

BGHS News—July 2017

Hello Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

**Thank you to Camp MOSH and “Do We Need a Wine Press?”**



In the photograph at left, Camp MOSH (Maternity Outreach Service for Humanity) participants rest after cleaning the Letourneau Home/Museum and weeding the Daylily Garden on Monday July 17. From left to right are Emily Vankuren, Landon Blanchette, Jaxon Provost, supervisor Deanna Vankuren, Sydney Goering, and Riley Jones. The society is very appreciative for their hard work. In the photograph at right, our Himrod seedless white grapes hang on the arbor.

**Next Membership Meeting on August 3**

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday August 3, 2017 at 7 pm** in the Letourneau Home/Museum. I have attached the minutes of the last two meetings for you to review. The minutes will not be read during the meeting. Please come early for hot beverages and cookies. The meeting agenda will include: a presentation/proposal by me about regarding our BGHS presence at the September 10 (Sunday afternoon from 12-4 pm) Maternity BVM French-Canadian Fest, and routine society business.

**Remember these Dates**

Important fall dates to keep in mind: **October 1** deadline for submitting nomination for Annual *Fleur-de-lis* Award of Excellence; and **mid-October** deadline for reserving your seat at the **November 3** Annual *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner at the Kankakee Country Club (10 members have already paid).

### **Lifetime Member Leland Ponton has Died**

Sadly, another French-Canadian descendant and interviewee on *The French-Canadian Interview Project* <http://frenchcanadians.kcc.edu/index.html> has died. Leland "Lee" Ponton of Papineau Township died on July 8.

### **Kudos for Our Volunteers**

This month's special kudos go to Judy Smead and Gary Seiner for hosting the Letourneau Home/Museum open houses on Sundays July 2 and 16 respectively; Marsha Rabideau for supervising the home/museum Camp MOSH cleaning; Daron Kinzinger for arranging home/museum repairs, and the master gardeners and members who came out for our work session on Saturday July 15. Have a nice weekend,  
Jim