

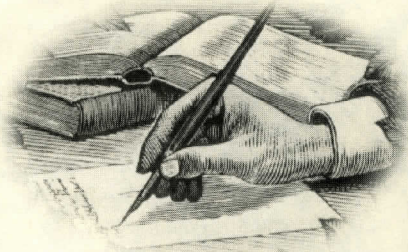
THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY

GAZETTE

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

November, 2009



A Note from Your President...

In JUNE the Victorian Doll Tea, a biannual event, took place at the Homestead. Again it was a great success thanks to Kathy Sigmon and Jan Beasley, co-chairs of the event.

In OCTOBER we held a very successful membership drive. Thank you all!

In NOVEMBER we plan to honor Mr. Millikin's contributions to Decatur.

In DECEMBER we invite you to the Annual Victorian Christmas Tea.

Preparations for the Christmas boutique were started weeks ago by our new board member, Christy Kelly, and her staff of "elves," who will offer unique handmade items. This committee plans to have extended sale hours

James Millikin

born 1825 - died 1909

It has been a hundred years since James Millikin's death, yet Decatur still benefits from his having lived. Born in Pennsylvania he came to the Middle West driving herds which he sold at profit.

Ever the entrepreneur, he used his money wisely in real estate and financial dealings always making sure that his investments affected this community in a positive way. We are well aware of his lasting presence in our community when we see the expanding campus of Millikin University adding the beauty of its landscape to that of our beloved Homestead and the Arts and Crafts elegance of Millikin Place. Though Decatur has lost some treasures (Anna B. Millikin Home and the Bank that bore his name, to cite two) we still have the on-going benefit of his philanthropy.

We shall celebrate his heritage by laying a wreath at the Millikin-Aston Mausoleum in Greenwood Cemetery at Thanksgiving time in gratitude for his foresight and generosity.

tee plans to have extended sale hours. Dates and locations of these sales listed in our "Christmas Elves at Work" article on the back page. Delicious homemade bakery goods will be sold as well.

The Homestead, decked out in holiday finery, will be ready to welcome you!

Please, join us for this traditional celebration.

JoAn Christerson

and generosity.

Lou Snelson, historian

born
1825

JAMES MILLIKIN

died
1909



*The pleasure of your company
is requested
at our annual
Victorian Christmas Party
On Sunday, December 13, 2009
from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at the
James Millikin Homestead
135 North Pine Street
Decatur, Illinois*

Membership Drive - A Success!!!

From the bottom of our hearts we, the Homestead Board, thank all who just joined/rejoined us! It is so rewarding to experience this wonderful response to our appeal. With renewed vigor we "press on" with our responsibilities. Stay "tuned" for restoration news!!

To all our faithful "active" membership – always a most sincere thank you!

We are including an updated membership list current as of the printing date of this newsletter. If you have just sent a donation your name will be added in the next published list. If you have not responded yet, please, consider doing so – it is never too late. We welcome your support any time!!



Sweet Treat Alert

Once again we are putting out a plea for Christmas goodies and baked items to be sold in the Sweet Treats Boutique at the Annual Victorian Christmas Tea & Open House.

Last year we sold every tasty Christmas edible that was donated and even had requests for more, such as peanut brittle and toffee.

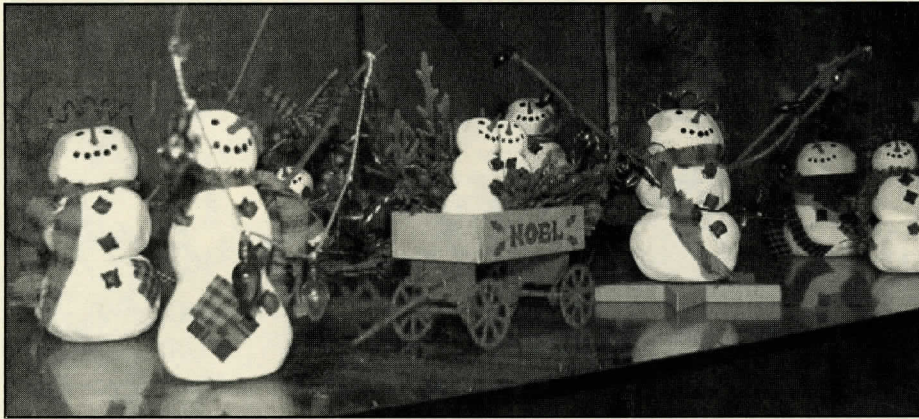
Please, save us a call by letting us know if you would be willing to donate!

