

Movie premiere



A benefit hosted by the Glidden Homestead was held Oct. 23, featuring wine tasting and the premiere showing of Jim Barker's "Historic Homes of DeKalb County" on the big screen at Sycamore State Street Theatre. Above, Barker is interviewed by Kate Schott, from the DeKalb Daily Chronicle. The successful fund-raising event attracted more than 100 participants. Sycamore

Theatre generously donated use of its facility, and VAC's Premiere Meals served delicious treats. Four years in the making, Barker's 65-minute DVD features 37 sites. The movie expands upon the writing of local historian Steve Bigolin. "Historic Homes of DeKalb County" is produced by Barker's DeKalb Video Productions and is the first in a series on the history of DeKalb County. Copies are available for purchase through the Homestead's Gift Shop (see page 3 for related information).



Board members Amy Polzin and Steve Johnson poured local wines, provided at a discount by Lundeen Liquors.

J.A. Switzer's photographs

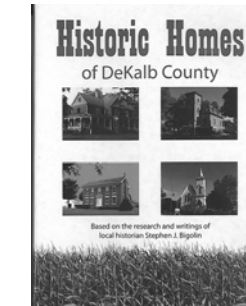


A vintage shot of some of the Glidden family children.



A classroom in Altgeld Hall, NIU's original building.

SPOTLIGHT on the Glidden Gift Shop



"Historic Homes of DeKalb County" DVD
\$19 includes tax

Jim Barker's 65-minute film about 37 historic sites throughout DeKalb County.

See the story on page 2 about the movie premiere hosted by the Glidden Homestead for more information.

For more details about this and other Glidden Gift Shop items, see www.gliddenhomestead.org or visit the Gift Shop at the Homestead!



Homestead seeks Victorian ornaments

The Homestead is in search of Victorian era Christmas ornaments for its seasonal display. We would welcome your donation of 1860-1880's era ornaments to be used permanently.

We would otherwise welcome use of your Victorian era ornaments to be used during our holiday displays and then returned.

Contact us at (815) 756-7904 or email (gliddenhomestead@juno.com) if you are willing to help us create a more authentic Christmas display.

Annual Meeting Jan. 12

The membership is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center. It will be held Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Little Theatre at Oak Crest-DeKalb Area Retirement Center, 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr., DeKalb.

Because the annual Patent Day Dinner was canceled in November, Jen Jencks-Conley has been asked to entertain that evening, featuring her rendition of historical songs.

Election of officers and board members also will be held that evening, and copies of the Annual Report will be distributed. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

Schrader wins raffle

Although the annual Patent Day Dinner was canceled this year, the \$500 raffle drawing was held at the regular Glidden Homestead board meeting on Nov. 10.

Lucky winner was Kay Schrader, of DeKalb, who generously donated \$250 back to the Homestead to be used for the Capital Campaign. The ongoing fund drive is designated for buying property and a building adjacent to the house in order to expand the museum campus and provide a Welcome/Education Center.

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle with your donations and THANK YOU, Kay!

Another successful musical season!

"Cymbal" performs Aug. 17



The women's quartet "Cymbal" entertained Aug. 17, as part of the "Music on the Porch" series at the Homestead. "Cymbal" has been making music together since 2001. Members are Dr. Diane Johns, Rev. Linda Slabon, Dr. Toni Tollerud, and Dr. Lynn Fisher McCanne.

(Photos by Kathy Vance Siebrasse)

"4 Mad Singers" entertain in Sept.



An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the last "Music on the Porch" of the season Sept. 21. It was the first public performance for "4 Mad Singers," who did an exceptional job performing Renaissance and Madrigal music, as well as compositions dating back to as early as the 1300s. Members are Cecilie Hueber, Sycamore, Tara Shane and Stephen Yeseta, DeKalb, and John Gauthier, Chicago.

Jean and Tim Cochrane from Grand Marais, MN, have shared treasured copies of historic photographs taken by Jean's grandfather, John Albert Switzer, whose first wife was Cora Glidden, sister of Annie and Bertha 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.

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



Mary McConnell Glidden, wife of Josiah, and mother of 5, including Lizzie Mary, Cora Louisa, Annie Laurie, Bertha McConnell and John Willard.