



Highland Historical Society Highlights

Highland, Illinois

April 2010

HELP IS NEEDED

Long term: It should be no surprise that the average age of our members keeps getting higher as we all grow older. We need more **young people** to keep the organization alive and to volunteer for service days and fund raising activities. Think about encouraging your children or even grandchildren to get involved.

Short term: Janet Kraus advises that we need help doing a complete cleaning of the Latzer Homestead. There will be workdays on May 22nd and May 23rd (Sat. and Sunday, 9am). Pack a lunch and bring your favorite cleaning tools. Call Janet Kraus at 654-7957 if you can help.

Lynn Hargus advises that we need help cutting down trees and clearing brush at Kaeser Park. No date has yet been set. Call Lynn Hargus at 651-8271 if you can help.

THE 2010 QUILT SHOW

This was the 29th year for our quilt show, 2nd at Faith Countryside Apartments. Everything went well and we plan to return there next year on the second weekend in March.

Sharon Hargus, Quilt Show Coordinator would like to thank all

those who worked the show and helped "set up." She said the quilt hanging ladies did a super job and there were many compliments on the show.

Unfortunately there were no men available to move tables and racks during "take down" and it became quite a burden to those six ladies left. We can only continue to do this fund raiser with proper help next year for all aspects of the show.

Raffle Ticket Winners this year:

Queen quilt:

Donald Carnley, Highland

Baby quilt:

Jodi Mote, Trenton

Gift basket:

Homer Rusteberg, Highland

2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues cover from the first of the year until the end. If you receive a **Second Notice** dues notice with this mailing, we do not have you listed as a "paid" member and further newsletters will not be sent. If you feel this is an error, due to a lifetime membership or other circumstances, please contact us so that we may confirm your proper status.

We have 134 members and at this time 80% have renewed for 2010 .

PAWNEE STEAM SCHOOL

It is important with the old steam engines we display to have training to safely maintain and operate these engines. For this reason the Society hosted the Pawnee Steam School, March 27th and 28th. More than eighty people from seven states attended. Thanks to all members that helped out.

HHS GARAGE SALE

The Third Annual Outdoor/Indoor Garage Sale for the benefit of the Highland Historical Society
Friday May 7th, 8am-5pm
Louis Latzer Homestead
1464 Old Trenton Road
Rental Space Available
Pavilion \$5, Shed \$8, Tailgate \$8
Lunch available on Grounds
No buyer admission charge
Donations can be left at the North end of the red shed.
No clothes, please.
Call Debbie Kesner, Crafts and Flea Market Chairperson 654-7082.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Latzer Homestead
Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 7pm
There will be an ice cream cake.

Conjunctions: Objects, Stories and Places (CUSP Project)

Libby Reuter of SWIC, SIUE and University of Missouri, St. Louis runs a five year community history project

and is reaching out to our membership to participate.

The goal is to identify "Unique Objects" (Objects) that are meaningful to a generation of people, a family history or a local culture. Examples might be Depression era objects, a family bible or an old German newspaper printed in Highland.

Themes are "Making a Life," "Handing Down," "Marking Time," "Holding On" and "Reaching Out."

About twenty students are involved and they interview the owners about the objects then put together an exhibition. They might ask: "What is the oldest object you have?" and "Why do you have it?" or "What do you have that is unique to Southern Illinois?" The first exhibit was from 8/21/08-10/4/08 and the second from 9/10/09-10.24/09, both at the William and Florence Schmidt Art Center on the Southwestern Illinois College campus in Belleville, Illinois.

Objects already exhibited include a soup tureen, an 1893 toothpick holder, a sheriff's picture, gun and badge from 1970, an horticultural medal from 1896, a cigar box from 1920, quilts, a WWI bible, a milk pitcher from 1909, a crucifix from 1850, a shillelagh, clocks, dolls, photos, a wedding book, a rug beater, a butter churn, post cards, a mining helmet and lunch pail, musical instruments, tinker toys, tablecloths, a sewing machine, a slate cutter and a kerosene lamp.

What unique objects like these do you have to share?