

MARBOLD QUARTERLY

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Historic Marbold
Farmstead Association



Illinois State Museum's Curator of History to Speak at Annual Meeting

Make plans to attend the 2019 Marbold Farmstead Annual Meeting on Friday, January 10, at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Greenview. A delicious dinner of oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad, rolls, and glazed carrots will be provided by Simple Taste Catering. Dessert and drinks will be included at \$15 per plate. Following the meal will be:



- Program by Erika Holst (pictured above)
- 2019 Annual Report by the president and treasurer
- Election of 2020 directors
- Door prizes

Erika Holst is the Curator of History at the Illinois State Museum. She was previously the Curator of the Collections at the Springfield Art Association, where she oversaw the complete restoration of historic Edwards Place to its 1850s appearance. Erika holds a master's degree from the Winterthur Program in Early American culture. She is a frequent contributor to the Illinois Times, and she is the author of three books: *Wicked Springfield: Crime, Corruption, and Scandal During the Lincoln Era*; *Edwards Place: A Springfield Treasure*; and *Historic Houses of Lincoln's Illinois*.

Reservations to attend the dinner meeting are required by January 6, 2020. Please call Louise at 217-968-5620.

From the President's Desk

Well, "Hello, 2020!" It's hard to believe we've reached another new year, isn't it? What will this year hold for the Marbold Farmstead? If it's anything like the previous year, we'll be busy working to keep the momentum of rebuilding and restoring. So much was accomplished last year:

- Installed gutters & downspouts on north annex
- Masonry work in critical areas
- Repaired, restored and repainted dormers
- Restored corbels, soffits and fascia
- Rebuilding the conservatory currently in process

However, there is so much more to do—and it can't be done without fundraising (does this sound familiar?!). We need funds for the conservatory windows, tuck-pointing of the house, electrical and plumbing installation and the HVAC system that will heat and cool the house. Can we do it? I believe we can! Look at all we've already completed! It will take resolve and determination! It will take commitment. It will take each one of us to make it happen. Perhaps, it's finding others who support and believe in historic preservation. Perhaps, it's volunteering at an event or a workday. Or, perhaps you could donate to the campaign. Whatever you choose to do, do it because you believe in our mission and goal of creating a living history farm. YOU have been so vital in each of our accomplishments! We are grateful to each one who has participated in the process!

Will we be able to achieve even more in 2020? Let's give it our best effort, for there's no place like the Marbold Farmstead!

Charlotte Wohler, President

P.S. I hope to see you on January 10, 2020, at the 2019 Annual Meeting!

2020 Business Sponsor Campaign Is Underway

The 2020 Business Sponsor Campaign—currently in progress—is an important aspect to HMFA. As of December 11, 2019, many returning businesses have committed to continued support for the coming year. Businesses have a choice of four levels of support—Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze—with specific 'benefits' for each level. The monies received are vital to the success of fundraising events. There are also In-Kind Sponsors who donate time and/or services—a great help! HMFA has been fortunate to have such supportive businesses. They make a difference and we thank them in advance. The 2nd quarter Marbold Quarterly will feature a list of the 2020 business sponsors.

2019 Capital Campaign Donations*

(September 13-December 15, 2019)

Up to \$499

Anonymous
Karl and Heather Barnhart
Bernard Devlin**
Judge Lyle and Elaine Lipe
Connie Madigan
Russ and Cathy Milby

\$500 to \$999 (Apprentice)

Anonymous**
Sylvia Bradley**
Mike and Kay Cantrall**
Sharon Davis**
Cinda Klickna**
Floyd Olesen
Jerry Schultz (in memory of Barb Schultz)**

\$1,000 to \$4,999 (Journeyman)

Tom and Margaret Ainsworth
Anonymous
Bank of Greenview
Doris Decker
Dave and Leona Edwards
Albert and Donna Kincaid
Linda Raphael

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

**These donations are specifically for the windows and door needed to restore the conservatory.

Consider Several Donation Options

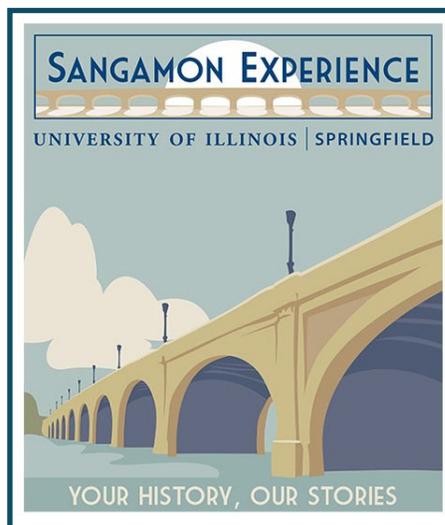
There are several options for donating to HMFA. Other than writing a check or donating online, the following are examples of how some members are currently donating:

- **Corporate matching gifts:** Companies usually match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but it could possibly be 2:1 or greater
- **Required minimum distributions from individual retirement accounts:** Tax breaks are available for those 70 1/2 or older.
- **Gifts of stock:** Appreciated stock given to a charity is not subject to capital gain tax.

If you desire to donate using one of the above options, please consult your accountant or financial advisor to make sure all necessary requirements are met. Donors are the life blood of HMFA, and we are grateful to have so many who support us through these options.

HMFA to Participate in UIS Innovative History Initiative

HMFA was recently contacted by UIS and Dr. Devin Hunter to attend an open house and informational meeting about a new local history initiative known as the Sangamon Experience. This program will present the history of the Sangamon Region through on-campus exhibition space, online projects, and community collaborations. Sangamon Experience is a multifaceted



initiative that highlights the history of the Sangamon Region in central Illinois. It will feature a 5,300-square-foot interactive exhibition space at UIS, a dynamic website to share and promote local historical activities, online historical research, and customized community partnerships. This is all made possible by a major

private gift to the University of Illinois Springfield. It is housed within the UIS College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and located in the Public Affairs Center.

