



MARBOLD QUARTERLY HISTORIC MARBOLD FARMSTEAD ORGANIZATION

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Trivia Night planned as HMFA fall fundraiser

Gather friends and family and put your heads together for a night of fun for a good cause! HMFA will host Trivia Night on Saturday, October 18, at the Petersburg Fire Department, corner of 5th and Taylor (behind Casey's). **Funds will be used for repairs and restoration of the Marbold Farmstead.**

Doors open at 6 and the fun begins at 7! The firefighters will be selling food and beverages, so come early and treat yourself to a bite to eat (we request that no outside food or drink be brought in). You will also want to view the great array of silent auction items: themed baskets, homemade candy, gift

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The mortgage has been paid!!

On Wednesday, September 10, Treasurer Linda McCaffrey made the final payment on our mortgage, which was originally scheduled for March 13, 2018. Three and one-half years early!! Now that is something to talk about!

Through the dedication and commitment of our current and prior board members, members, donors and volunteers, this milestone has been achieved. Without the backing of these supporters, whether donating money, volunteering time and talents, purchasing bricks, attending or working a fundraising event, this could not have happened. It is our hope that you will continue to support our plans and goals as we move this worthwhile living history project forward. We humbly and gratefully thank you.

A Landmark Evening to be held at The Oaks

The Oaks Bed and Breakfast will, for the third straight year, host "A Landmark Evening" HMFA dinner fundraiser on Saturday, November 8. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner, the evening includes a delicious meal and entertainment for a \$50 fee (\$25 is tax deductible). The dinner menu will be chicken piccata, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert, coffee and tea.



Following dinner, The Walnuts, directed by Dale Rogers, will entertain with songs from the American Songbook by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Harold Arlen along with some seasonal music added to the mix. This vocal quartet began as a group presenting special music during summers at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield and has expanded their outreach to include many wonderful occasions and celebrations. Those attending will certainly enjoy this group and their musical abilities. Also, two door prizes will be given away, as well as a chance to bid on silent auction items.

With only **60 tickets available**, call Louise Browne (968-5620), Diane Masters (632-3144), or any Board member to make reservations. **All proceeds benefit the repair and restoration of the Farmstead.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

The Association is proud to have presented informative, historical programs this summer. We received many compliments about the presentations, which suggest we achieved our goal of educational opportunities at the Farmstead.

As noted in the last Quarterly, Captain Bogardus started the summer with a unique look at a "larger than life" man and his distinctive sharp-shooting skills.

The 2nd Sunday in July transported guests back in time to hear about a brave and courageous woman: Harriet Tubman, conductor on the Underground Railroad.



Kathryn Harris held the audience spellbound as she related Harriet's life, her challenges, and accomplishments. We are grateful to Ms. Harris for her portrayal and willingness to present at our July 2nd Sunday.

August brought the cavalry to the Farmstead where visitors learned many informative details regarding the Civil War soldier. Thank you to the 10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment for setting up camp on the grounds where one



could speak to soldiers, the regiment cook, laundress, and others about life during a soldier's service.

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TRIVIA NIGHT
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certificates, handcrafted jewelry, and a lottery tree! HMFA members will also be selling snacks for munching while you play.

Cost is \$10 per person (ages 16 and up), and tables seat 8. If you don't have a group of 8, we will match you with some other friendly folks. If you have not been to a trivia night, don't be intimidated! Your table of 8 will come up with a group answer for each question. There are 10 questions in each of 10 rounds. If you don't know an answer, chances are that someone at your table will! An experienced emcee will host the evening.

There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place tables in addition to the silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and 3 door prizes awarded after each of the 10 rounds. Please reserve a seat or table by calling Diane at 632-3144 or email to dianehcc@yahoo.com. Come out and have fun—and help “make history.”

Plans Being Made for HMFA Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors has scheduled Thursday, January 15, 2015, for its annual meeting of the membership. The First Baptist Church will once again host this dinner, program, and business meeting. Poe's Catering will serve a fried chicken dinner beginning at 6:15 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$14 and reservations should be made by January 9. Call Louise Browne at 968-5620.

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

CHANGE IS COMING!

Its growth and increased productivity notwithstanding, American agriculture in this period saw major changes and—in time—serious problems. For the first time in our history, farmers organized themselves collectively to try to better their economic, social, and political positions.

Among the most important changes was the great expansion of the farm sector. The number of farms in the U.S. grew from 2 million in 1860 to 6.4 million by 1910. Total farm acreage more than doubled, while improved acreage (acreage in production) quadrupled.

A second change related to the movement of American agriculture westward. There were a variety of reasons for this: liberal government land policies, the advent of the railroad, and a series of mining booms in the West.

Yet another change was that American farmers became more commercialized, offering more and more of their output for sale on the national and international markets. There were fewer subsistence farmers and fewer farmers achieving self-sufficiency.

