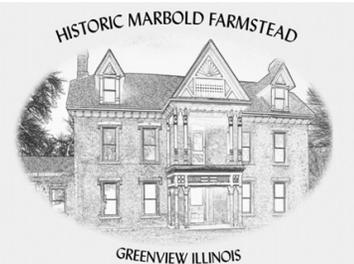


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PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR 3RD ANNUAL MARBOLD FARMSTEAD ANTIQUÉ SHOW

The HMFA is very pleased by the interest being shown from several antique dealers in attending the 3rd Annual Marbold Farmstead Antique Show. Currently seventeen dealers have agreed to attend the show in June, with more expected to commit by the upcoming dealer-contract deadline date. As the showcard above indicates, country primitives, furniture, textiles, pottery and Americana antiques will once again be for sale on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Period craftsmen will also be on site to demonstrate their skills and crafts. Last year's visitors were able to learn and observe many crafts in progress: hat making, basket weaving, spinning, quilting, rag rug weaving, and other interesting demonstrations. There will be some new offerings this year which will be listed on our website (www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org) as those craftsmen commit to attending the show.

Food and drink will be available throughout the day at this "rain or shine" event. Visit the website as time draws near to see updates on dealers, craftsmen, and other details. We hope to see you at the Farmstead for our largest fundraiser of the season.

Historic Marbold Farmstead
3rd Annual Antique Show
Country Primitives - Furniture
Textiles - Pottery - Americana
June 27, 2015
9am - 3pm
21722 State Hwy 29 - Greenview, IL
20 mi. N of Springfield, IL
Contact: 217-968-5808
www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org
Admission: \$5
Rain or Shine

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

In April of 2012, Landmarks Illinois named the Marbold Farmstead "One of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Sites in Illinois," a designation that brought attention and validation to this iconic farmstead and reaffirmed that it is worth saving and preserving for present and future generations. In Landmarks Illinois' most current member publication, President Bonnie McDonald writes, "People saving places. What does this simple phrase evoke for you? For me, I think of hundreds of local heroes with whom we work to bring historic preservation to the foreground as a transformative and positive solution. The phrase recognizes and honors your actions as preservationists to save the places important to you and to the future of your community. Landmarks Illinois was founded in 1971 to organize the growing network of people saving places and we continue to build that diverse community today. We've adopted the tagline 'People Saving Places' as a simple way of expressing our role as educators, facilitators, and investors in your work on the ground."

President McDonald's words clearly evoke what the Historic Marbold Farmstead Association strives to achieve. We are "people saving a place"—a place we feel is important and valuable for the educational and cultural opportunities it offers

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2015 SECOND SUNDAYS SERIES TO HAVE AGRICULTURAL FOCUS

(Farmstead open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

June and July Second Sundays:

- Special programs in the farmstead kitchen: 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. (see below)
- History, tours of house and grounds
- Light refreshments
- Marbold Memorabilia
- Period Craftsmen

Second Sunday in June—June 14

"Was the Marbold Farm's sustainable agriculture a model for major international companies' sustainable policy in the modern world?" Come hear Richard (Dick) Lyons, a native of Montgomery County and fourth-generation farmer growing corn, soybeans, and wheat with cover crops, provide us with the knowledge of farming practices dating from the 1800's up to today's technological world of modern agriculture.



Dick Lyons

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SECOND SUNDAYS SERIES

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As an agriculture instructor at high school, community college and university levels, Dick brings an educational approach to learning, incorporating fact, fiction, humor and reality in his presentations, promoting understanding and learning for the listener. You will enjoy this program!

Special feature for June: Heart Strings, a dulcimer group from Petersburg.

Second Sunday in July—July 12

Eastern Illinois University Associate Professor Dr. Chris Laingen will present an informative program in July. Chris says, “During the 20th Century the Corn Belt gradually and quietly transformed from a mixed-crop-and-livestock farming area into a cash-grain farming area. This shift might properly be described as tectonic, as it has been so slow and gradual that scholars have had difficulty trying to comprehend and describe it. The transformation has also been geographically uneven; in some areas it has been completed while in others it could be argued as to whether or not it has begun.”

Come and listen to Chris share data from the Census of Agriculture at state and county scales from 1925 to 2012, which will be used to illustrate changes in crops, livestock, and land use that have occurred in the Corn Belt.

Special feature for July: Menard County Vintage Ag Association on site with some of their collection of farm implements.

Second Sunday in August—August 9

Like June and July, the August 2nd Sunday at the Farmstead will offer tours of the house and grounds, history of the Marbold family and light refreshments. The Stier Trolley will be available to take visitors through Greenview where a guide will give details of the Marbold’s influence and impact on the community of Greenview.

Exclusive for August: “One Grand Old Lady,” Readers’ Theatre

- Live German music prior to performance
- Harold Stier’s ice cream
- Bring a lawn chair
- Location: the Greenview Park Pavilion

Times and details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Marbold Quarterly.

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

ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE: THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE

Illinois attracted many immigrants from its opening in the early 1800’s to the end of the century. They came from other parts of the U.S., as well as several European countries. Germans were one of the largest ethnic groups to come to the U.S. They came for economic, political, and religious reasons. So it was that John H. Marbold came to America in 1847 with his three children, after the death of his wife, from the province of Hanover, Germany.

In his country, inheritance laws caused larger farms to be divided until many were too small to survive economically. There was also political and religious upheaval. The Germans had an agrarian tradition of family farms worked at a subsistence level. The open lands available for settlement, especially areas like the Illinois prairie, became a great opportunity for these farmers and laborers. They would be able to become entrepreneurs. It was not the poorest of the poor who came; they could not afford such an undertaking. Rather, it was members of the lower middle class who made up the bulk of immigrants.

The federal land grant of 1851 granted 2.5 million acres of Illinois public land to the new Illinois Central Railroad. This land ran from Chicago to Cairo, a distance of 700 miles. The railroad could sell acreage after the other federal land had been sold. From the sale of these lands, the railroad financed its line. In turn, the farmers hired the railroad to ship commodities to market. Immigrants had arrived in the land of opportunity.

In the next Marbold Quarterly: The Marbolds Settle in Menard County

THANK YOU!!

Membership is essential for a non-profit organization. “Thank you” for renewing your membership to the Historic Marbold Farmstead Association! Membership demonstrates support of the mission and goals of our Association. Members are what drive us to move forward!

“Thank you” to the individual who contributed to the Farmstead through Thrivent Financial’s Thrivent Choice program. Thrivent offers members the opportunity to choose a nonprofit organization they feel should receive charitable grant funding. HMFA is grateful to receive funds this way.

Do you have a program through work or a financial program that you could designate to fund our efforts? If so, we hope you will consider this in the future.



Dr. Laingen



“One Grand Old Lady”—2014

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to present and future generations. This *place* affects our community—not only Greenview, but Menard County communities. This *place* served as a new beginning for many early settlers. It provided a *place* to work. It provided a chance. It provided an opportunity where there was no opportunity in one's native country. -The farmstead educates visitors about the stories of immigration and the agricultural and technological achievements that were made here. The Association desires to communicate this process to all.

As Ms. McDonald states, we need investors—those who understand the value of saving this iconic farm and its valuable history. Investing monetarily will always be important, but we also need your time and effort to assist with our work days and to help promote and attend events. It is our hope you will 'invest' in the farmstead. If you do, the mission and goals we have put into place will be achieved.

HMFA is grateful to Landmarks Illinois for the 2012 designation "One of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Sites in Illinois." We are grateful that for forty plus years this organization has strived to save and preserve historic landmarks throughout the state. As President Bonnie McDonald says, "It is important to you and to the future of your community."

As we begin our second quarter of 2015, we encourage you to be "people saving a place." There is no *place* like the Marbold Farmstead! Come see us this summer!

Charlotte Wohler, President

BOY SCOUTS ASSIST IN CLEAN-UP OF FARMSTEAD

Pictured below are members of Petersburg Boy Scout Troop 54 as they utilized their skills, time and effort by clearing brush and exotics from an area near the pump house, just south of the house. Scoutmaster David Reiser brought eight scouts and two adults to lend a hand with this task. The orange tool pictured in the center—and some others not pictured—was furnished courtesy of a grant from the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund. This tool helped with the removal of well-established root systems, a labor-intensive job. The troop also cleared limbs and branches from recently cut trees. The property looks great so early in the season. By the time summer arrives, one will see some impressive changes.



Work days at the farmstead are off to a good start and HMFA is grateful to this Scout troop for its hard work on behalf of our project. Scoutmaster Reiser enthusiastically said, "Ask us back!" And, indeed we will!

HMFA FEED HUNDREDS AT SANERT FARM AUCTION

Hundreds of hungry farmers and other attendees were fed by HMFA's hard-working volunteers and board members on Friday, March 13, at Sanert's Spring Farm Auction.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who not only donated pies and cookies, but worked to serve delicious food and drinks throughout the busy day. A special thank-you to Greg Rebbe who prepared the delicious barbeque and chili that was enjoyed by all. Without the help of these great people, this event could not have been accomplished.

Many thanks to Ron Sanert for allowing HMFA to serve food at this annual sale! The income from this fundraiser will be used to assist with the restoration and repair of the farmstead.

Please visit our website (www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org) to view the 2014 Annual Report and Annual Financial Report.

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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

- Apr 14 Board Meeting
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Apr 11 Work Day at the Farmstead, 9 a.m.
- May 12 Board Meeting
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- May 9 Work Day at the Farmstead, 9 a.m.
- June 9 Board Meeting
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- June 13 Work Day at the Farmstead, 9 a.m.
- June 14 2nd Sunday at the Farmstead
- June 27 3rd Annual Marbold Farmstead
Antique Show**
- July 12 2nd Sunday at the Farmstead
- Aug 9 2nd Sunday at the Farmstead

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