



A historic Grange print hanging at the Kelley Farm depicts a Grange meeting and the cornerstones of the organization.

Welcome Grangers!

The National Grange, founded in 1867, is the nation's oldest general farm and rural public interest organization. Oliver H. Kelley was one of the original founding members of The Grange and spent many years organizing and participating in its activities.

The Oliver H. Kelley Farm has strong relationships with Grange organizations across the state and the country. Grange officers and members support the Farm with their time, talents and treasure and help to keep the spirit of Oliver H. Kelley alive at the Farm and in their own areas.

"Exemplification of the 1873 Degrees", a historical reenactment of the first four Degrees of the Grange. Cast members will be in period dress.

The presentations are open to the public and will be held on the prairie at the Kelley Farm beginning at 10:00 am, ending at 5:00 pm. Come and see the history of the Grange as it was when Oliver Kelley and six other people founded it in 1867. Bring a picnic lunch or visit the food vendors and plan to stay the entire day.

The Kelley Farm will also play host to the Midwest Regional Youth Conference that weekend, July 12 - 14.

- Join Us -

JULY 13TH NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH EVENT

On July 13th the Kelley Farm, MN State Grange and the Friends of the Kelley Farm will host Grangers from across the nation as the National Grange Youth perform the



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OLIVER H. KELLEY FARM
JULY 13, 2013



Pitching in at The Farm

A BIG THANK YOU to members of State and National Grange organizations that spent some time at The Kelley Farm this spring at our Spring Work Day. In addition to regular Grange business, volunteers helped with fence mending, sewing interpreter costumes, and cleaning the farm house.

Remembering a Key Date

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

John Kuester, Friends Board President

When we think of important dates in history we tend to think of the big ones like Independence Day, July 4, 1776, or May 11, 1858, the Birthdate of the State of Minnesota. We tend to not think about important dates in recent history, such as May 31st, 2003, the day The Save The Oliver Kelley Farm Day event took place.

This event, which was organized with just four weeks of planning, hoped to bring hundreds of people to the Kelley Farm to show support so that the Minnesota Historical Society would rescind its recent decision to close the Oliver Kelley Farm and six other historic sites. The event organizers: a combination of community volunteers and Kelley Farm staff wrestled with a variety of issues necessary to pull off a successful event. Such issues as sanitation, parking, parade permits, publicity, fundraising, insurance, crowd control, electrical hook-ups were among the multitude of issues that needed to be quickly resolved due to the short timeline. The timing for the event was critical because the Oliver Kelley Farm would close its doors on June 30th. As it turned out more than 2000 people attended the event that day, setting a single day attendance record for the Kelley

Farm.

The day started with a Preservation March that began at the Broadway Bar and Pizza Parking Lot and continued for a mile and a half along Highway 10 and then through the gates of the Kelley Farm. The Elk River Masonic Lodge served a pancake breakfast. The Living History Society of Minnesota had actors dressed in period clothing mingling among the crowd. Historic farm equipment demonstrations were provided by the Nowthen Historical Power Association and also by the American Truck Historical Society. Civil War enactors brought a sense of 1860's realism to the event. Farm animals charmed little and big people. The day



The Preservation March, May 31st, 2003, was part of the Save The Oliver Kelley Farm Day which proved instrumental in the survival of the Farm after it and six other historic sites were slated to close.

concluded with an evening barn dance. Many groups, units of government, businesses and individuals contributed to the success of this event, a success that is considered by many to be the first step leading to permanently keeping the Farm open to the public.

Paint The Farm-Year 5

Mark Haglund, Friends Board Member

“Hard to believe the Paint The Farm fundraiser is in its fifth year!”

Hello, I am Mark Haglund local Elk River, MN artist, Friends Board member, and organizer of this event. I started Paint the Farm because I believe art and history share a common bond of building and sustaining a thriving community.

Paint the Farm showcases the local history of the Oliver H. Kelley Farm through the eyes of local artists. This is a fundraising event where artists create paintings in oil, pastel, and watercolor. The artists also create drawings, greeting cards, postcards, prints, and sculpture. There are usually 50-60 pieces of art and many prints and cards. At the end of the show, the artists make a donation for 40% of all sales to The Friends of the Kelley Farm. In the past the donations have averaged \$700 for the show. We would like that

amount to be more! To do that we need your help.

You can help. Bring friends and family to the show!

There are two ways to donate: the preferred way is by attending the show and purchasing a piece of art; alternately, you may make a donation for the Friends. No matter how large or small the purchase or donation, we greatly appreciate it.

The show runs every weekend in September starting August 31st with Threshing Weekend. The show will be open when the Farm is open. Please come out and support the Friends and the local artists. You will love the art and I can almost guarantee you will see the largest collection of Oliver H. Kelley Farm art in the world.

