

BGHS News—June 2017

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

More Letourneau Gardens are Adopted



In this photograph, Steve Monts and Mary Ann Lambert rest after working in their adopted gardens at the Letourneau Home/Museum on Tuesday June 27. They are standing in the Five Pink Hydrangea Garden (dedicated to Sister Madeleine LaMarre) that Mary Ann has adopted. Steve has adopted the Grape Arbor Garden. There are only four gardens left to adopt: the Hesse 'Hessei' Cotoneaster Garden, the Fragrant Sumac Garden, the Black Spruce Tree Canopy Garden, and the Daylily Garden.

BGHS Celebrates Quebec Day



In this photograph, Charles Balesi (on right), the Honorable Eric Marquis (center) who is the Delegate of Quebec to the Midwest, and I (left) celebrate Quebec's national holiday on June 20 at Kendall College in Chicago.

Next Membership Meeting on July 6

At the beginning of our upcoming meeting on Thursday July 6 at 7 pm in the Letourneau Home/Museum, Julie Worby will give a presentation about Maternity BVM's "French-Canadian Festival" to be held on Saturday September 9. During the meeting, the membership will:

- approve the minutes of the May meeting (please read the attached since the minutes will not be read at the meeting);
- appoint a liaison to work with Dave King on the Van Meter Cemetery;
- solicit help for Marcia Rabideau who will supervise Camp MOSH cleaning of the house/museum on Monday July 17;
- develop an application procedure for the *Fleur-de-lis Award*--to be given for the first time on November 3 at the celebration dinner;
- review the July 4 success of the society's major fund raiser *Les Artisans Arts and Craft Faire*; and
- take a sunset stroll through the gardens.

Kudos for Our Volunteers

This month's special kudos go to Judy Smead and Gary Seiner who chaperoned the house/museum for its first and third Sunday open houses, and Marcia Rabideau for chaperoning the house/museum on Saturday June 24 during the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival; to all the master gardeners and members who worked in the gardens; to Malette Trudeau-Stevenson for preparing twenty digital photographs for Laurie Wimberly to print and frame for the Village of Bourbonnais Administration Building; and to Lynn Ahlden O'Brien, Wal Schuller, and Charles Balesi for organizing the first annual *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner at the Kankakee County Club on November 3.

Please come early to the meeting for hot beverages and sweets. Have a great 4th of July!
Jim