

BGHS News—July 2018

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Letourneau Patriotism was a Grand Tradition



The flag waving outside the Letourneau Home-Museum reminds us of George and Elodie Letourneau's patriotic spirit. Mr. Letourneau translated the Declaration of Independence into French so that his non-English speaking French-Canadian friends could read this iconic statement.

Start July 4th with a Trip to the *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair

Please remember that on July 4, the BGHS will sponsor one of our major fund raisers of the year, the *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair from 9am-3pm at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds. I hope you can find time to brighten your day by browsing the many craft vendors who contribute to this fund raiser.

Next Membership Meeting on July 5

We will have our next meeting on Thursday evening July 5 at 7pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum. The agenda includes:

- Approval of June meeting minutes (see attached);
- Publicizing the Second Annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner on September 28 (see attached);
- Considering a nominee for the 2018 *Fleur-de-Lis* Award which is due August 15 (see attached);
- Agreeing to the next work session date of Saturday July 21 from 8-10am; and
- Organizing a water brigade to give drink to our thirsty heirloom annuals.

Please come early to stroll through the gardens, and enjoy coffee and cookies. Thanks to all who have volunteered in June, helping in the gardens (Mary Ann Lambert, Sandi Sandeno, Sandi Davis, Marcia Rabideau, Bonnie Bergeron, Ellen Liehr, Judy Smead, Steve Monts, