Trivia Night and “A Landmark Evening” On HMFA’s Fall Schedule

Trivia Night

HMFA will host a trivia night on Saturday, October 17, at the Petersburg Fire Department, corner of 5th and Taylor (behind Casey’s). This fundraiser will provide funds for repairs and restoration of the Marbold Farmstead.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for food and for viewing of silent auction items. A professional emcee will begin the trivia competition at 7 p.m. Pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, cookies, snacks, soda and water will be available for purchase. In addition to cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trivia tables, door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. A table for 8 contestants may be reserved at $10/person by calling Diane at 217-632-3144 or emailing dianehcc@yahoo.com. Come for fun and laughter and help “make history!”

“A Landmark Evening”

Make plans to reserve a place at the 3rd annual “A Landmark Evening” dinner and fundraiser on Saturday, November 7. The Oaks Bed & Breakfast, 501 W. Sheridan in Petersburg, will host the event. Cocktails will be available at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A delicious meal of Dijon pork loin, rice, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea will be served. The Oaks will be beautifully decorated for Christmas, creating an elegant venue.

“True Blue” Barbershop Quartet will entertain guests following the meal. Their performances include songs from the early 20th century, the 40s, 50s, 60s, and more. Guests will certainly enjoy this lively and entertaining quartet. In addition to the meal and entertainment, silent auction items will be available and door prizes will be awarded.

The number of tickets is limited so call Susan at 217-415-1239 soon to make a reservation. Tickets are $50/plate.

Generous Donation Received from Brandt Foundation

HMFA is pleased to announce the Brandt Foundation has awarded the Association $5,000. The Foundation was formed in 2012 to organize the company’s charitable giving. Rick Brandt, President and CEO of Brandt, stated, “Brandt has always tried to be a generous company, and we believe in doing well by doing good. The
Brandt Donation

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Brandt Foundation will enable us to be more strategic with our giving so that we can stretch our dollars to positively affect more people.”

The Marbold Farmstead is grateful to the Brandt Foundation for their generosity and support of the Association’s efforts. This gift will be applied to the restoration and repair of the ‘north annex,’ specifically, the summer kitchen, carriage house, smoke house, wash house and dairy.

HMFA says “Thank you!”

Mike Barton       Steve & Cindy Rankin
Charles McCaffrey  Robert Painter
Amy Wohler        Jerry McCaw
Rachelle Wohler   Kathy Olesen
Gailhe Tice       Sharon Porter
Ken Deverman      Dan Williams
Ben Kinningham    April Gill
Ty Willis         Mabel Ruppel
Doris Decker      Jacob Asbrock
Donna Smith       John Lyons
Teresa Fesen      Lawrence Wohler
Pat Sabo          Nathan Wood & crew
Ron Nickell       Robert Church
David Evers       Brendan Wilson
Sharon Davis      Melinda Shaw
Greg Rebbe        Phil Watson
Randy Tomlin      Kayla Primm
Angela Browne     Bob & Joyce TeRonde
Ed Willis         Brian & Cathy Bomke
Steve Willis      Julianne Becker Manuel
Hardy Willis      Donn Stephens
Evelyn Smith      Joe Wohler
Linda Schneider   Kent Massey
Ken Bradbury      Mark Mathewson
Mike Stier        Charles Tomlin
Kevin & Sara Killebrew
Jason & Suzanne Blackburn
Barbara Van Dyke-Brown
Sherry Sullivan & children
Boy Scout Troop 54, Petersburg
Girl Scout Troop 6703, Petersburg
Boy Scout Troop 1, Springfield
Lenny, Shelley & Magdalene Monroe
Leigh, Richard, Randy & Matthew Holliday
Kathryn Walsh & Adam and Ryan Dorosheff
Avis, Greg & Lauren McKenney
Kelly & Marty McAtee

NOTE: This is the sixth and final article in a series about agriculture in the U.S. during the period of 1860-1920, the glory days of the Marbold Farmstead. Here we will highlight the holdings of founder John Marbold and his son Henry (H.H.) —holdings that formed the farmstead.

An Agricultural Legacy

Non-population census records of Greenview in 1850 specify exactly what was owned by John Marbold as he started his farming career. That same census of 1860 makes it clear that he had worked hard during those ten years. Here is a comparison of assets:

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In 1870, the value of the land was $100,000. By 1880, John was 80 years old, and his son was in charge of the farmstead. Total land holdings for H.H. were 1,650 acres, eventually rising to 4,000. The Marbold family continued to concentrate on crop production and raising cows and pigs to make their farm self-sufficient. Besides the large farmhouse, there was a barn, carriage house, wash house, boiler house (for heating the main house), and pigeon coop/hen house on the property.

