

## Open House, Open Barn draws large crowd



Janet Glidden leads a tour of about 25 people through the Glidden Homestead at the May 18 Open House, Open Barn event. More than 100 people visited the Homestead that day. Here, Glidden explains how the East Parlor of the home was used as a sitting room for Joseph, just outside of his bedroom.



Above, "Mike and Friends" performed the first Music on the Porch for the season as part of the Open House event. The local group entertained with Celtic music.

At right, historic preservationist Roger Keys demonstrates the post and beam method used in the barn.



## Volunteers help at Glidden Homestead work days this spring



Kishwaukee Kiwanis members help with restoration work on the Mill House, the future working Blacksmith Shop.



Students work in the barn.



Students clean out the gutters.



Jim Morel speaks to NIU students prior to their work as part of NIU Cares Day on April 19.



Years of debris is cleared out of the barn.

## Cochranes donate old Glidden family photographs



Jean and Tim Cochrane review photos with Richard Glidden.

Jean and Tim Cochrane from Grand Marais, MN, stopped at the Glidden Homestead in April to share treasured copies of historic photographs taken by Jean's grandfather, John Albert Switzer, whose first wife was Cora Glidden, sister of Annie Glidden. They lived in DeKalb in the late 1890s-1903, until Cora died in childbirth with their second son, Glidden Switzer.

Jean's grandfather was a somewhat prolific amateur photographer and Jean has donated prints and a disk of photographs related to DeKalb and the Glidden Homestead and family. Her mother, now 90, remembers times with Glidden Switzer and his older brother, Donald, when they would visit or stay with her family.

Annie Glidden took care of Glidden and Donald Switzer after their mother died because their father, Jean's grandfather, was busy with engineering work, including some in Montana around that time. He also taught at NIU. After Cora's death, he returned to Ithaca, NY, where he met Jean's grandmother and remarried. They later moved to Tennessee and had 10 children.

**Watch future issues of "The Winner" for more photographs from the collection.**



Glidden / Switzer family outing



Cora Glidden Switzer and John Albert Switzer



Annie Glidden

## Key Club helps Glidden membership drive



Members of the DeKalb High School Key Club worked for several nights this Spring conducting a membership drive for the Glidden Homestead.

The community service project resulted in new and renewed memberships for the Homestead. A portion of the proceeds was donated back to the Key Club for their hard work and dedication. A local business donated workspace and phones for the membership drive.



The membership drive was coordinated by Jennie Marshall Cummings, Glidden Homestead membership chair, who met with Key Club volunteers several times providing guidance and training, with assistance from Jim Morel, past president.

The Glidden Homestead currently has about 200 members. More supporters are always welcome to help continue restoration efforts for this historic site and museum; see the back page for a membership form.

## SPOTLIGHT

on the  
Glidden Gift Shop



**Blacksmith items**  
Handmade knives, dinner bells, boot scrapers, plant hooks and much more!

For details about this and other Glidden Gift Shop items, see:  
[www.gliddenhomestead.org](http://www.gliddenhomestead.org)

## Homestead Events

**June 15:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with "Music on the Porch" at 1:30 p.m.

**July 6:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m. Special children's activities for Passport to Adventure.

**July 20:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with "Music on the Porch" at 1:30 p.m.

**Aug. 3:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m. Special children's activities for Passport to Adventure.

**Aug. 17:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with "Music on the Porch" at 1:30 p.m.

**Sept. 7:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.

**Sept. 21:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with last "Music on the Porch" for season at 1:30 p.m.

**Oct. 5:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.

**Oct. 19:** Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.

**Nov. 13:** Annual Patent Day Dinner

**Dec. 7:** Annual Holiday Open House & Antique Toy & Doll Show.

**\*\*NEEDED: Musicians interested in playing for Sunday events in 2008. Please call Gayle, (815) 899-3237.**

## National Events

**June 13-14:** Northern Rocky Mountain Barbed Wire Collectors, Inc., Buffalo, WY

**July 19-20:** Nebraska Barbed Wire Collectors Assoc., Waverly, NE

**Aug. 15-16:** Hawkeye Barbed Wire Collectors Assoc., Red Oak, IA

**Sept. 19-20:** Colorado Wire Collectors Assoc., Walsenburg, CO

**Oct. 2-4:** The Symposium, LaCrosse, KS

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