

# Kelley Farm Post

FRIENDS OF THE KELLEY FARM  
SEPTEMBER 2013



*A sampling of the art on display and for sale weekends at the Kelley Farm throughout September, 2013.*



## Summer Raffle Offers Pig, Blanket & Swim

*TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE FARM*



*DRAWING TO BE HELD  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013  
1PM • DURING OUR  
FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING*

Get your Summer Raffle Tickets Now! We've got 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.

Next is a beautiful quilt (shown above) hand-crafted by our Friend of the Kelley Farm Board Member, ReNee Hanson. This full size quilt

is available to view at the Kelley Farm.

And, last: 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.

*Tickets are just \$2/ea. and are available at the Kelley Farm gift shop or from any Friends Board Member.*

• FIFTH ANNUAL •

## Paint the Farm!

Friends of the Kelley Farm Art Show

WEEKENDS IN SEPTEMBER @ THE FARM

10am - 5pm Saturdays • Noon to 5pm Sundays

Local Artists | Local History

Purchases Support The Farm ! Activities for Children

**PLUS: RECEPTION WITH THE ARTISTS**

Sunday 9/29/2013 • 1pm to 5pm • Open to the Public

# Supporting Authentic History

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*John Kuester, Friends Board President*

Each year through a variety of methods: raffle sales, food stands at local super markets, Paint the Farm art sales, membership dues, solicitation of local businesses, Board pledges, Give Minnesota, etc.; the Friends of the Kelley Farm organization raises money to support the mission of the Kelley Farm. Two recent examples can help show the type of support the Friends offers to the Farm.

Way back in January the Friends donated \$2000 to fully outfit one male guide and one female guide with authentically styled clothing of the 1860's. In part the request for these funds stated: "We have found that fully outfitting guides at the beginning of the season helps to create better authenticity and credibility as well as a better understanding of the 19th century lifestyles." Our readers may be surprised to know that it costs approximately \$775 to fully outfit a male guide and \$995 to outfit a female guide for the season.

At the August meeting the Board approved paying a total of \$925 in scholarships to support 185 elementary students that visited the Farm this past May. The Friends underwrote the visit of each student in the amount of \$5, paying these funds directly to the Kelley Farm. Without this scholarship support, these 185 students would not be able to enjoy the educational and social benefits a Farm visit provides. The Friends began providing scholarships in

2008, and over the years have made it possible for hundreds- if not thousands of kids to visit the Farm.

These two examples complement each other because when combined they represent kids being able to come to the farm and experience an authentic overview of farm life in 1860. One of the core values of the Friends is that "in the process of teaching modern visitors about farming in the 1860's they learn about the strong family and communal values it took to farm in the infancy of Minnesota: values such as hard work, personal responsibility, creative problem solving and working together to achieve shared goals."

For those of you have donated money this year and in the past, please accept our thank you for your generosity. As you can see small amounts of dollars can potentially have a huge impact. If you would like to make a donation (either first time or additional) to help the Friends support the mission of the Kelley Farm, we would welcome your support.



*Efforts of the Friends of the Kelley Farm help to keep Farm guides in authentic period clothing.*

*Photo courtesy National Grange.*

# Exemplification of the 1873 Degrees

*Report from our friends at the National Grange*



*Photo courtesy National Grange.*

On July 13th, 2013, the Kelley Farm, MN State Grange and the Friends of the Kelley Farm hosted Grangers from across the nation as more than 60 cast members from the National Grange Youth performed the "Exemplification of the 1873 Degrees," a historical reenactment in period dress of the first four Degrees of the Order of the Grange. The performance of the eight degrees – four each for men and four each for women – spanned more than five hours.

"Our young people really took to heart their role in bringing to life a piece of our history and conferring to the audience the base values of our Order," National Grange President Ed Luttrell said after the event.

"In 1873, those joining the Grange would take each degree separately," Luttrell said. "It could take four or more months to become a full member. Between each degree, candidates were expected to talk about what they learned and reflect on how it applied to their lives and morals." Today, new members of both genders

are obligated in a shortened version that offers the lessons of all four degrees in one presentation that takes less than one hour. "As times change, so has the Grange's presentation style, but the lessons reflecting on our bond with nature, being good stewards and citizens and working hard to build the best future are the same," Luttrell said.

