



GAZETTE



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JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC., DECATUR, ILLINOIS

November 1981

SUCCESSFUL HARVEST AT THE HOMESTEAD

Sunday, October 4 was a delightful afternoon during which we greeted over 300 people. Our guests moved around the home freely as guides in each room gave a brief talk and answered questions. The guides were Donna Canham, Susan Shade, Ruth Prust, Debbie Erlanson, Barbara Hackel, Brigitta Kapp.

Our exhibit featured Victorian clothing provided by the Macon County Museum Complex. We wish to thank the Museum and Linda Lauchner for sharing these delightful articles with us. Ruth Prust was in charge of the display. We also thank the Stephen Decatur-MacArthur String Quartet for the lovely entertainment they provided.

Between the home and the Carriage House refreshments were available. They were provided by Joanne Carey and Golden Glaze Bakery. The Carriage House displayed the results of our Needlework Contest.

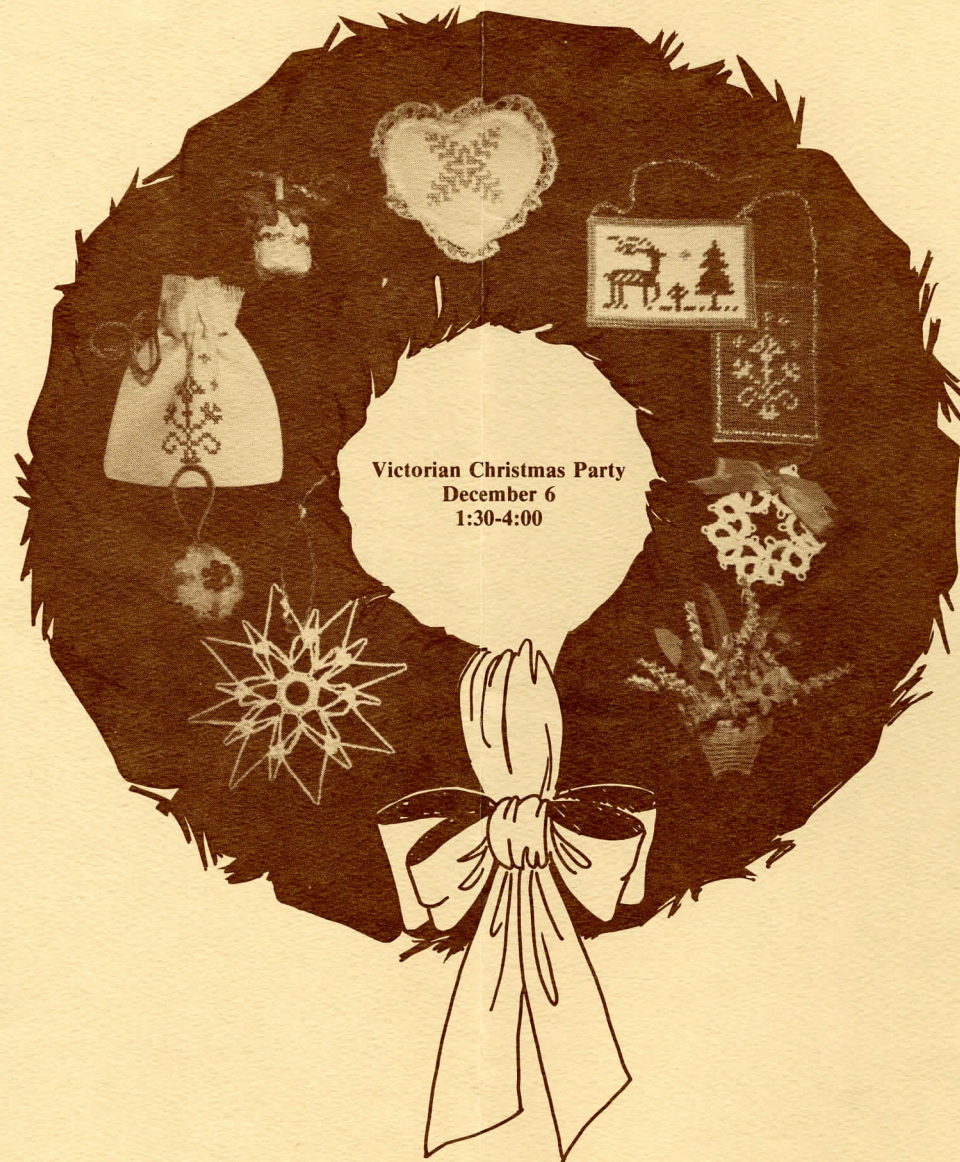
The contest featured 96 pieces of needlepoint and cross stitch. The entries were judged on Saturday, October 3 by Barbara Fletcher, a well known central Illinois needlework instructor. The winners were:

