From the President’s Desk

As I write this article, we are experiencing a life-changing health challenge, the coronavirus pandemic. This situation is uncharacteristic for so many of us, but past inhabitants of the Marbold Farmstead faced two pandemics. History tells us, during the late 1800s, Yellow Fever (a virus spread by mosquitoes) killed 100,000 to 150,000 American citizens. The Spanish Flu, 1918-1919, an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin, spread throughout the world where 40 to 50 million people died, and about 675,000 American citizens lost their lives. Even though we are in the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic and we don’t know the outcome to American residents, we will get through it, as the Marbold family did. Therefore, during this health challenge, we will adjust, postpone, re-schedule and do what we need to do as it affects our planning for the season.

With this said, the association would like to reassure our members, donors and supporters that we are continuing our restoration and rebuilding of the farmstead. With so many businesses affected by the virus, we can provide our contractor, as well as a brick mason, with several projects (see related articles). We are pleased that we have work for these tradesmen. Also, fundraising activities will continue as allowed. All guidelines will be acknowledged regarding gatherings, but our plans will go forward as permitted. We hope you will check for updates on our Facebook page, our website, our newsletter or call a board member with any questions.

Spring has arrived at the Marbold Farmstead, and we are pleased to be able to move forward. We recognize and appreciate all who have provided funds for the ongoing work. The conservatory on the south façade of the house is the most evident visual to all who drive past the farmstead. This is one example of the generosity of our members, donors, and supporters. This unique and outstanding architectural component sets us apart from other homes of the period, for there is no place like the Marbold Farmstead.

Charlotte Wohler, President

Restoration Continues

The board of directors voted on several projects to be implemented this year. To finish off the north annex area, the privy—or outhouse—will be rebuilt in its original location at the northeast corner of the wash house. The picture shows that the privy was a clapboard building sitting on a brick foundation, which is still in place. A generous, anonymous donor has provided the funds for this project, and this support is greatly appreciated. The privy will provide another valuable interpretive building to the site.

Currently the boiler house is roofless and in a state of decline. With the passing of each season, it is progressively getting worse. This important interpretive building cannot be lost! With the help from an anonymous donor, a roof will be placed over the entire boiler house, protecting it from the elements and further deterioration. Contractor Damon Dennis will build a 22’x28’x13’ tall roof, covered with 26 gauge galvanized corrugated steel. The roof will sit high enough for restoration work on the walls and roof when plans are made to do so. After restoration is completed, this roof will be re-tasked for use as a possible pavilion—a great way to resource.

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2019 Capital Campaign Donations
(December 16, 2019—March 23, 2020)

**Up to $499**
- Lee Bacon
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  - Joan Gardner
  - Ken Gustafson
  - Billy Ross and Pam Edwards
  - Ron and Sue Sanert
  - Drew Stevens and Tracy Gordon
- Lawrence and Charlotte Wohler

*Donations specifically for the conservatory windows

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**Farmstead Summer Fest**
*Planned for June*

A great deal of work and planning is in place for the “revamped” June event, the Marbold Farmstead Summer Fest, June 27-28. Gates will open both days at 9 a.m. and will close at 3 p.m. Look at the list below for the line-up, which continues to grow. Plan on spending a day in the country at this family-friendly event. Questions? Call Kathy @ 217-341-0757 or Charlotte @ 217-341-8293. All programs and activities are subject to change due to the coronavirus situation.

**Food Vendors:**
- Shick Shack BBQ, including breakfast items
- Stacy & Don Stratton—funnel cakes
- Marbold Association—hot dogs, chips, sweets, drinks and on Sunday—chicken and noodles, biscuits & homemade pie

**Artisans, Craftsmen & Demonstrators:**
- White Pine Folk Art
- Brian Stott furniture maker
- Horsehair pottery
- Cigar box guitars
- Carriger Woodworking
- Christensen Antique Tools
- Brooks Kountry Honey
- Vintage Restorations
- Alpacas of Indian Point
- Quilter
- Artist Rich Ford
- Eric Mace Photography
- Tractors, Gas & Steam Engines & Farm Equipment
- Vintage Ag Association
- Shingle Maker
- Baler

**Live Music:**
- The Roastineers
- Larry Dirks

**Antiques:**
- John & Kelly Viessman
- Gail & Stu Hunt

**Historical:**
- 10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry
- 108th Illinois Field Hospital
- Tours & history of the Farmstead

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**Restoration**
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A basement window just below the north kitchen window needs attention. It has been affected by weather issues and is currently bowing inward. Masonry and framework will be done soon to restore it.

Brick mason David Vaughn, of Vaugh Contracting Co. LLC, has been hired to address masonry issues, following Dave Leonatti’s Historic Structures report for specific areas of the house that he and Damon feel are the most necessary. The board approved an amount affordable at this time and as funds allow, plans for further work will be made.

With an early break in the weather, brick mason Doug Flanders of Elite Masonry was able to repair and rebuild the wash house chimney. It looks great and now complements the other architecturally unique chimneys.

This project was partially funded by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. We are grateful for their support.

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**Grounds Maintenance To Resume**

As weather allows, the grounds committee has plans to plant grass seed around the north annex, eliminating the bare ground which will make the area aesthetically appealing. The committee will continue to maintain and keep the site looking beautiful for guests. Workdays begin the first Saturday of the month from April through October. Volunteers may come to the site at 9 a.m. to help where needed. Call Melody with questions at 217-415-4760.
Salem on Seventh Programs

Petefish, Skiles & Company Bank is sponsoring the 2020 season of history programs at the lovely Salem on Seventh Theatre, 119 S. Seventh in Petersburg. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the April 21st program has been cancelled. Programs slated thus far are: Marbold Farmstead—Its Past, The Progress on May 19, Sweetwater and Blane Cemeteries on June 16, and Life and Lore of Chief Shickshack, Michael Wiant on July 21. Don’t miss these interesting and informative programs. There is no charge to attend, but donations are accepted.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with programs starting at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. Thank you to Petefish, Skiles & Company Bank for promoting historical programs!

Annual Meeting Held in January

The 2019 Annual Meeting was held January 10 with approximately 70 members present. Following a delicious meal, catered by Simple Taste Catering, members enjoyed an enlightening presentation by Erika Holst, Curator of History at the Illinois State Museum. Erika described her experiences during the restoration efforts she oversaw at Edwards Place in Springfield. It was learned that once a project is begun, old houses most always have problems unknown until the demolition and repairs begin.

After the program, the business meeting was held. Pictured here are the newly elected HMFA directors. Many thanks to the First Baptist Church for the use of their building.

Windows Will Complete Conservatory Restoration

If you have had the chance to drive by the farmstead, you have seen the ‘new’ addition—the conservatory. The photo on the left shows that is unfinished, but the 2x4’s outlining its shape make a huge statement! When completed (hopefully by June), the south façade will be transformed! The windows are all handmade by contractor Damon Dennis, as the photo on the right shows. Glass has been installed in the top, slanted windows and they are ready for installation, as weather permits. The second ‘layer’ of windows (the square shaped) will be for the stained glass. The exact colors of the original stained glass are known, due to a “friend of the farmstead” who donated pieces from the original conservatory! We were so excited and grateful to receive them.

A fundraising effort was established specifically for the rebuilding of the conservatory windows, and to date $12,000 has been received. We are appreciative of each one who donated to the $13,500 goal. It is especially exciting to receive gifts from those who discovered our press release in one of several newspaper publications! The hope is that you will visit to see for yourself the completed conservatory!

2020 HMFA Business Sponsors

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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
- 2020 Business Sponsors

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