National Grange Youth Development Director Charlene Shupp Espenshade said the cast members from all across the country learned quite a bit from the experience. "They got a sense of the lasting principles, but they also saw how dedicated the members of the Grange were in its first years and showed their own dedication by raising funds to participate and taking time to memorize their parts," Espenshade said. "I think our members who attended the event know that our organization is in good hands with these young members who will soon be the leaders of our Order."

Performers collected \$1,550 in donations for the Kelley Farm preservation efforts.

# Upcoming Special Events

For more information or reservations for these events CALL 763.441.6896.



## The Mighty Ox Team Driving Workshop

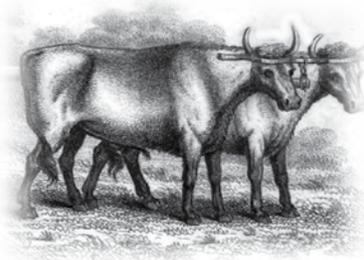
Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$50/\$45 MHS members  
Reservations: required, call  
763-441-6896

Oxen have provided farm power for thousands of years. This workshop will teach the basics of ox driving and care. Work with Toby and Colter, an experienced team of short-horns who have a gentle nature and a measure of patience for new teamsters. Participants will learn how to yoke, properly command and drive the team. In addition, guests will use various pieces of equipment (harrow, plow and wagon) and feed a generous ration of hay to the team at the end of the day. Participants must be 16 years or older. Prepayment is required. Wear sturdy shoes, clothing for variable weather and bring a bag lunch.

## Prairie Sugar Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013  
Noon to 5 p.m.

Join the Kelley Farm hands as they make prairie sugar, also known as sorghum molasses. Help strip the leaves off the sorghum canes, press the canes through a horse-powered press to extract the juice, and stir the juice as it boils down to make a sweet, syrupy molasses. Then, enjoy a sweet treat of molasses confections such as gingerbread and molasses candy.



## Harvest Days

Thursday & Friday, Oct. 17 & 18, 2013  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Join the Kelley Farm staff as they prepare the farm for winter. Visitors will help finish up the field work, put food away for the winter in the root cellar, make some corn husk dolls, take part in a quilting bee and play 19th century games.

## Build a Bird Feeder Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 • 1 to 3 p.m.  
\$10 per feeder. \$8 for MHS members.  
Reservations: required, call  
763-441-6896

The Kelley Farm has hundreds of bird species that pass through on migration or that live there year round. The nature trails attract woodpeckers, orioles, blue birds and more. Participants will make a bird feeder to take home complete with directions for mounting. All materials and tools are provided.

## 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](http://FriendsOfTheKelleyFarm.org)



Search for the Friends of the Kelley Farm on facebook!

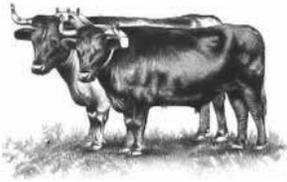


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The Grange Youth team that performed the 3rd degree at the July 13th Exemplification.

Photo courtesy National Grange.



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# Annual Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013 • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC •

Members of the Friends of the Kelley Farm, family members and interested friends, participating artists in the Paint the Farm event, financial donors, and members of the general public are invited to attend the following events related to the November 2nd Annual Meeting:

10:30 am-noon: special on-site program by Kelley Farm staff entitled "Preparing the Farm for Winter" This event promises fun and excitement for all ages.

Noon-12:45 pm : lunch provided by Those Pork Chops

12:45-1:45 pm: Annual Meeting featuring honoring Paint the Farm Artists and financial donors to the Friends organization, raffle drawing, financial reports, 2013 highlights, election of officers, election of new Board Members.

The event is free. Pork Chop diners are welcome to make a free will donation for the meal.

For additional information feel free to contact John Kuester, Board Chair at 651.503.8018, or any other Board member.

*A Friends FUNdraiser*

# Paint Pub to Return to the Farm in January



Instructors from Maple Grove's Paint Pub visited the Kelley Farm in June to provide fun, hands-on painting instruction (and refreshments) while generating support for the Farm. Students (above) applied paint to canvas to capture scenery from the Farm and enjoyed cold drinks and appetizers. We're planning another Paint Pub event at the Farm for January 2014. Keep your eyes open for more information on our facebook page and website: [FriendsoftheKelleyFarm.org](http://FriendsoftheKelleyFarm.org).