

BGHS News—April 2016

Hello BGHS members and friends,

### Springtime Beauty Surrounds Our Historic Landmark



A new "Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve" sign greets visitors to the Letourneau Home/Museum Arboretum--now adorned with spring blossoms. Fast Signs (Kankakee) installed the sign on April 15. The previous sign had been destroyed by an automobile which slid off Stratford Drive East on one of last January's icy mornings.

### Issues Addressed at April 7 Membership Meeting

Issues addressed at the BGHS meeting on Thursday April 7, 2016 were the following:

- **Membership dues are now "due"--members may print the membership form from our website and mail in the dues** <http://nebula.wsimg.com/a54f442a6f06cd5e1d789faa18f5b08e?AccessKeyId=E2914FB9743AFC460E8E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>;
- Save the Dates: *Les Artisans Arts and Crafts Fair* on **July 4 and December 3, 2016** to be held at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds--Ellen Stringer, organizer of the event, is requesting potential crafters to contact her 815-935-5278 or [ellen.stringer@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.stringer@gmail.com);
- On **Tuesday April 19**, a Bourbonnais and Ganeer Township historic preservation forum will be hosted by the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission at the White Oak Room, Bourbonnais Public Library, from 7-8:45 pm--while supplies last, printed copies of *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais* will be distributed--also, *Noel LeVasseur* will speak for five minutes during a cameo appearance ;
- Dr. Charles Balesi will lecture in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri on Saturday April 23 at 10:30 on the topic "Tactics and Strategy of French Colonial Troops--Successes and Failures from Africa to North America"--

see <https://col125.mail.live.com/mail/ViewOfficePreview.aspx?messageid=mgpYJBXVL15RGo3wAeC8wF3A2&folderid=flinbox&attindex=0&cp=-1&attdepth=0&n=130J85072>;

- Gratitude was expressed to Ken Lewellen and Gary Seiner for "sitting" for the Letourneau Home/Museum on the first and third Sundays of April respectively; and
- ***Volunteers are needed to "sit" for the Letourneau Home/Museum from 1-4 pm on the following Sundays: June 5, September 4, November 6, and December 4.***

Your next monthly news report will come after the BGHS meeting on May 5, 2016. Best wishes,  
Dr. Jim Paul, Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Board Member and Secretary