



Spring 2012 Newsletter

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

Monsanto Exploration Hall Now Complete

Illinois Rural Heritage Museum exhibits are progressing on schedule and coordinators are happy to share a sneak peak into one of the exhibits: The Monsanto Exploration Hall.



Monsanto has made a generous contribution to the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum by way of a key exhibit. The “Monsanto Exploration Hall”, dedicated to agricultural technology, explores the chronological advances in agriculture over the decades. The Monsanto Exploration Hall also includes interactive exhibits on corn and soybean developments. Also on loan to the Museum from Monsanto is one of the early gene guns used to modify the genetic traits of those crops.

Grand Opening Moved to June 1

In order to make the grand opening celebration a truly monumental event for the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum, coordinators have rescheduled the Phase 2 grand opening to June 1, 2012, 5:30pm. The Friday events will be the prelude to the 4th annual Tractor Drive and fund raising banquet scheduled for June 2, 2012.

See reverse for additional information for the grand opening weekend!

40' Windmill Now in Place



See reverse for installation photos.

Grand Opening June 1, 4th Annual Tractor Drive June 2

Join us on June 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the grand opening of the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum. At this event exhibits in phases one and two will be open to the public. Visitors can expect to find a variety of interactive and educational exhibits for all ages!

The Friday grand opening event will be the prelude to the 4th Annual Tractor Drive and fund raising banquet scheduled for Saturday June 2, 2012. Max Armstrong, The American Agriculture broadcaster and host of "This Week in Agribusiness" will participate in the tractor drive and be the speaker at the banquet. Tractor Drive begins at 1:30pm, banquet begins at 6:00pm. These events will also be held at the Museum and are open to the public. To register for the tractor drive and/or banquet please call 618-571-1854 or visit www.illinoisruralheritagemuseum.org.



Images show the construction of the 40' signature windmill now in place at the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum. Look for it when you stop by!



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