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Illinois Office of Tourism Releases Newest Maker video, Funks Grove Maple Sirup, part of Illinois Made program

Latest maker video features legendary family-owned sirup and maple tapping grove

Shirley, Ill. – The Illinois Department of Commerce’s Office of Tourism released today the newest local Shirley business highlighted as part of Illinois Made video series: Funks Grove Maple Sirup.

Launched in July 2016, Illinois Made is an ongoing program that recognizes the artisans, products and experiences that are unique to the state. It offers Illinois Made-inspired travel ideas to encourage people to extend their travel beyond a day trip by exploring the local businesses and great attractions nearby.

Funks Grove embodies the Illinois Made program with its rich family-owned roots and maple sirup expertise, dating back to 1824. Now on its seventh generation of maple tapping, the Funks family of Shirley prides themselves in their secret sirup recipe and allows the family to connect with nature on a daily basis.

The new video delves deep into the original story of Funks Grove, from the grove itself to why the Funk family does what they do for a living.

“This family-owned business provides joy to all those who visit,” said Cory M. Jobe, Director of the Office of Tourism. “The Illinois Made program and videos highlights this fantastic work happening out at Funks Grove, and tells the unique story of its history and tasty products.”

To learn more about Funks Grove Maple Sirup and see this Illinois Made maker video, visit www.enjoyillinois.com.

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