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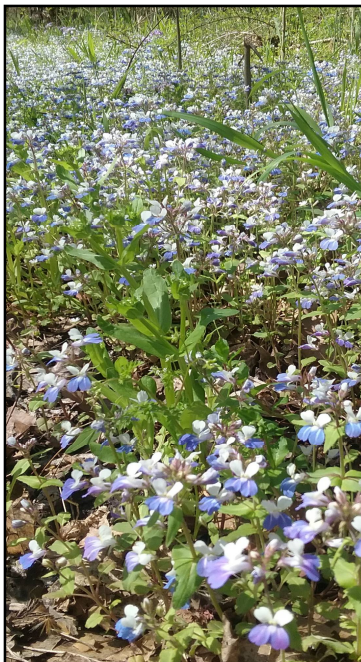
APRIL-JUNE—MONTH 2017

Artifact of the Month

In Julia Dinsmore's old bedroom is a cute little handmade doll. Because there were no toy stores when the family moved to Boone County in 1842, the three girls made their own toys. This must be one of them. Her head is a nut with the eyes and mouth drawn in black. For hands, the girls went to Middle Creek to dig up some clay. The dress and bonnet were sewn from black silk and the basket is hand woven from small bits of willow. The basket alone would have taken at least a week to make; the rest of the doll probably took two to three weeks. When the girls played with the doll they would have been very careful lest she break. Then they would have to start all over again!



Dinsmore Celebrates its 175th Anniversary



Blue-eyed Marys found along East Bend Road

What a wonderful Spring we had at Dinsmore! Once again Mother Nature awakened from its winter nap and provided a beautiful show of flowers stretching its arms out toward the warm sun beckoning the pollinators to its sweet nectar. Like nature, Dinsmore comes to life with the help of its dedicated volunteers who bring their talents and interests to nurture the gardens that the butterflies, bees and visitors enjoy every year.

However, this year is like no other because 2017 not only marks the 175th anniversary of Dinsmore Homestead but Macomb Breasted, a Dinsmore descendant, returns to have his remains buried in the family cemetery. (Obituary found on next page). In the 1990's the Dinsmore Foundation was established to preserve the family home and keep alive the interesting story of six generations of Dinsmore's.

The stories our volunteer docents tell make the lives of the family members more personal to all who visit. Visitors leave with a memorable impression of the rich family history and a vision life as it was lived in the nineteenth century – so different from our own



Life Story of Macomb Breasted

By Patty Doar and Catron Enloe

Macomb, "Mac" Breasted, in residence at Morningside House in Leesburg, Virginia, and supported by family, went home to be with the Lord on October 12, 2016, after a long struggle with cancer, according to his daughter, Catron Breasted Enloe. He was 77 years old. Macomb was born in New York City on March 23rd 1939, the son of Charles Breasted, an author, and Martha Munro Ferguson Breasted. His paternal grandfather was the archeologist and Egyptologist, James Henry Breasted, and his maternal grandmother was Isabella Ferguson Greenway King, Arizona's first Congresswoman and the founder of the Arizona

Inn in Tucson. His maternal grandfather was Robert Munro Ferguson, a Scotsman, and a member of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish American War of 1898.

Mac spent his early years on his family's farm in Long Island, New York, and moved to Tucson, Arizona with his family in the early 50's. He graduated from Catalina Foothills High School in 1966. In 1983, Macomb married Leah Marie Koger in Tucson. The couple lived in Alaska for a few years before settling in Bisbee, Arizona, where they enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the community and the company of a great variety of four-legged friends over the years. After Leah's debilitating illness, during which time Mac provided her with sustained and tender care, Leah predeceased Mac in November of 2005.

For the last five and a half years of his life, at the invitation of his daughter, Catron Breasted Enloe, Mac moved to Leesburg, Virginia, to be close to his joyful and energetic family who could be there to love and look after him, and include him in a family life that sustained him. He spent all the time he could with his grandchildren, reading to them, walking, exploring and traveling with them. His great pleasure was to watch them grow in their love of learning.

Mac took great delight in conversation and thoroughly enjoyed his time attending Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, perusing the farmer's market, and visiting with whomever had time to sit and listen. There was a sweetness in his temperament, and an enjoyment and humor that was greatly valued by those who came to know him.

