

# MARBOLD QUARTERLY

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Historic Marbold  
Farmstead Association



## Something for Everyone at the 7th Annual Antique Show & Farm Fest

Hundreds of guests visited the 7th annual June event, despite the less than friendly wet weather. However, the event was well-received by those attending. Guests were able to shop and purchase great antiques, wonderful creations made by craftsmen, and some super flea market finds.

Also included in the weekend were great historical programs. On Saturday Larry Werline portrayed Gen. U. S. Grant and captivated his audience with historical facts and information. Shown at right, Mr. Werline bears a close resemblance to the general. Thanks to the 108th Illinois Regiment Field Hospital whose men were present on Saturday, displaying an array of medical instruments that would have been used during the Civil War. Event goers also were able to listen to Linda Raphael, both Saturday and Sunday, as she presented Dr. Mary Walker, the only female surgeon of the Civil War. Her story is unique, for she supported a war where women were not allowed or wanted. Making her way as a surgeon was not the only achievement as she was an abolitionist, suffragette, medical school graduate, and the only female Medal of Honor recipient. Dr. Walker wore pants under her uncomfortable dresses, making it easier to do her job.



Also featured on Sunday was Art Wilson from the Underground Railroad Committee in Jacksonville. Guests intently listened as Art explained about residences that sheltered hundreds from the grip of slavery. Art works with the Morgan County Historical Society, where they are working to develop Woodlawn Farm into a living history museum to educate and explain Jacksonville's role with the underground railroad.

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## From the President's Desk

How quickly the 4th quarter has arrived! I think in part it's because of the amount of work that has been accomplished at the Marbold Farmstead. Starting early in July repairs to the soffits, dormers, and trim work were made, and tuck-pointing and painting was begun. These areas are now transformed from unsightly to outstanding. Check out the article and photos on the insert that give the details of the restoration work.

Fundraising continues and currently we are seeing slow but steady headway. The money is used for repairs and renovations for the house. We are thankful for those who have been generous with their gifts! Look for the donor list in this issue.

We have held two great fundraising events, and I would be negligent if I did not acknowledge our volunteers who worked so hard to make them successful. Volunteers do an assortment of jobs—mowing, weeding, cleaning up limbs, pulling weeds, washing windows, cleaning the house, working events (the parking area, electrical setup, admissions, food stand, and more!) Many hands are needed to undertake our events, and we are grateful for each person who helps us! Also, I am appreciative of our board of directors (all volunteers) who help plan and execute our events, as well as meet monthly, or more often, to make decisions regarding the direction and plans for the farmstead.

Looking ahead, restoration and fundraising will continue. We want to keep the momentum going. We are willing to work hard to make it happen, and we hope you will continue your support, for there is no place like the Marbold Farmstead.

*Charlotte Wohler, President*

## Mark Your Calendar!

Make plans to attend the 2019 Marbold Farmstead Annual Meeting on Friday, January 10, 2020, at 6:15 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Greenview. In addition to dinner, the evening will include:

- Program, to be announced
- 2019 annual Report by the president and treasurer
- Election of 2020 officers
- Awarding of door prizes

Reservations are required by January 6, 2020. Call Louise Browne at 217-968-5620. Membership dues can be paid at the meeting.

**2019 Capital Campaign Donations\***

(March 21-September 12, 2019)

**Up to \$499**

- Anonymous
- Lee Bacon and Debbie Lewison
- Harvey Bailey
- Karen Baker
- Diane and David Bergman
- Suzanne Blackburn
- Ann Broch
- Randra Church
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- Teresa Fesen
- Barbara Justin
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**\$500 to \$999  
(Apprentice)**

- Anonymous

**\$1,000 to \$4,999  
Journeyman**

- Doris Decker
- Evelyn Smith
- Evelyn Brandt Thomas

**\$5,000 to \$9,999  
(Tradesman)**

- Anonymous
- Windridge Farms

*\* These donations are for the 2019 Campaign and do not include contributions on pledges for the previous campaign.*

**Brick Walkway Continues to Grow**

Next time you are at the farmstead, check out the brick walkway on the south side of the house. Thanks to all who have purchased bricks and to Ken Sullivan for his help in positioning each one. Consider supporting HMFA by ordering a brick in honor or memory of someone or to recognize an organization, a graduating class, or yourself. Information and forms are available on our website.



**Tour Schedule Revised for 2020**

The Sunday tour schedule has been revised! Tours will now be given on the third Sunday of each month, starting on June 20, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and ending on September 19.

If you wish to make an appointment to come visit the farmstead, call Charlotte at 217-341-8293 to arrange a date that works for you.

**Artisan Fair Features Artists, Musicians, and Craftsmen**

The Artisan Fair on Saturday, September 7, was blessed with a beautiful day with visitors filing onto the property and enjoying great food, music, craftsmen, artists, the student art show, history, and more! Thanks goes to the artists (Rich Ford, Nichole Kinney, Nicole White, Kathy Roe, and Kevin Atterberry) and craftsmen (Ben Watkins, Carole Harp, Christina Younkers, Suzette



Krummel, Donna Sarff, Sue Smith, Beth Bush, Dale Brooks, Pat Heetel, Indian Point Hills Alpaca's, and Herschel and Jodie Carriger). A special thank you to the entertainers (Larry Dirks, The Roastineers, and Kathy Olesen) who provided the crowd with an assortment of great music.

