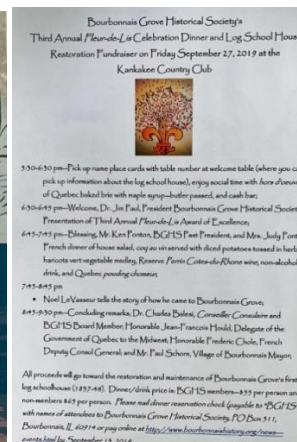


Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

How about a Little Historical Cooking, Running, and Dining?



Free herbs (at left) are now ready for harvest in the *Jardin aux Potages* in back of the Letourneau Home/Museum. Oregano, thyme, basil, French tarragon, sage, chives, parsley, chamomile, mint, and many more are available right now—see the information sign east of the garden for ground plan of the herbs. Just pick what you want. Next, the Kankakee County Museum invites you to the *Voyageur Classic 5k run/walk* (fund raiser for the French Heritage Museum) on Saturday morning August 31 at 8:00 am. Either go online to <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/22667/voyageur-classic-5k-runwalk> or arrive at 7:00 am before the race to register. I will be there to publicize our upcoming *Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner* (log schoolhouse restoration fund raiser) and sell our *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais, Illinois*. The announcement for the September 27, 2019, *Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner* is the final graphic (attached also). There is still time to register for the dinner at the Kankakee Country Club (I have also attached the announcement). The evening will begin at 5:30 pm and include French-Canadian appetizers, dinner, and entertainment. Dinner/drink price is: BGHS members--\$55 per person and non-members \$65 per person. Payment may be by check (payable to “BGHS”) with names of attendees and mailed to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, PO Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at <http://www.bourbonnaishistory.org/news---events.html> soon as possible.

BGHS Attorney Weighs in on Allocation to Log Schoolhouse

On Monday August 19, Bonnie Bergeron, Ken Ponton, and I met with the BGHS attorney Glen Barmann regarding the allocation of funds to the log schoolhouse restoration (from the bequest of Frances Cooper Wertz). Mr. Barmann gave an overall positive response to the society’s process of deciding the amount to allocate. However, I will announce to the press the amount the BGHS has allocated until I receive his legal opinion in writing.

Next Membership Meeting is on September 5

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday September 5 at 7:00 pm. Please come early to pick a few herbs and enjoy meeting refreshments. **After the meeting, all officers**

(including board members) will pick, from the nominees, the person to receive the Third Annual Fleur-de-Lis Award of Excellence. The agenda for the meeting will include: approval of August 1 minutes (see attached), publicizing the Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner, Life Long Learning Institute courses for officers, efficient artifact inventory process, boardwalk repair and replacement, planning next gardening work session, log schoolhouse donation spreadsheet, thanking Camp MOSH, and other items.

Kudos to Our Volunteers

Special kudos this past month go to Steve Monts and John Hassett for grooming the herb garden, to Gary Seiner for pruning the shrubs around the home/museum, and Sandi Sandeno for chaperoning the home/museum on its September 1 open house. *Au revoir, mon amis.*

Jim