

THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



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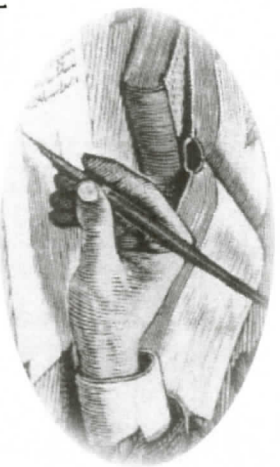


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January 2015

A Note from your President . . .



It's that time of year when we reflect and think about all for which we are thankful. I am thankful for another year of working with and enjoying the friendships of the Homestead Board Members. They are a wonderful group of men and women who share an interest in and dedication to the home.

I am also thankful for all of our members who also have an interest in maintaining and improving the Millikin's home. We appreciate your continued support through your membership. Please check your address label to find out when your membership expires and consider renewing at that time. We will be sending out our annual membership appeal letter in February. Membership dues assist us greatly with the day-to-day upkeep at the Homestead and are essential for our continuing efforts.

The articles in this newsletter will catch you up on what the Board has been doing most recently. I wish you all a healthy and very Happy New Year!

Betsy Tietz, President

JMH Christmas Open House

The annual James Millikin Homestead Christmas Open House was December 14, 2014 from 1-4 PM. Visitors to the Homestead were greeted with a festive atmosphere of beautiful Christmas decorations, soft Christmas music, traditional cider and Christmas cookie assortments. The Open House was busy with a continuous flow of attendees interested in seeing and learning more about the history of this Decatur landmark.

Homemade tea breads, cookies, pastries and candies were just a few of the delectable goodies available for purchase at the Sweet Treats Bakery. All items were festively packaged for holiday gift giving. Thanks to the efforts of Board members and friends of the Homestead, we are pleased to report a profit of \$667.00! Bakery sales this year exceeded last years total due to the hard work of bakery co-chairs Ann-Marie Hillyer and Betsy Tietz. These funds will help support on-going projects at the Homestead.

Much gratitude and thanks to all who helped in the success of the event! To the Board members who contributed hours of decorating, baking and sharing knowledge about the Homestead with our visitors Thank You!!



JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD
PRESENTS
Some Enchanted Evening

The James Millikin Homestead Board of Directors SINCERELY THANKS all those who attended and sponsored our Some Enchanted Evening fundraiser. This amazing event raised all the money required to purchase new storm windows for the Homestead. The contractor selection and bidding process has been started and the new storm windows should be installed this Spring. The Board is grateful to know their commitment to this historic building is mirrored by community interest and appreciation.

Enjoy these snapshots courtesy of Julie Carter Photography



NOTE: To view the gallery of photos and/or order prints, go to:
<http://juliecarter.smugmug.com/Other/Some-Enchanted-Evening>

Kudos to Master Gardeners

The Homestead Board would like to acknowledge and thank all the Master Gardeners who have put in their time and effort on the Homestead grounds for the past two years. Outside they have weeded, trimmed, planted and trans-planted. They have mulched, raked, watered and weeded some more. Inside, they have gone through boxes and boxes of files gathering and re-organizing all information available about the original plantings and landscaping done in the past.

For the hundreds of hours they have already spent at the Homestead and all the hours they will continue to help us in the coming year, we sincerely appreciate their work and thank the following Master Gardeners: Beth Allhands, Jodi Baldwin, Nina Bendsen, Cheryl Brown, Marge Evans, Susan Grabiell, Jacquylen Hadley, Cathy Kunzeman, Sandy Meagher, Lenda Munson, Cheryl Schmidt, Lucy Smith, Sharon Snively and Arla Thomas.

Continuing Landscape Plans

Master Gardeners at the Millikin Homestead continue refining grounds details into 2015. The JMH site tree inventory will be aligned to International Society of Arboriculture standards. The flagpole area facing West Main Street will be renovated through revisiting the Schroll Master Landscape Plan. Ryerson steel edging will be installed along several landscape beds and shrub additions will complete the foundation planting. A weed control program, especially in the new vinca planting in the circle drive, will add to the overall attractiveness.

Refrigeration Request

The refrigerator at the Homestead is old and Ameren said it's energy efficiency is very poor. If you are considering purchasing a new refrigerator or have a second one you plan to get rid of, please think about donating your older or extra refrigerator to the Homestead. Call Cary at 217-433-8998 if you need more information. Thanks!

Rental Policy at the Homestead

Looking for a unique, historic setting for your party? The Homestead is available for your private parties and special events such as small weddings, baptisms, receptions, anniversaries, birthdays and even business meetings. Current members receive a 10% discount off the rental fee. For information and scheduling, please contact the Homestead at 217.433.2795 and leave a message.



In Memoriam

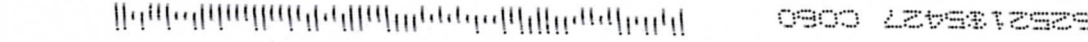
The James Millikin Homestead extends condolences to the families of:

Adele Glenn, William McGaughey, Anne Pondelick

All three have been past board members giving freely of their time, talents and financial support for the preservation of the Homestead.

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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.



Please consider the Millikin Homestead in your estate planning.

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)

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

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