

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

Ready to Drive!



Join the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum for its 5th annual tractor drive and banquet on June 1!

Registration is now open for the 5th Annual Tractor Drive and Banquet! Enjoy a beautiful drive through the country then join us for dinner and entertainment.

This year the Museum has scheduled a comedian, Jerry Carroll, so come prepared to laugh! Jerry travels all over the United States and entertains groups with his clean, family friendly humor. May 9th, Jerry was in Amarillo, TX and the week following our event he will be in Des Moines, IA. This is a must-see show for the entire family! For more info on Jerry, visit his web site at www.agriculturespeaker.com.

The Tractor Drive begins at 1:30pm, Banquet/Entertainment at 6:00pm. Families with kids can join us at 4:00pm for catch and release fun fishing. All events will be held at White Walnut Farms. To register for the event, RSVP for dinner, or directions to White Walnut Farms contact Mary at 618-571-1854.

*Special thanks to the
2013 Tractor Drive sponsors:*

Beck's Hybrids

H&R Agri-Power

Celebrate Spring

It's not too late to stop by the Museum to see the Spring Exhibit! In March Museum organizers turned the Red Barn into a seasonal rotating exhibit. For the spring season focus was given to plowing, planting and rural life. Displays ranging from six unique horse drawn plows, planters which
(continued on reverse)

Small Town BIG DEAL

Monday, May 13th RFD-TV's "Small Town Big Deal" filmed a story about the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum! "Small Town Big Deal" airs every Thursday and 'celebrates the great stories of America.'

Producers focused on a hands-on experience working on a Massey-Harris tractor. It was really great to have the opportunity to have a nationally broadcast station here with us at the Museum!

The episode is slated to air September 2013. Stay tuned for more information about dates when you can see us!



(continued)

are rarely found and a look at a commonly overlooked aspect of rural life, but something that nearly every homestead had: Chickens. Seemingly obvious parts of spring time, these are incredibly important parts of our rural heritage. Stop by and check out this exhibit before it is replaced by the summer exhibit.

New Exhibit Taking Shape

Our rural heritage is all around us, many of us just do not take the time to consider some of them. Dotted throughout the state on back country roads are little old cemeteries where generations of our past have gone on to their final resting place. Few places are lucky enough to be able to display antique funeral items and we thank Pyatt Funeral Home for loaning these unique items to the Museum.



Paver Stones

Looking for a unique gift? Purchase a paver stone at the entrance of the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum. Starting at only \$100 you can get a stone engraved, support the Museum and give a really unique gift!



President: Charles Greer

Chairman: Irl Engelhardt

Secretary/Treasurer: Vernon Mayer

Board of Directors: Irl Engelhardt, Charles Greer, Greg Bigham, Dipal Chaudhari, Vernon Mayer, Rodney Miller, Bill Reichmann, Eric Thomas, Marty Vance.

Executive Board Members: Helen Case Brigham, Darius Harms, Charles "Chuck" Hartke, Dave Maschhoff, Sherry Schaefer.

187 Fairground Road, P. O. Box 58
Pinckneyville, IL 62274
618-357-8908
irhmuseum@gmail.com

www.illinoisruralheritagemuseum.org

THANK YOU to our Sponsors!

The Museum's progress has been made possible by the support of the following sponsors as well as donations from other individuals.

Monsanto

Morton Buildings

White Walnut Farms

2013

Backers

H & R Agri-Power

Patrons

First National Bank

Beck's Hybrids

Dekalb Seed

Boosters

Fertilizer Dealer Supply

The Maschhoffs, LLC

Crop Production Services

Prairie States Generating Co.

Riechmann Bros. LLC

2012

Supporters

Murphy-Wall State Bank

Backers

John Deere Company

Great Plains Mfg., Inc.

The Williams Companies, Inc.

Patrons

Beck's Hybrids

First National Bank

Case IH

H & R Agri-Power

Boosters

American Resources Group Ltd.

Crop Production Services

Fertilizer Dealer Supply

Knight Hawk Coal, LLC

Kohrmann Electric Co.

The Maschhoffs, LLC

Southern FS., Inc.

Bigham Bros

Charles & Mary Greer

Richard & Gayl Pyatt

Vernon & Helen Mayer

William & Helen D. Timpner