Best of Show

Barbara Hostetler

Needlepoint

Barbara Hostetler	1st
Gloria Webb	2nd
Marian Miller	3rd
Ellen Sheffer	Honorable Mention
Janice Canham	



Mrs. Millikin's Trunk offers a variety of old fashioned Christmas ornaments.

JUNIOR WELFARE APPRECIATION TEA

While we are celebrating our complete renovation we do not want to forget the organization

The Homestead may be rented for a fee of \$1.00 per person and all kitchen facilities, tableware and cloths are provided. Homestead members also have the use of our

Other openings are for cookie bakers, kitchen helpers, party planners and oral history enthusiasts. Hours can be arranged to suit your schedule.

VICTORIAN FASHION SHOW

The first of our 1982 Mini-Series has been planned by Program Chairman Barbara Hackel for January 24 at 2:00 PM. The AAUW will entertain us by modeling an array of Victorian period costumes.

Along with the fashion show will be a display of Florence and Jenna Birks' hat collection. The collection is a recent acquisition of the Homestead and will make a very superb exhibit. There will be a \$2.00 charge for the public, and members of the Homestead are our guests.

HOMESTEAD MEMBERSHIP STILL GROWING

Though the 1981 membership drive is officially over, we are always pleased to welcome more members. Celeste Lambert, Homestead membership chairman, reports that the following persons have subscribed to the Homestead memberships since the last publication of the GAZETTE:

PATRON

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Striglos

FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Burner
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Condon, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Frederick Dick
 Mr. and Mrs. David Erlanson
 Mr. and Mrs. Sande Hackel
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaufman
 Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kilborn

INDIVIDUAL

Mrs. Lyle DeWitt
 Mrs. Neil Ewing
 Mrs. Horace B. Garman
 Mrs. George P. Johns
 Mrs. J. R. Larson
 Mrs. Gary Likins
 Mrs. V. R. McMiminy
 Mrs. Arthur W. Ploeger
 Mrs. C. H. Ruedi
 Mrs. Meredith Weck
 Mrs. W. T. White

Gloria Webb	2nd
Marian Miller	3rd
Ellen Sheffer	Honorable Mention
Janice Canham	
Mary K. Farrell	
Izzy Brown	
Sue Stupp	

Cross Stitch

Jane Dunning	1st
Marie Hamilton	2nd
Linda Robertson	3rd
Marie Hamilton	Honorable Mention
Penny Graves	

Teenage Cross Stitch

Gail Brown	1st
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Childrens Cross Stitch

Scott Likens	1st
Brian Gebhart	2nd
Brian Gebhart	3rd

Our sincere congratulations go to Linda Robertson and Ellen Sheffer, co-chairmen of the Needlework Contest and to Barbara Hackel and Debbie Erlanson co-chairmen of Harvest at the Homestead.



This year's Best of Show went to Barbara Hostetler for her original needlepoint design of an adaptation from a Christmas card

APPRECIATION TEA

While we are celebrating our complete renovation we do not want to forget the organization that made our magnificent home a reality. Therefore we are sponsoring an Appreciation Tea for the current members and Patronesses of Junior Welfare Association on December 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

All of the refreshments served that day will be made from recipes that will appear in the new Junior Welfare Cookbook scheduled to be sold this coming Spring. If anyone would like to help with our sincere thank you to this wonderful organization please contact Brigitta Kapp 428-9527 or Susan Shade 422-1709.

SANTA'S LIST

We are looking for finishing touches for the second floor. If you know the location of a suitable article for the list below, please contact Brigitta Kapp at 428-9527.

- ceiling light fixture for the master bedroom
- ceiling light fixture for the sitting room
- ceiling light fixture for the upstairs hall
- period washbasin for the bathroom
- accessories for the bathroom

INVITATION TO USE THE HOMESTEAD

With the completion of the Homestead's renovation we are quite anxious for the community to recognize our availability for rental purposes. As of the writing of the GAZETTE we have nineteen parties by individuals and groups in the month of December. Of course our members will be the first to see the home decorated at the Victorian Christmas Party.

