

## Tollway signs promote Homestead

Signs promoting the Glidden Homestead as a "Point of Interest" are now posted on both east and westbound lanes of the I-88 Tollway near DeKalb's two exits.



## The Barbed Wire Collector helps spread the word about Glidden Homestead

The November/December 2008 issue of *The Barbed Wire Collector* contains a column by editor, Jim Goedert, of Kearney, NE, urging his readers to check out the fine things happening at the Glidden Homestead in DeKalb! The magazine is published 6 times per year by the Antique Barbed Wire Society. Goedert and his wife, Dee, toured the Homestead during a 2006 trip to DeKalb. The Homestead is running a new ad promoting membership in *The Barbed Wire Collector*, in hopes of expanding the base of support for its efforts to restore and preserve this historic site. For information about *The Barbed Wire Collector*, visit [www.antiquebarbedwiresociety.com](http://www.antiquebarbedwiresociety.com).

**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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& Historical Center  
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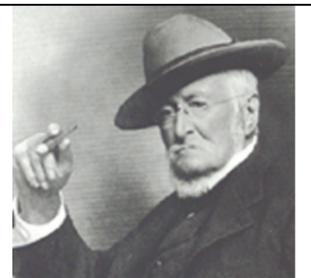
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# THE WINNER



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

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& Historical Center – November 2008**



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[www.gliddenhomestead.org](http://www.gliddenhomestead.org)  
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## Antique toys and dolls featured at annual Homestead holiday 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!

Glidden Homestead members and volunteers will exhibit their pre-1950 toys and dolls at the **Sunday, Dec. 7 event. It runs noon-4 p.m., at the Homestead.**

The Holiday Open House also will feature ornament-making, tours of the festively decorated Homestead, refreshments, educational displays and music.



Photos from the 2007 Holiday Open House



## It's membership renewal time!

### Please renew your Glidden Homestead 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! Your membership entitles you to free tours of the Homestead and the chance to participate in interesting, worthwhile activities there. You also receive 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual Membership   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student Membership                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Family Membership   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Youth Membership (high school & below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Heritage Membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special Donation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 Genealogy Member (includes 2-vol. hardbound Glidden Genealogy set) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED                    |

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

## 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

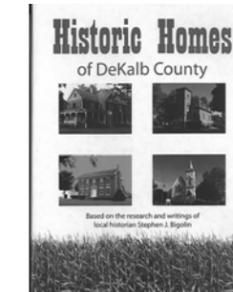


A vintage shot of some of the Glidden family children.



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](http://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](mailto: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.