

BGHS News—July/August 2020

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### **Both Pollinator and Passerby Enjoy Our Historic Landmark Gardens**



The pink coneflowers along the entry boardwalk, the newly groomed area around the Letourneau Home/Museum sign, and the native garden (tended by volunteer Pam Perkins) attract insect pollinators and passerby's smiles as they enjoy our historic landmark and its gardens.

### **Come join the Zoom membership meeting Thursday August 6**

The next Zoom BGHS membership meeting will be on Thursday August 6 at 7 pm. Please contact Laurel Soper at [laurel.soper@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.soper@gmail.com) to inform her that you plan to attend. She will send you an e-mail link to join the meeting. The agenda highlights for the August 6 meeting are: approve July 2, 2020 minutes (attached); decide status of future open houses at the Letourneau Home/Museum; and discuss alarm system.

### **61 BGHS members have not paid their annual dues**

As of July 2, 61 members from last year have not paid their annual dues to the BGHS. The pandemic caused cancelation of the July 4 *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair. With the loss of this important BGHS fundraiser, please recognize the importance of your annual dues payment.

### **Log schoolhouse donations for 2020 climb to \$4225**

The "dinnerless" *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner fundraiser campaign continues. All proceeds go to the restoration of Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse on the grounds of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. Donations to date for 2020 (not counting pledges) are \$4225 bringing the total amount donated since 2017 to nearly \$40,000 with another \$12,500 in pledges. The restoration fund raising goal is \$120,000. A revised list of donors is attached to this e-mail. If you have not made your donation for 2020 yet, it will be greatly appreciated and is fully tax deductible. Your donation may be by check to "BGHS" with memo Log Schoolhouse, mailed to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, P.O. Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at <http://www.bourbonnaishistory.org/contribute.html>, scroll over to Log

School Restoration Project, click Donate, and then follow the prompts. Thank you so much for contributing to the preservation of our community's historical heritage. **Save the date: the next Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner is scheduled for Friday September 17, 2021!**

### **Kudos for the little things that keep us going**

Special notes of gratitude go to Laurel Soper for arranging our monthly Zoom meetings and keeping the BGHS website and Facebook current with our message; to John Hassett for donating a new mini refrigerator to the Letourneau Home/Museum; to Carl Moran for meeting the police at the Letourneau Home/Museum in the middle of the night when the alarm went off (fortunately a false alarm); to Pam Perkins for creating a beautiful native garden; to Gary Seiner for weekly upkeep at the home and grounds; and to Daron Kinzinger for weekly mail pick up from the post office.

Please enjoy the summer and stay safe. Best wishes,

Jim Paul, President of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society