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**YOU ARE INVITED TO
A LANDMARK EVENING**

On Saturday, November 5, HMFA will hold its annual fundraiser, A Landmark Evening. The formal event will feature cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, entertainment by Springfield's award-winning Sound Celebration Chorus, and ending with an auction of a great variety of interesting items.

Join us at Roots, 14305 State Route 97, former site of New Salem Country Opry, which has been transformed into a lovely new venue. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to join you! Tickets are \$50, which is partly tax deductible. Contact Louise at 968-5620 or Diane at 632-3144 to order tickets for this gala event. Help us to be able to continue the momentum on our North Annex, currently under construction and visible from Route 29!

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S
DESK...**

As you read the articles and look at the pictures in this issue, you will see the Association has been very busy. The June antique show and the July Summer Fest, two very large events, were accomplished. Re-building of the summer kitchen and carriage house is underway, with the windows, roofline, and walkway soon to be completed. The grounds and timber are continually being improved. And for the future, plans are in development for some new events and programs.

All these things don't just happen. This organization is blessed to have such willing and able volunteers. It takes many hands to make each event happen and the Board of Directors is extremely grateful to everyone who says, "Yes, I can do that." So, "thank you" to each person, named or unnamed, who does his/her part to make things happen at and for the Farmstead. You are appreciated.

I feel it is important to also say "thank you" to those who are our "Founders." If it were not for you, we would not have been able to be where we are today—fulfilling our mission and goal of creating a living history farm. You stepped up and made this project move forward. You have helped leave a legacy for current and future generations. (If you don't believe that, go back and look at the pictures of our Greenview Elementary students at Farm Day.) Seeing the

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**NORTH ANNEX
WORK CONTINUES**

The photo below shows the early stage of the rebuilding of the carriage house and coal room. Project manager, Andrew Gain, is off to a good start with this portion of the North Annex. When this area is completed, it will reflect a typical German courtyard on the east side of the house. The wash house, dairy room below, smokehouse, summer kitchen, carriage house and coal room offer a unique interpretative educational experience for those who come to our site. "There is no other place like the Marbold Farmstead," "where the past meets the present." We can't wait to see the completion! What a difference this will make to the look of the Farmstead!





“A GIFT OF GRAIN” WILL HELP THE FARMSTEAD

Harvest season is upon us and a new program has been created for local and area farmers to help HMFA. “A gift of grain” is a way for farmers to donate bushels of corn and/or beans to the Farmstead and thus help with the mission and goal of creating a living history farm. Monies raised will assist with the rebuilding and restoration efforts currently underway.

When a farmer delivers his grain to the elevator, he can inform the manager of the number of bushels of grain he wishes to donate and the elevator in turn notifies HMFA. By donating this way, it also benefits the farmer, for the donation of grain is not included in farm income, thus rendering tax savings. Farmers have been encouraged to consult with their tax professionals for advice applicable to their situation.

Accounts have been put into place with Encompass Grain, Greenview and Mason City elevators, Prairieland FS, Inc., Atterberry/Petersburg, and RCM, Culver and Barr elevators. The cooperation shown by these companies is benefiting the Association’s mission and its ongoing projects. It is hoped that a successful and bountiful local harvest will benefit both our farmers and the Farmstead.

Visitors enjoyed Summer Fest @ the Farmstead. See more pictures of summer events in this issue’s special photo insert.



FARMSTEAD GROUNDS BENEFIT FROM VOLUNTEER WORK

Grounds chairman, Dean Campbell, and his crew of volunteers have made significant improvements to the Marbold Farmstead. Ed Willis and Randy Tomlin worked at the Farmstead for several days in August. Their labor-intensive work involved cutting, carrying, and stacking downed trees and limbs. Their hard work provided open areas for the future planting of 46 native trees and shrubs, which are expected to arrive in October. They also cleared weeds from the creek bank exposing a dozen rare, bright red Royal Catchfly wildflowers that were planted by college students this fall. These plants will encourage hummingbirds.

The month of September brought Paul White, a new volunteer to the site, to assist project manager, Andrew Gain. Paul has also assisted with the cutting and clearing of trees from the south timber, readying the area for the native tree plantings.

Volunteers Sharon Baur, Diane Masters, and Evelyn Smith volunteered their time to weed the butterfly garden and areas around the house.

A big “thank you” goes to Edie and Guy Sternberg of Starhill Arboretum. They donated a white oak seedling which has been planted near the “old Sweetwater wagon road.” The white oak seedling is a direct descendant of the Oak Ridge Cemetery white oak tree that was present at the time of Abraham Lincoln’s burial in 1865. It is called the “Framing Oak” due to the thousands of photos taken in the cemetery “framing” Lincoln’s Tomb.