Others who deserve acknowledgment are Nicole Griffith, eco-printing; announcer Ben Kiningham; Jenelle Collins, photography; Barbara Van Dyke-Brown, tours; art teachers DeShea Swaar and Diane Zobac; Kate Becker, art judge; Heather Carter, butterfly expert; Illinois Brick Company for providing rocks for the rock painting; Kayla at Petersburg Dairy Queen for gift cards; the volunteers and the event committee.

We are hoping for another great Artisan Fair in 2020!



(See more Artisan Fair photos on the insert.)



## Restoration Progress Made During Busy Summer

Scaffolds, lifts and ladders, oh my! All were equipment needed to accomplish the restoration of the soffits, dormers, trim work, tuck-pointing, and stabilization of the house. Immediately after the June event, Damon Dennis evaluated the foundations and found an invasion of groundhogs! Brick mason David Vaughn assessed the east parlor wall and found it to be three inches off plumb. Not a good

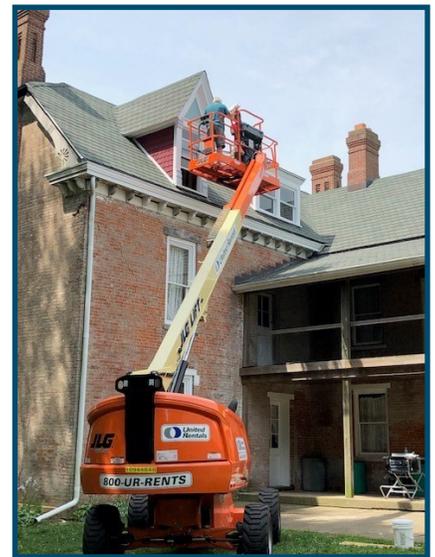
thing. Historic structures architect, Dave Leonatti, visited the site to help Damon determine the best approach for repair and restoration. The results were as follows: before any tuck-pointing could be done, the foundations had to be repaired, either by re-pointing old brick work or by pouring concrete in the tunnels/holes created by the pests. Since the east parlor wall was off-plumb, a stabilizing wall had to be permanently installed in the parlor to keep the wall from further movement issues. Tuck-pointing on the north parlor wall and window could then begin—simultaneously with the repair of the huge stairway landing crack. Mr. Vaughn painstakingly worked a little on the outside and then a little on the inside in order to keep the east parlor wall intact. Other areas tuck-pointed were the headers of doors that lead into the conservatory area.



The lift made work on the dormers and trim work much easier and safer. Wood trim had to be repaired or replaced. Before painting the gable of the south porch and the dormers and trim, all had to be cleaned, scraped and sanded—tedious and laborious work. But the results speak for themselves.

The east end of the parlor has new soffits rebuilt by Damon. His expertise has restored them to their original beauty. The soffit on the north end of the house has finally been repaired and reinstalled. Both projects seal the house from weather-related issues—a good thing!

The decorative corbels are now restored and repainted, adding color and definition to the eaves of the house. All these things together bring the home back to life! Great progress is being made and it is good to have accomplished several projects that, as the Historical Structure Report stated, were a priority. **(See more restoration photos on the insert.)**



### Grant Funds Received

HMFA is happy to announce that the BRANDT Foundation has generously awarded the association \$2,500. The funds were used for the painting of the five dormers that sit prominently on the roof of the house. The dormers —now repaired, restored, and repainted—look great.

The BRANDT Foundation awards grants semi-annually to not-for-profit organizations that advance agriculture, improve health and food security and educate people about agriculture. Since 2012 the foundation has given out more than 35 grants. BRANDT Foundation's willingness to support HMFA's efforts to educate guests about historic farming and farm life is greatly appreciated. We are pleased that this agricultural corporation sees the value of our goal of creating a living history farm here in central Illinois. Our thanks to the BRANDT Foundation!

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### Antique Show & Farm Fest

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This year's show featured 14 antique dealers, 10 craftsmen, and 3 flea market vendors. Guests enjoyed watching Kelly Firebaugh demonstrate blacksmithing and farrier Jess Adrian show and explain hoof care and shoeing using Larry Smith's mare. Brian Stott demonstrated Windsor chair making and guests could participate. A small-scale steam engine tractor was on hand for guests to see how it works and to listen to its whistle. A full-size steam engine tractor had to sit alongside the highway on its trailer due to the wet conditions of the property. Butch and Janet Sheets of the Peoria area brought their Case 1915 tractor for all to view its massive size as well as learn how it was used for farming. Trolley tours were provided by Stier Trolley Express. Guests were given guided tours of Greenview and learned about Greenview's history and the Marbold family's association with the community. Tours of the house and grounds were given and were well attended as always.

History is what we are all about on the fourth weekend of June each year. Thanks to the volunteers who helped in any way and also to our business sponsors who support this event. Finally, thanks to those who attended. **(See more photos on insert.)**

## 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*

### Special Thanks!

- Greg McKenney, Webmaster and Facebook Manager
- Sharon Porter, Newsletter & Brochures
- Our Founders, members, donors, supporters, and volunteers
- Ishmael Land Improvements for awesome lawn care

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## Upcoming Events

Oct 5	Work Day at the Farmstead	9 a.m.
Oct 2	HMFA Board of Directors Meeting Athens Public Library	7 p.m.
Nov 7	HMFA Board of Directors Meeting Athens Public Library	7 p.m.
Dec 5	HMFA Board of Directors Meeting Athens Public Library	7 p.m.
Jan 10	HMFA Annual Meeting First Baptist Church, Greenview	6:15 p.m.



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