

HISTORIC MARBOLD FARMSTEAD ASSOCIATION **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014**

The Historic Marbold Farmstead Association looks back at 2014, knowing we have realized several accomplishments. The association's focus centered on educational programs, fundraising, restoration and repair of the property, and improving the grounds. Most importantly, due to generous donations and fundraising efforts, we were able to pay our mortgage, three years early, saving us thousands of dollars in interest. Without dedicated board members, past and present, members, volunteers, and our generous donors, we would not have been able to achieve this.

The Board of Directors shares with you the accomplishments made in 2014:

- Year two of "The Marbold Quarterly" newsletter
- Enlisted a project manager to assist with restoration planning
- Enlisted an architect to create architectural drawing of the Farmstead
- Monthly work days at the property (April through October)
- Website – regularly updated
- Paid off the mortgage
- Fundraising Efforts:
 - Commemorative Brick Campaign
 - Served two farm sales – January and March
 - Corporate Sponsorships for summer events
 - Mason City IGA Cookout
 - 2nd Annual Marbold Farmstead Antique Show
 - Readers' Theater Premiere – "One Grand Old Lady"
 - Trivia Night
 - A Landmark Evening Dinner
- Educational Programs
 - Surveying unit presented to Greenview Elementary, 5th Grade students
 - 2nd Sundays at the Farmstead – June, July and August
 - Board member enrichment retreat – Dr. Debra Reid presenting
- Grounds Improvements
 - Mowing and maintaining property
 - Clearing of nature trail
 - Marking trees for removal
 - Preparing butterfly garden
 - Unearthing the herringbone brick pathway south of entrance
 - Planting of trees
 - Removed old cisterns & cesspool
- Restoration & repair
 - Completed soffits, gutters and downspouts
 - Braced the wash house to save walls
 - Partially restored kitchen fireplace

Looking ahead to 2015 – we will continue to undertake the items listed above and perhaps add to this list, as time and money allow us to do so. We hope you, our members and supporters will continue to stand with us, encourage us, and assist us as we work to make a successful 2015 at the Farmstead – "Where the past meets the present."

Charlotte Wohler, President