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John Deere Collectors Center Hosts Memorabilia Auction November 16 – 17, 2007

Over 600 Items to be Sold Including Rare and Hard-to-Find Collectibles

MOLINE, Illinois (November 8, 2007) –The John Deere Collectors Center, located in downtown Moline, Illinois, will host a unique two-day memorabilia auction of hundreds of rare and hard-to-find items on November 16 and 17, 2007. The entire collection to be auctioned belongs to Henry and Nicki Lindeman of Clark Lake, Michigan. The Lindemans are avid John Deere memorabilia collectors and are well known among John Deere enthusiasts for the unmatched quality and depth of their collection.

“We are very excited to host this event on behalf of the Lindemans,” said Brian Holst, Manager of the John Deere Collectors Center. “Henry and Nicki have been John Deere memorabilia collectors since before it was popular and they have been fixtures at toy and tractor shows across the country. Their collection has grown into one of the best in existence and this will be an extraordinary opportunity for other enthusiasts who want a piece of it.”

The auction, conducted by Aumann Auctions, will start on Friday at 5:00 p.m and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Admittance is free but seating is expected to be limited. Categories of memorabilia featured include literature and printed material, celluloid pieces, calendars, pinbacks, saddeltry, and several others.

Some of the rare and one-of-a-kind items expected to draw intense bidding include:

- A plaster bust of John Deere given to the branch houses in 1937. Taken from the original bronze bust on display in Deere & Company World Headquarters, these were a special display for the centennial celebration. This is possibly the last one in existence.
- A John Deere commissioned replica of the first John Deere plow given, similar to the plow currently on exhibit in the Smithsonian. This piece was also issued to branch houses in 1937 for the centennial celebration and is exceptionally rare. It comes with an identification plaque.
- A rare John Deere saddle that can be traced back to its original owner, Deputy Sherriff D.W. Harrington of Ogallala, Kansas in the early 1900’s. The saddle is in great original condition, stamped with logos and Harrington’s name, it comes with saddle stand and documentation.

For more complete information on all auction items visit www.aumannauctions.com. The John Deere Collectors Center is located at 320 16th Street, just off Interstate 74 to River Drive and 17th Street in Moline.

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Also taking place that weekend is the Annual Lighting of the Commons. Starting at 3:30 p.m. on November 17, the John Deere Commons, also located in downtown Moline, will bustle with holiday fun for all members of the family. Narrated historic trolley tours, window display contests, wagon rides, children's activities, free cookies and cider and a visit from Santa Claus will get visitors in the holiday spirit. The evening will culminate with an official lighting ceremony and fireworks display followed by the annual Holiday Pops Concert at the i wireless Center.

The John Deere Collectors Center is the premier association for enthusiasts interested in the history and heritage of John Deere and the collecting of early John Deere tractors, equipment, and memorabilia. Located on the John Deere Commons in Moline, Ill., the facility offers a number of unique services including an active restoration area, exhibits of equipment and memorabilia, and a specialty retail shop.

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