

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

The “Spirits of Theatiki” Came Alive on August 23



The "Spirits of Theatiki" at the time of the French and Indian War (1756-63) came alive at the French Heritage Museum on Saturday August 23. Even the rain did not dampen those "spirits" as Dave King's Fife and Drum Corps played, Martin Balthazor dit St. Martin (Dr. Jim Paul) read a dramatic account of his service during the war, *voyageurs* Carl Moran (black head scarf) and Brad Delude (red head scarf/black tri-point hat) interacted with Potawatomi George Godfrey (red shirt), and Connie Licon (left) and Theresa Johnson (right) served delicious refreshments.

Members and Master Gardeners Cultivate Our Historic Landmark's Beautiful Gardens

The fall blooms are appearing at the George R. Letourneau Home/Museum and Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve Arboretum. You can enjoy the specific plants in the collage below by names--clockwise from upper left: heirloom annual cactus-mix zinnia, sedum, chrysanthemum, hessei cotoneaster, false dragon head or obedient plant, and calendula in center of photograph. Take a stroll through the arboretum, pick a few herbs from the *Les Jardin aux Potage*, and enjoy our community gardens. The BGHS is grateful to the 12 master gardeners and

members of the BGHS who weeded and pruned the arboretum for two hours on Saturday August 16.



Save the Dates

Upcoming BGHS sponsored events: *Les Artisans Arts & Craft Fair* Friday October 31 from 1-5 pm and Saturday November 1 from 8am-3pm at Civic Auditorium; and a 6-Day 5-Night "Midwest French Colonial History Tour" from May 20-25, 2015--see attachment above. Please forward the tour information to anyone that you may think would be interested.

Open House Chaperons Needed

Letourneau Home/Museum chaperons are needed for Sundays October 5, November 2, and December 7 from 1-4 pm. No tour experience is needed since self-guided tour information is available for visitors. Gary Seiner has graciously volunteered for the third Sundays in those months.

You may keep in touch with the historical society on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bourbonnaisgrove> and our website at www.bourbonnaishistory.org, Best wishes,
Jim Paul