The exhibition space is under development and scheduled to open in early 2020. Features will include multimedia and interactive exhibits, historical maps and photographs, a small theater, and interpretive text developed by a team of UIS students, faculty, and area community sponsors.

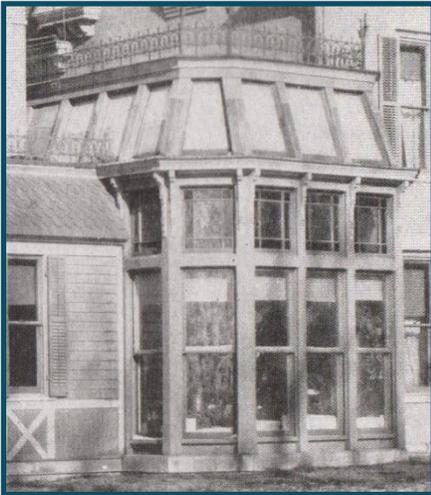
The Marbold Farmstead will supply materials, ideas and research that will be included in upcoming programs and exhibits. A digital history, compiled by board member Jeff Augustine, will be a valuable resource for HMFA's portion of the exhibit. We will benefit greatly through the exposure whether one visits the UIS campus or attends events at Sangamon Auditorium or views their website: www.uis.edu/sangamonexperience. Please visit the website and learn more about this wonderful project. HMFA is pleased to have the opportunity to be part of this innovative history initiative.

New 2020 Tour Schedule

Tours will now be the third Sunday, June through September, at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. or by appointment for groups or clubs who would like to schedule a tour. Please contact Charlotte at 217-341-8293.

Save the Date! 2020 Marbold Farmstead Summer Fest Event

Marbold Farmstead Summer Fest on June 27-28! Antiques & vintage, artisans, craftsmen, civil war presenters, tractors & engines, Stier Trolley tours, history programs, food, music and more!! Details and more information in the 2nd Marbold Quarterly



Above: Early 1900 photo Right: 12/5/2019

Rebuilding of Conservatory Begins Thanks to Generous Donors



Beginning in November, Damon Dennis and his crew began rebuilding the conservatory which graces the south façade of the house. The conservatory rebuild is possible due primarily to four generous donors. Susan Wilson, Travis Dowell, Evelyn Smith, and the Mason City Illinois Area and Family History Society pledged funds specifically for his grand structure! These fine people have “naming rights” for their generous donations totaling over \$30,000. What a difference this will make to our site!

A conservatory was an uncommon addition to a home, but especially to a farm home. H. H. Marbold added a conservatory in 1880 coinciding with the renovation of his home when he elevated the roof of the house, added the impressive front porch, electricity, plumbing and hot water heat—improvements for both visual appeal and daily living. The conservatory was a place where Margaret Marbold could find peace and comfort after scarlet fever struck down two of their children. Sunshine, warmth and beautiful flowers surrounded the perimeter of the glass windows and perhaps a bird sat in a cage to sing beautiful songs to the lady of the house. The conservatory not only brought beauty to the house but solace to the homeowners.

Since the first bid for the rebuild of the conservatory, costs have increased, and plans have changed to include interior work. The cost of twenty-four windows for the conservatory, plus one exterior door is approximately \$13,000. Twenty-five generous donors are being sought to give \$500 each for a window or door which will enable a completely restored conservatory. The hope is to have it finished by June 2020. As can be seen in the photo above, great progress is being made toward this goal.

If you wish to provide funds for this project, please use the “Donate” button on our website: www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org or send a check to HMFA, P. O. Box 438, Greenview, IL 62642, noting “windows project.” Your help is needed and appreciated!

**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
for the Land of Lincoln

Grant Awarded

HMFA is delighted to announce that a \$500 grant has been awarded from the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln Grants Program. The money will be used for the restoration and rebuilding of the chimney atop the wash house. The grant funds were allocated from the Chapin Family Fund. We are grateful to the Foundation and these generous donors.

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln serves the counties of Sangamon, Cass, Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Menard, Morgan, and Montgomery. This Foundation is a unique charitable resource for the central Illinois communities it serves. They help generous donors support causes they care about through charitable funds they establish. They also have several initiatives that serve as specific programs to help improve our community. HMFA has been a recipient in the past and the support from this outstanding organization and its donors is greatly appreciated.

HMFA to Present Theatre Programs

The stage will be ready at Salem on Seventh Theatre beginning the third Tuesday of April 2020. The Association will promote historical programs reflecting Menard County. Program information will be given in the next issue of the Quarterly. It is hoped you will attend and widen your knowledge of Menard County history. The event is free, but donations are welcome.

Concessions also will be available for your enjoyment. Most programs will be 30 minutes in length. Plan on joining us!



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

Jan 2	Board of Directors Meeting Athens Municipal Library	7:00 p.m.
Jan 10	HMFA Annual Meeting First Baptist Church, Greenview	6:00 p.m.
Feb 6	Board of Directors Meeting Athens Municipal Library	7:00 p.m.
Mar 5	Board of Directors Meeting Athens Municipal Library	7:00 p.m.
Apr 16	Salem on Seventh Theatre	7:00 p.m.
May 2	Spring Dinner and Auction Indian Creek Farmstead	
June 27-28	Marbold Farmstead Summer Fest	



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Moving forward to honor our past since 1850

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