

*Dedicated to educating the public and preserving the rural heritage of Illinois.*

## Gaining Recognition

Museum receives recognition in the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association November publication.

If you are a member of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association you have already received your monthly publication "Illinois Country Living". Featured in this month's magazine is the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum.

"The magazine article has brought us a lot of recognition. We've already had visitors stop by just because of the notoriety we received" says Charlie Greer. "Getting your name out there and getting people through the doors is a challenge ...and this is certainly a step in the right direction."



## Nevins Ware Art Exhibit a Success!



The Museum would like to express its gratitude to Mrs. Gayl Pyatt and the Foundation for the Future of Pinckneyville in their efforts in organizing the Nevins Ware art exhibit at the IRHM during the month of October. An open house honoring the artist was held on October 7.

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## Visit the Museum this Holiday Season

The Museum has had nothing but good feedback about how much folks enjoy being back in "the good 'ol days". The Museum contains displays that really resonate with the visitors who have lived throughout this time period. Want to get your parents something that they would really enjoy during the upcoming Holiday season(s)? Bring them to the Museum and watch their faces light up. The Museum is also a great educational opportunity for children! Visitors during the month of December will even be treated to Christmas light displays! See reverse for unique gift-giving ideas.

# Museum Receives USDA Grant

In August the Museum was the recipient of a \$25,000 Community Facility Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development. "The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum is an entertaining, educational attraction that showcases the history of lifestyle of farm life," said U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello. "This funding will add to the personal and corporate donations that have made this museum a reality." The funds were to be used to the purchase of furniture and equipment for the museum.

"The grant has provided us with the opportunity to purchase equipment and furniture that we otherwise could not have afforded" says Mary Greer. To date the USDA Grant has enabled the Museum to purchase many items including a vacuum cleaner, carpet cleaner, concrete floor scrubber, tables, chairs, a computer, glass showcases, security alarm system, lawn mower, leaf blower and four infrared heaters.

## Art Exhibit *(Continued)*



Nevins Ware, now deceased, was a true artist of small town and rural life. With 40+ pieces of Mr. Ware's art on display, the Museum was pleased with the turnout for this special exhibit. Bill Ware, son of the artist, of Lake Zurich, Illinois was in attendance for the open house event. The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum is proud to have had this collection on display.

## Unique Gifting

During the upcoming Holiday season, consider this unique gift: A historical paver stone at the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum. For as little as \$100 you can get a stone engraved, support the Museum and give a really unique gift!

Your donations are greatly appreciated! The IRHM is a 501c (3) organization so monetary donations are tax deductible.



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