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Ice House Roof Repaired

The ice house is shown above and as one can see, the old slate roof shows where it has been patched several times. The board was advised that instead of patching small holes here and there we should consider replacing it with artificial slate, which would, in the long run, save us money. During the week prior to our June event, the entire roof was replaced and the cupola repaired and painted. Work was done by local roofer, Dallas Gresham and his crew. This building is now ready to withstand the elements of the prairie winds and weather. The after picture below shows its beauty. A brick located at the southeast corner of the building is engraved with the date "1902" which means this building is 105 years old.

Antique Show & Farm Fest

The antique show and farm fest held during the weekend of June 23-25 was attended by over 600 visitors! Guests were able to shop for antiques, see craftsman at work, watch a small scale steam engine, make string and see how a baler works among other things. On display in the barnyard was vintage ag tractors, a 1915 Case Steam Engine Tractor and gas engines. Visitors were able to enjoy music, historic portrayals, Civil War Infantry soldiers, watch local actors perform One Grand Old Lady, great food and much more! See photos on our website as well as this newsletter! This is HMFA's largest fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed the wide variety of activities at the Farmstead!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

So much has happened since our last issue. The list below will speak volumes, but please read the articles in this issue which will give you specifics and details.

- Farm Day with Greenview Elementary students
- Windows installed in the washhouse
- Ice house roof replaced, cupola repaired
- Ground work throughout property
- 50/50 Antique Auction
- Antique Show Farm Fest

As you can see, we've been busy educating, working, repairing, rebuilding and raising funds. All these elements work together to make our goals and mission come to fruition.

What lies ahead? Definitely, fundraising efforts. We cannot do what we do without funds. And as funds allow, we will continue rebuilding and repairing. We will work toward a campaign to raise funds in the near future. But, we want to be sure we have details in place. Decisions and plans have to be made before we can realize this. cont on page 3

Stay tuned.





ELEMENTARY FARM DAY AT THE FARMSTEAD

Forty-six Greenview Elementary students, four teachers and one parent attended our fourth year of Farm Day at the Farmstead on May 5th. Before the students arrived at the farmstead their classrooms were given a few items related to the Marbold farmstead or what would have been in use in the home during the time of the farm's operation. Among the items students viewed were a rug beater, a button hook, curling iron, door stop and pictures depicting the farmstead, a binder filled with illustrations of clothing/costumes of the late 1800's, as well as information relating to the Marbold family.

Mrs. Tippitt's fifth grade class enjoyed a unit on surveying as Lincoln would have practiced during his time in Menard County and the area. Classroom instruction was provided by Robert Church, former director of the Museum of Surveying and Mrs. Susan Wilson. Students created journals where they documented detailed information relating to their instruction. On Friday the fifth grade class came to the farmstead to put into use their skills with chain and link surveying equipment similar to Mr. Lincoln's. The materials for the students' journals were made possible by a donation from Indian Creek Farmstead. We are grateful for their gift which benefited the students' learning experience.

Second, fourth and fifth graders were divided into groups where they visited five different stations for an overview of life in the late 1800's. The parlor, west bedroom, kitchen, wash house and a walking tour of the grounds provided the visitors with hands-on learning during their stay. We are pleased Greenview Community Schools Superintendent, Mr. Ryan Heavner is supportive of our efforts to educate this generation of young people at our site. Thank you to Mrs. McKinney, Mr. Reed and Mrs. Tippitt for their assistance and openness to promote our mission of educating about farming and farm life in the past. A special thank you to Destiny Van Cleve for photographing and documenting Farm Day 2017.

Marbold Antique & Collectible 50/50 Auction

The Antique & Collectible 50/50 Auction held on April 23rd at Sanert's Auction Center was a great success. Its success is due in large part to approximately thirty generous people who donated items to be sold at the auction. A variety of antiques and collectibles were donated for the auction -- quilts, furniture, lamps, a cradle, a trunk, a rocking horse, dolls, as well as many more items too numerous to mention. The association is appreciative of our local and area supporters who attended the event and to those who volunteered their time and labor during the sale. The association is particularly grateful to Ron and Sue Sanert who donated their time and services. Their help benefitted us greatly and we are grateful their support.

We hope to make the 50/50 auction a bi-annual fundraiser. With this in mind, please consider contributing items once again to help benefit the farmstead. The income raised has been designated to help with the cost of replacing the ice house roof with artificial slate and restore the cupola to its original beauty.



PRESIDENT'S DESK... (

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So many folks we talk to say, "I've never heard of the Marbold Farmstead." We have struggled with that perception. Well, that changed due to the June 22nd issue of Illinois Times, a newspaper that reaches thousands of readers in Springfield and area towns in central Illinois. Writer Erika Holtz came to the farmstead and gathered information from members and board members to create an article that gathered great attention. We were the feature article and the house was front page! What a boost for our Antique Show and Farm Fest. Thank you to Illinois Times for the recognition and especially, Erika.

I need to end my column with a big thank you to those who stick so closely beside me to help with decision making, tasks, lists, projects, physical labor, plans and general support. You know who you are - the eager and willing friends and family who stand beside me to accomplish so much before, during and after an event. I am grateful to everyone who works with me - a true team effort!

An incredible quarter has been accomplished. Let's hope our 3rd quarter will be just as incredible - for there is no place like the Marbold Farmstead!

Charlotte Wohler, President



Exposed barn

**Quilt winner: Debra Webber, Havana
Afghan winner: Pat Culler, Springfield**

Thank you to Jim & Leonda Markee Behrends and Avis McKenney for their skills in making these beautiful works of art!



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- 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 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 2 | Tours 2-4 PM @ Farmstead |
| July 11 | Board meeting 7PM |
| July 16 | Tours 2-4 PM |
| Aug 6 | Tours 2-4 PM |
| Aug 8 | Board meeting 7 PM |
| Aug 20 | Tours 2-4 PM |
| Sept 3 | Tours 2-4 PM |
| Sept 12 | Board meeting 7PM |
| Sept 17 | Tours 2-4 PM |

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