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Smithsonian *Spark! Places of Innovation in Rural America* Exhibition
Saturday, August 26, 2023 – Kick-off Celebration & Open House
Photo Montage



With its many interactive components, *Spark! Places of Innovation* appealed to everyone.



Raven Hill docent, Yvonne Pentecost, draws attention to a particular point of interest for visitors to *Spark!*



Raven Hill's companion exhibit features the inside of an old Patent Office, including several patent models. Between 1790 and 1880, models were required, when applying for a patent.



Even at an Open House, no one can resist spending time in the hands-on Discovery Room at Raven Hill, which sports its own innovative displays, such as the generator bike.



Using a modern forge to heat the iron, blacksmith Duane Arnott demonstrated the old-fashioned art of forging metal.



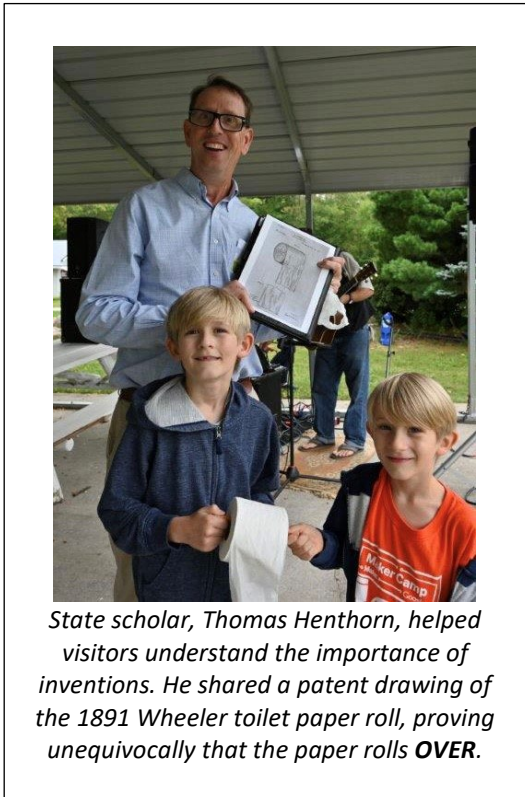
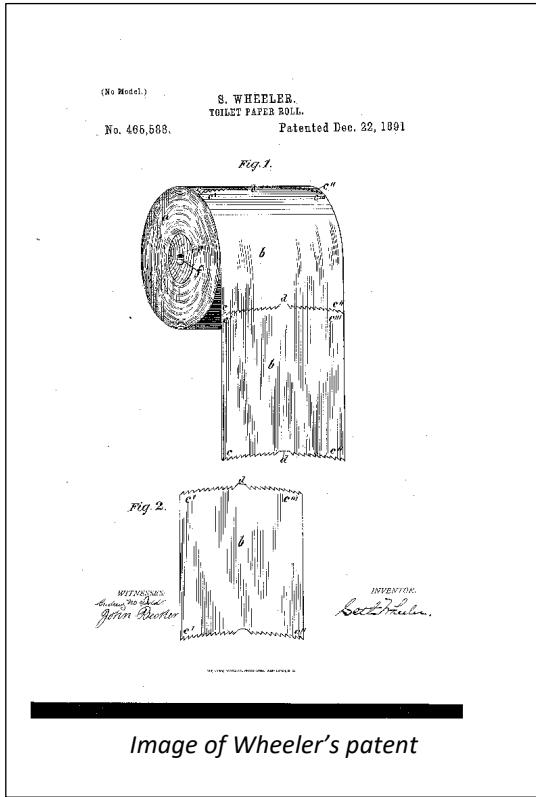
Both old and new innovations complemented the Spark! Exhibition. Several spinners and weavers demonstrated their talents in the Fiber Studio. Thanks go to Marti, Cathie, Carol & Lynne!



Visitors enjoyed hearing Kirby Snively's music, as it floated gently throughout Raven Hill's main campus.



The Alternative Energy House showcased both 3D printing and ham radio demonstrations using solar energy as their power source. Much appreciated, John & Mike!



Reminders:

Spark! Places of Innovation in Rural America will be open daily through October 7, 2023.

Hours: 10am to 4pm weekdays
 Noon to 4pm Saturdays
 2pm to 4pm Sundays
 Open holidays and other times by appointment

Free admission to the **Spark!** Exhibit.
 To explore all of Raven Hill—the regular \$10 admission applies.



Raven Hill Discovery Center is only the third site in the United States to host the Smithsonian’s newest traveling exhibition, **Spark! Places of Innovation in Rural America**.
 Call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for more information or to make reservations for individuals, families or groups, like schools or service organizations.
 Come visit **Spark!** soon.

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