Hand of Fate Brewery hosted a comedy night featuring John Means, aka Dr. Gonzo. He held the audience's attention with a variety of comedic stories, a bit of music and a lot of fun for the 60 guests present. The crowd

enjoyed this light-hearted evening. A 50/50 drawing was won by Cheri Olesen and a lovely cast-iron garden container, filled with an assortment of items, was won by Joyce Conklen. This event raised \$1,700.

Farmstead Hosts Teachers



June 5 was their last day of school, but Greenview teachers made time for a "field trip" to the farmstead at the invitation of HMFA. Many of the students at the school have participated in Farm Day, but some of their teachers had never been to the site. They learned the history of the family and the property and viewed the furnished model of the home made by two volunteers, Paul White and Brenda Edwards, seeing the potential for the interior renovation. Each teacher was given a list of ideas to incorporate into lessons, including county history, immigration, art, and creative writing. Tour leaders Charlotte Wohler, Susan Wilson, and Diane Masters were proud to show them part of Greenview history in whose restoration HMFA takes great pride.

Board of Directors Visits Iles House

The Marbold Board of Directors and guests were given a private tour of the Elijah Iles House, the oldest house in Springfield on Tuesday, April 30. HMFA's contractor and project manager, Damon Dennis of Illinois Builders, was a vital part of the restoration of the Iles home. He explained details of restoration and showed examples of challenges faced during the restoration process. The overall result was a great learning experience for the board. All agreed it was a great way to visualize how the Marbold Farmstead can look one day. Thank you to docents Logan McMinn and Connie Sims for the informative tour.



L to R, Back: Tim Bredberg, Jeff Augustine, Diane Masters, Louise Browne, Kathy Olesen. **Front:** Melody Bredberg, Linda McCaffrey, Doris Decker, Charlotte Wohler, Lois Adams, Damon Dennis

Farm Day Enjoyed by Greenview Elementary Students



Greenview Elementary students, grades 2, 4, and 5, came to the farmstead on Friday, May 10. They were divided into groups, visiting four stations to experience and to learn about rug making, bee keeping, making sauerkraut, and to experience an 1883 schoolhouse. Students enjoyed seeing household and kitchen items from long-ago, giving them a perspective of how life was lived in the past. HMFA is grateful to Sara Jane Swaar and Warren Swaar for demonstrating how to make sauerkraut, to rug maker Christina Younkens and to beekeeper Dale Brooks. Board members also assisted in making the morning a success.

A two-day surveying unit was presented to the fifth grade class by Susan Wilson who explained the surveying process and tools like those used by Abraham Lincoln. Students were then able to use their skills on site at the farmstead. Thanks to Cindy Rankin for helping with the surveying and explaining the old kitchen utensils once common in the home.

HMFA appreciates Superintendent Ryan Heavner's willingness to allow students to participate in Farm Day. Thank you to teachers Elizabeth Tippitt, Payton Jeckel, and Michele McKinney. A special thank you to Indian Creek Farmstead for sponsoring the fifth-grade surveying unit. Farm Day accomplishes the mission and goal of educating current generations about farming and farm life circa 1900.



Twining/rug making demonstration



Surveying practice

Never Too Young To Be a Volunteer

Volunteers play an important role at the Marbold Farmstead and HMFA has been blessed with many wonderful, supportive volunteers. Whether it's at the monthly workdays or 'manning' events—volunteer help is needed. These pictures show 3 young volunteers, who it is hoped will continue volunteering throughout the years ahead.



Kendall plants flowers



Henry & Eli pick up limbs and sticks



Thank you to all who are willing to say, "Sure, I can help do that!"

Antique Show & Farm Fest Held June 22-23

By the time you read this issue of the Quarterly, the June 22-23 Antique Show & Farm Fest will be one for the history books. The event committee worked diligently and consistently over many months, signing up antique dealers and flea market vendors, food service providers, musical entertainment, historical programming, craftsmen/demonstrators, tractors and engine owners, as well as scheduling volunteers and much more. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

The event brings an array of guests to the site where they can enjoy a day in the country, observe restoration work, and learn some history of the family and farm. **History**—an important aspect of the Marbold Farmstead. (Details and pictures will be featured in the next Quarterly.)



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 hand-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*

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Upcoming Events

July 6	Work Day at the Farmstead	9 a.m.
July 7	Sunday Tours	2 & 3 p.m.
July 11	HMFA Board of Directors Meeting Athens Public Library	7 p.m.
July 21	Sunday Tours	2 & 3 p.m.
Aug 1	HMFA Board of Directors Meeting Athens Public Library	7 p.m.
Aug 3	Work Day at the Farmstead	9 a.m.
Aug 4	Sunday Tours	2 & 3 p.m.
Aug 18	Sunday Tours	2 & 3 p.m.
Sept 1	Sunday Tours	2 & 3 p.m.
Sept 5	HMFA Board of Directors Meeting Athens Public Library	7 p.m.
Sept 7	Marbold Artisan Fair	
Sept 15	Sunday Tours	2 & 3 p.m.



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