The Marbolds not only contributed to the good of their community, but they also helped other German immigrants by sponsoring them to come to the U.S. These people in turn eventually sponsored other families from their home towns to immigrate and start new lives.

The farmstead was sold in 1926. After that, the land was farmed by several different families. Vacant since 1972, the farmstead is now in ownership by the Historic Marbold Farmstead Association, a group dedicated to its restoration and preservation.

**HMFA thanks Diane Masters who contributed this 6-article series on agriculture in the U.S.**

Walnut Trees Harvested

Dean Campbell of our Grounds Committee was instrumental in having several walnut trees cut down and sold to an individual from the Forest City area. Mike Williams and his son transported a portable sawmill to the farm where the logs were placed and sawed into two and a half-inch sections. The tedious and laborious work continued for several days as the men met the challenges of cutting, rolling, and placing the heavy, cumbersome logs on the portable mill. The raw cut sections were beautiful and will allow Mr. Williams to create fine-looking furniture.

HMFA is happy to have income from the sale of the walnut trees. The money received has been earmarked for ‘education.’
Mark McDonald of Illinois Stories has agreed to provide the program for the Marbold Farmstead’s Annual Meeting. Mark has worked in television and media relations for more than 30 years. He has been a news reporter and anchor, public affairs specialist and now, an Emmy award-winning chronicler of life in Central and West Central Illinois. If he can snare an interview with Barack Obama, he will have the distinction of having interviewed our past four presidents at some time in their careers.

Even though he has enjoyed his positions in television news and media affairs, his present job as producer and host of “Illinois Stories” is his favorite.

Mark your calendar for January 14, 2016, to attend the Annual Meeting at the Greenview First Baptist Church at 6:15 p.m. A meal will be provided, followed by Mark’s program and the business meeting. Door prizes will be awarded, too. Questions: phone Louise at 968-5620 or check www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org.

Work Begins on North Annex

Work is underway on the North Annex, specifically the wash house and dairy room beneath. This section has been in major decline for the past few years; therefore, the Board of Directors felt this area should be a priority in the restoration of the Farmstead. Brick mason Josh Rediger is taking on the project, and is pictured working on the north wall foundation. The North Annex incorporates the wash house, dairy room, smoke house, carriage house and summer kitchen. These buildings were originally attached together under one roof and featured a covered walkway. The service buildings are very unique and unlike any other farm of the day, making the Marbold Farmstead stand out from other historic farms.

Architect Wesley Corgan and Andrew Gain, project manager, worked together using photographs from the Marbold family to finalize the architectural drawings which reflect the original look of the home. When all of the buildings have been finished, this area will show a segment of the Marbold family’s daily life where hands-on learning can be offered in a way that has not been available before. HMFA continues to be in the process of fundraising, so as funds become available, work will be continued for each section of the North Annex.

If you would like to see this area completed at a faster pace, we would encourage you to donate. Send your check to HMFA, P.O. Box 438, Greenview, IL 62642 and label it “North Annex.” Won’t you be a part of it?

Style Show and Tea Planned for December

“A Very Vintage Christmas” is the theme of a new event being planned for December 6 in the Greenview Elementary All-Purpose Room from 2-4 p.m. Historic clothing will be modeled and on display, and small sandwiches, sweets, and tea will be served. For reservations or more information, call Susan Wilson at 415-1239. Tickets are $15 per person.

Farmstead Chosen as Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Asbrock, a member of Troop 1 in Springfield, chose the Marbold Farmstead for his Eagle Scout project. Along with his team of fellow Scouts and Scoutmaster Pete Rafferty, Jacob removed brush and trees to expose the huge barn foundation that sits east of the house. With the help of a skid steer provided by Lawrence Wohler, the group worked 2 days to accomplish a huge task which will allow visitors to see the barn foundation.

To see photos of this summer’s Second Sunday events, check the website (www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org)
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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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 13  Board Meeting
         Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.

Oct 17  Trivia Night
         Petersburg Fire Dept., 6 p.m.

Nov 7   A Landmark Evening
         Oaks B & B, Petersburg, 6 p.m.

Nov 10  Board Meeting
         Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.

Dec 6   Tea and Style Show
         Greenview H.S., 2 p.m.

Dec 8   Board Meeting
         Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.

Jan 14  Annual Meeting
         First Baptist Church, 6:15 p.m.