

BGHS News—August 2017

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Only Four Letourneau Gardens are Left to be Adopted



The Scottish thistle was beautiful, but we had to neutralize it during our garden work session on Saturday August 12. The master gardeners and BGHS members who worked that morning are from left to right: Judy Beach, Vicki Lambis, Marcia Rabideau, Sandi Davis, Bonnie Bergeron, Mary Ann Lambert, Steve Monts, and Pam Adams (kneeling). Only four of the twenty gardens at the Letourneau Home/Museum are still orphans. Let's get those final four adopted soon. **Our next work session will be Saturday September 9 from 8-10am.** Please come and help the other garden parents in pruning and weeding, and become a garden parent yourself.

Next Membership Meeting on September 7

I invite you to our monthly meeting on Thursday September 7 at 7pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum. The agenda is as follows:

- presentation by Ms. Amy Ciaccio-Jarvis of the Concerned Catholics of the Kankakee Area for the Preservation of St. Rose of Lima;
- approval of August 3 minutes (see attached above);
- final scheduling and duties at our table/booth during the Maternity BVM French-Canadian Fest (open volunteer times are on Sunday September 10 from 10am to 4pm in two-hour increments--please promote the fest on your individual Facebook accounts, see www.mbvchurch.org/french-canadian-fest;
- registration for *Fleur-de-lis* celebration dinner at the Kankakee Country Club on November 3--see attachment above, and please promote this event also on your Facebook accounts--**registration deadline October 16**;
- nomination for "Annual *Fleur-de-lis* Award of Excellence (see attachment above)--**due October 1**; and
- archeological dig at Windrose Site by University of Notre Dame archeologists.

A Distinguished Lady had Died

On a sad note, lifetime member Suzanne Pruchnicki died on August 28. Many of us enjoyed tea and conversation with her and her husband Paul at the Bronte Museum in rural Bourbonnais. You may see her life story on The French-Canadian Interview Project <http://frenchcanadians.kcc.edu/interviewees/sspruchnicki/sspruchnicki.html>.

Best wishes,
Jim