

# **DuPage Woodworkers Activity Garfield Farm Inn and Museum Antique Tool Show & Sale Sunday, August 1, 2021**

We will be resuming our activities with a visit on Sunday, August 1, 2021, to the Garfield Farm Inn and Museum [www.garfieldfarm.org](http://www.garfieldfarm.org) The Museum will be featuring an antique tool show and sale. From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. members of the Midwest Tool Collectors Association (<https://mwtpca.org/>) and the Early American Industries Association ([www.eaiainfo.org](http://www.eaiainfo.org)) will display, trade, and sell antique and collectable tools. There is a fee for this event (\$7.00 adults/\$2.00 children 12 and under).

## **Antique Tool Show**

Members of the Early American Industries Association (EAIA) and the Mid-West Tools Collectors Association (M-WTCA) will be holding their annual Antique Tool Show and Sale at the Garfield Farm Museum on Sunday, August 5th from 9am - 1pm. This is the only joint show by these two organizations in the mid-west open to the public. Over 30 different collectors will have their tools on display and for sale.

In the past, skilled craftsmen used specific tools for their livelihood and for their survival. These craftsmen, such as coopers and blacksmiths, were indispensable to their communities, and their work was dependent on their tools. Each piece of equipment was vital and had a specific purpose. As society became more and more mechanized, the need for these craftsmen and their tools vanished. By understanding the use of these tools, one can gain an understanding and respect for them.

Many antique tools most people come in contact with are a mystery. They might not know what the tool was used for or even who or how it was used. Not only can the public view, and even buy the tools at the Antique Tool Show and Sale, the collectors have an understanding and experience that they share with the show's guests.

Most tool organizations hold private shows available only to their members. However, Garfield Farm Museum has opened its gates to host the EAIA and M-WTCA's annual Antique Tool Show and Sale in order to give the general public the unique opportunity to see and even buy rare antique tools they might never have seen before. Visitors and novice collectors will find this rare chance to discover the wide variety of collection themes and to learn the value of tools. Many visitors have come to the show with an unknown tool and have left with a wealth of knowledge. Tours of the 1846 teamster inn and tavern begin at 11am and continue after the show until 4pm. Refreshments will be available.

## **About Garfield Farm Museum**

The museum offers a variety of educational, family, and entertainment events. Seminars are held on such topics as prairie, woodlands, and wetlands management; bat and blue bird box construction; and fruit tree grafting. Specials shows bring rare breed livestock, heirloom garden products and seeds, and collections of antique farm tools. Prairie walks are conducted monthly.

And there are social events like barn dances and a candlelight tavern reception at the Inn in December.

**Directions to the Museum**

Garfield Farm is in Campton Hills, IL on Garfield Road just north of Illinois Route 38 between Geneva and Elburn, Illinois. It is about 3 miles west of Randall Road, which is at the west edge of Geneva and St. Charles. From Illinois Route 38 turn north on Garfield Road and go about ¼ mile to the museum's entrance.

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