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Please renew your Glidden Homestead membership.....

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Glidden Homestead. **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! **Thank you!**

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_____ \$25 Individual Membership	_____ \$15 Student Membership
_____ \$40 Family Membership	_____ \$5 Youth Membership (high school & below)
_____ \$100 Heritage Membership	_____ Other Special Donation
_____ \$175 Genealogy Member (includes 2-vol. hardbound Glidden Genealogy set)	

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

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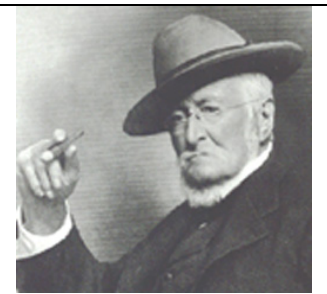
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Divas dish up family recipes to benefit Homestead

Did you know a woman's beauty aid was the inspiration behind Joseph Glidden's barbed wire? What better way to acknowledge the feminine contribution to DeKalb's famous 19th Century invention than with "Divas Dish Grandma's Secret Recipes," a fund-raising and taste-testing event sponsored by The Joseph F. Glidden Homestead and Historical Center.

As many as 40 women from DeKalb County and beyond will be dishing up tried and true family recipes Saturday, April 25, 6-9 p.m., at NIU's Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center, DeKalb.

But let's step back a minute to the winter of 1872-73, when Joseph's wife, Lucinda, realized that her large wire hairpins were disappearing from a milk glass on her dresser. At first she thought her 20-year-old daughter, Elva, was taking them, but that was not the case. The mystery was soon solved, though, when one evening after supper she noticed Joseph reach into his shirt pocket and take out two of her missing hairpins. When she asked what he was doing with them, he replied he was working on an idea for a fence.

The Joseph F. Glidden Homestead and Historical Center is working to preserve the home and barn and to purchase property adjacent to the home, to provide a Welcome/Education Center.

"Our board had been searching for a fund-raising event that would expand awareness about the Homestead to a more diverse segment of the community, and I think we found that in Divas Dish," said Kathy Siebrasse, Homestead Board president.

Among the Divas serving up their delicious concoctions will be DeKalb restaurateur, Mary Wilson. Mary and her husband, Gavin, have owned The Hillside Restaurant & Catering for more than 20 years, with Mary doing most of the recipe planning and menus.

For the April 25 event, she plans to present tasty samples of a Italian meal featuring her secret sauce made with fresh herbs served with veal or chicken, gluten-free pasta, and marinated broiled vegetables. She also plans to add an Italian dessert.

Mary said her interest in doing a gluten-free meal stems from having more and more women at the restaurant asking for gluten-free dishes. "If I can find just the right kind of gluten free flour, I may even make a chocolate cake," she said.

Another Diva will be Janet Glidden, who will be traveling from the Kankakee area to participate. She plans to dish up her favorite sweet yeast bread made with home-ground whole wheat flour. "It's very similar to a Houska twist bread my mother made with almonds and raisins. I vary it a little with pecans and other fruit," she said. Janet's husband, Richard Glidden, is Joseph's great grand nephew.

Other dishes promised so far include Lindsey Engelsman's Italian beef and Jennifer Groce's German kuchen cake, one filled with fresh plums and another with apples. The recipe is from her mother-in-law who moved to the U.S. from Germany as a teenager. Jennifer is executive director of Re:New DeKalb and Lindsey is marketing and special events coordinator.

Tickets for the event are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. To order tickets, email: Lindsey@renewdekalb.com or call (815) 748-7788 or the Homestead, (815) 756-7904.

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**They also are available from
Glidden Homestead board
members, at the DeKalb Chamber
of Commerce and Castle Bank.**

**The Glidden Homestead
also is collecting recipes for
a CD recipe book to be sold
at the event. Recipes for
appetizers, salad, bread, soup,
side dishes, entrees and desserts
should be e-mailed to
Bridget Carlson at Castle Bank,
bcarlson@castlebank.com,
by April 8.**