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Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center

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Jim Morel, past board president, reviews the history of the Homestead with Roy Glidden, of Everett, WA, near Seattle. Glidden toured the house and barn in July. His family is among descendants of Charles Glidden, in the Simeon Glidden line. Joseph F. Glidden's grandfather was Simeon, and Roy is descended from Simeon's older brother, Andrew.

Distant visitors tour Homestead

Among the visitors this summer have been people from Newark, CA; Needville, TX; Oakland, CA; Englewood, OH; Detroit, MI; Fairfield, IA; Cherokee Village, AR; Burnsville, MN; as well as Illinois cities outside of DeKalb County, including Elgin, Springfield, Wheaton, Ridott and Plano.

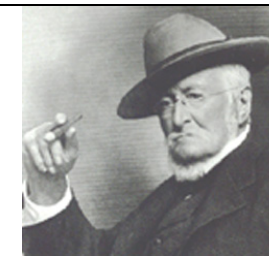
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THE WINNER



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

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Bigolin donates items

Glidden Homestead member and long-time supporter, Stephen Bigolin, recently donated historic items to the site's collection (see photo at right).

A mounted display containing one of the original Joseph Glidden hand-twisted pieces of barbed wire and several rare books and publications were among items donated to the Homestead.



Glidden board members examine the barbed wire samples and books donated to the Homestead by local history expert Stephen Bigolin.



Music on the Porch

Jen Jencks-Conley entertained music lovers in July (above and middle), while August featured "Good News!" a quartet from Sycamore United Methodist Church (at right), performing in the parlor due to rain. The "Music on the Porch" series will conclude Sunday, Sept. 16, with "Cymbal." The musical entertainment, a new feature this year, has brought long-time supporters and new friends to the Homestead.
(Kathy Vance Siebrasse photos)



Patent Day Dinner set

Each fall, members of the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center celebrate "The Winner." That's the name given to the barbed wire for which Glidden received a patent Nov. 24, 1874.

Glidden's invention is celebrated with a special Patent Day Dinner that is the organization's primary fund-raiser. This year's event is Thursday, Nov. 8, at Hopkins Park Community Center. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Displays, entertainment and an annual report about the Homestead are all part of the evening's festivities.

Tickets for the Patent Day Dinner are \$50, and include a delicious dinner. Supporters also have the chance to win \$500 in a special raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and you do not need to be present to win. All board members will be selling tickets and they will be included with invitations.

For tickets or information, call (815) 756-7904, or visit

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