



# Prairie Mill News

## Mystery Dinner Theatre February 13 2010

### “Deadly Incentive”

The Historical Society is opening 2010 with this event in February. The 3rd Annual Mystery Dinner is set for Saturday, February 13, 2010, at the Windmill Hall. Get ready for a night of intrigue and murder where guests are the actors and help to solve the murder. The mystery for February is “Deadly Incentive”, a treasure hunt for “a pot of gold”.

Seating is by Reservations and can be made by calling Marge at (217) 696-4163 or Beverly at (217) 696-2742. Tickets are \$18.00 per person. The Historical Society requests that attendees be 21 years of age or older.

The evening begins with wine tasting at 6:00 pm featuring a local winery. Dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. So get ready for an enjoyable night out, maybe for a Valentine celebration on February 13, 2010.

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#### Upcoming Events 2010:

- Feb 13 Mystery Dinner
- Follies: Mar 13, 19, 20, 26, 27
- April 12 ANNUAL MEETING
- April 17 Tour Guide & Gift Shop Training
- July Heritage Days
- Oct Mystery Dinner
- Dec 4 Christmas at the Mill

## A Word from your Society President

As we begin the 2010 season, our 24th year, let's look forward to another great year. We begin with a Valentine Mystery Dinner on February 13th. Tours will begin in May as well as our school educational program, with one scheduled in March.

Some major repairs will be done in the spring when the sprattle beam on the mill is replaced. The tower is in need of a coat of paint as well as sealant. Transitions are scheduled for the museum as we opt to show new items donated.

A training class for those interested in becoming Miller tour guides is scheduled for April 17th. This class will be lead by Terry Asher. Refresher classes are scheduled also for April 17th for museum tour guides and gift shop counter sales.

Volunteers are needed. Spread the word so they can join us and get trained!

## Windmill Repairs & Upgrade



### Sprattle Beam

The sprattle beam (beam in the middle of the cap) has been fabricated by Awerkamp Machine of Quincy. Greg Frese has painted the new beam to match the existing beams. The new beam will be installed in the Spring 2010.

### New Computer Donated

Many thanks to Larry G. Flesner (from Southern Illinois) & daughter, Julie, for donating a computer to the windmill. This is being utilized with accounting and mailing functions.

### Future Repairs/Upgrades

- New carpet/flooring for museum entryway
- Flooring on entryway to Banquet Hall
- Painting and sealing windmill tower
- Banquet Hall floor painted/sealed
- Windows with broken seals repaired or replaced.
- Various doors properly sealed or replaced

### New Cooler for Kitchen

A new cooler has arrived and has been put into operation.



### ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2010

7:00 pm

Golden Windmill Hall

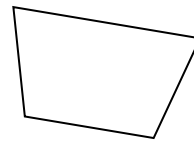
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### Why the Emminga Bank Building was not built square...

Why is the Emminga Bank building not square?

the way the railroad and street are laid out.

Two of our readers, Terry Asher, past president of the Historical Society, and Bob Leenerts, also a past president of the Society, both advised the building is shaped this way because of



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Board Member Vicki Anderson** and husband, Kevin welcomed a new member of the family, son, Colin Edward, born 1/9/10, weighing in at 8 lbs 2 oz. 20-1/2". Mom and Colin are doing great.

### She's Dun It Again....

Way to go!! Lois Reason has once again been selected by Sam's Club as for the employee with most volunteer hours. Lois was presented with a \$250 check for the Golden Historical Society in December. This is the 3rd time Lois has received this reward. Congratulations!



### Did You Know....

2009 Visitors who signed register was 408.  
Not included in this figure are educational program attendees or special groups such as the group from Germany.  
Continue to advertise by passing the word.

### Looking for

Volunteers  
Educational Chair  
  
Resource Committee Chair  
Or  
Select a committee to lend your talents



## New Membership Dues Changes In Effect

1. Membership year will run from January 1 through December 31 annually.
2. Two types of memberships: Individual and family
  - Individual: \$25.00 Annually (One person)
  - Family: \$40.00 Annually (Includes dependent children under 18)
3. Annual membership shall entitle members to receive certain defined benefits
  - A. Museum/Mill tours
  - B. 10% discount on gift shop items. May not be combined with sale prices or discounts
  - C. \$1 discount on member's dinners for Follies, Mystery Dinner Theatres and Heritage Days.  
Discount only applies to full price meals.  
Excludes food stand or other a la carte purchases.
  - D. Discount on entire Banquet Hall rental. Limited to 1 rental per year.  
Individual Membership Discount: \$25 (Pro-rated for partial facility rental)  
Family Membership Discount: \$40 (Pro-rated for partial facility rental)  
Limit one membership discount per membership year.  
Cannot be combined with other discounts, promotional rates, or special rates.

A 2010 Membership Registration form is included for your convenience in joining or renewing your membership with the Historical Society.

## Christmas At The Mill—2009

Christmas at the Mill 2009 was a great success. Our thanks to Karen Nichols, Chairperson, all volunteers, vendors, and Santa, too. Our thanks also to the host of the Home Tours. This takes a lot of time and effort and we thank you. We've had many positive remarks about the home tours.

Highlights and most talked about this year were the rotating Veterans Christmas Tree, designed and decorated by Cheryl Henderson O'Halleran. The small trees decorated by elementary class students were spectacular. The "Guess Who We Are" game on the board entering the banquet hall was a "show stopper". This board had photos of board members and volunteers taken at a young age. Viewers were asked to identify as many as they could.

Soups and sandwiches were available all day at the canteen. Thanks, cooks, the food was great!



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Open Saturdays & Sundays  
May thru October 1-4 pm  
Or by appointment

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We're on the web !  
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Formed in 1986, the Golden Historical Society is a group of volunteers dedicated to restoring and preserving the Prairie Mills Windmill. Our mission is “to secure the necessary funding and build the necessary community support which will enable Golden to achieve its goal of restoring and maintaining the Windmill to functioning capacity. We will create a viable tourism environment which will sustain the Windmill and related businesses in the surrounding area.