

BGHS News—January/February 2019

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### **Chocolate Tour Attracts New Visitors to Our Historic Landmark**



From left to right, Ellen Stringer, Laurel Soper, and Michelle Meier greeted visitors to the Letourneau Home/Museum and offered them chocolate *fleur-de-lis*, chocolate coffee, and cucumber-lemon water during the 12-5 pm Chocolate Tour on February 2, 2019. Many guests vowed to come back for a tour on one of the home/museum open house days.

### **BGHS is Grateful to *The Herald* for Years of Support**

*The Herald* has helped the BGHS publicize the French-Canadian heritage for so many years and we are sorry that it had to close. We are so grateful to Toby Olszewski, Laura McElroy, and the rest of the staff for their support. *The Herald's* “Le Journal du Village” monthly articles will end, but BGHS members and friends will continue to have monthly communication from me through these email newsletters. Past *Le Journal du Village* newsletters and *The Herald* monthly BGHS articles can be found on the [bourbonnaishistory.org](http://bourbonnaishistory.org) website under *Le Journal*. I have attached Vic Johnson’s *Serving Up a Warmed-Over Bowl of America’s Roots* as this month’s article for *Le Journal du Village*. I have also attached the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting.

### **Open House Chaperone and Living History Members Needed**

**A chaperone for the Letourneau Home/Museum for Sunday March 3 from 1-4 pm is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please respond to me by e-mail. The visitors can go on a self-guided tour, but someone needs to greet them. Also, the Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee needs new members—please e-mail me if interested. Meetings are in the Perry Farmhouse the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 pm.**

## **Next Membership Meeting on March 7**

The agenda for the first meeting of 2019 on Thursday March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum is:

- Approval of December 6, 2018 minutes—see attached;
- Approval of check signing duties;
- Approval of printing *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais, Illinois*;
- Status of log schoolhouse;
- Status of bequest;
- Status of sign repainting; and
- Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee member recruitment.

Come early to the meeting for cookies and drinks plus a chocolate *fleur-de-lis*.

## **Kudos for Our Volunteers**

Expressions of gratitude go to Gary Seiner for taking down the Christmas decorations; to Ellen Stringer, Michelle Meier, and Laurel Soper for volunteering to host the Chocolate Tour; to Mary Ann Lambert and Laurel Soper for their ongoing inventory of artifacts; and Daron Kinzinger for overseeing the property and collecting the mail every week at the post office box. Enjoy life and make history!

Jim