

# MARBOLD QUARTERLY

## HISTORIC MARBOLD FARMSTEAD ASSOCIATION

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### SUMMER FEST @ THE FARMSTEAD WILL OFFER ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

A new event being offered by HMFA, Summer Fest @ the Farmstead, will offer a variety of activities for those attending. The event is scheduled for Sunday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be charged for adults and children 13 & over for this rain-or-shine event. Following is a list of the variety of activities, with something that will appeal to any age:

- Food provided by Cooper's StrEATside Bistro
- Beer Tasting, Hand of Fate Brewery
- Wine Tasting, Hill Prairie Winery
- Music, River City Country Opry
- Kathryn Harris as Phoebe Floreville, wife of Lincoln's barber
- The 10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- Tours of Greenview, Stier Trolley
- Wagon rides, Feed Corral Percherons
- Marbold Memorabilia
- Quilt Display
- Period Craftsmen (chair maker, basket maker, blacksmith, bee keeping & more)
- Vintage Ag Display
- 1/2 Scale Steam Engines
- Gas Engines
- Children's Activities (face painting, Picasso on the Prairie art, checkers, games, photo op)
- 50/50 Drawing
- Homemade Ice Cream and Pies

It is hoped that this new fundraising event will become an annual event. Watch for pictures from this event in the next issue of the *Marbold Quarterly*.



Dylan Twitty (left) and Dan Bacon (right)

### SITE SURVEY COMPLETED

An official site survey has been completed by UIS graduate student, Daniel Bacon, and his Air National Guard colleagues, Michael Davis, Dennis Ferguson, and Dylan Twitty. Dan states, "The survey serves two vital functions: a real-world training opportunity for us and a chance to benefit a local non-profit in the creation of a detailed accurate map." This map is an essential portion of the application for the National Register of Historic Places. The map denotes wells, cisterns, foundations, walls, buildings, lights, bridge, and more.

HMFA is grateful to the 183rd Civil Engineering Squadron for allowing these men the use of their GPS equipment. This task would not have been possible without it. The Association is also grateful to these young men who spent many hours completely covering the grounds to make the map as accurate as possible.

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

As you read this newsletter, you will see that a lot of good things have happened at the Farmstead: restoration, rebuilding, education, fundraising, grounds improvements, and more.

Restoration plans continue. Project manager Andrew Gain states that once the carriage house is rebuilt, the North Annex roof line and covered walkway will be put into place. Installation of windows and doors will follow and by fall, these buildings will be ready to withstand weather on the prairie. The interior of these buildings will not be addressed for a while, but having them structurally sound was critical to the interpretive value they offer to our guests.

What lies ahead? The conservatory, west bedroom and new roof over the entire house have to be addressed. We are grateful that Andrew helps the board prioritize projects as necessary. Updates will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

The 4th Annual Antique Show has just wrapped up and has been deemed a success. The event could not have been accomplished without the help of our volunteers and the Board of Directors' hard work. Thank you to each one of you who played a role in this our largest fundraiser of the year. We appreciate our antique dealers and period craftsmen who attend, for they

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**2016 MARBOLD**

**BUSINESS SPONSORS**

HMFA is grateful that the following local and area businesses are willing to support our 2016 events! These businesses allow the Association to provide programs, advertising, entertainment and more. Please thank these generous supporters when you frequent their businesses.

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- Menard County Historical Society
- Indian Creek Farmstead
- Greenview AF & AM #653
- Greenview CIA

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**ON MARBOLD TIME**

For thousands of years "time" was measured by the position of the sun at a given location. A vertical pole stuck in the ground announced that it was noon if little or no shadow was present. A shadow to one side indicated morning; to the opposite side was afternoon. An improvement was the Egyptian sun dial; with it, time was divided into hours.

At the time that the Marbold family came to Illinois, time keeping was still the old "solar" method. Watches had been invented and were in use in Menard County. However, it was not the standard time we use today. The watch at Elmwood (Marbold Farmstead's original name) had a given hour, but the watch in Jacksonville might have a different time.

All this changed when the railroads came to Greenview. The steam power of the industrial revolution made accurate timekeeping necessary. Schedules had to be uniform from one state to another.

Standard time was made U.S. law in 1918. In Europe, as late as 1937, it could be noon in Amsterdam, 11:40 in London, and 12:40 in Berlin. Time zones were finally established in Europe right before WWII. Back in the U.S., the Marbolds could expect their Chicago-purchased furniture, steam-powered equipment, and its farm machinery on time.

