

Joseph F. Glidden

Homestead & Historical Center

Membership Newsletter – November 2006



921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb IL 60115

Holiday event features toys

Remember those wonderful toys and dolls of the past? Trains and scooters, rocking horses and skates, marbles and jacks, toy soldiers and dolls of every sort?

“Grandma and Grandpa’s Toys” will be the theme of this year’s Holiday Open House at DeKalb’s Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center.

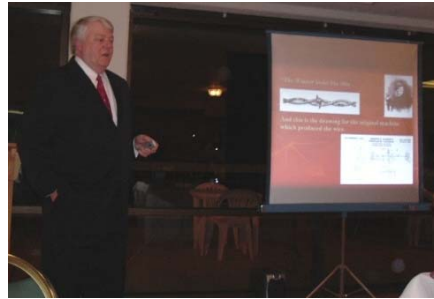
The event is Sunday, Dec. 3, noon-4 p.m., at the Homestead, 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb (between Copy Service and Burger King).

Area residents who would like to share their pre-1950 toys and dolls at the afternoon event, should contact Gayle Wuori, 899-3237, or Arlene Neher, 758-4513. Participants will bring items to the Homestead between 10 a.m.-noon, and pick them up at 4 p.m.

The Holiday Open House also will feature tours, refreshments, educational displays and music.



Arlene Neher is chairing the toy and doll display that will be part of this year’s Holiday Open House Sunday, Dec. 3, noon-4 p.m. She spoke about the event at the Patent Day Dinner.



Board president, Jim Morel, presented a program about restoration work at the Homestead.



Barry Schrader was recognized for his portrayal of Joseph Glidden on the Haish/Glidden float in DeKalb’s Sesquicentennial Parade Oct. 22.

Patent Day Dinner celebrated

About 85 Glidden Homestead supporters enjoyed the Sixth Annual Patent Day Dinner Nov. 2, at DeKalb’s Hopkins Park Community Center.

Board president, Jim Morel, gave a progress report about restoration work conducted at the Homestead during the past year, including a Power Point slide show. The evening concluded with awarding of the \$500 cash raffle prize to Rebecca Shortridge of Sycamore. Her name was drawn from a basket by Vi Busby. The Patent Day Fund-Raising Dinner is held each fall to celebrate the date in 1874, when Joseph F. Glidden was awarded a patent for his barbed wire “The Winner.”



Long-time member and supporter, Vi Busby, received flowers from Glidden board in honor of her 90th birthday celebrated Oct. 31.



For the evening’s entertainment, baritone Paul Morel performed Aaron Copland’s Old American Songs, including their history, accompanied by Emma Smith.

Visitor from Texas

The Glidden Homestead welcomed a special visitor this summer from the Frying Pan Ranch, near Amarillo, TX.

Mary Emeny still lives on the ranch first operated in the late 1890s by her grandfather, William Henry Bush. She visited DeKalb relatives and enjoyed a private tour of the Glidden Homestead given by board president, Jim Morel.

Emeny’s grandfather married Joseph Farwell Glidden’s daughter, Elva, in a ceremony that took place in the West parlor of the Glidden home Feb. 1, 1877, Morel said.

The ranch originally was among Joseph Glidden’s land holdings.



Dave Bush, of DeKalb, accompanied his Texas relative, Mary Emeny, to the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead in July. For the complete story, visit www.gliddenhomestead.org and click on “Glidden Headlines.” (Photo by Kathy Siebrasse, newsletter editor)

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!

Now more than ever, your membership is critical to the work at the Homestead!

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_____ \$100 Heritage Membership _____ Other Special Donation
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Thank you! Your membership allows the Homestead to continue work at this important historical site!



Sharon Marshall and her daughter, Jennie Marshall Cummings, model the period costumes they designed and created especially for the parade.



Helping with the Glidden/Haish float from left are: Barry Schrader, Lynsey Wypych, Teresa Iverson, Dee Coover, Sharon Marshall, Jennie Cummings and Beverly Pigott.



Barry Schrader of DeKalb, portrays Joseph F. Glidden on the float.

Haish/Glidden float celebrates history

DeKalb has been celebrating its Sesquicentennial throughout 2006, culminating in a giant parade Saturday, Oct. 22, 2006. The Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center was represented in the parade by a beautiful float designed by board member Jeff Marshall. It combined the Glidden and Haish families, and also represented the DeKalb Public Library. It showcased historical items relating to Glidden and Haish. The float was sponsored by JJ Marshall Landscape Creations, Inc., and the Glidden Homestead board of directors.

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