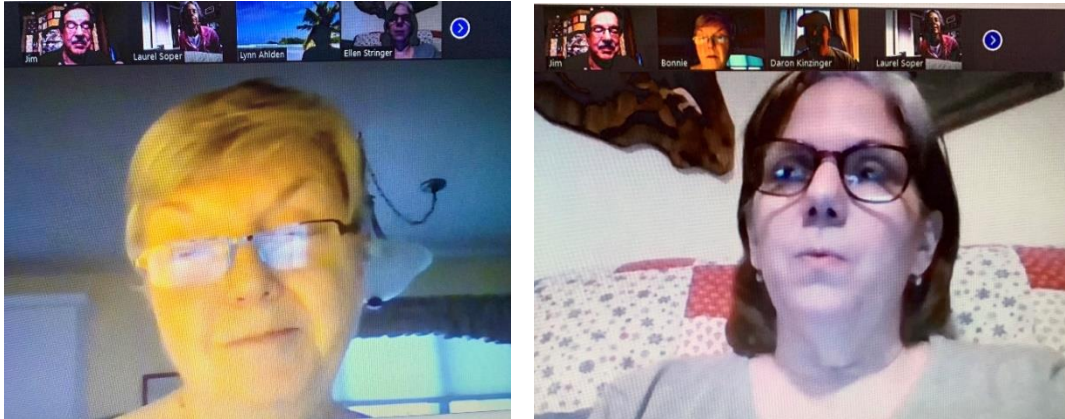


BGHS News—May/June 2020

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### **BGHS Conducts First Zoom Membership Meeting**



An historic event took place for the BGHS on the evening of May 7, 2020. The first Zoom BGHS membership meeting took place during the pandemic. Above left, Bonnie Bergeron gives the membership report; and, in the second from left photograph, Ellen Stringer provides information about the *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair.

### **Spring has Sprung in the Letourneau Home/Museum Gardens**







The next photographs depict the current blooming plants around the Letourneau Home/Museum (in this order from left): shooting star, sweet woodruff, periwinkle, bluebells, blue anemone, Tatarian honeysuckle, white cranberry, red peony, pink petticoat columbines, and chives. Come out to the gardens and try to find all of these beauties before they are gone.

### **Next Zoom Membership Meeting Set for 7:00 pm Thursday June 4, 2020**

I encourage you to join us so that you can contribute to our discussions. The Zoom preparation process is rather easy. If you have not used Zoom, this is what you need to do. If using a laptop, install Zoom Desktop Client by clicking [Getting Started with Windows or Mac](#). If using a smart phone, install the Zoom app from the Apple Store or Google Play. Then read [Getting Started with IOS](#) or [Getting Started with Android](#). Once you have Zoom installed, please send an email to our Corresponding Secretary Laurel Soper [laurel.soper@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.soper@gmail.com) by Wednesday June 3 so that she knows you want to join the meeting. She will host the meeting, and about ten minutes before 7:00 pm on Thursday June 4, she will send you an email with a link to click and thereby join the meeting.

The agenda for the June 4 meeting will be: approve the May 7 minutes (attached), deciding status of July 4<sup>th</sup> *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair, discussing status of September 18 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner, developing a virtual tour of the Letourneau Home/Museum,

**BGHS membership dues must be paid by June 1.** Please consult [bourbonnaishistory.org](http://bourbonnaishistory.org) for dues amounts and how to pay.

### ***Barkskins* Coming to National Geographic Channel**

Beginning May 25 on the National Geographic channel, *Barkskins* will be aired. This TV series is based on Annie Proulx's 2010 historical fiction novel, by the same name. She tells the story of two Frenchmen, Rene Sel and Charles Duquet who came to Canada in the 1600s--as well as the 300 year history of their descendants. I highly recommend this intriguing story.

### **Home/Museum to Remain Closed but Gardens Open**

Please consider having a picnic on the grounds of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. You can enjoy social distancing while enjoying the newly groomed gardens around the Letourneau Home/Museum and picking some herbs from the *Le Jardin aux Potage*. The home/museum will remain closed—no open houses—until August when the open house will be reconsidered. Best wishes,

Jim Paul, President of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society