

THE WINNER



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

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Glidden Homestead Annual Meeting slated Monday, Feb. 11



The Ivan Williams Family, of DeKalb, has generously donated this beautiful two-seat covered buggy and also a spring wagon to the J.F. Glidden Homestead. Both were built circa 1900. The Williams Family will be recognized at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 11. The buggy and wagon are being stored at the former I.L. Ellwood Manufacturing Company, courtesy of Mike Mooney, which was part of the Patent Day Barbed Wire Sites Tour in November, 2012. (Kathy Siebrasse photo)

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Glidden Homestead's Annual Meeting Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m.

It will be held in the Glidden Homestead's Welcome Center, 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb.

The program for the evening will include a presentation by the Homestead's blacksmiths who are creating a beautiful frame for new signage in the museum's front yard. The meeting will also include recognition of people who have donated various historic items to the Homestead; and a Power Point review of 2012.

The Annual Meeting also will include a brief business meeting during which election of officers and board members will be held.

Svetlana Henrikson has agreed to serve a third year as president; Jan Devore will serve as vice president; Cindy Ditzler, secretary; Kenda Jeske, treasurer; and Kathy Siebrasse, past-president.

Steven "Kepp" Johnson has agreed to serve an additional three-year term. Other board members are Phil Bennett, Sarah Glidden DeMink, Richard Glidden, Jeff J. Marshall and Jim Morel. Marcia Wilson, executive director, is an ex-officio member.

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served. The Power Point Review of 2012 will be posted on the website in the near future: www.gliddenhomestead.org.

Divas Dish April 20

More chefs are always welcome, as are food lovers of all types, so please plan now to be a part of the fun Saturday, April 20, at the fifth annual Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead. The event is the Homestead's major fund-raising activity, raising about \$10,000 for this important historic site and museum last year.

Approximately 40 "celebrity" community members will serve tantalizing samples of long-held family recipes at this fun social event held at NIU's Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center, DeKalb.

The chance to bid on chef's featured items and a Bake Sale are among the returning favorites of the event. The evening also includes a raffle and Silent Auction, as well as other special features. Hours for this year's Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead are 5:30-8 p.m.

If you'd like to be a chef or participate on the committee, please call (815) 756-7904 or e-mail info@gliddenhomestead.org.

Tickets for Divas Dish, at 2/\$50 or \$30 each, are available at the Homestead and from Glidden board members.



Hundreds of supporters come out each April to support Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead – the important major fund-raising event for the museum. Community women serve delicious samples of family recipes. This year's event is Saturday, April 20, from 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Call (815) 756-7904.

Homestead Highlights...

Support appreciated!



Grant from DCCF funds signage

Interpretive signage for the historic barn at the J.F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center will become a reality thanks to a much appreciated \$2,395 grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Funding for site signage also includes a front yard sign, for which Homestead blacksmiths are forging an 8-foot wide scrolled frame, and a directional entrance sign. Anita Zurrugg (middle), program director at DCCF, presented a check to Homestead executive director, Marcia Wilson, and board member, Jeff Marshall, at the Homestead's Patent Day celebration Nov. 4.

Donation from Chicago Suburban Antique Dealers

The Chicago Suburban Antique Dealers Association has donated \$1,000 to the Glidden Homestead. The Homestead is thankful for the support and encourages everyone to attend the CSADA's 56th annual Spring Fox Valley Antiques Show, "Blooming Antiques," sponsored by Garfield Farm Museum. Featuring 57 dealers from 14 states, it runs Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles. Admission is \$8. For more details, visit www.csada.com.

Grant from Doug & Lynn Roberts Family Found.

The Douglas C. and Lynn M. Roberts Family Foundation has awarded the Glidden Homestead a \$1,170 grant for computer and hardware upgrades. The funds will help upgrade the museum's technology network. The Homestead appreciates the support!

Grant received from Mary E. Stevens Fund

The Mary E. Stevens Concert & Lecture Fund has awarded a \$500 grant for 2013 to the Glidden Homestead. The funds will help support musical and educational programming at the Homestead throughout the year. The Homestead is thankful for the support!

Check out our newly-designed, beautiful and easy to navigate website at www.gliddenhomestead.org. Many, many thanks to Wendy Tritt and her staff at Trittenhaus Design, Sycamore, for donating and creating the new website.

Holiday event draws crowd



Dave Miner of DeKalb demonstrated how to make fun, creative toys and ornaments out of recycled materials as part of the Holiday Open House at the Glidden Homestead Nov. 18. A large number of Miner's music boxes, carousels and toys also were on display as part of the event.



Carshon Evans and her grandson, Nicholas, age 6, enjoyed the day together looking at Miner's whimsical handmade music boxes and making a Christmas decoration out of recycled items. (Photos by Kathy Siebrasse)

Thank you for Memorials and Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF:

Francis & Marjory Stroup, by Stanley Stroup
 Jessie Glidden, by Eleanor Pasquale

IN HONOR OF:

Richard & Janet Glidden, by Eleanor Pasquale
 Richard & Sarah DeMink, by Eleanor Pasquale

Thank you to all of our supporters – those who sent end-of-year donations and those who have renewed their memberships.

[For information about how you can remember or honor someone through your donation to the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center, please call (815) 756-7904 or e-mail info@gliddenhomestead.org]

Barbed Wire Bus Tours attract visitors on Patent Day



“Annie Glidden” welcomes guests

Barbed Wire Sites Tour participants were delighted to visit with Annie Glidden at one of the stops during two different tours held as part of Patent Day in November. Portrayed by Glidden descendant Cheryl Johnson (granddaughter of Charles Bradt, whose mother was Joseph F. Glidden’s niece and Annie’s sister), Annie described what life was like on her farm. Patent Day celebrates Joseph F. Glidden’s patent issued Nov. 24, 1874, for “The Winner” barbed wire. (Photos by Kathy Siebrasse)



DeKalb’s Evergreen Cemetery

At Evergreen Cemetery, South Seventh and Taylor streets, Steve Bigolin explained to tour-goers that the large rock bearing the cemetery’s name actually sits over the gravesites of several Glidden family members, including Joseph’s parents, David and Polly (Hurd) Glidden. The original marker for their graves was moved to Fairview Park Cemetery to be among other family members. The Glidden family is working to place another marker at Evergreen.



Pies are a hit!

Thank you to everyone who bought a pie from Glidden Homestead board members during the second annual Holiday Pie Sale in cooperation with Pay-it-Forward House and Market Day. The Homestead sold 279 pies and raised about \$1,600 during the Fall promotion. Jim Morel (far left) was the top Glidden board salesman—selling 80 pies. At right, Glidden Executive Director, Marcia Wilson, helps pull a cart loaded with Market Day pies through the door at Kindred Hospital, where sorting and organizing were done.

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Thank you for your support of the Glidden Homestead. **If your address label has an expiration date, you are a member in good standing – thank you!** Your membership is critical to the Homestead. Your support helps preserve one of DeKalb's most important historical landmarks. Your membership entitles you to free tours of the Homestead and the chance to participate in interesting, worthwhile activities there. Your membership entitles you to receive a periodic newsletter throughout the year and special offers in the Gift Shop. **Thank you!**

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