

# MARBOLD QUARTERLY

## HISTORIC MARBOLD FARMSTEAD ASSOCIATION

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### Reminder! Mark Your Calendar! Reserve Your Space!

The Historic Marbold Farmstead Association annual meeting is Thursday, January 14, at the First Baptist Church on Rt. 29 in Greenview. A fried chicken dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. followed by a program by Mark McDonald of WSEC-TV's Illinois Stories. A business meeting will follow the program. For reservations, call Louise Browne at 968-5620 by January 7.

## NORTH ANNEX RESTORATION CONTINUES

The wash house and dairy room beneath it (*shown in photos below*), all part of the north annex, have been receiving repairs and restoration this past fall. The wash house is now structurally sound and has a new roof and a floor. The dairy room directly below the wash house has been cleared of unwanted debris and clutter, uncovering a cement floor. The transformation has been accomplished through the hard work of Josh Rediger of The Mason Station and our project manager, Andrew Gain. The wash house's north wall had to be completely taken down and new footings and foundation put into place. Yet to be completed are the windows, which need to be handmade by Andrew. Also to be restored is the original door, which will make the wash house look as it once did.



The wash house before restoration began.



The wash house as it looks now with the beautiful architecture of the dairy room windows on the lower level.

The smokehouse (*see photos on page 2*) is currently in the process of being re-built. Before any work could begin, the roof and west and east walls had to be completely taken down. The project has moved along fairly quickly due to the good weather this fall. By summer 2016, it is hoped that the carriage house and summer kitchen will be re-built to complete the buildings of the north annex. Once the re-building has been accomplished, the roofline over the entire north annex can then be completed.



Word has just been received from Landmarks Illinois that the Executive Committee voted to grant the Marbold Farmstead Association \$2,000 from the Preservation Heritage Fund for masonry repairs to the smokehouse. We are extremely grateful to Landmarks Illinois for this gift, as well as recognition of the importance of saving this structure at the farmstead. Please visit their website to see how this organization has helped so many historic landmarks be preserved and protected: [www.landmarks.org](http://www.landmarks.org).

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

2016! A new year begins! What lies ahead?

- Restoration: Restoration is in progress. Please read the article about restoration of the North Annex and view the before and after pictures of the wash house and smokehouse.
- New next year: Beginning in June, the first and third Sundays, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., we will open to the public for tours and history "by appointment only." We will continue this offering through September. Details will be forthcoming as plans are formalized. Signage will be placed on the south side of the property with phone numbers, dates, etc.
- Education: A date in May will be chosen as "Farm Day" where we will once again work with Greenview Elementary students, bringing them to the farmstead for fun, history, and hands-on learning experiences.
- Antique Show: Our 4th Annual Marbold Antique Show! Dealers are currently signing up for the June 25 show. This is our largest fundraiser where we not only offer outstanding antiques, but history, food, and demonstrations by period craftsmen.
- New Summer Event: Plans are in the works for Saturday, July 9, where we will host a summer event. Music, food, a Civil

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## NORTH ANNEX SMOKEHOUSE RESTORATION

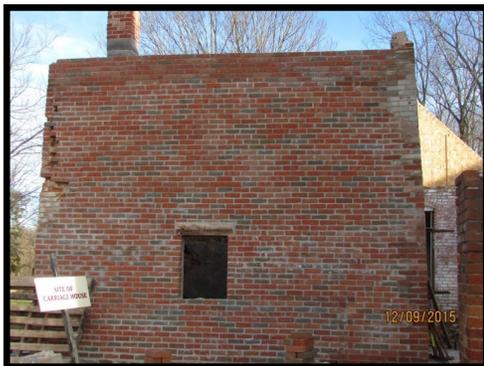


Smokehouse before work began.

We are excited about the progress being made on the North Annex. Watch for more photos in the next Quarterly.



Above: Josh Rediger rebuilding smokehouse west wall.



Left: Finished smokehouse west wall.

## WETLANDS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Jim Nelson of Nelson Land Management, LLC has agreed to volunteer and help with the development of a natural wetlands area at the farmstead. The area is southwest of the farmstead, where a natural spring supplies the source for the wetlands. Jim has the expertise and credentials for this project, receiving his bachelor's degree in Biology from MacMurray College and his master's degree from the U of I at Springfield. Jim has begun the process of treating the site for unwanted species of plant life that inhibit the growth of the native and natural species. We look forward to seeing the results of his work and dedication to this important and educational offering for the farmstead.



## UIS TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH MARBOLD FARMSTEAD

A message from Dr. Devin Hunter:

"In August I arrived in central Illinois to begin my job as Assistant Professor of United States and Public History at the University of Illinois in Springfield. My priorities included making contacts within the area's uncommonly diverse world of local historical sites. Fortuitously, Dean Campbell called my office not long after my arrival, and eventually I made it out to the Farmstead for an in-depth tour, which left on me an impression of a rare opportunity to be part of an exciting public history vision on the make.

