



The Genesee Valley Farm
Discovery Center

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Press Release

For Immediate Release
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The Genesee Valley Farm Discovery Center announces it's First Annual Open House scheduled for Thursday, September 27th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Ford Farm located at 4376 East Groveland Road, Geneseo, NY.

This is a special event to thank the Center's sponsors and to introduce the educational, not-for-profit Center to the public. Scheduled to open for school tours in the fall of 2008, the Discovery Center is designed to use modern agriculture as a the context for helping children meet their educational requirements in biology, math and language arts.

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The Discovery Center is located on the historic Ford House site and includes 25 acres and a unique Spanish style mansion and barns. The buildings were built in the early 1900's by Azel Ford, a prosperous, self-made individual who is buried at Temple Hill Cemetery in Geneseo.

At the Genesee Valley Farm Discovery Center, children and the public will be introduced to the modern farming practices used by today's farmers for producing the most abundant, safest and least expensive food supply in the history of human kind.

Visit our web site at www.FarmDiscoveryCenter.org



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Date: September 27th
Time: 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Location: Genesee Valley Farm Discovery Center
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Objectives:

1. Introduce the community to the Genesee Valley Farm Discovery Center, it's mission, facilities, fund raising goals, capital projects, educational programming.
2. Thank the sponsors and volunteers that have already contributed to the Center.

Program

4:00 Doors Open – Registration Table
Tour of Barns, Property, Ford Mansion
Refreshments
Dairy Princess
4-H Display
Corn Planting Technology Display
Ag In The Classroom Display
Discovery Center Educational Module
Livestock Displays – Horse, Calf, Sheep, Chickens, Rabbits
Modern Farm Equipment Display
Nature Trail

5:00 – 7:00 Welcome and Comments
Live Music and more of the above

Opportunities for Sponsorships and Volunteers

Building Sponsorships
Horse Stable
Cow Barn
Goat Pen
Sheep Pen
Hog Pen
Chick Coop
Nature / Hedge Row Trails
Pasture / Outside Goat Pens
Picnic Pavilion and Bathrooms
Enlarged Parking Area

Livestock Sponsors
Horse, Sheep, Calves, Goats, Pigs, Chickens, Cow
“Sponsor a chicken or her goose is cooked”

Volunteer Opportunities

Education

Educators for school children (Starting Fall '08)
Educational Programming
Construction of Props, Models and Materials

Resource Development

Fund Raising Events
Discovery Center Sponsors
Grant Writing

Facilities – Barns and Grounds

General clean up and maintenance.
Interior Barn Clean-up and Painting
Exterior – Painting, Window Maintenance
Grounds – Fences, Water Runoff, Stream & Hedge Row Development

Carpentry Rebuilding Windows
 Rebuilding Doors
 Railings, Stairs and Barriers
 Masonry – Foundations and Stone Walls
 Silo Rehabilitation and Remodeling
 Pasture Fencing
 Chicken Coop
 Remodel Existing Stalls, Pens and Gates

Electrical Refurbish Existing Barn Electrical
 New Electrical Outlets and Lights
 Bury Electric to Barn

Plumbing Frost free water for livestock

Ford Mansion Volunteer Opportunities

Sorting tools and old stuff. in basement
Organizing shop tools and equipment
Cleaning – Windows, Floors
Repairs – Sash Cords, Doors, Walls
Springfield Gas Machine – Display and History
History of Azel Ford and Nancy Ewart
History of Dignitary Visitors
Construction History of Mansion and Barn

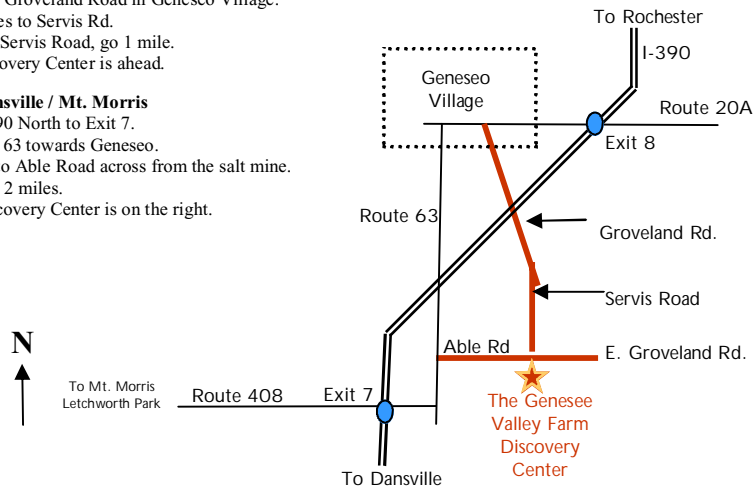
Halloween Event (October)
Azel Ford Event (February)

From Rochester / Geneseo

Take I-390 South to Exit 8, Geneseo.
Right onto 20A towards Geneseo.
Left onto Groveland Road in Geneseo Village.
Go 2 miles to Servis Rd.
Right on Servis Road, go 1 mile.
The Discovery Center is ahead.

From Dansville / Mt. Morris

Take I-390 North to Exit 7.
Take Rte 63 towards Geneseo.
Right onto Able Road across from the salt mine.
Go about 2 miles.
The Discovery Center is on the right.



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