Macomb is survived by his daughter, Catron, his son-in-law, Christian Enloe, and his grandchildren, John, Jacquelyn and Christian Enloe. He is survived also by his brother David C. Breasted of Washington, DC, his nephew, David C. Breasted Jr., of Centerville, Massachusetts, his sister Isabella Breasted of Encinitas, California, his sister, Sarah Shong and his brother-in-law, Richard Shong of Mission, Texas, his Aunt, Margaret Richmond of Tucson, Arizona, and his three cousins; Patty Ferguson Doar, Bob Ferguson, and Phyllis Ferguson Seidel.



Macomb Breasted (standing) with mother and siblings - David, Isabella, and Sara, (standing next to mother).



Upcoming Events at Dinsmore

September 9 & 10 — Dinsmore Fall Festival
(Check website and Facebook for further details)

DERBY PARTY



We could not have asked for a more beautiful (and rain-free) day for our annual Derby Party Fundraiser on May 6, 2017. The sun was out and the temperature was perfect for our guests and children dressed in their finest to enjoy the beautiful afternoon on the grounds. Each table had as its centerpiece a beautifully one-of-a-kind floral hat that the women of the **Boone County Garden Club** hand decorated. Thanks to our sponsors

for their support: **Greyhound Tavern, Belleview Sand & Gravel, Forcht Bank, Rising Star Casino, Steve and Betsy Conrad, Dale and Barbara Bardes, Heritage Bank, CK Ash Insurance, A & B Heating and Air, Kinman Farms, and Meijer.** We also thank those who volunteered their time: **JoAnn & Ed Sorenson, Barbara & Tom Manning, Russell Jarvis and Cathy Collopy** who gave tours of the home, **JoAnn Page, Ritsel Sparks, Stuart Collopy** who served our thirsty guests at the bar and our helpers under the tent **Kathleen Thomas, Veronica Thomas. Barbara Fallis, Kathleen Adams** (our roaming photographer) and **Susan Shuffet** for soliciting donations for the silent auction. Finally, a big thanks to **Judy Marco, Emily Rombach and Maria West** for coordinating the logistics of the fundraiser.



The Greyhound Tavern catered a delicious southern dinner with burgoo, pecan pie and other delicacies.

TEA PARTY

This year's tea in June was hosted by **Marea West** and **Annette Dube** and volunteers were **Cheryl Sheets and Donna Schupe.** Guests enjoyed delicious made-from-scratch scones, dainty chocolate dipped Viennese fingers, sandwiches and fruit while sipping an assortment of teas provided by **Tastee Tea's** located in Independence, KY. Cheryl Sheets owner of **Tastee Tea's** enlightened our guests on the history of tea drinking, and what different teas do for you. Thanks to donating businesses there was a great silent auction which raised additional funds to support this year's summer camp program for children.



Hat's Off . . . Barbara Manning, has been selected as one of the Top 10 Finalists for the 2017 SilverSneakers® Richard L. Swanson Inspiration Award, honoring a SilverSneakers member who has improved their life through fitness, health and well-being, while inspiring and motivating others. Manning experienced terrible back pain that left her in bed

most of the day. To avoid surgery her doctor recommended, she join SilverSneakers and turn to exercise to help relieve her pain. To her surprise, once she began exercising at the local R.C. Durr YMCA, she felt much better and continued this path until she was pain-free.

**Welcome
New Volunteers:
Maria Lukas Asbury
Joanie DiMauro
Richard Biggs
Berkeley Johnson**

Dinsmore Homestead

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Dinsmore Celebrates 175th Anniversary (Cont.)

Other visitors come to have fun at our fund-raising events held throughout the year like our annual Derby Party and Ladies Tea. Emily Rombach, our site coordinator, works hard planning for these events to ensure their success. Young couples captured by the beauty and peacefulness of the grounds choose to have their weddings and bridal showers here.

Our dedicated volunteers all share a common interest in the Dinsmore family and use their skills and interests to recreate through words what life on the farm was like 175 years ago.

In Julia's book, *Verses and Sonnets*, she wrote
*" Sweet scent of wild Kentucky mint!
The poignant perfume brings to me scenes that the
rolling years imprint
On memory's scroll indelibly;
The shout of youth, the laugh of mirth,
All the glad music loved of old,
The breath of lips long sealed in earth,
the clasp of hands long still and cold.*

Julia would be pleased and humbled by the attention her home gets and the excitement that children and visitors discover as they hike the grounds as she once did, seeking adventure and experiencing nature.

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