



**Mennonite Heritage and
Agricultural Museum**

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Dear Friend of the Museum,

This has been a remarkable year for the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum. The wheat bell's story drew regional media attention, and with your generous support and a Goessel Community Foundation grant, we accomplished much: painting the Turkey Red Wheat Palace, re-roofing the Schroeder Barn, rebuilding Krause House windows, adding Low German exhibit labeling, collecting oral histories, and launching strategic planning. Country Threshing Days, headlined by a wonderful Possum Revival concert, saw sponsorships more than triple!

Looking ahead to 2027, key priorities include improving water drainage and installing gutters on historic structures, rebuilding accessibility ramps, and launching a fiber arts preservation team led by Kris Schmucker. We are also eligible for matching funds from the Patterson Family Foundation—a 50% match opportunity that will significantly amplify the impact of every gift we receive. Donations must be received by December 5.

Volunteers are needed for fiber arts preservation, grounds maintenance, flower gardens, building cleaning, event baking, collections data entry, and Country Threshing Days. New board members are also welcome.

Financial gifts—cash, commodities, donor advised funds or IRA distributions—at any level preserve our heritage for future generations and are deeply appreciated.

With gratitude,
Pat Penner
President of the Board



MY 2026 CONTRIBUTION

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