The UIS history department—particularly myself and graduate students focusing on public history—look forward to offering Historic Marbold Farmstead our ideas and enthusiasm in the coming months. This spring, our Historic Resource Management and Preservation class will make the short trek north for a field trip. I will also begin drafting a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Farmstead. Placement on the National Register will be a key component in future grant applications, while still allowing flexibility for reconstruction and renovation plans.

I'm also happy to introduce graduate student Dan Bacon, who will volunteer and intern with the Farmstead. Dan has a lot of great ideas, including a digital mapping project for the site grounds. He sums up our enthusiasm best: 'Having grown up in a house that was built by a man who fought at Bunker Hill, historic preservation of buildings and landscapes have always interested me. If these old structures could talk, what stories they would tell! Since that isn't possible, those involved must become detectives, of sorts. Peeling back layers of history that haven't been exposed for decades or scores of decades helps to tell those muted stories.'"

## ARTIST TO DRAW 1890S MARBOLD HOUSE

Springfield artist, William (Bill) Crook, Jr. has agreed to draw the Marbold house as it looked circa 1890. Bill, an artist known for drawing on location, specializes in pen and ink. He has illustrated street scenes, landscapes, and local historic sites, such as Lincoln's Home, the Dana Thomas house, the Lincoln Depot and the Illinois State Capitol.

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War encampment, demonstrations and much more are being planned for this summer fundraiser. We will have more information in the 2nd quarter newsletter.

- Wetland Area: Sitting to the southwest of the property is a section of land that is fed by a natural spring, creating the wetlands area. Please read the feature article in this issue.
- Day Camp: It is our goal to offer, for the first time, day camp for children grades 1st through 6th at the farmstead. Activities will include both indoor and outdoor learning experiences. We hope to have plans finalized by early spring when we will begin advertising and encouraging registrations.

The Marbold Farmstead is a place that matters. If it were not so, the Association would not continue to work to make improvements, fundraise, educate and inform this generation and the generations of the future. Thank you for your past financial support, your volunteer support and your interest in seeing this project move forward. We have the potential. We have the dedication. But we continue to need YOU! Please help when and where you can.

*Charlotte Wohler, President*



HMFA provides its members and supporters information via The Marbold Quarterly and the website. We continually receive rave reviews about the visual presentation of both! Thank you, Sharon Porter, for your time and effort toward both the Quarterly and the website!



**FALL EVENTS ENJOYED BY MANY**

**Trivia Night:** The October 17 Trivia Night fundraiser provided participants with challenging questions, good food, silent auction competition, door prizes, and all-around fun. Players eagerly awaited each question in the 10-round event, emceed by Dan Mounce, and tried to answer correctly with their tablemates. Some teams were neck-and-neck throughout the evening, but eventually the top three tables were named, and cash prizes awarded. Thank you to the teams who generously donated back some of their winnings! HMFA is thankful to those who donated silent auction items, as well as those who competed.



**A Landmark Evening:** One could definitely say, "A good time was had by all" at the 4th Annual Landmark Evening on November 7, when guests enjoyed beautiful Christmas décor, a gourmet meal, a silent auction, door prizes, and lively entertainment by True Blue barbershop quartet. The Oaks B&B proprietors Susan and Ken Rodger once again opened their home for this fundraiser. We thank them for a wonderful evening! We also thank each guest who shared the evening. The annual fundraiser has grown in popularity each year. As always, the money raised will go toward the restoration and repair of the farmstead.

**A Very Vintage Christmas Tea and Style Show:** Food and fashion were the highlights of the Christmas tea and style show, which was held on December 6 at Greenview High with 96 guests attending. Members and supporters of the Association decorated and hosted 12 tables. Attendees were



treated to finger sandwiches, sweets, tea, and a favor from their hostess. Carolyn Gerberding of the Rochester Historical Society served as narrator of a style show, where young ladies from Greenview, Athens, and Pekin modeled historic fashions from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Historic clothing was also on display, generously loaned for the afternoon from the Marbold family, Menard County Historical Society, and others. Brooke Sonnemaker of Brooke's Salon in Athens provided period hairstyles for the models. A big thanks to Carolyn, Brooke, our models, our hostesses, and our guests!



**ARTIST** *(continued from page 2)*

The Association will feature his finished work at the annual meeting, January 14, where note cards and other prints will be available. If interested in a signed and numbered edition of the farmstead, please call Charlotte at 968-5808 or 341-8293. A minimum order of 10 must be met before an order can be placed. Deadline for this option is March 1, 2016. Mr. Crook has a website where his many outstanding works may be seen: [www.williamcrookjr.com](http://www.williamcrookjr.com).



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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**

- Jan 12 Board Meeting  
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Jan 14 Annual Meeting  
First Baptist Church, 6:15 p.m.
- Feb 9 Board Meeting  
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Mar 8 Board Meeting  
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Jun 25 4th Annual Marbold Antique Show

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**[HTTP://HISTORIC-MARBOLD-FARMSTEAD.ORG](http://historic-marbold-farmstead.org)**

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