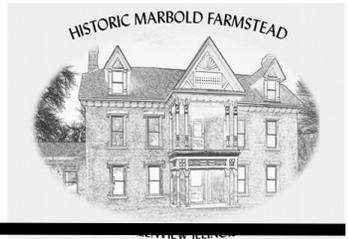


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WORK CONTINUES ON NORTH ANNEX

Work has been underway on the north annex. As the picture below reveals, doors have now been placed on the carriage house, enclosing it and making it usable for storage at this point in time. Did you know that the small door of the carriage house was once a stall for the horse and later became the 'coal room'? As can be seen, the carriage house will need dirt placed around the foundation to correct the elevation issues now present.

By the end of October, there will be new shingles placed atop the summer kitchen, carriage house, smokehouse, wash house, and covered walkway. It will make a huge difference in the overall appearance, but most importantly, will protect it from another winter of challenging weather. The next project will be redoing the roof of the main house and west bedroom. The shingles are currently in dire need of replacement and the goal is to replace them before winter.



The dairy room window wells, directly below the wash house, are also experiencing renovation. The brick window wells have been reconstructed to create the original look. New windows have been made and glass will soon be placed inside and installed. These restorations will protect the dairy room from rain, snow, and other weather-related issues. Can you visualize a cream separator in the dairy room? Another interpretive opportunity.



The smokehouse will receive a new door and a window before winter, too. Enclosing this building is mandatory, as it relates to weather issues. (Do you see a trend here?)

The summer kitchen windows will soon be installed to completely enclose it. These windows along with the other buildings' windows were handcrafted by Andrew Gain. By next spring, the north annex will have the 'courtyard' revived. With all of this progress, please realize it is the 'bare-bones' of restoration, yet the beginning of what the Farmstead 'work' buildings once looked like. With educational experiences for children through adults, no other historic site has a combination of buildings like the Marbold Farmstead has. Even though they may not be totally original, the stories they impart are invaluable to those who visit the site.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Historic Marbold Farmstead Association annual meeting is scheduled for January 12 at the First Baptist Church in Greenview. Members and guests will enjoy a catered meal, followed by a program and business meeting. Members will receive details by mail in December. Check the website (www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org) for information as it unfolds.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Here we are in the last quarter of 2017! Wow, where does the time go? There have been so many good things along the way. New members being added periodically. Members and others agreeing to volunteer and help out where needed. Monetary donations to further our efforts, either through matching gifts or minimum required distribution funds, etc. All things working together to keep our mission/goals moving forward. Many thanks to all of you!

Recently my husband, Lawrence, and I visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. An amazing compilation of American history saved through the vision and efforts of Henry Ford. To see it all is overwhelming. There was so much to take in, but what struck me the most was the Harvey Firestone family farm that sits inside the village. As we walked down the path leading to that lovely farm house, off in the distance was a wagon with two horses hitched to it, farm workers in a field, gardens, orchards, rows of buckwheat, a chicken yard (with chickens, ducks, and geese), an outhouse and a barn. Visitors at the Firestone farm could step back in time and see what daily life was like. As we stepped into the house, directly into the kitchen, we were met with docents cooking a meal, explaining each step and why it was done as shown. This farm in all its glory reminded me of what the Marbold Farmstead has to offer both visually and educationally.

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NEW EVENT HELD AT THE FARMSTEAD

An Arts & Crafts Festival was held Saturday, September 30, at the Farmstead. Local and area artists and craftsmen displayed and/or demonstrated their work, as well as sold their products. These works ranged from watercolor paintings to pottery to wood crafts. Vendors' booths were inside the house and outbuildings, as well as in tents on the lawn. Food, music, and tours of the house and grounds were also available for guests to enjoy. Greenview School students participated in an art exhibit, with prizes awarded. Pictures of this event will be featured in the next Marbold Quarterly.

TOURS ARE AVAILABLE

Do you know that you can schedule a tour of the Farmstead? Community organizations or small groups can arrange for a private tour by calling Charlotte at 217-968-5808 or Diane at 217-632-3144. They will be happy to arrange a time that fits your needs.