SUMMER EVENTS DRAW LARGE CROWDS

HMFA’s two major summer events this year (the 4th Annual Antique Show and the new Summer Fest) were very well attended and enjoyed by many.

2016 Antique Show: Beautiful weather encouraged hundreds of guests to attend the 4th Annual Marbold Antique show on Saturday, June 25. Nineteen antique dealers were on hand with their lovely primitives for sale. Returning dealers from previous shows were amazed at the restoration and rebuilding progress that has been made since the 2015 show. And, for the first time, the wash house and summer kitchen were filled with antiques. By next year, the smokehouse should offer another location for primitive antiques. Besides excellent antiques, period craftsmen demonstrated their unique skills. New this year were a potter, chair maker, penny rug artisan, and bee keeper. The Association thanks the many willing volunteers who donated hours of time in order to make this year’s show a huge success. *Save the date for June 24, 2017, and plan to attend the 5th Annual Antique Show.*

Summer Fest: The first Summer Fest @ the Farmstead was well attended on July 10 thanks to the great weather and the following line-up: period craftsmen, the 10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, steam and gas engines, antique tractors, tours, history, demonstrations, narrated trolley tour, great food and live music. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and effort. We couldn’t do it without you!

PRESIDENT'S DESK...*(continued from page 1)*

vision or dream of this project was a leap, but even though it is slow in the making, the dream is being realized. Founders, please know you are appreciated.

As you read this newsletter, we hope each of you realize how important you are to the project, whether by your membership, volunteering, or financial support—you are appreciated. Thank you.

Charlotte Wohler, President

LOOKING AHEAD...

2016 Annual Meeting: Normally, our previous year's annual meeting has been held in January, but the Board has decided to move the annual meeting to March 2017. This decision was made in order to commemorate and celebrate five years of ownership on one occasion. Community and area residents who helped establish the organization, our Founders and other financial supporters, and our current membership will be invited to attend. They will be recognized and given credit for the many ways they have helped make the Marbold Farmstead project move forward. A meal will be available prior to the business and recognition portion of the evening. Details are forthcoming in the January *Marbold Quarterly*. Make plans to attend and invite those you know who have been a part of the project from the onset. It will be a great time to celebrate together!

50/50 Antique Auction: Plans are in the early stages of development to have an antique auction at Sanert's Auction in Greenview. If you have an antique you have no idea what to do with, please consider donating it for the auction. You, in turn, will have the option to give the Farmstead 50% or 100% of what the object brings. Other items will be accepted with some reservations. If you have an item to donate, let us know what it is so it may be advertised as available for sale. Details will be finalized by the January 2017 quarterly newsletter.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Did you know the commemorative brick campaign is an ongoing fundraiser that helps support the Farmstead and its efforts? A laser-engraved brick can be placed in memory of or in honor of a loved one or to recognize an organization, high school class, or family name. A lovely engraved brick walkway is currently under development at the south entrance of the house. When visiting the Farmstead, make a point to check it out!

Brick sizes are 4" x 8" for \$100 (or 3 bricks for \$250) and an 8" x 8" brick for \$200 each. Brick order forms, with all of the details, are available on the Marbold website (www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org) or you may have a form sent to you via mail or email by contacting Suzanne Blackburn at 217-968-1552.

**MARBOLD FARMSTEAD FEATURED ON "ILLINOIS STORIES"**

Mark McDonald and his crew arrived at the Farmstead on Friday, June 24, to film an episode for PBS's "Illinois Stories." This Emmy award-winning series is known for featuring points of interest in Central and West Central Illinois, providing quality programming and learning opportunities for viewers.

Mark interviewed project manager, Andrew Gain; architect, Wesley Corgan; board members, Dean Campbell and Charlotte Wohler; and Marbold descendant, Barbara Van Dyke Brown, where he learned about restoration and rebuilding efforts, plans for the future, as well as history of the farm and the Marbold family. Mark filmed an episode about ten years earlier and was amazed to learn and see what has occurred during that time period. The

"Illinois Stories" episode aired three times just prior to the Summer Fest @ the Farmstead, bringing great exposure to the site. A good number of people acknowledged they had seen the well-done episode.

Visit www.networkknowledge.tv to check the schedule and to see when the Farmstead's episode will be aired again. The Association is grateful to Mark McDonald, PBS, and WSEC for providing an opportunity to be filmed and to be featured on their programming schedule.

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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 1 Garage Sale @ the Farmstead
- Oct 8 Work Day at the Farmstead
- Oct 11 Board Meeting
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Oct 22 Food Sale
Sanert's Auction
- Nov 5 A Landmark Evening**
- Nov 8 Board Meeting
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
- Nov 12 Work Day at the Farmstead
- Dec 13 Board Meeting
Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.

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