

## Travel writer features Homestead in report about sites in DeKalb

Mike Michaelson, noted freelance travel writer and author, visited many sites in DeKalb Sept. 27, and spent nearly an hour at the Glidden Homestead.

The Daily Herald ran the first in a series of his reports about the visit on Oct. 21. Much of the story was devoted to DeKalb's history as the birthplace of barbed wire. It included a photo of the historic barn where Joseph Glidden invented and first manufactured "The Winner."

Michaelson's story is available online at <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=58237>. He is the author of more than 25 travel books, including *Chicago's Best Kept Secrets*.



Sarah Glidden DeMink shares the history of the Glidden Homestead with travel writer, Mike Michaelson, and his wife, Ursula, while Debbie Armstrong, director of the DeKalb Area Convention & Visitors Bureau listens. (Photo by Kathy Vance Siebrasse)

***We need you! Volunteers are always welcome at the Glidden Homestead – from tour guides to committee work, there is always an opportunity to join us in preserving this important historical gem. Call (815) 756-7904 for details.***

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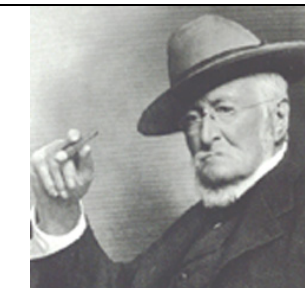
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# THE WINNER



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

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[www.gliddenhomestead.org](http://www.gliddenhomestead.org)  
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## Toys and dolls sought for event

This year's Holiday Open House once again will feature wonderful toys and dolls of the past. You remember....marbles and jacks, trains and scooters, skates, toy soldiers and dolls of every description!

Members are encouraged to exhibit their pre-1950 toys and dolls at the Sunday, Dec. 2 event. It runs noon-4 p.m., at the Homestead. If you are interested, please call Kathy Vance Siebrasse, (815) 756-1057, or Gayle Wuori, (815) 899-3237. Exhibitors 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 of the festively decorated Homestead, refreshments, educational displays and music.



### Model T Club tours Homestead

The Rockford Model T Club visited the Homestead in October and posed for this group photo with Glidden board past president, Jim Morel, who led their tour. (Photo by Barry Schrader)

## MEMBERSHIPS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

### PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Each December, we ask all Glidden Homestead members to renew their annual membership. 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!

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO: Glidden Homestead (Mail to 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115)**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (for event notices and newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Individual Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Heritage Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Student Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Youth Membership (high school & below)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other Special Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

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