

THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



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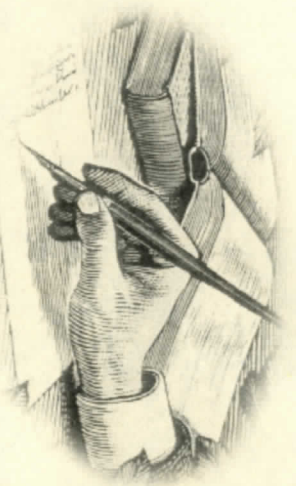


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JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC., 125 N. PINE, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

February 2012

A Note from Your President...



The year 2011 was very busy with many activities and accomplishments.

You will read about all of them in this newsletter as well as some of our plans for the coming year.

In April, JoAn Christerson will complete her six years on the board. She has served in many capacities including president and treasurer and her contributions will be greatly missed. That leaves one position on the board to be filled and we will do that at the annual meeting in April.

We look forward to greeting you at the annual meeting. Not only will you be able to see the beautiful ceilings in the main hall, but also find out about our plans for the Victorian Garden adjacent to the Homestead and more information about our fundraiser to be held in October.

Your added support this past year is greatly appreciated. You have donated your time as volunteers for Mr. & Mrs. Millikin Days, provided baked goods for the Christmas Tea, attended the Doll/Teddy Bear Tea, utilized the Homestead for parties, given additional monetary donations for on going restoration and continued membership. Without all of you and those contributions, this wonderful Decatur treasure would not survive.

Irene Huff, President

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

7:30 p.m. at the Homestead
125 N. Pine Street, Decatur, Illinois

All members are invited to attend.

*Light refreshments will be served
preceding the business meeting.*

There will be a presentation
by the Master Gardeners about the
Victorian Garden they are planning for us.

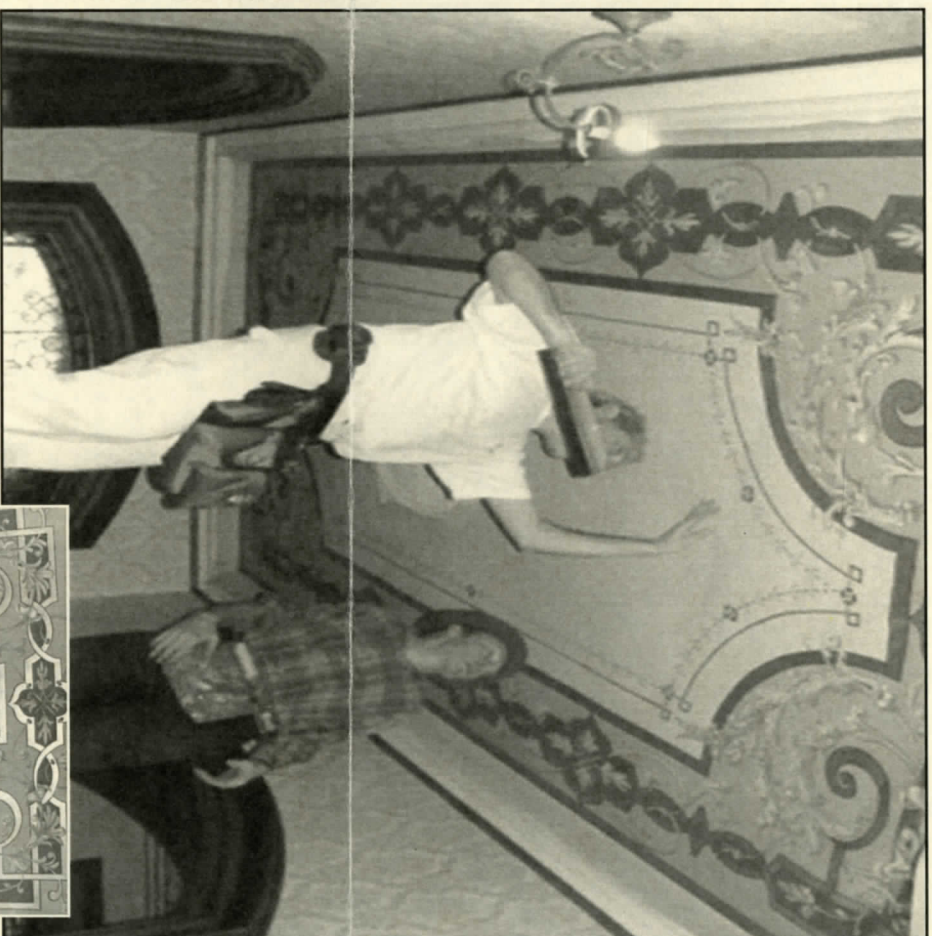
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Please check the date on your mailing label
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and consider updating your membership
if the date is before January 2012.
We need and appreciate you all!

