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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

All Glidden Homestead memberships expired in December, so if you have not renewed and your mailing label DOES NOT have an asterisk, your membership has expired.

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 "The Winner" newsletter throughout the year.

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

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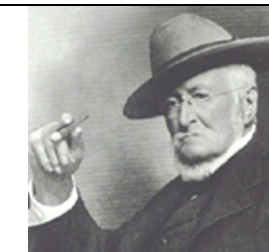
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"The Winner" - Patented Nov. 24, 1874 - #157,124

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"Open House, Open Barn" slated May 20 at Homestead

Your one chance all year to see the inside of Joseph F. Glidden's historic barn is Sunday, May 20, during the annual "Open House, Open Barn."

The barn is where Glidden invented and first manufactured his 1874 patented "The Winner," one of the most widely-used types of barbed wire.

Historic preservationist Roger Keys has called the barn one of the most historically-significant barns in America. Keys will be on hand May 20, to share information about the barn and restoration done thus far.

Events run from noon-4 p.m., with guided tours beginning on the half-hour.

The day's events also include a display of antique farm tools by Dennis Rehn, of Kirkland; the opening of "Jessie's Room" – an upstairs bedroom; musical entertainment; refreshments and more.

Last year's event drew a good crowd of people interested in learning about this historic DeKalb landmark. "Open House, Open Barn" marks the opening of the Homestead for the season.

For more details about this event, visit www.gliddenhomestead.org or call (815) 756-7904.



Roger Keys is a historic preservationist from DeKalb who has done restoration work on both the house and barn at the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center. He will be on hand Sunday, May 20, to provide information about the barn on the one day all year that it is open to the public. (Photos by Kathy Siebrasse)



Dennis Rehn of Kirkland will set up his display of antique tools and farm implements for "Open House, Open Barn" at the Glidden Homestead & Historical Center Sunday, May 20. Other events planned that day include the opening of "Jessie's Room" as a period-style bedroom honoring the Glidden women, musical entertainment, guided tours on the half-hour, historical exhibits, refreshments and more.

Fund drive continues

The Glidden Homestead is seeking the community's help through a major fund drive as it strives to "tell an American story" by expanding its DeKalb museum campus – the site where Joseph Glidden invented "The Winner" barbed wire.

"Glidden's invention is a true American story. His innovation not only affected DeKalb County, but it had far-reaching impact on the development of the American West and the world," said Kathy Siebrasse, Glidden Homestead board president.

The vision for the museum campus includes a Welcome Center where a state-of-the-art media department will share video-biographies of local icons, said Jim Morel, past president.

"It will be an educational center where the stories of this area's inventors and innovators, visionaries of social progress and philanthropy come to life," he said.

The Glidden Family has offered the board an option to purchase property adjacent to the Homestead which includes a retail building. In order to complete the purchase, funds must be raised in the next three years, Morel said. The building will become the museum's Welcome Center.

To make a donation or for more information, please call (815) 756-7904.

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