For more information call Mark Haglund: 763-856-5092

What happened ten years ago on May 31 was that the communities neighboring the Kelley Farm responded to a threatened loss on an important community resource by providing an astonishing outpouring of support to keep the Kelley Farm open today and for generations to come. A subsequent byproduct of the Save the Farm Day was that on July 8th, 2003 the Friends of the Kelley Farm was

incorporated as a non-profit organization. Many of the original Board of Directors played important leadership roles in planning the May 31st event. May 31st 2003 certainly does not rank up there with July 4th and May 11th as important historical dates. But, what happened that day was important not only to the future of the Kelley Farm but to our common sense of community as well.

Upcoming Special Events

For more information or reservations for these events CALL 763.441.6896.



Children's Day at the Kelley Farm

Wednesday, June 26, 2013
and Thursday, August 8, 2013

Join in the chores that children did on farms more than 100 years ago like helping with the laundry, gardening, animal care and field work. Then take part in 19th century games, such as Townball, Grandmother's Footsteps and Hoops and Sticks.

Farmer's 4th of July

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Celebrate the Farmer's Fourth of July at the Kelley Farm. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn, watch the spring lambs prance about and take a horse-drawn trolley ride along the nature trail. Visitors can also join in 19th-century games and contests including town-ball, the precursor to modern baseball. Enjoy the company of family and friends along with the farm's costumed staff and celebrate the most important holiday in America in the 19th century.

National Grange Youth Event

Saturday, July 13, 2013

Youth members of the National Grange organization will perform a historical reenactment of an 1873 Grange meeting. The performance will describe the first four degrees of Grange membership, similar to levels of achievement, and includes music and regalia. The performances begin at 10:30 a.m. in a tent set up in the prairie part of the farmstead. Admission to this special event is \$6 and is in addition to regular site admission. The public may attend any or all of the performances.

Grandparent's Day at Kelley Farm

Thursday, July 25, 2013
and Wednesday, August 14, 2013

CMA & GPA GET IN FREE! Grandparents and grandchildren are invited to spend the day together engaged in 19th-century farming. Share stories with each other and the farm hands while experiencing the garden, meeting animals

and helping with the cooking. Grandparents are admitted free when accompanied by a grandchild.

The Useful Art of Pickling

Saturday & Sunday,
August 10 - 11, 2013

The useful art of pickling provided families with a variety of foods throughout the long winter months 150 years ago. Visitors will discover sweet and sour pickles and other varieties that were popular with the Kelleys and families like them.

Threshing Weekend

Saturday, Sunday & Monday,
August 31 - September 2, 2013

Celebrate Labor Day Weekend at the Kelley Farm. Threshing the grain harvest was the culmination of an entire growing season's toil. Join the Kelley Farm hands as they bring grain bundles in from the field with the oxen, Toby and Colter. Help haul bundles and bag up grain at the 1856 horse-powered Cox and Roberts threshing machine and help stack the straw.

CONNECT WITH THE FRIENDS ONLINE!

Find out more about the Friends of the Kelley Farm, join conversations about current events and happenings - and share your photos of the farm online!



FriendsOfTheKelleyFarm.org



Search for the Friends of the Kelley Farm on facebook!



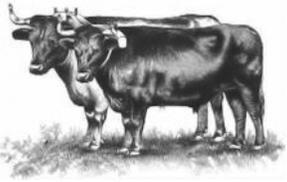
PAINT THE FARM

Weekends, August 31 - September 29, 2013

Local artists love to capture the beauty of the Oliver H. Kelley Farm in pencil, ink, oil, pastel and watercolor. Watch artists in action and help support the Farm by buying one-of-a-kind works of art! Art for sale each weekend throughout September.



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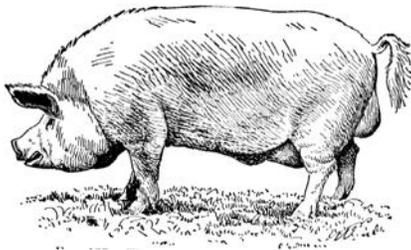


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BERKSHIRE HOG, A
HANDMADE QUILT,
OR PASSES TO WILD
WOODS WATERPARK
AND A ROCKWOODS
GIFT CARD.

Because of the great interest of friends, visitors and Grange members last year, The Friends are excited to once again bring you our Summer Raffle 2013 - with three wonderful prizes.

First on the block is half of a Berkshire hog which is eating and growing right now on the Kelley Farm. Ham, bacon and chops will be packed and ready to deliver in the fall.

One lucky winner will take home a beautiful quilt, hand-crafted by our Friend of the Kelley Farm Board

Member, Donna Champion. This full size quilt will be available to view at the Kelley Farm all summer.

And, last on the list is a 4 pack of waterpark passes to the Wild Woods Waterpark and a \$50 gift card to Rockwoods Bar and Grill in Otsego. These two neighbors are four miles from the Kelley Farm.

Purchase tickets at the Kelley Farm gift shop or from any Friends Board Member. The drawing will be held on Sat., November 2, 2013 at 1:00 during our annual meeting. Good Luck!

A Friends FUNdraiser

Paint Pub at The Farm

Art lovers of all ages gathered at The Kelley Farm Saturday, June 15th, 2013 for hands-on painting instructions by the artists of Maple Grove's Paint Pub. Each participant left the Farm with their own painting of the Kelley Farm barn and a new sense of their artistic selves!

