

James Millikin Homestead Gazette

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AUGUST 2021

Upcoming Events

Regular Open Houses

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday, August 29, 2021
Sunday, September 26, 2021
Sunday, October 31, 2021

August 1 - tickets go on sale for
Taste of History

September 25 - Taste of History
5-9 pm

October 2 - Millikin University
Homecoming Ice Cream Social

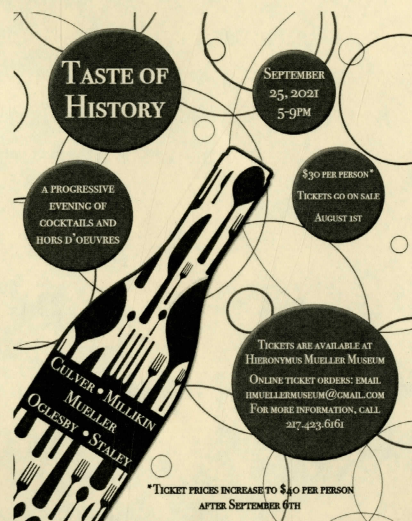
October 24 - Unveiling and
dedication of flag pole & ribbon
cutting for History Room
(tentative) 2:00 pm

December 5 - Christmas Open
House & Sweet Treats Bakery

Taste of History 2021

The James Millikin Homestead, Oglesby Mansion, Staley Museum, Mueller Museum, and Culver House are excited to welcome guests back to a Taste of History on Saturday, September 25 from 5-9 pm. Each site will offer a distinctive appetizer that will be paired with an adult beverage for visitors to enjoy. Tickets are available by contacting Lauren at the Mueller Museum (217-423-6161) or lauren@muellermuseum.org. Tickets are \$30/person from August 1-

September 6 and \$40 from September 7-September 25. A limited number of tickets are available. This event sold out in 2019 so do not delay, reserve yours today! The west end is “the place to be” on September 25—an opportunity to visit Decatur’s historic venues and to attend the opening night of the Millikin Decatur Symphony Orchestra. We look forward to seeing you.



Spring Fling

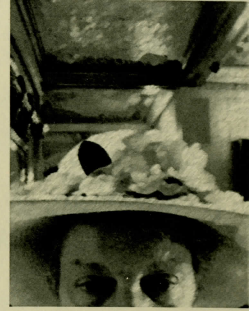
We would like to thank the people and businesses who made the very first Spring Fling & Mother’s Day Cookie and Plant Sale a success. A big thanks to Connie’s Greenhouse for the nice selection of plants and herbs and for providing a place to pot up the selections. Thanks also to The Art Farm, All Things Beautiful, Murphy & Co., Tournesol, and Shop on Main for promoting the event. And as always, a special thank you to all of the volunteer bakers who make all of our stunning cookie trays possible.

Email Addresses

Do we have your email address? We are offering a new feature to our members—a monthly snapshot of current happenings at the James Millikin Homestead. This update is shared with our membership via email. To date, two email updates have been sent. If you have not received them, that means we do not have your correct email address on file. If you would like to stay informed of Homestead happenings between the publication of our quarterly newsletters, please send us an email at jamesmillikin1876@gmail.com and let us know that you wish to be included on our email address list.

From the President's Desk

Summer! I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the gorgeous flower displays at the Homestead these days. A big huzzah for the dedicated volunteers who make this happen! Mrs. Millikin took a trip to the Scovill Zoo in June to check out subjects for her art class and talk to the children about their favorite animals. It's a tie between the wolves and the cheetahs! Spring was a very busy time at the Homestead, hosting the 2021 Millikin graduates for a special reception. It was very enjoyable to see the interest in the history of Millikin University's founder, as demonstrated by the barrage of questions. Our new history room certainly got a workout those evenings! Looking forward to the fall events, as the heat gives way to cooler weather. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase tickets for the upcoming Taste of History event. Always a great way to experience Decatur history!



Kroger and Amazon Foundations

If you have not done so yet, we would like to remind you that both Kroger and Amazon will give a percentage of your purchases to charities like the James Millikin Homestead. To take advantage of this perk go to:

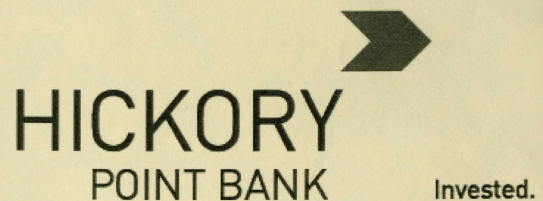
- Kroger Rewards Card - www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the prompts. Enter the alphanumeric code for the James Millikin Homestead which is PM852 at Kroger.
- Amazon Foundation - www.amazonsmile.com. You must choose the James Millikin Homestead Inc., from the list on their website.

After you sign-up on each website, the Homestead will receive a check quarterly for the amount based on the percent of qualified sales. Use of these programs will not change the price of the goods, will not change any discounts or sale prices, nor will it interfere with things like Kroger Rewards Gasoline. If you have any problems signing up, send a note via e-mail to Douglas Warren at jamesmillikin1876@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Driveway Project

The Homestead's drive and parking area have been renewed and have a slightly new look. Thanks to a grant from the James Millikin Estate Trust and a donation from Dunn Co. along with funds from our capital fund reserves, the drive and parking area have been upgraded. Low spots were filled and a base of road tar and crushed limestone topping were applied. A lot of dust and dirt flew for several days, but the finished product looks exceptionally good. The last time the drive was worked on was 2014. We should be able to go another seven years before this topic needs to be addressed again.

Thanks for Supporting the Homestead
as an Organizational Member!



Around the House - Flagpole

“Gold Award” Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take the Girl Scout motto, “Make the world a better place” to the next level. Less than 6% of Girl Scouts achieve this level. Claire Peters, the daughter of Mark and Deroan Peters, set her sights on the “Gold Award”.

Claire approached your Board of Directors last November ('20) to ask if she could begin a project to update and beautify the flagpole area, including a marker with details of the Millikins' love of arts, education, and the home they built.

Further, Claire, fascinated with the six acres of park-like urban open acreage with wonderful large trees and open spaces, has added to her project a detailed survey of all the trees on the Homestead property.

We are planning a ribbon-cutting and celebration in the fall for our new flag and landscaped space. Stay tuned for further announcements. Donations may be made to help Claire with this project. Send your check payable to James Millikin Homestead Inc. 125 N. Pine Street, Decatur, Illinois 62522. Thank you, in advance, for your support of the Homestead and this exemplary young woman.



Garden Plantings

Thanks to a generous donation from Florida Boys Caladiums, you will find that the northeast corner of the Homestead grounds, under the pink dogwood tree (north of the front steps), there is now an amazing bed of Caladiums. If you wish to establish this look in your yard, it is not too late to order from our generous supplier at www.floridaboyscaladiums.com to show your appreciation for their gift to the Homestead.

One of the blue spruce trees along the drive, east of the Home, gave up and is scheduled for removal.

The hydrangeas on the north side of the Home do not show signs of any stress and are flowering spectacularly and on time.





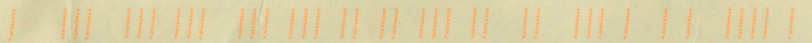
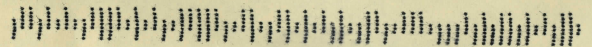
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Mission Statement
Through the preservation of the Homestead, we engage, educate, and entertain visitors with the stories of the Millikins and Decatur.
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