

# MEMBERSHIPS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We ask all Glidden Homestead members to renew their annual membership each December. **If your address label has an ASTERISK (\*), you are a member in good standing** – thank you! Now more than ever, your membership is critical to the work at the Homestead! For a very reasonable membership rate, you help preserve one of DeKalb's most important historical landmarks. Your membership also entitles you to free tours of the Homestead and the chance to participate in interesting, worthwhile activities there. Your membership also entitles you to at least four issues of this newsletter throughout the year and special offers in our Gift Shop!

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| _____ \$40 Family Membership     | _____ \$5 Youth Membership (high school & below) |
| _____ \$100 Heritage Membership  | _____ Other Special Donation                     |

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**Thank you! Your membership allows the Homestead to continue work at this important historic site!**

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"The Winner" - Patented Nov. 24, 1874 - #157,124

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Blacksmith Chris Hubbard stokes the fire in the forge.



The iron heats to 1700-degrees.



He uses the heat and a hammer to work the iron.



From small scrap of iron to finished cheese knife!



### Marshall recognized

President Kathy Vance Siebrasse and past president Jim Morel presented a special award to board member Jeff Marshall at the annual Patent Day Dinner in November. The award features an 18-inch length of the #9 barbed wire used in the 1880s to fence Joseph Glidden's Frying Pan Ranch, near Amarillo, TX. Morel obtained the wire while visiting the ranch last summer. The award recognizes Marshall for his contributions to the Glidden Homestead, including establishing and running the museum's Gift Shop this past year. Many of the items in the Gift Shop were designed or created by Marshall. He also is involved in the Blacksmith Shop project and heads the Gardens/Grounds Committee. (Photo by Barry Schrader)

### Hubbard brings blacksmithing art to Homestead

Story and photos by Kathy Vance Siebrasse

On a frigid December night, Chris Hubbard is in his element -- safe and warm in his home blacksmith shop, a place he freely admits is his private domain.

From forge to blowers, anvils to antique metal-working implements, the garage shop is fully equipped with the tools of the blacksmithing trade.

With ultimate patience, Hubbard repeatedly works a small piece of iron – from fire to hammer and anvil, and back again. Within about 45 minutes, he produces a razor sharp cheese knife, complete with curved handle.

In the smoky warmth of the shop, the ringing sound of metal hammered against anvil gives the sense of being transported back in time—to the era when blacksmith Phineas Vaughan helped Joseph Glidden turn an ordinary coffee grinder into a barbed-wire making machine.

Hubbard has been working with the Glidden board for a few years on plans to establish a blacksmith shop in the former millhouse on the Homestead property. Ultimately, he will give demonstrations and offer classes there.

Items made by Hubbard recently have been added to the selection in the Glidden Homestead's Gift Shop, including plant hangers, dinner bells, novelty snakes, knives, a boot/shoe scraper and a long barbecue fork.

For more information about the Blacksmith Shop, visit the Homestead's website: [www.gliddenhomestead.org](http://www.gliddenhomestead.org).

### Annual Meeting Jan. 14

The annual meeting will be held at the Glidden Homestead Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Election of officers and board members will be held that evening. Copies of the Annual Report distributed at the Patent Day Dinner in November also will be available that night.

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