

Press Release

2014 National Farm Toy Hall of Fame Inductees



Dyersville, IA, -- The National Farm Toy Museum will honor its 2014 National Farm Toy Hall of Fame inductees in a ceremony on Thursday, November 6, 2014 as the first event of Toy Farmer's® National Farm Toy Show®. The 2014 honorees join a group of 40 others, beginning with Fred and Gertrude Ertl and Claire and Cathy Scheibe (complete listing at <http://www.nationalfarmtoymuseum.com/halloffame.cfm>). The purpose of the National Farm Toy Hall of Fame is to recognize those people who have given of their time and talents to the forwarding of the farm toy hobby. For their dedication to the farm toy hobby, Jay Kobiske and Dale Swoboda will be inducted this year into the National Farm Toy Hall of Fame.

Jay Kobiske was an avid collector with the mind set of collecting everything and not specializing on just one brand. He was a collector of sales brochures and company literature with a collection even surpassing his farm toys. He had a knack for memorizing facts and figures from many of these papers which made Jay an incredible source of knowledge on farm tractors, implements and their replicas. Jay provided numerous toy companies and custom builders with literature and advice on the development of farm toys. Jay was the “go-to-guy” when historical information was required.

Dale Swoboda has been a collector of farm toys for over 60 years and attending shows as a dealer for over 40. He has amassed a vast collection of early agricultural toys and literature. Dale has a true affinity for the history of the real tractors and farm toys originally made in Wisconsin. He has participated in events and shows throughout the country contributing his knowledge to toy manufacturers, books, and publications on farm toys and farming. Since childhood Dale has shared a passion for preserving and promoting rural agricultural heritage through farm toys keeping the hobby strong for all generations.

The National Farm Toy Museum in Dyersville, Iowa, houses the National Farm Toy Hall of Fame including memorabilia and representative farm toys of past nominees. A not-for-profit 501(c)(3) the museum's mission is the preservation of the history of agriculture through farm toy collecting. The National Farm Toy Museum is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

More information about the National Farm Toy Museum is available at www.nationalfarmtoymuseum.com or by calling 563-875-2727. ###