Hundreds Attend 2nd Annual Marbold Farmstead Antique Show

Over 400 visitors arrived on Saturday, June 28, at the Marbold Farmstead gates to attend the 2nd Annual Marbold Farmstead Antique Show. Guests were able to enjoy and buy antiques displayed in the house, as well as under the large tents situated on the south lawn. A variety of primitives, furniture, stoneware, textiles and other wonderful items were seen leaving the property on the way to their new homes. Not only were antiques offered, but period craftsmen gave demonstrations on their crafts and educated guests on skills long lost. As always, history of the Marbold Farmstead was available to guests who requested tours and information from Doris Marbold Decker and Barbara Van Dyke-Brown. New and renewed memberships were received, as well as donations to support HMFA’s efforts. Delicious pork chop sandwiches, along with hot dogs, chips and yummy sweets and drinks, satisfied the hungry crowd. It was truly a great day and experience for all who attended.

The Antique Show will be HMFA’s largest fundraiser this year. Planning and accomplishing an event of this size cannot be achieved without the generous support of volunteers. A special thanks to the 44 volunteers who gave of their time before, during, and after the show.

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Fall Trivia Night to Benefit the Marbold Farmstead

October 18 has been designated as HMFA’s first Trivia Night. The Petersburg Fire Department, 302 E. Taylor, will play host to the event where doors will open at 6 pm. If you have never been part of a trivia night, you are in for a night of fun, laughter, brain cramps and prizes! Entry fee is $10 per person—8 people per table. Also available: food, beverages, a silent auction, 50/50, mulligans and a chance to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place. Get your friends to join you for a fun-filled evening. All proceeds will support the Farmstead! You can reserve your seat or can have questions answered by calling Diane at 217-632-3144.
Mrs. Jennifer Schurman’s fifth grade class at Greenview Elementary benefitted from a grant from the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition as they learned about young Abe Lincoln, Surveyor. The grant was a collaborative effort between HMFA and Bob Church of the Abraham Lincoln’s National Museum of Surveying.

Susan Wilson wrote the four-part curriculum, featuring: (1) What is land surveying? (2) The story of Lincoln, the surveyor, (3) surveying equipment, and (4) a field trip to the Marbold Farmstead, where the students participated in a plot survey using replica equipment purchased with the grant money. There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm as these students were able to utilize their new skills.

NOTE: The following is the first in a series of articles about agriculture in the U.S. during the period of 1860-1920, the glory days of the Marbold Farmstead.

**Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Tandem**

Between the Civil War and WWI, the U.S. was transformed from a developing agricultural country into the greatest industrial power on Earth. It’s easy to lose sight of the fact that the agricultural sector was also dynamic during this period. Farming supported and reinforced the country’s urbanization and industrialization in four different ways.

First, American farmers provided increasingly cheap food to consumers, which freed income formerly spent on foodstuffs to be used for other purposes, such as the consumption of manufactured goods.

Secondly, because of more productive efficiency on American farms, it took fewer workers to produce a given amount of food. Many of the workers no longer needed in agriculture left the sector, helping to provide a part of the manufacturing labor force.

A third fact is that many efficiency gains in agriculture during this period were due to mechanization, with the farmers serving as a key force of demand for manufactured goods (tractors, thresher, etc.).

Lastly, while many urban factories were busy producing farm equipment and machinery, many others were involved in the processing of food and fiber produced on American farms. In this regard, it’s interesting that the largest industry in the U.S. in 1914 was slaughtering and meat packing in terms of value of products. American agriculture was both dynamic and vitally necessary to American economic and social development in this period.

In the next Marbold Quarterly: Change is Coming!

**2014 HMFA Sponsors Provide Financial Support**

The HMFA is appreciative to the following businesses for their financial support of our 2014 events. These financial gifts assist the Association in its efforts to present educational programs and bring interest to the mission of creating a living history farm. We encourage you to say “Thank you for supporting the Farmstead” when you frequent these area businesses.

