



# Prairie Mill News

**January 2012**

*Happy New Year!*

*Wow! Where have the last 12 months gone? Where have the last 25 YEARS gone?* The Society has come a long way in the last 25 years and as we continue our efforts to preserve, protect and present our history while maintaining the Prairie Mills buildings and grounds. Volunteers have done a great job since the organization was founded in 1986. The quest continues as we begin 2012 with new opportunities to open our facility to the public from May thru October. With your continued support with membership dues and volunteering we will be able to accomplish our mission. For your convenience we have included a 2012 Membership form with this publication. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## 2012 FOLLIES

This year we present the 20th presentation of the Golden Windmill Follies March 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31. Our play this year is "Dapple Gray" by Dwight Watson. It's a comedy about a two siblings who finally figured out the reason for their horrible headaches-their mother Paralee. But how do they tell their mother? Doors open at 5:45 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm prior to the play. Dessert will be served at intermission. Reservations are required by calling (217) 696-4678. \$22.00 per person. Join us for an evening of fun.

## EMMINGA STEAM MILL

Part of history was torn down in the fall of 2011

The old steam mill was built by Mr. Emminga in 1891 and was at the forefront of technology for mills at that time. The building continued to be used in different phases of operation until recent years. We surely hated to see the old building taken down. However, the cornerstone was donated to the Society by the current owner, Matt Dearwester of Dearwester Grain. He has donated seed cleaners which were found in the mill. Our thanks to Matt for helping us preserve more of the Emminga's Mills as well as Golden's history.



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### Upcoming Events 2012

- **Open Mic Local Talents** Jan 21
- **Follies** March 17, 23-24, 30-31
- **Opening Day 2012** May 5
- **Sweet Corn Dinner** July 15
- **Mystery Dinner** Aug/Sept
- **Oktoberfest** October 20
- **Christmas at the Mill** Dec 1

# Golden Historical Society (GHS)

## Did You Know

New signs for the Anna Wienke Museum have been installed. Thanks to CGF Graphics for making the signs.



## Baseball Tickets Winner

The winner of the Baseball Ticket giveaway was **Justin Bunge**. He traveled to St. Louis to watch a **Cardinal vs Chicago Cubs** game on **September 24th**. He reports he had a great time and sends a hearty “thank you” to the Society.



*Our thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser!*

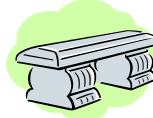
## Memorial Bricks/Benches

What a great way to honor a family member or place a memorial in the Windmill patio. Bricks and benches are available. Please contact Joan Tenhouse 217-696-4859 or a form is located on our website: goldenwindmill.org

### Brick Sizes

4X8 8X8 12X12

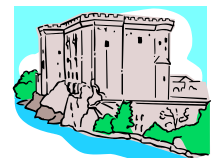
### Benches



## Branson Trip Winners

**Mr. & Mrs. Alan (Gloria) Reuschel** won a two night stay at “Chateau on the Lake” in Branson, Missouri.

**Congratulations!**



## Membership Dues

It’s that time of year again. Renew your membership using the enclosed form. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Individual \$25.00  
Family \$40.00

## Future Repairs/Upgrades

Painting wings on the tower and sealing windmill tower  
Various doors properly sealed or replaced. (In progress)  
Sails on Tower need repaired  
Small beam in tower cap needs to be sealed  
This is a short list of 40+ priority repairs needed at the Windmill complex. If you can lend a hand call Don Buss (217) 696-4490

## Visit HSQAC

The Golden Historical Society has a display at the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County museum located at 425 South 12th Street in Quincy, Illinois.

HSQAC has done a wonderful job displaying items within a display case and the pictures hanging on the wall.. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stop by and see our display as well as other Adams County displays.

## 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 [dflesner@adams.net](mailto:dflesner@adams.net)

## GOING TECHY

In the near future our gift shop items will be available for purchase on line. Watch for more on this in the next issue!

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## Membership Rewards:

Discount on Gift Shop purchases  
Select Windmill Event Dinners

Words to describe the Mill support/working parts	Editor Note	Volunteer Opportunities
<p><b>Cant Posts:</b> Canted corner post of a smock mill</p> <p><b>Common Sails:</b> Cloth sails</p> <p><b>Curb:</b> The top of the smock mill or Tower mill wall</p> <p><b>Feed Shoe:</b> Conveys grain from hopper to millstone</p> <p><b>French Stones:</b> Burr stones for wheat</p>	<p>Due to health issues and a family death, we were unable to publish the October 2011 issue of the Prairie Mills Newsletter. If you have a history story you would like to share with the membership, please contact the Editor at <a href="mailto:dflesner@adams.net">dflesner@adams.net</a>. Let’s preserve history by keeping the stories alive.</p>	<p>A hearty “thank you” to all of our 2011 volunteers. We hosted approximately 400 visitors thru the museum and mill in 2011. Can we count on you again this year?</p> <p>Call Emily Teel at (217) 696-2595 to volunteer</p> <p>Gift Shop Cashier</p> <p>Tour Guide for Mill</p> <p>Tour Guide for Museum</p>

## New Items In Gift Shop

A new **coffee cup** and **plaque (hot plate)** have been added to the Gift Shop inventory. By purchasing these items you can help preserve the Golden Windmill for future generations as well as have memorable items from the mill to enjoy for years to come. Many other items are also available for purchase to satisfy your gift needs for showers, weddings, birthdays etc. Come by and purchase your new cup and plaque while supplies last. The Windmill Gift Shop is open every weekend (Saturday & Sunday) from May thru October 1 to 4 p.m., or call us and we'll meet you there to let you shop.



We appreciate your patronage!

## Lightning Seed Sower

Submitted by Norma Beckett

Harm H. Franzen is credited with inventing the Lightning Seed Sower. He was a tinnier among other endeavors and fashioned a heavy cloth pack with metal tube attached. The seed was put into the sack and by swinging the tube to the left and right and with a smart cadence of the feet soon finished a tedious job. It was the way to sow any small seed: grass, timothy, clover, lespedeza, etc. People needed pasture ground for their animals.



Several others took over the manufacture of these sowers as years went by. Harm and Paul Heinrichs being the last.

The story is told of the lady who, after looking out her window, called her neighbor and said, "You'd better come quick! I see Art Aden out in his field; He's sitting backwards on his horse and I think he has a gun!"



## 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.