

BGHS News—December 2017

Hello Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

BGHS Extends Holiday Greetings at Craft Fair



Our *Les Artisans* Craft Fair on December 2 was a great success! Ellen Stringer (our BGHS craft show organizer standing at left) and BGHS members Rhiannon Stringer and Malette Trudeau-Stevenson (standing at right) were photographed as they greeted visitors to the show at the Kankakee Fairgrounds pavilion. They are standing next to a collage of the November 3 *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner news articles and photographs--created by member Christina Bradley.

BGHS Celebrates *Les Joyeux Noel* at Letourneau Home/Museum



Vice-President Gary Seiner once again decorated the Letourneau Home/Museum Christmas tree and Andy and Raylan Bradley (right) enjoy the *Le Joyeux Noel* Open House at our historic landmark on Sunday December 17.

Membership Meeting Held on December 7

Our final membership meeting of the year was on December 7 at 7pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum. Members came early to enjoy refreshments and camaraderie. I have attached minutes of the previous meeting for you to read. The meeting agenda included: presentation by Chris Shoup about his French-Canadian artwork, election of a secretary, preparation for the Christmas Open House on Sunday December 17 from 1-4pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum, organizing the Chocolate Tour on February 3, 2018 from 12:00-5pm, and update on putting "donate" and online dues payment on our website.

Gratitude is Extended to Jewel Osco for the Gift Card

The BGHS recently received a \$100 Jewel gift card from Michael Buchanan, manager of Jewel, as a donation toward the restoration of the log school house. Raffle tickets were sold before and during the Christmas Open House to benefit the log school house. The winner's name was drawn at 4pm at the end of the Christmas Open House, and the winner received the Jewel gift card. The winner did not need to be present. Tours of the Letourneau Home/Museum, drinks, and Christmas treats were available during the Christmas Open House. Also, anyone who registers as a new member in December will receive a Village of Bourbonnais Centennial Plate (1875-1975) gift --while quantities last--and no membership renewal until March 2019 (annual dues are \$10 individual, \$7 senior, \$7 full-time student, \$15 family, and \$15 business).

Kudos to Our Volunteers

Special kudos go to Gary Seiner for decorating the home/museum for Christmas, Christina Bradley for creating the *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner collage (**next year's celebration dinner date is Friday September 28, 2018--and yes, Brad Benoit is booked as our entertainer**), Sandi Sandeno for chaperoning the house/museum open house on Sunday December 3, Judy Smead for unlocking and locking the house/museum for that open house, and Ellen Stringer for her fantastic work on the craft fair.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Jim