**PLATINUM:** ($150)  
- Stevens Implement Dealer, Petersburg  
- Herman Plumbing & Heating, Mason City  
- Athens State Bank  
- Rohlf’s Greenview Ag Company  
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- Central IL Ag, Mason City  
- Steyer Seed, Mason City  
- Greenview Village Board  
- Casey’s General Store, Greenview  
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**GOLD:** ($100)  
- Ogden Insurance, Petersburg  
- National Bank of Petersburg  
- Bank of Greenview  
- Farmers Grain, Mason City/Greenview  
- Potter Drug, Petersburg  
- Monsanto Company, Mason City  
- **SILVER:** ($75)  
- Brandt Consolidated, Greenview  
- Crop Production Services, Greenview  
- **BRONZE:** ($50)  
- Crop Insurance Center, Petersburg  
- Petersburg Vet Clinic  
- Chilli Bear’s Bar & Grill, Greenview  
- Wankel Farms, Petersburg

**Founders Plaque to be Displayed**

Q: Where would HMFA be without our 50+ Founders?  
A: Still trying to raise money to purchase the property or seeing someone else purchase it.

There are never enough THANK YOU’S to these generous people who helped HMFA purchase the 10 acres south of Greenview. A lovely plaque listing each of the founder’s names has been designed and created and will be proudly displayed at Farmstead events.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Plans are underway for an elegant evening of dining and entertainment—A Landmark Evening—to be held at The Oaks in Petersburg on Saturday, November 8, starting at 6:30 pm. The $50-per-plate dinner includes a delicious meal and a musical performance by “The Walnuts”. Only 60 tickets are available so phone Louise Browne (968-5620) or Diane Masters (632-3144) to make your reservation. More details will be available in the next Marbold Quarterly.
The 2nd Annual Marbold Farmstead Antique Show, our largest fundraising effort, held on June 28, was a huge success!! Over 400 visitors attended this year’s show where 17 antique dealers and 7 period craftsmen set up their booths. Thank you to the Antique Show Committee for their hard work. Check out the feature article and pictures!

The Brick Campaign continues to be successful. Please visit the Farmstead where more commemorative bricks have been laid at the beautiful south porch. Thank you to the Rankins for placing them! Visit our website for information on purchasing a brick in memory, in honor, or to support our efforts.

The HMFA continues to make plans for the restoration and repair of the Farmstead. The soffits and gutters have been completed—no small task, but one of great importance to saving the house. We are aware that the north annex, specifically the wash house, needs immediate attention. Hopefully, this will get underway later in the year. And, the roof of the house will need replaced, as previously stated. As always, the Board of Directors strives to make these improvements where money allows us to do so.

We hope to see you at the Farmstead this summer. Check out the calendar of events (see back page) and make plans to visit us!! We appreciate you—our members and supporters!

Charlotte Wohler, President

Since 1995, Bradbury has been named the most-produced author of dramatic material for competition in the United States. Three of his scripts were recently chosen to be performed at Springfield’s Hoogland Center and two of the Lincoln musicals have appeared at a New Salem. His script, “The History of Mankind in Less Than Ten Minutes” will soon be featured in a New York-based movie. His credentials speak for themselves and we look forward to a play that will inform and entertain the audience about a time long gone.

With the help of Leona Edwards, a cast of area residents will present at this Readers’ Theater. Actors from Greenview, Athens, Petersburg, Springfield, New Berlin, and Pekin will be “performing” this story. The performance is scheduled for Sunday, August 31, at 2 pm at the Farmstead. There will be some seating available, but it is suggested that those attending bring lawn chairs or blankets to experience the play. Tickets are $5, ages 12 and above, and will be available at the July 13 and August 10 2nd Sundays at the Farmstead or by contacting Louise Browne at 217-968-5620 or Diane Masters at 217-632-3144.

Refreshments and other activities are in the planning stages at this time, but visit the website to find details as they become available: www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org. Save the date: Sunday, August 31!

Volunteers of all ages assisted in some way and HMFA says: “We appreciate you!” A special thank you to Ben Kinningham, who loaned and set up his sound system for our emcee and to Dan Williams of Treetop Productions, who took professional photos and a video for our future use.

Several antique dealers attending this year have requested their space back for the “June 27, 2015, 3rd Annual”—a great indicator of their success at the show. The Antique Show Planning Committee will begin plans this fall when letters will be sent to dealers and prospective dealers to ‘save the date’ and attend the 2015 Marbold Farmstead Antique Show.

HMFA is grateful for a successful day—the weather cooperated and the public supported us! The profit from our day will be used for the restoration and repair of the Farmstead. Please visit our website to view photos as they become available: www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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:

- Acquiring the property purchased by John H. Marbold in 1851
- Educating the public about the historical significance along with the cultural and agricultural heritage through hands-on learning opportunities for children through adults
- Preserving, restoring and rebuilding the farm, including the house and remaining outbuildings, & preserving the site in general as an interpretive agricultural & historical attraction circa 1890-1910

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