



NEWSLETTER

Term: Spring 2022|



LEADERSHIP CHANGES



The Board of Directors expresses its sincere appreciation to Mary Greer, a key part of the team who made the Museum successful. Mary and Charlie's dream for a Museum to preserve artifacts and educate future generations about the history of rural Illinois is being fulfilled. They dedicated their life to the Museum and its numerous interesting exhibits are a direct result of their hard work.

Mary chose to retire in the fall of 2021. Charlie remains as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Museum.



The Board of Directors announced the election of Wayne Keller as Chairman of the Museum's Board. Wayne succeeds Josh Maschhoff who served as Chairman from 2018 to 2021. Wayne states "I want to join in the chorus of Thank You's to Mary Greer. Your good work has helped the Museum in too many ways to describe. I also want to thank Josh Maschhoff for his leadership as Chairman."



The Board also announced the addition of Allison Hernandez as Office Manager for the Museum, reporting to Charlie Greer. Allison has several years of experience working with a museum from its roots. Allison now brings that experience here and is ready to help keep Mary and Charlie's legacy going for future generations.

FEATURE EXHIBIT

A milk cooling immersion apparatus is our feature exhibit.

The one pictured is located in our museum.



Milk needs to be aerated and cooled quickly after obtaining it from the cows. The Gregory, pictured above, was one way of doing just that. Patented in July of 1925, The Gregory cooled milk by running it over an apparatus that was cooled by water being pumped through it.

KEY DATES

June 5, 2022: Tractor Drive

Mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Museum Tractor Drive.

June 6 -11, 2022: Museum Week

Join us for a week full of events for Museum week 2022! This years theme is Culture, Society, and Innovation.

MISSION

The Mission of the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum is to educate the public about the rural heritage of Illinois in a manner that tells the life lessons of success. The Museum explains the ever changing story of rural life from different perspectives: agriculture, business, conservation, education, medicine, natural resources, technology and transportation. A critical element of the Museum's Mission is to preserve and restore important items that would otherwise be lost with the passage of time.

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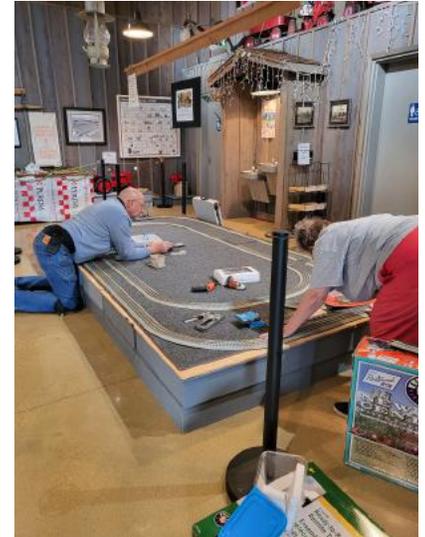
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OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



December 5, 2021 saw the return of An Old Fashioned Christmas Open House. The Museum was decorated by volunteers in all sorts of ways of Christmas. There were several Christmas trees all throughout the museum. Lights strung from one end to the other. Christmas villages shined brightly from their display case. Guests were greeted with the spirit of Christmas and the sounds of trains on display upon entering the museum. Families and most importantly kids were able to give Santa their wish list and have a free photo taken, even a few pups got to bend Santa's ear. Many visitors remarked on it being their time to visit the museum and will be returning next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are now on Twitter!

Follow us on Twitter @IRHMuseum

Stay tuned to Facebook!

Facebook is where closings and special events will be posted so be sure to follow us on Facebook.

The Museum Returns to RFD-TV!

The Museum will be featured again this year on RFD-TV beginning March 22nd.

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel Illinois Rural Heritage Museum.