Photographs in this issue were taken by Bill Shade

for a fee of \$1.00 per person and all kitchen facilities, tableware and cloths are provided. Homestead members also have the use of our silver service. If you or your group are entertaining the idea of having a tea, luncheon, dinner, reception or meeting at the Homestead please contact Susan Shade at 422-1709.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are looking forward to our annual Victorian Christmas Party, December 6. The Homestead takes on a fairyland appearance with its Christmas dress. It is a very small way for us to entertain the Homestead members and let you know we appreciate your continued support.

The General Chairman this year is Barbara Hackel, a new Homestead Board member. The decorating will be done by Betty Ploeger and Peg Luy is in charge of the refreshment table. Joanne Jack and Jeanette Bradley are co-chairmen of hosts and hostesses. The servants will be kept in line by Ruth Prust and Clark Waldmier will provide the organ music. The invitations will be written by Linda May, the Homestead's resident calligrapher.

Mrs. Millikin's Trunk will be open during the tea. It will feature handmade articles to enhance your tree at home. (*see related article and pictures*)

Please plan to attend on December 6 between 1:30 to 4:00 PM to celebrate the Yule season and our renovation.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The James Millikin Homestead Volunteer Program has unlimited opportunities for people interested in enriching their lives through service to a worthwhile cause.

Instruction will be given to those interested in acting as tour guides.

bakers, kitchen helpers, party planners and oral history enthusiasts. Hours can be arranged to suit your schedule.

Interested parties should contact Ruth Prust at 422-2967.

BROCHURES AVAILABLE

New brochures of the James Millikin Homestead are being printed and will be on hand this December for our open house. The historical and present interior information has been compiled and written by Linda May.

It is important that we have this pamphlet available for our many visitors. The past two monthly open houses have been attended by over 100 at each session. The interest in the home is building as our heritage is strengthened by preservation.

AMENITIES COMPLETE

The least exciting, but certainly necessary, room has been finished - the bathroom. A reproduction of the maple and walnut parquet flooring has been made and installed. An antique pull-chain toilet has been located and donated by Nick Striglos and a claw footed tub has been purchased. The walls have been painted in keeping with the rest of the upstairs and shutters for the windows have been crafted. The sink is of modern vintage but will be replaced when a period fixture is found.

We would like to thank Brigitta Kapp, Restoration Chairman, for her many, many hours of hard work giving the second floor of the Millikin abode a facelift and congratulate her on a job well done.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Paul L. McKay and Mr. Gilbert Bieger were married on November 13 in the South Parlor. The Homestead congratulates our first newlyweds and wishes them many years of happiness.

Mrs. C. H. Ruedi
Mrs. Meredith Weck
Mrs. W. T. White



The annual ornament is a counted cross stitched snow flake with 1981 on the reverse side.

MRS. MILLIKIN'S TRUNK

As in the past years, Mrs. Millikin's Trunk is a part of our Victorian Christmas Party. Again, we are offering a variety of unique, handmade items.

The annual ornament is a heart-shaped, stuffed, counted cross stitch decoration with a snowflake on one side and 1981 on the reverse side.

There are counted cross stitch gift bags for those special small presents.

A deer, a flower and doves decorate the three needlepoint ornaments that we offer. Each has a satin backing and can be used on the tree, a mantel or a window.

Tatted and crocheted snowflakes, small silkflower baskets, seed balls, knitted bells, muslin birds and callico ornaments round out our touch of the old fashioned Christmas adornments.

An added attraction this year are edible goodies, such as sherried nuts and fancy cookies.

We hope you will visit Mrs. Millikin's Trunk when you come to the Victorian Christmas Party on December 6.

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THE BELL PULL

DANISH HANDCRAFT GUILD

CHRISTMAS KITS

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Flower Thread
Counted Cross Stitch

Needlepoint
Counted Cross Stitch

Counted Cross Stitch Books

Fingertip Towels for Cross Stitch

Gloria Cloth

“Decatur” Counted Cross Stitch Chart

Holiday Cards with Needlework Charts

Come in and see our many new Holiday items. Hours 9:30-2:30 Tuesday thru Friday and 9:30-12:00 Saturday.
The profits of the Bell Pull help sustain the ongoing expenses of the James Millikin Homestead.

