

BGHS News—August/September 2018

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### **Master Gardeners Adopt Herb Garden**



Six Master Gardeners toured the Letourneau Home/Museum gardens on Monday August 13. During the tour, I pointed out the newly rejuvenated *Les Jardin du Potager* (Kitchen Garden)—an herb garden south of the home/museum. MG Supervisor Holly Froning (third from right) adopted the garden on behalf of herself and three other Master Gardeners. Ms. Froning expressed plans to promote the herb garden in the community.

### **Historic Landmark Plaque Placed on Letourneau Home/Museum Outside Wall**

In other news, on July 31, Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Mardene Hinton and Commissioner Shari Hebert presented a bronze plaque to the BGHS in recognition of the Letourneau House's historic landmark status achieved in 2012. The plaque was placed to the left of the front door of the home/museum. Be sure to notice the plaque the next time you visit the home/museum.



## Kudos for Our Volunteers

Deep expressions of gratitude go to many individuals this past month: Judy Smead and Gary Seiner for chaperoning the Sunday open houses in August; Gary Seiner for presiding over the August 2 meeting in my absence; Faith Quigley for assuming and performing the duties of BGHS Secretary; Ken Ponton for distributing most of the mulch in the gardens; and Bonnie Bergeron, Rochelle Joseph Thomas, Ellen Liehr, Mary Ann Lambert, Phil Stickney, Laurel Soper, and Marcia Rabideau for completing the artifact inventory upstairs in the Letourneau Home/Museum.

## Next Membership Meeting on September 6

The agenda for the **Thursday September 6 general meeting at 7 pm** is:

- Approve minutes of August 2 meeting (see attached);
- Treasurer's Report—include update of log school house June to present donations and registrations for *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner (Daron is keeping track of mail-ins and Tim and Laurel are keeping track of PayPal in my absence)—**registration deadline is September 21**;
- Ways and Means—Wal Schuller, Lynn Ahlden O'brien, and Charles Balesi have met with Betty and Gene Dionne regarding the *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner cuisine; Rick Manuel is our sponsor at the Kankakee Country Club; the BGHS and the Village of Bourbonnais Log School House Steering Committee have sent out invitations (see attached) in early August—we did not send invitations to those of you who receive my monthly e-mail news in order to save on postage (your invitation is ongoing, and the dinner promotion is attached again); and Charles Balesi is working to confirm that a representative from Quebec or France attend;
- Building and Grounds—continue to mulch, the wheel barrows and pitch fork are on back porch; possibly create markers describing farm implements west of house; Sandi Sandeno is willing to work on the organ if someone will assist her; and
- New and Old Business.

Be sure to arrive before the meeting for lemonade and cookies. Gary Seiner will again preside over the meeting in my absence. **After the meeting the officers will chose the “Annual Fleur-de-Lis Award of Excellence”**. Have a great rest of August and early September! Best wishes,  
Jim