The picture below shows the fine folks from the East Peoria Park District who toured the Farmstead on August 1. Donations are appreciated for all tours. Make a plan to come and visit the Farmstead!



OPERATING ENGINEERS VOLUNTEER TIME AND EQUIPMENT

The help of the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 965 is appreciated as they bring equipment to the site and help tear out unwanted trees and stumps, level grounds, grade and more. An apprentice and his mentor are shown above. The apprentice sharpens his skills and our grounds benefit from both their time and effort. Thank you!

MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL TO HMFA

Membership renewal letters will be sent in December. Please continue your membership with HMFA. Your dues help keep the Association's mission and goals moving along. With a membership, you will receive the Marbold Quarterly and be updated on past and upcoming events, restoration and rebuilding efforts, along with photos giving a perspective of what is happening and much more.

As a member, remember that we need you. Consider volunteering—we have many opportunities. The butterfly garden is one area of great need. Could you help with that? Help is needed to keep down the poison ivy on the property. Could you provide the spraying of these invasive, poisonous weeds? Help is needed with the flowers around the perimeter of the house—weeding, watering, planting, etc. Could you help with that? Volunteers are always needed to help with events—planning, set-up, clean-up, etc. Please contact a board member to see how you can assist in 2018.



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

My thoughts were, "Wow, we could do that (someday)!" Yes, we have a big job ahead of us, but can you visualize it? Please try. For without that, we lose sight of the big picture. The restoration, rebuilding, decision making, labor, events and fundraising are needed to make it happen, but sometimes we fail to visualize what it can be. **Keep the vision alive. For there is no place like the Marbold Farmstead!**

Charlotte Wohler, President

MARBOLD FARMSTEAD SUPPORTERS DONATE REPLICA OF HOME



Paul White and Brenda Edwards

Paul White and Brenda Edwards of Petersburg get cabin fever during the winter—like the rest of us. One of the things they have done over the years to counter this is to build several dollhouses. Last January Brenda suggested to Paul that they build another dollhouse. His response was, "We really don't need another dollhouse; we already have seven." Paul has long had an interest in the old deteriorating farmstead on Route 29 near Greenview and is currently volunteering his time to help restore the house and the property. Brenda knew this so she rethought her original idea and the next day suggested that they build a replica of the Marbold house and donate it to HMFA. That idea sold Paul—sooo—"game on," and it became a very rewarding and challenging project that filled the cold and gray days during February and March.



None of the board members knew anything about this project until Paul revealed the project to President Charlotte Wohler. It was first seen at HMFA's annual meeting in March 2017, and it was quite the attraction! Built to scale, it is an exact replica of the home. Brenda furnished the interior with period miniature furniture and handmade linens, making the house seem all the more realistic and homey.

Since that time, the replica has been shown at the June Antique Show & Farm Fest, at the Petersburg Harvest Fest on September 16, and again at the Farmstead's Arts and Crafts Festival on September 30. It is hoped that someday it will find a permanent home in a future visitors' center. In the meantime, Paul and Brenda

continue to fine-tune their creation, just as HMFA continues its restoration and rebuilding efforts on the real house. Paul says, "I have always said that I'm living my dream of restoring the old house and I get great satisfaction from doing that, BUT I don't have to pay for the materials!" This amazing model and its creators will be present at the HMFA annual meeting in January.

TIDBITS OF MARBOLD AND GREENVIEW HISTORY

- In 1847, John H. Marbold arrived in Petersburg. On February 27, 1847, Santa Anna was defeated in the Mexican War.
- The first brick building at the Marbold Farmstead was begun in 1850. Four years later the Chicago-Alton Railroad was operational in Greenview.
- The first coal shaft in Greenview was established in 1880.
- In 1889, smokeless gunpowder was invented. The Greenview Rangers, the local anti-horse thief organization would have used black gunpowder.
- The population of Greenview in 1900 was 1,200.

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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 10	HMFA Board Meeting 7 p.m., Greenview CIA
Nov 14	HMFA Board Meeting 7 p.m., Greenview CIA
Dec 12	HMFA Board Meeting 7 p.m., Greenview CIA
Jan 12, 2018	HMFA Annual Meeting First Baptist Church, Greenview

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