



Open House, Open Barn attracts guests

The annual Open House, Open Barn May 20, at the Glidden Homestead offered tours of the historic barn and home including new exhibits about the “Glidden Women,” as well as John and Mabel Glidden. About 100 people visited the Homestead that day. (Photos by Kathy Siebrasse)

Roger Keys, historic preservationist, gives a tour of the historic Glidden barn in DeKalb, IL, the site where Joseph F. Glidden first manufactured his patented “Winner” barbed wire.



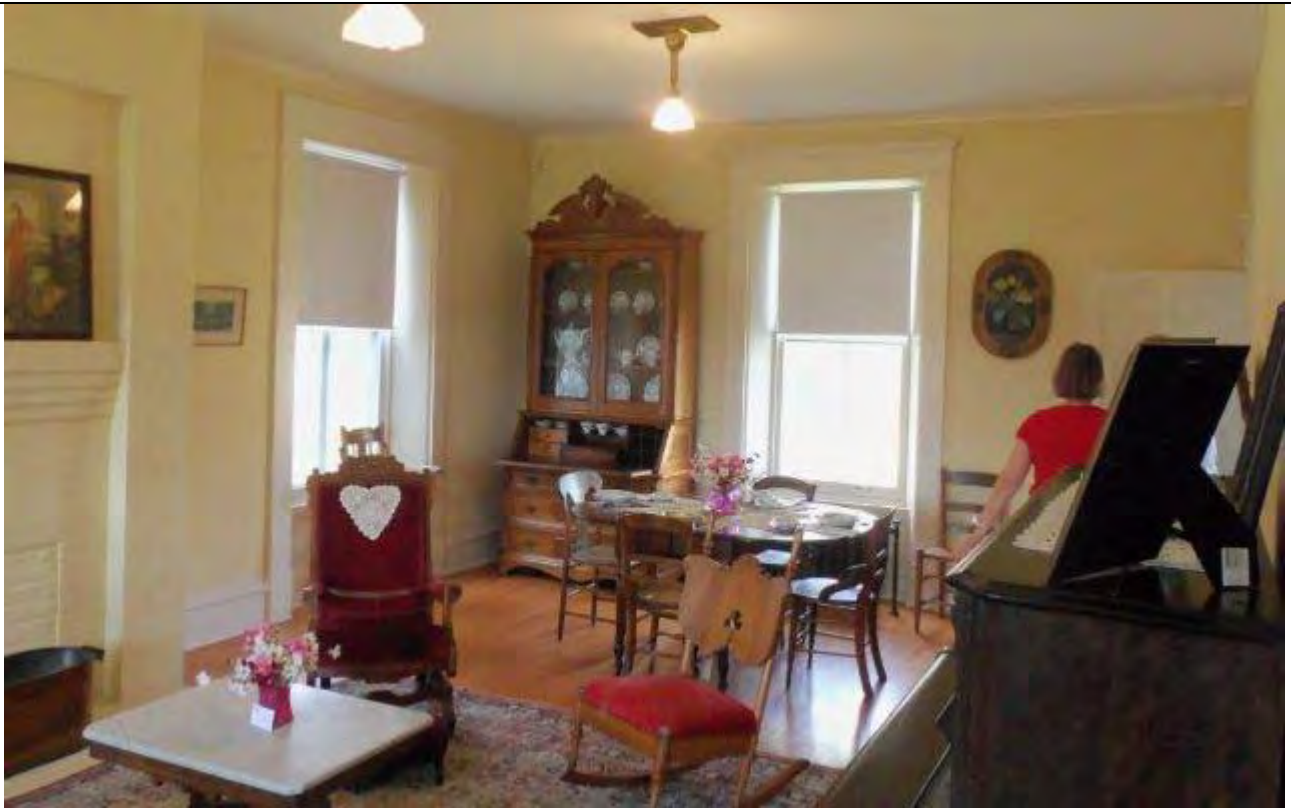
Visitors enjoy looking at the inside of the solid brick barn at the Glidden Homestead, 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb.



The story of how Joseph F. Glidden used his wife's hairpins to experiment with his idea for barbed wire is told in exhibits throughout the Glidden Homestead.



The working Blacksmith Shop at the Glidden Homestead is a popular stop for visitors.



The Furnishing Committee has been hard at work decorating the Glidden Homestead with period pieces. The West Parlor is an excellent example of its work.



The former office off the East Parlor is now an exhibit space featuring the story of the Glidden women and all of their accomplishments and contributions through the ages.



A new exhibit for 2012 tells the intriguing story of John and Mabel Glidden.



The Glidden Homestead's Gift Shop is filled with unique, one-of-a-kind items including handmade blacksmith creations, barbed wire decorations, DeKalb Centennial and Sesquicentennial collectibles and much more.

Visit the Glidden Homestead this season! We are open from noon-4 p.m., the Second and Fourth Sunday every month through October, with special events in November. Public tours are also given Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.