

# MARBOLD QUARTERLY

## HISTORIC MARBOLD FARMSTEAD ASSOCIATION

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### SUCCESSFUL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ADVANCES RESTORATION EFFORTS

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce a successful Capital Campaign which will advance the restoration and rebuilding of the house. At this point in time, \$111,300 has been received in financial commitments. The goal was to raise \$113,000, and as can be seen, the goal is very close to being met. The funds raised are through the generosity of board members and several other individuals, who demonstrate commitment and confidence in the project and the desire to move it forward. One anonymous donor has given the full amount of \$25,300 for the replacement of the roof. The parlor restoration is estimated at \$28,000 and a long-time donor's family has provided that amount, which will allow them to memorialize loved ones. It should be realized that \$113,000 is just a fraction of what is needed to complete this long-term project; therefore, fundraising to complete the restoration of the house will continue into the future.

The capital campaign was broken down into two phases. Phase One concentrates on the replacement of the shingles on the house and the rebuilding of the conservatory. The roof was in dire need of repair and the restoration of the conservatory, a prominent feature, will bring the house back to the look of the 1880s. Along with the conservatory, the west end of the house will have its north porch added and the bathroom repaired. What a transformation it will be! Phase Two concentrates on the front entryway, staircase, and parlor. These three important elements of the home will allow visitors a glimpse into the past as well as exhibit the potential of the entire interior of the dwelling.

Phases Three and Four are yet to be determined, but plans will be forthcoming. As restoration and rebuilding progress, it will become evident how important it is to preserve this iconic farmstead. The Marbold Farmstead stands for a reason—it has a story to tell about historical farming and farm life. Please consider what you can do to tell the story.

### ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED FOR JANUARY 12



Members and supporters of the Marbold Farmstead are invited to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting at the First Baptist Church in Greenview, on Friday, January 12, at 6:15 p.m. A fried chicken dinner will be catered and served by Hamilton's Catering.

Following dinner, Jerome Johnson, executive director of Garfield Farm Museum, will speak. Garfield Farm is Illinois' only historically intact surviving prairie farmstead, teamster inn, and working farm museum. Mr. Johnson's wealth of informa-

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

I am amazed at the progress that has been accomplished at the Marbold Farmstead. We have a new roof over nearly the entire structure, a recreated chimney in the summer kitchen, electricity in every room of the house and north annex, windows in place and a new box gutter on the north end of the parlor wing. Great progress.

Going forward, plans are in place to rebuild the conservatory this next year. Along with this feature of the house, plans to reconstruct the staircase and make it structurally sound are in the works. The restoration of the front entry and parlor are on the horizon, as well. Progress? Yes!

I am grateful to the Board of Directors who make the vital decisions for progress to happen. I am grateful to the many volunteers and members who work to make the site look inviting, revealing barn foundations, tending the grounds, assisting with events and much more. I am grateful for the fundraising endeavors thus far and the numerous people who have committed their support. I am especially grateful to those Founders who, in 2012, provided the money to assist with the purchase of the Farmstead. Without them, we would not be able to speak of progress at all.

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### ANNUAL MEETING

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tion and experience will be of interest to all attendees.

After Mr. Johnson’s presentation, there will be a business meeting with a review of the year’s accomplishments and future plans, the financial report, the president’s report, and the election of board members.

The cost of the meal is \$15 per person and reservations are required. Call Louise Browne, 217-968-5620, by January 8 to make a reservation. Door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the meeting.

If you would like to order a brick in honor of, in memory of, or to commemorate an organization or group, visit our website where an order form is available.



### FARMSTEAD INCLUDED IN GRANT STUDY



Landmarks Illinois included the Marbold Farmstead in their grant study, “No Small Change, The Grant Programs of Landmarks Illinois.” PlaceEconomics, a Washington, DC based firm, conducted the study detailing the impact of their Preservation Heritage Funds grants. Between 1984 and 2017 Landmarks Illinois’ grant programs have provided 192 grants to help

organizations like HMFA with project costs. It is an honor to be one of the eleven communities that was visited and interviewed. You will find the complete summary on Landmarks Illinois’ website, [www.landmarksillinois.org](http://www.landmarksillinois.org). Click on Resources and Publications, Reports and Surveys. The photo above was taken in March 2017 when PlaceEconomics visited the Farmstead. This impressive report features the Marbold Farmstead on its cover!

HMFA is grateful to Landmarks Illinois for their grant programs, when in 2012, the organization received \$1,500 and in 2015, \$2,000. These funds were applied to the soffits, gutters, and downspouts on the house and to the masonry costs for the smokehouse. An opportunity to apply again for another project will occur in February 2018.

As the conclusion of the report states, “Landmarks Illinois’ grants were the spark and the support needed at critical times to preserve and sometimes heal the fabric of communities from every corner of the state.” Thanks to Landmarks Illinois for their mission of saving historical places like the Marbold Farmstead.

### SUMMER KITCHEN CHIMNEY IS COMPLETED



Expert brick mason Tom Bundy has reconstructed the summer kitchen chimney. Old photos that depicted how it once looked were used to recreate the structure. The finished product now stands grandly above the summer kitchen. In the near future, Tom will complete the chimney attached to the wash house. When finished, these two chimneys will complete the house as it once looked.

In order to reconstruct the chimney, it was necessary to have bricks that matched those already on site. A big thank you to Terry and Pam Sims for donating the stack of bricks pictured. Also thanks go to Lawrence Wohler, Phil Hudspeth, and Steve Rankin for getting the bricks, loading them one by one onto the pallets, and transporting them to the Farmstead. This project could not have been completed without these fine members and volunteers. We are fortunate to have people willing to help where needed.

This project was partially funded by grant money from the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. We are grateful for the opportunity to apply to this foundation and for their willingness to support this project. Thank you, John Stremsterfer and the members of the foundation.



# ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL WELL ATTENDED THIS FALL

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

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Progress is forward motion. Progress can be slow, but as long as we are moving forward, we are closer to our goal of a living history farm here in Greenview. There is no place like the Marbold Farmstead. Help us continue to make progress happen!

*Charlotte Wohler, President*

The Arts & Crafts Festival held on September 30 was well attended and offered a variety of creative and beautiful items to attendees. The pictures below give one an idea of what was offered: porcelain painting, spinning and weaving, watercolor art, pottery, fall décor, musicians "Peaches & Bacon" and Greenview School art contest winners.

Along with the above-mentioned crafts, twenty craftsmen were present to display, sell or demonstrate the following: jewelry, photography, acrylic art, handmade wood crafts, pressed floral pictures, alpaca textiles, handmade rugs, and much more.

Other musical entertainment was provided by the dulcimer group Wildwood Strings and the Menard County Singers. Historical tours were available, and some archaeological finds from the property and the outstanding Marbold model house were on display.

Approximately 400 people attended and enjoyed this successful fundraising event. Plans are to host the 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival in September 2018.

### Arts & Crafts Festival Photos:



Greenview Schools art contest winners



Musicians "Peaches and Bacon"



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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 9	HMFA Board of Directors meeting Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
Jan 12	HMFA Annual Meeting. 6:15 p.m. First Baptist Church, Greenview
Feb 13	HMFA Board of Directors meeting Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.
Mar 13	HMFA Board of Directors meeting Greenview CIA, 7 p.m.

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