



# Community

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**Wayne Historical Preservation Society** welcomes the Misty of Chincoteague Exhibit by Marguerite Henry during the Wayne Day Celebration.

October 1, 2011—Wayne Day Celebration

The Wayne Historical Preservation Society is pleased to welcome the Misty of Chincoteague Exhibit by Marguerite Henry by offering its display to all who attend the annual Wayne Day celebration on October 1 at 3 P.M. in Dunham Field (on the south side of Army Trail Road, just east of Dunham Road). All are welcome.

For more information please see the flyer on Pages 2 and 3.

# WAYNE DAY

Saturday, October 1, 2011  
3:00 PM | Dunham Field

**Pig Roast ❖ Games ❖ Misty Exhibit ❖ For All!**  
**For Kids! Crafts ❖ Kites ❖ Games**



Bonfire with marshmallows at dusk  
Rain Date: October 2nd

**Wayne Historical Preservation Society welcomes  
the Misty of Chincoteague (by Marguerite Henry) exhibit at Wayne Day.**

On October 1, at the annual Wayne Day celebration, both the author Marguerite Henry and her pony Misty will return to Wayne, if only in spirit. Marguerite Henry left Wayne in 1971 to retire in California. The pony, Misty, memorialized in Ms. Henry's book *Misty of Chincoteague*, left Wayne in 1957 to have a foal in her birthplace of Chincoteague. But Wayne roots run deep.

The Misty of Chincoteague Foundation decided that their collection of Marguerite Henry and Misty photos and memorabilia should make its final home back where the story of Misty originated: in Wayne, Illinois.

Founded in 1990, the mission of the Foundation is "to promote literacy, writing and conservation of places that allow the imagination to soar unfettered". And what better place to allow the imagination to soar than in the beautiful Fox Valley area?

Founder, Becki Giusti was a very young girl and an avid reader of Marguerite Henry's books when she found out that the land where Misty had "grown up" was to be developed with townhouses. She believed that land should be conserved for children to see where the pony had run and played.

Thus, with the help of parents and Marguerite Henry herself, the Misty of Chincoteague Foundation was born. How fitting that an organization dedicated to conservation should want to bequeath their collection to Wayne, where conservation of open space is a primary ambition.

On October 1st, the Wayne Preservation Society will be proud to direct people to the Village of Wayne's park known as Misty's Meadow at the corner of Army Trail and Dunham Roads, lovingly planted and cared for since its opening by Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen of Wayne. On that day, under the tent in Dunham Field, to complement the small sampling of the Misty exhibit, the current president of the Foundation, Peter Stone, will show a movie that was made about Marguerite, in which she explains the work that goes into the writing of a book. Artwork by her illustrator, Wesley Dennis, will also be on display.

Many young riders today still recognize the name of one of Wayne's most famous residents, author Marguerite Henry. Many have heard the stories first hand about Misty's birthday cake in the shape of a horseshoe with carrots for candles. Two Wayne residents remember riding Misty and have a picture published in the Chicago Tribune to prove it!

The Wayne Historical Preservation Society is pleased to welcome the Marguerite Henry/Misty exhibit by offering its display to all who attend the annual Wayne Day celebration on October 1 in Dunham field on the south side of Army Trail Road just east of Dunham Road, at 3 PM, and as always, all are welcome.