—submitted by Dean Campbell

**GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE FARMSTEAD**



Operating Engineers of Local Union 965 provided heavy equipment and operators to create an outdoor education site. A large area south of the southern entry road was leveled. Tree stumps were removed, the level obtained by survey, and soil graded. The old roadbed to the bridge was re-established and silt removed from the west side of the bridge. This work improved the view of the small creek.



Two dozen native flowering plants and 20 new types of trees were planted by Charles Tomlin, Dean Campbell, and Randy and Matthew Holliday. The native flowering plants were placed by Jack Simmons, UIS biology major.



The summer kitchen and smokehouse project is nearing completion.

Low-Mar Farms provided equipment and expertise in the planting of grass seed at the outdoor education site and around the house.



IDOT's cooperation was beneficial in placement of signage on Rt. 29.

**THANK YOU!**

**PRESIDENT'S DESK...**

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offer our guests interesting and unique antiques and demonstrations of period crafts that few are familiar with.

Good things happen at the Marbold Farmstead. It is a work in progress, but you can see that we are progressing. There is no other place like the Marbold Farmstead, and it has a story to tell. Please help us by telling others, volunteering, working and supporting in whatever way you can, for we need you. Keep the good things happening!

Charlotte Wohler, President

**SUPPORTING THE FARMSTEAD'S MISSION:**



**THRIVENT FINANCIAL**

Thrivent Choice Program deposited funds into our account as designated by two members of this program. Thrivent offers their eligible members the opportunity to support non-profit organizations such as ours. We are grateful to these individuals who demonstrated their support this way.

Also, the Farmstead is the recipient of matching funds from AT&T's Matching Gift Program. We appreciate this individual who willingly gives to support our efforts through their company's program.



Did you know under the "Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015" any person 70 1/2 and over can make a distribution from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to a nonprofit organization without triggering federal income taxes? Check with your financial advisor to see if you can use this provision to support the Marbold Farmstead. Donations such as these are used for the restoration and rebuilding of the Farmstead and are deeply appreciated.

**Look for pictures from the 4th Annual Antique Show to be featured in the next issue of the *Marbold Quarterly*.**

**GREENVIEW ELEMENTARY STUDENTS EXPERIENCE 1890s FARM LIFE**



Student surveyors

Farm Day was held on May 6 for fifty Greenview Elementary students. Teachers, students, and parents stepped back in time to learn and experience farm life as it was in the late 1890s. Five different stations made the day a memorable one. Students learned the following: the challenges of immigrating to a new country, how to grind corn, how old kitchen items were used, how to churn butter, and the purposes of foot warmers, chamber pots, rug beaters, and sock stretchers. Inside the wash house the students discovered the difficult and tedious task of wash day during the late 1890s. The young people also were given details about the smokehouse, the ice house and boiler house, and the important roles each of these buildings played in daily farm life. Students were given the opportunity to design and create a quilt block using fabric markers. A variety of designs were drawn on a square of fabric and at some point in the future, the blocks will be stitched together to make a very colorful quilt.



Wash Day



Grinding corn

Again this year, the 5th grade class was given instruction regarding surveying. Susan Wilson presented the unit lessons to the students where they were taught about Lincoln the surveyor, the type of equipment he used, and how to survey a plot of land. The class utilized their skills at the Farmstead during Farm Day.

Farm Day fulfills the mission of the Farmstead, which is to educate children and adults about farming and farm life circa 1900. Many thanks to Mr. Heavner, Greenview Elementary principal, and Mrs. McKinney, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Schurman for their participation in this educational event. Also, thank you to GHS senior, Tyler White, who took photos throughout the morning. The day could not have happened without our volunteers: Susan Wilson, Cindy Rankin, Helen Weidhuner, Evelyn Smith, Diane Masters, Ruth Dowell, Dean Campbell, and Charlotte Wohler.

Designing quilt blocks



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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**

- July 5 Board Meeting (*Note date change*)  
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- July 9 Work Day at the Farmstead
- July 10 Summer Fest at the Farmstead  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- July 17 Farmstead Tour, 2-4 p.m.
- Aug 7 Farmstead Tour, 2-4 p.m.
- Aug 9 Board Meeting  
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Aug 13 Work Day at the Farmstead
- Aug 21 Farmstead Tour, 2-4 p.m.
- Sept 4 Farmstead Tour, 2-4 p.m.
- Sept 10 Work Day at the Farmstead
- Sept 13 Board Meeting  
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Sept 18 Farmstead Tour, 2-4 p.m.

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