

BGHS News—October/November 2020

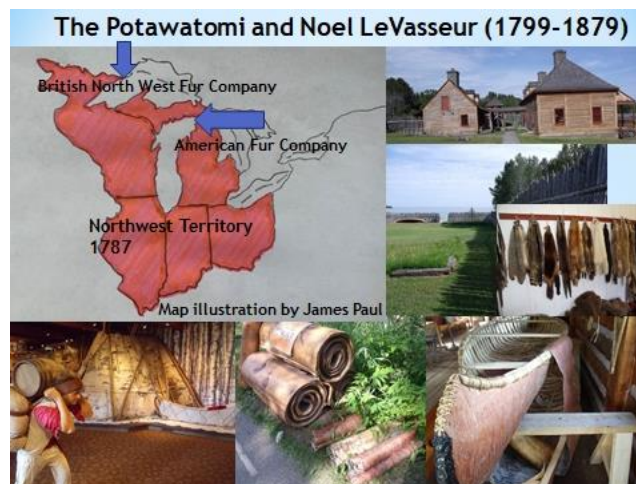
Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Autumn Colors Adorn Historic Landmark

As the autumn colors drape the Letourneau Home/Museum historic landmark, there are several upcoming fall activities that you can safely participate in.



LLI Course *Potawatomi Peril* on Zoom this Friday 10/23/20



I will teach the KCC Lifelong Learning Institute Zoom Course ***Local History 101—Making Life-Changing Decision in the Kankakee River Valley Episode 1: Potawatomi Peril (to 1838)*** this Friday October 23, 2020 from 9:00-11:30 am. The course will be a tribute to John Hassett, our late treasurer and friend. He and I planned to team teach the course. I will give John's narrative on the Potawatomi and then I will portray Noel LeVasseur who will tell the Potawatomi about his life and answer their questions at his trading post in Bourbonnais Grove in 1837. The link to register for the course is: <https://www.enrole.com/kcc/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=BF777290&courseId=LLLI-8241>.

Complete Survey and Name Bourbonnais Community Campus



The Village of Bourbonnais launched the third and final online survey for the ‘Imagine Bourbonnais’ Community Campus Plan. The survey presents the preferred concepts **and a chance to name the community gathering space. When deciding what you wish to name the community campus, please consider using French words in the title.** Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.villageofbourbonnais.com/development/community-campus-plan/>. **It must be completed by November 1.**

Thirty-four now attending “Dinnerless” *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration in 2020

The following 34 guests have reserved their seats for the 2020 dinnerless *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration (fundraiser for Bourbonnais Grove’s first log schoolhouse restoration):

Dr. Charles Bales
Andrew, Christina, Cayla, and Raylan Bradley
John & Lisa Hassett
Rochelle Murphy Joseph
Mary Ann Lambert
Ellen & Steve Liehr
Ralph & Mary Marcotte’s children: Andre, Annette (Langellier), Denise, Jacques, Joel, Michelle (Baldwin), Phil, Pierre, and Jon
Norma Meier
Susan Mendelewski
Dr. Steve Monts and Catherine Boucher
Dr. James Paul
Rich & Judy Piggush
Ken & Judy Ponton
Shirley Pranger
Marcia Rabideau
Roberta Renville
Judith Smead

Waltraud Schuller

You may add your name to the guest list by making a suggested donation for the 2020 *Fleur-de-Lis* “Dinnerless” Celebration of \$55 per person (BGHS member) and \$65 per person (non-member). All proceeds go to the restoration of Bourbonnais Grove’s first log schoolhouse on the grounds of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. This fundraiser campaign continues with 2 months left to register/donate for this year. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 *Fleur-de-Lis* Dinner Celebration has become “dinnerless”.

The previous three *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinners at the Kankakee Country Club highlighted French-Canadian cuisine. In conjunction with this “dinnerless” cuisine theme, the BGHS invites the local community to prepare one of the French-Canadian recipes at <https://frenchcanadians.kcc.edu/resources/recipes/recipes.html>) and/or submit a personal favorite French-Canadian recipe for a future BGHS French-Canadian recipe book.

Donations for the log schoolhouse restoration are currently near \$41,000 with another \$20,000 in pledges. The restoration fund raising goal is \$120,000. This goal amount includes original log and supplemental log structural restoration, climate control for the schoolhouse, period furnishings, landscaping, and signage. **A revised list of donors is attached to this e-mail.** If you have not made your donation for the 2020 “dinnerless” *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration 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 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!**

Next Zoom Membership Meeting is Thursday November 5

Please join our next Zoom membership meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday November 5 by emailing Laurel Soper at laurel.soper@gmail.com. She will then send you a link to the meeting at 6:50 pm or before on November 5. The meeting agenda will highlight: approval of **October 1** minutes (see attached), regular agenda items, and brief time to socialize.

Thank you and best wishes for an enjoyable autumn.

Jim Paul, President of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society