

THE WINNER



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

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& Historical Center – January 2011*



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Glidden Homestead Annual Meeting slated Monday, Feb. 7



Glidden Homestead's chief blacksmith, Chris Hubbard, will give a program as part of the Annual Meeting.

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

It will be held in the Little Theatre at Oak Crest-DeKalb Area Retirement Center, 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr., DeKalb.

The program for the evening will feature the Homestead's chief blacksmith, Chris Hubbard, who will talk about the 2010 opening of the working Blacksmith Shop at the Homestead.

The Annual Meeting also will include a brief business meeting in which election of officers and board members will be held. Copies of the Annual Report also will be available that night.



Divas Dish chef, Lynne Morel, was assisted at the 2010 event by her son, Paul.

Divas Dish April 9

Plan to be a part of the fun and GREAT food Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the third annual Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead. The event is the Homestead's major fund-raising activity, raising about \$12,000 for this important historic site and museum last year.

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

This year, a Bake Sale will be added to the event's offerings, allowing participants to take home delicious treats. 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 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Tickets for Divas Dish, at \$30, are now available at the Homestead, through board members, at Castle Bank locations in DeKalb and Sycamore, and at other retail outlets. For details, visit GliddenHomestead.org.

Bradt donates family heirlooms



Charles Bradt, who just turned 107, has gifted two family items to the Glidden Homestead—an oil painting of Josiah Glidden, who was his grandfather and the younger brother of Joseph F. Glidden; and an embroidered tapestry by his grandmother, Mary McConnell Glidden. Bradt's mother was Bertha Glidden Bradt. Pictured with Bradt in DeKalb is Sarah Glidden DeMink. The Homestead deeply appreciates Bradt's gifts.

Work continues on garage/Welcome Center project



Work continues to repurpose the garage attached to the historic Glidden Homestead into a Welcome & Education Center.

Water and plumbing lines were dug and connected (pictured at left) as part of the project to provide for a handicapped-accessible restroom. Roofing work also has been completed. Work will continue this winter, with planned unveiling of the new space at the May Open House/Open Barn event.

The repurposed garage will become the central entrance to the museum and house the Homestead office and Gift Shop, as well as meeting space.

Homestead Highlights...



Grant received from DCCF

A Fall 2010 DeKalb County Community Foundation grant for \$4,060 was presented to the Glidden Homestead by DCCF board member, Frank Roberts, of Castle Bank. The funds will help pay for expenses associated with the current project underway to convert the garage into a Welcome Center. Accepting the check from left are Marcia Wilson, Glidden Homestead Executive Director, and Svetlana Henrikson, incoming Board President for 2011.

Holiday event features toys, puppet show

Through the magic of puppets, the story of Joseph Glidden's invention of "The Winner" barbed wire was told at DeKalb's Glidden Homestead and Historical Center Nov. 21. The talented Salem Puppet Praise Team performed as part of the Homestead's annual Antique Toy and Doll Show.



Albert P. Worthington was the puppet narrating the Glidden skit, operated by Kathy Cain.

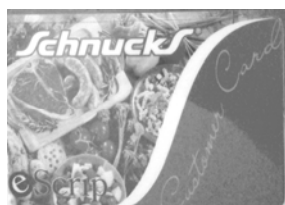


Former Glidden board member, Gayle Wuori, with her antique baby dolls.



Schnucks card benefits Glidden Homestead

Every time you shop at DeKalb's Schnucks Market, up to 3% of your purchases will benefit the Glidden Homestead once you sign up for Schnucks' "eScrip Customer Card."



"All you have to do is pick up a card at Schnucks' customer service desk, and then register it to benefit the Glidden Homestead by calling 800-931-6258. You can visit www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp to activate your card," said Kathy Siebrasse, Glidden board president.

"Through the generosity of Schnucks and eScrip, the Glidden Homestead will benefit each time you shop and present the card. It's a fabulous program and we thank Schnucks for making it available."

Information about the program is available at www.schnucks.com; and at the Glidden Homestead, where cards are available.

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THE GLIDDEN HOMESTEAD NEEDS YOU!

Dear Friend of the Glidden Homestead:

Thank you for your support of the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center, located at 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL. **This is an invitation to renew your membership or to become one of our members.** We depend on our active membership to help in the development and restoration work at the Homestead. Visit www.gliddenhomestead.org to learn more! **IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL DOES NOT HAVE AN ASTERISK, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

The Glidden Homestead & Historical Center is a landmark of national importance. It is dedicated to the restoration and development of the site where in 1874, Joseph F. Glidden invented one of the most widely-used types of barbed wire. In recent years, the Homestead has made great strides in preserving the barn and house. We continue to focus our attention on restoring the building and grounds for greater public use and enjoyment.

Work has included: refinishing wood floors in the front parlors; painting of front parlors; exterior restoration of the barn; front porch restoration; landscaping and grounds improvements; electrical/plumbing repairs; development of the Millhouse as a Blacksmith Shop; and much more.

We hope we can count on you to show your support through your membership. Members receive a regular newsletter and advance information about events at the Homestead. Thank you for your support in helping the Glidden Homestead restore the site as a living history museum to provide education about the significant contributions of Northern Illinois to the history of the West and the entire nation.

2011 ANNUAL EVENTS:

- April 9:** Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead – taste the best of DeKalb County at NIU Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center. Tickets on sale now – visit our website (gliddenhomestead.org) for more details!
- May 22:** Annual Open House/Open Barn, noon-4 p.m. – Blacksmith Shop open, entertainment, activities
- June-Oct.:** Glidden Homestead open for tours
- Nov. 6:** Patent Day Celebration, noon-4 p.m., with Barbed Wire Sites Tour available at 2 p.m. (815) 756-7904 or visit www.gliddenhomestead.org.
- Nov. 20:** Glidden Homestead's Annual Holiday Open House & Antique Toy & Doll Show, with entertainment, noon-4 p.m., 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb. (815) 756-7904 or visit www.gliddenhomestead.org.

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THE WORK UNDERWAY AT THIS HISTORIC SITE!
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(inc. 2-vol. Glidden Genealogy Set) |
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YES, I am interested in serving on a committee _____ **YES, I will help at special events** _____

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Homestead Calendar

[Other events will be announced as they are scheduled throughout the year]

- **January-May: Closed for tours.**
 - **Feb. 7:** Glidden Homestead's Annual Meeting, 7 p.m., Little Theater, Oak-Crest-DeKalb Area Retirement Center, 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr., DeKalb. Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend.
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 - **May 22:** Open House/Open Barn, noon-4 p.m., with Music on the Porch; Blacksmith Shop working.
 - **June 12 & 26:** Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.
 - **July 10 & 24:** Homestead tours, noon-4 p.m.
 - **Aug. 14 and 28:** Homestead tours, noon-4 p.m.
 - **Sept. 11 & 25:** Homestead tours, noon-4 p.m.
 - **Oct. 9 & 23:** Homestead tours, noon-4 p.m.
 - **Nov. 6:** Patent Day Celebration, noon-4 p.m., with Barbed Wire Sites Tour available at 2 p.m. (fee charged). Watch for more details closer to event; call (815) 756-7904 or visit www.gliddenhomestead.org.
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