

# The Grove Heritage Association- Highlights from 2014

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Welcome friends! With the New Year beginning, it is always nice to sit back and reflect on the year that has just ended. For The Grove Heritage Association, 2014 has been a great year in every way. This is, of course, thanks to our many friends. Let's look back at the exciting events and activities that took place in 2014!

**Dr. John's Bluegrass Bash and BBQ-** On August 24, 2014, approximately 100 people spent the evening listening to Chicago's *Sanctified Grumblers* while enjoying delicious BBQ pork and chicken at The Grove. Thanks to those who joined us and to the many volunteers who made the evening a success. We hope to see you at next year's fundraiser.

**Historic Markers-** Seven historic markers were purchased and placed in strategic spots around The Grove. These markers provide our visitors with information about the site that they are viewing.

**Whole Foods Giving Day-** Thanks to all who shopped at Whole Foods in Northbrook, Illinois on June 17, 2014. Because you shopped there, the Grove Heritage Association received over \$5,000.00 from Whole Foods.

The heartwarming **Christmas in the Woods** program was repeated this year and again it was a great success. This program offers clients of the Northfield Food Pantry (children and adults) the experience of Christmas at The Grove.

**The Grove Heritage Association Video-** This year GHA produced a marketing video, "Grow Your Memory of The Grove," which vividly illustrates what The Grove offers and the memories it creates.

The Grove was included in the Governor's "**Historic Christmas at the Mansion**" tree show. Our Christmas tree was one of twenty-two decorated by selected Illinois historic sites and museums. The tree showcased decorations gathered at The Grove and donated by Kennicott Brothers Company and looked as if the Kennicotts had decorated it themselves.

Our new exhibit featuring the life of **Dr. John A. Kennicott** has been extremely well received. We thank those of you who have visited and look forward to seeing many visitors in the New Year.

GHA hosted groups for **Dinner at the Kennicott House**. This enjoyable fundraiser, which allowed guests to enjoy an evening at the Kennicott House, will be repeated next year.

**The Grove Land Expansion-** The Grove received a generous 8-acre donation from a developer. This wonderful contribution, received through Glenview Park District efforts, will increase The Grove to 143 acres.

2014 was also a successful year for our annual **Garden and Plant Sale, Grove Folk Fest, the Arts and Craft Faire** and the **Holiday Store**.

2014 is just the beginning of wonderful changes for **The Grove Archives Building**. Stay tuned! There will be some marvelous news about it in 2015!

*If you enjoyed reading about GHA's work this past year but are not yet a member, please join us today. Find a membership enrollment form at [www.groveheritageassociation.org](http://www.groveheritageassociation.org).*