# Friends of the Atkins-Johnson Farm Newsletter

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## **Dates to Remember**

March 5 Friends Meeting,

City Hall, 6:30 pm

April 2 Friends Meeting,

City Hall, 6:30 pm

April 18 Clean Up Day at

the Farm, 9 am to noon (See article for more information)

May 7 Friends Meeting,

City Hall, 6:30 pm

May 9 Tours of the Farm

12 to 5 pm (See article for more information)

**June 27** Annual Meeting,

4 pm

More information

to follow

#### **Website Updated Regularly**

Always check the Friends of the Atkins-Johnson Farm for updated information.

#### www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com



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Members of the Friends of the Atkins-Johnson Farm took a break from work at their February meeting to take a Charter Members photo. The Charter Membership period ended on December 31, 2008 with 57 charter members and more than \$2,800 raised.

## Tours of the Farm Set for May 9

The Friends will be providing tours of the Farm on Saturday, May 9 from noon to 5 pm. Tour buses for the farm leave from City Hall, 7010 N. Holmes, Gladstone and return to City Hall. Parking at the farm is limited and not available during this event so members and guests are encouraged to park at City Hall and ride the bus to the event. Refreshments will be available and individuals will learn more about the history of the farm and what the Friends organization is doing.

## Haven't been to the farm? Join us May 9th for a tour!

Bus leaves from Gladstone City Hall, 7010 N. Holmes Noon to 5 pm

Last bus leaves for the farm at 4 pm.
Limited services at the farm. There is no parking.

Inclement weather will cancel
call 816.437.2489 option #4

### **Charter Members**

#### Benefactor

Charles & Lucy Johnson

#### **Supporters**

Tom & Elena Atkins Wayne & Judy Beer Bonnie Belknap William & Kim Cowper Mary Cross Kirk Davis John Dillingham David & Judy Matthews Freddie Nichols Carol Rudi David & Linda Smith **David Smith** Les Smith Doug Stevens Mike Wilson The Wilson Group

#### **Family Memberships**

Keenan Barker Chris & Elna Cox Howard & Carolyn Cummins Krislin Fenner Burt Comstock & Jerry Powell Frank & Nancy Johnson Eric Johnson Richard & Kathy King Bryan Lambkin Tim & Melinda Mehaffy Erin Minnick Carolyn Vellar Scott & Michelle Wingerson

#### Seniors, Students & **Individuals**

Karen Bixler Brian Blake Jeanne Cruse

Dot Dixon

David & Jean Dunlop

Janet Geary

Jean Geitz

Al & Barbara Hardy

Chris Helmer

Sheri Kennedy

Nancy Lux

Carolyn Meyer

Rita Meyer

Larry Newport

**Bobbie Ostby** 

Peter & Rebeca Reynolds

Jodi Ruisinger

Harlan & Ilene Saxton

Karen Sharpsteen

Sarah Shmiglesky **Sharon Smith** 

Helen Vanlandingham

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Those members without an email address will continue to receive this information in the mail. Information is updated regularly at our website, www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com and you are encouraged to check there often!

# **Speakers Bureau Work Begins**

The Public Relations Committee has been creating the presentation information that will be used when speaking to organizations. If you are interested in being added to the speakers bureau or would like to schedule a presentation with one of your organizations please email the Farm at friends@gladstone.mo.us or call 816.423.4108. Public Relations Co-Chair Kathy King will coordinate the presentation schedule.

# Clean Up Day Scheduled

In order to prepare for our May 9th Tours we invite members to join us on Saturday, April 18 to spruce up the farm 9 am to noon.

Please bring your gloves, rags, brooms, rakes and cleaning supplies as we work to make the farm shine for the tours. For more information call Melinda at 816.423.4108 or visit the website at www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com

## **Give The Gift of History**

Tired of the pressure of trying to find the perfect gift for that difficult person or the person who has everything? Celebrate a holiday, birthday or any other special occasion with a Friends Membership.

Each of the friends and family you choose to send the "Gift of History" will receive:

- ❖ A yearlong subscription to the Friends Newsletter
- ❖ A membership card
- ❖ A personalized greeting from you

So why go shopping when you can simply fill out an enrollment form, found at our website www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com, and send it back today with your check for \$20. Include your special message on the form and we will take care of the rest!

By choosing to share this opportunity with others you secure the Friends efforts to assist in restoring this 1900-1910 era farmhouse so that others may experience what life in the early 1900s was like for a Missouri farm family.