



Prairie Mill News

2011 GHS 25th Anniversary

This year “2011” the Golden Historical Society is celebrating there 25th Anniversary. WOW, where have the years gone? A special “thank you” to all the volunteers, vendors, supporters, and individuals that have made our events a success during those 25 years. This has enabled the history of the Windmill to be preserved and passed on to younger generations.

Several events, besides our normal events, are scheduled throughout 2011 to mark the celebration of 25 years. In May an appreciation dinner with a special entertainer/speaker has been calendared. Then in August a Casino night is planned with “Oktoberfest” following in October.

During the year we will be selling tickets for special package deals such as major league baseball game(s) tickets and/or a 2-night get-a-way to Branson or another location.

Watch for more info on our website and in local papers.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 11, 2011

7 p.m.

At Golden Windmill Banquet Hall

(If you are unable to attend, please check our website for a copy of the annual report.)

Windmill Follies

March 26th, April 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th

Cost \$22.00 per person

This year we present *“Law and Disorder”* written by Will Radford, winner of 2006 McLaren Memorial playwriting competition. This is a *comedy* about a eager lady lawyer wanting to impress her boss and has agreed to escort the nephew of her boss around town only to discover that he is a barefooted, tobacco-spitting unemployed hillbilly from Arkansas. **Reservations are required.** Please call (217) 696-4678



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Upcoming Events 2011

- Follies Mar 26 Apr 1,2,8,9
- Appreciation Dinner May 1
- Heritage Days Jul 9 & 10th
- Casino Night August
- Mystery Dinner September
- Oktoberfest October 22
- Christmas of the Mill Dec 3

Windmill Repairs & Upgrade



Old sprattle beam

Future Repairs/Upgrades

Painting wings on the tower and sealing windmill tower

Banquet Hall floor painted/sealed

Windows with broken seals repaired or replaced.

Various doors properly sealed or replaced.

Completion of gravel spread on the parking lot

Sails on Tower needs repaired

Small beam in tower cap needs to be sealed

To many other repairs to mention

Updates & Repairs Completed

New fans in upper level of Banquet Hall.

New Dishwasher installed in large kitchen

Labeling of items in museum and continues.

New mural painted by Central High Art Class for use at events

New lighting on lower & upper level of Banquet Hall

New permanent stage has been erected for events and Follies

Sprattle beam in tower replaced

Water heater replaced

New air conditioner in kitchen

Advertising:

A new brochure has been printed and is ready for our volunteers to distribute.

If you have a few hours to spare, we are in need of volunteers to take the brochures to restaurants, tourism location within 100 mile radius of Golden. Please call Roger Flesner at (217) 696-4254 if you can help.

Watch for our ads on printed placemats which are used at various Quincy, Mt Sterling, Pittsfield, and Camp Point restaurants.

May 1, 2011

Appreciation Dinner

Featuring

Dennis Stroughmatt

“Play That Hot Fiddle”

Dennis will play and relate so history of the fiddle.

Membership

Thanks to everyone who has been a member in the past and we hope you will continue to support the Golden Windmill by renewing your membership. A form is included in this newsletter which lists fee amounts and the address where to mail membership and/ or donations.

Your support is always appreciated!

Tourism

Our tourism numbers on weekends was about the same in 2010 as 2009. However the education tours of Grade School students was lower due to financial cuts made within School Districts. We hope that the School Districts will find a way to put this program back into their financial budgets as all the school children enjoyed coming to the Windmill.

TIMS

The International Molinological Society visited the Golden Windmill in 2010. There were individuals from six (6) different countries. TIMS is a society which fosters worldwide interest and understanding of wind, water, human and animal-powered mills. It was a very interesting and educational visit for us as well as the group. We hope they will visit again in the near future.

COST CUTTING EFFORTS

Once again we are asking for your assistance, if you do not want to receive the GHS mailings, please let us know.

If you can and will be agreeable to receive your copy by email in .pdf (Adobe) format, please send email to

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Words to describe the Mill support/working parts

SWEEPS: Term for sails

SLIPPER: The feed shoe

STAGE: Platform around Mill

SHEERS: Main beams of cap frame

SILL: Top of the brick wall on which a smock-mill stands

Did You Know

Life is like riding a bicycle. You don't fall off unless you stop pedaling.

We don't need more strength or more ability or greater opportunity. What we need is to use what we have.

You cannot solve the problem with the same kind of thinking that created the problem.

Looking for

Volunteers

Educational Chair

Resource Committee Chair

Volunteer to prepare the quarterly newsletter

If you can help or know someone who would like to become involved please call (217) 696-4254 or email dflesner@adams.net



Events of 2010

Our Heritage Days kicked off on a hot Saturday in July with our parade. We had various floats, antique cars and tractors along with an assortment of political candidates. After the parade large crowds mingled around the Windmill property looking and purchasing items from various vendors and enjoying entertainment and events on outdoor stage. The entertainment continued into the evening. Sunday was a different day. A storm moved thru Golden in the early dawn hours destroying tents and damaging vendors' merchandise. But thanks to the all the great individuals who pitched in and picked up the debris and moved events inside the Banquet Hall so Heritage could continue. A Church service was held followed by our delicious sweet corn dinner. After dinner "Mark Twain" entertained the crowd followed by local entertainment. Thanks to everyone, we did have a good event despite the weather.

Then in October the Golden Historical Society had a Mystery Dinner which was well attended. A steak dinner was served to the attendees, giving them the energy to solve the mystery of the evening.

Our December event, Christmas At the Mill, was held on the 4th of December. The highlight of the day was seeing the eyes of the little children as Santa entered the room to have dinner with them and then having their picture made with Santa. Our banquet hall was filled with visitors, decorated Christmas trees, vendors and booths with individuals demonstrating how our ancestors lived in late 1800 to early 1900. The children were able to play games from that era also. The Christmas at the Mill committee, once again, put on a spectacular event and we are please to report it was a great success.

Whose Opinion Counts

Mention the name "Babe" in baseball circles and everybody knows who you're talking about. George Herman Ruth, the great home run hitter, "Babe" Ruth. But there was another "Babe" of baseball lore who was an umpire during Ruth's days. His name was Babe Pinelli. I read in George Well's "Men at Work" of an encounter these two "Babes" had one day. Pinelli had called Ruth out on strikes and the great "Bambino" clamored: "There's 40,000 people here who know that last one was a ball, tomato head!" Pinelli replied, "maybe so, but mine is the only opinion that counts!" During the course of a day, how many times do you hear or see body language opinions of others. Yes opinions can be harmful to individuals but does that mean that we shouldn't give our opinion? The only thing we have to learn to do is give our opinions at the right time, in the right place, in the right manner. This is my opinion. Will it count? We need your opinion to help improve and continue the success of the GHS for years to come.

Quotes From Remarkable People

To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men living in the future, a nation must believe in three things. It must believe in the past. It must believe in the future. It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment the creation of the future. – FDR 06/30/1941

"The greatest thing in the world is not so much where you stand as the direction we are going"

— Oliver Wendell Holmes



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

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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.