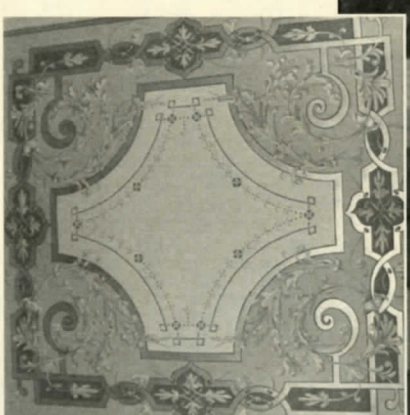
The Main Hall is Richly Enhanced!

In the last newsletter, we heralded the artistic completion of the main hall ceiling panels. This month the two large panels were installed and immediately the hallway took on a warm, inviting and harmonious look. We are thrilled with this newest restoration effort and hope all of you are anxious to see the result for yourselves!

We are still working with Thomas Melvin, the artist, on the completion of two small ceiling panels; one between the front doors and one in the small vestibule by the south entrance to the Homestead.



*Thomas Melvin (with his
signature red hat) installing
the large canvas panels with
the help of his friend, Joe, an
expert paper hanger from
Chicago.*



An Offer You Can't Refuse !! GANGSTERS, GALS AND GUMSHOES...

...an evening of unique fun, food and entertainment to benefit the James Millikin Homestead. Put on your pearls and wingtips and join us as we attempt to solve the mystery at hand. Ya gotta be there so put it on your calendar ...

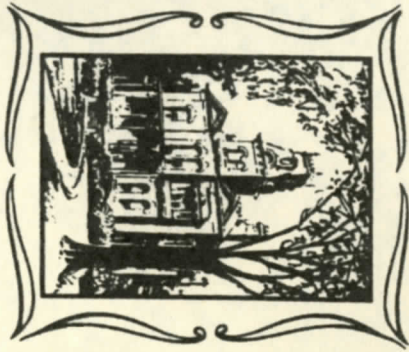
October 27, 2012

at the Richards Treat Center.

*For more information or to volunteer,
call Events Plus at 217-233-3391 or
Betsy Tietz at 217-767-1050.*

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Plan a Celebration at the Homestead



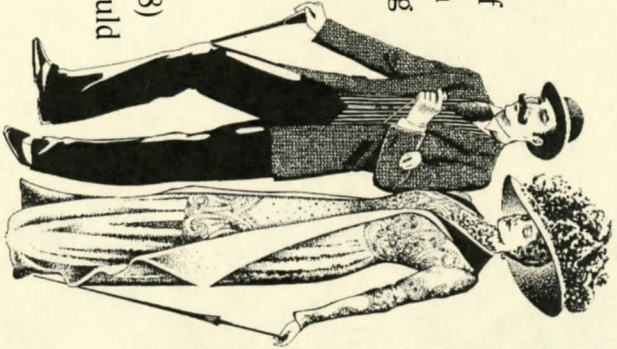
The Homestead was busy with gatherings and parties during the holiday season.

In December there were two Millikin Christmas parties, one held by a student group and the other by faculty members. A Doll and Teddy Bear Tea raffle winner held her educational group meeting and the Homestead provided dessert. A family birthday dinner and party was celebrated and the New Year began with another family birthday party on January 1st. Our latest event was a wedding on the first weekend of the year and we have a private dinner scheduled for later in the month. If you are interested in scheduling an event at the Homestead, contact Betsy Tietz at 767-1050.

Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wondered what it would feel like to be Mr. or Mrs. Millikin or one of their maids? This is an opportunity to join in the fun of portraying one of them during Mr. and Mrs. Millikin Days. You could be a guide or a play actor. Area third graders will be joining the Homestead for this much anticipated annual event from May 7th to the 10th.

Please call Anna Mae Carlson (428-8908) or Sharon Thompson (422-8765) if you would like to participate.



Mission Statement

The Mission of the James Millikin Homestead, Inc. is to restore and preserve the interior of this irreplaceable Decatur landmark, thereby raising community awareness of our historical heritage, and promoting preservation for future generations.



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Decatur, Illinois

Please consider the Millikin Homestead in your estate plannings.

James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

- Regular Member – \$25.00
- Friend – \$50.00
- Patron – \$100.00
- Life – \$1,000.00
(May be paid in four annual installments)

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Please make checks payable to James Millikin Homestead, Inc. and mail to:

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(Membership is tax deductible)

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THANK
YOU

Thank You from the J.M.H. Board

Your response to our letter for the Annual Appeal was fantastic! Due to the kind generosity of our members, we received funds in excess of \$4,000.00 to put toward the many projects planned to enhance the Homestead.

The Bakery Boutique was a great success due to your delicious donations. We appreciated you taking your time during this busy season to include the open house in your holiday plans.

Board member, Christy Kelly, deserves a special note of thanks for sharing her artistic abilities in designing the beautiful Christmas decorations for the Homestead.

Thanks to Jeff Hendricks and the Decatur Convention Bureau. They will be designing a new brochure for the Homestead to be circulated throughout the community.

An Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to the family of

MARY JANE ABBOTT