Related to the shift toward commercialization was a move toward specialization in agriculture. Certain areas of the country began to specialize in particular crops or livestock. We find certain part of the U.S. devoting themselves to dairy farming, cattle ranching, truck farming, and production of corn and hogs. Farmers in areas well-suited for certain types of production could specialize, rather than attempt to produce everything they needed. Why should farmers in Illinois try to grow all the wheat the state needed, when they could specialize in crops for which they had a comparative advantage, such as corn?

Agriculture's great efficiency gains owed much to mechanization, but also the move to more fertile land in the West, greater use of fertilizers, improved varieties of seeds and livestock, transportation improvements, refrigeration, and governmental promotion of agriculture through cheap land and research.

In the next Marbold Quarterly: Problems and Solutions

HMFA appreciates all photos contributed for the newsletter and website. A special thanks goes to Dan Williams of Treetop Productions.

A WONDERFUL SUMMER AT THE FARMSTEAD!



Photo by Dan Williams

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“One Grand Old Lady” was the final event of the summer. Ken Bradbury presented a gift to the HMFA when he put his expertise to use



as he brought to life, “A Letter to my Grandson, Jonathan Small,” written by Margaret Marbold Ennenga. With help from an immigrant’s diary, Greenview history, and music, the 200 guests in attendance were transported back in time to learn of life in the past where there were challenges, tears, laughter, and fun.

The Historic Marbold Farmstead—“Where the past meets the present.” Truly this was accomplished this summer at the Farmstead—educating the present and future generation! We appreciate those who were in attendance at our beautiful site.

The curtains in the windows of the home came down after our final event, but look for their return in early June 2015 when we will once again offer great historical programs. If you were unable to attend this past summer, we hope to see you in the summer of 2015!

Charlotte Wohler, President



“One Grand Old Lady” brought Farmstead story to life!

Ken Bradbury states: *“I suppose Broadway has its charms and the neon lights are nice, but when theatre becomes a part of us and helps to explain who we are, well, that’s the sort of play that appeals to me...people you know telling the story of those who came before us. It rather makes me wonder how future generations might portray us. And, of course, the key to any sort of community theatre is the enthusiasm of the participants. It’s been my joy to work with the Marbold community and I think you’ll find their story is well worth the telling.”*

The Marbold community is extremely grateful to Ken for telling the story, along with Margaret’s letter and other historical facts, the account of life in a time long gone. Five consecutive nights of rehearsal made it possible for Ken and the cast, pictured below, to bring to life the interesting and meaningful stories of this farm and the community surrounding it. “Thank you to Ken and each cast member for giving up their time and using their talents to present a wonderful presentation that will bring recognition to the Farmstead and its story.” Also, a sincere thanks to Leona Edwards who worked with Mr. Bradbury, typing the script, researching pertinent historic facts, finding cast members, making arrangements for props and emailing cast with schedules of practices, etc. All involved deserve a “standing ovation” for a wonderful performance.

As the accomplished and most-produced author of dramatic material for competition in the U.S., Ken Bradbury gave the Marbold Farmstead a gift—one that can be opened again and again (And yes, that means the presentation will be offered again in 2015!) The audience of 200 shared their delight with the performance, giving compliments and praises to all involved. Thankfully, the weather was warm and sunny for the inaugural performance.



Left to right, back row: Steve Phillips, Bob TeRonde, Jim Yale, Julianne Manuel, Mark Mathewson, Lenny Monroe, Rob DeCroix, and Director Ken Bradbury

Left to right, front row: Leigh Holliday, Brenda Yale, Joyce TeRonde, and Kayla Primm

Tours and history of the Farmstead were also offered before and after the play, giving visitors information about the site and the plans and goals of the Association. Tractor and wagon rides (thanks to the Lyons Family) as well as refreshments, were available to guests, completing an enjoyable summer afternoon in the country.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Following the meal, Dr. Debra Reid will present “Illinois and Its Agricultural History—The Illinois Centennial & Sesquicentennial Farm Directory.” A business meeting will conclude the evening, when the annual President’s Report, annual Treasurer’s Report, and election of directors will occur. A PowerPoint presentation will give members the opportunity to see the 2014 activities at the Farmstead. We hope you will mark your calendars for this important meeting!

(2015 membership dues may be paid at this meeting.)

Thank you for mowing the Farmstead grounds: Woods Lawn Care and volunteers! You kept the property looking great this summer!

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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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 11	Work Day at the Farmstead
Oct 14	Monthly Board Meeting 7 p.m., CIA Building
Oct 18	Fall Trivia Night
Nov 8	A Landmark Evening
Nov 11	Monthly Board Meeting 7 p.m., CIA Building
Dec 9	Monthly Board Meeting 7 p.m., CIA Building
Jan 15	Annual Meeting

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