Remember, this is all profit for the Homestead.

Thanks,

Anna Mae Carlson 428-8908

Sharon Thompson 422-8765

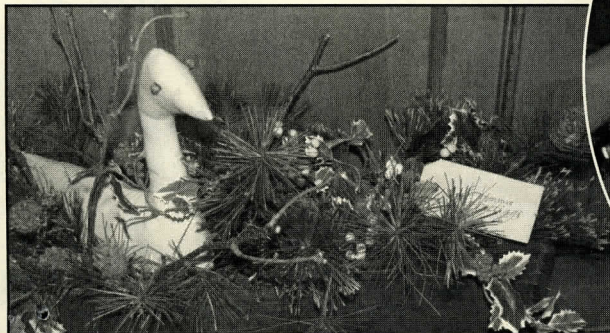


Christmas Elves at Work!

*Extended
Christmas
Boutique Hours:*
December 2nd
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 (during downtown
 Christmas Walk)
*at Beasley
 Properties*
 116 East Prairie
December 5th
1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 (Millikin Vesper Day)
 at the Millikin
 Homestead
 125 North Pine

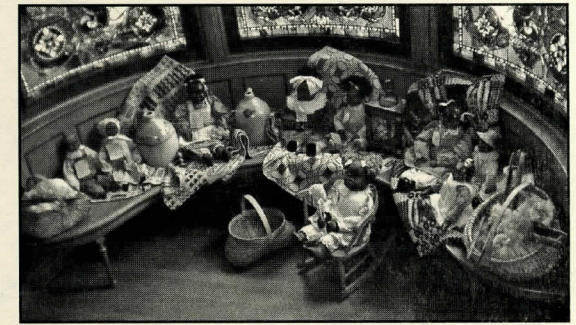


Hope to see you there!



2009 Victorian Doll Tea

The James Millikin Homestead hosted its Tenth Victorian Doll Tea on June 13, 2009. Laughter and chatter filled the parlors and Anna's dining room as the guests enjoyed the timeless tradition of tea, pink lemonade, sweet treats and tasty sandwiches.



Doll exhibit by Christy Kelly

The tables were graced in pastel colors with teacups of "roundy moundies," fresh floral arrangements of miniature roses, mums, carnations and sprigs of statice. These floral centerpieces were designed and arranged by the volunteers of the Garden Club of Decatur, another wonderful tradition.

Dollhouses and doll exhibits flowed throughout the rooms of the Homestead. Our exhibitors were Marny Elliott, Payton Hale, Brigitta Kapp, Christy Kelly and Linda Kuhns. Christy Kelly headed the Doll Boutique. With the help of the Homestead board, the boutique was filled with handmade doll hats, purses, jewelry and other Victorian gift items. Photos of the guests were taken by Ed Beasley and T. J. Vaughan and mailed to them as a memento of their delightful afternoon at the Homestead.

Nine guests whose numbers were drawn went home with dolls: Jeana Aldridge, Grace Alsup, Yvonne Causey, Stella Hyden, Brooklyn Dillow, Nathan Funk, Josie Martin, Cindy Musser and Shirley Taylor. The raffle winners were Sue Shade, Tea for Twenty at the Homestead, and Brigitta Kapp, 2-hour rental of the Homestead.



All proceeds from the tea will benefit the continuing restoration of the James Millikin Homestead.

Janet Beasley &
 Kathy Sigmon, Co-chairs

At left: Payton Hale and Ireland Irby proudly present their dolls with hats purchased at our Doll Boutique.

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