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## Timberworking a return to tradition

Walnut Grove Farm exhibit one of many stops on Knox County Scenic Drive

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KNOXVILLE — What began as a temporary job for Justin Bush after finishing graduate school has become an eight-year profession.

The Trillium Dell Timberworks employee sat in the early fall sun Saturday afternoon, hewing pegs from a piece of wood. Timberworks employees were among several artisans and craftsmen giving demonstrations at Walnut Grove Farm during the first weekend of the Knox County Scenic Drive.

"We use a lot of sustainable resources," Bush said of timberworking. "It's the original green building technique. Timber homes tend to last longer."

Owned by Laura and Rick Collins, Trillium Dell Timberworks began about a decade ago as a business dedicated to returning to traditional building roots.

"We're just trying to show how it used to be done," explained Laura Collins. "Some of the things we do are more traditional, (but) the traditional building informs the new homes. Anything that involves traditional carpentry is of interest to us."

Patrons who stopped to watch the Trillium Dell Timberworks craftsmen were able to see a number of old-world techniques, including someone laying out a trebuchet post, shingle-making and peg-making.

Also featured at the Walnut Grove Farm Scenic Drive stop are a petting zoo, homemade stew and apple cider, fresh produce and arts and crafts of all kinds. In many booths inside the barn, visitors could be found looking at handcrafted jewelry, handmade soaps and framed photography.

Walnut Grove Farm is one of several stops on the 2008 Knox County Scenic Drive, which continues today and Oct. 11-12.

Other stops in this year's Scenic Drive are Knoxville, the Knox County Fairgrounds, Galesburg, Maquon, Woodland View Farm, Orange Chapel and the Wolf Covered Bridge.

Food, activities, produce, crafts and music are available at each stop. This weekend, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln impersonators are visiting many of the Scenic Drive stops.

For more information on the Knox County Scenic Drive, visit [www.home.grics.net/scenicdrive/](http://www.home.grics.net/scenicdrive/).

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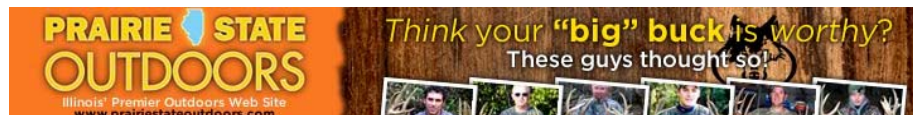
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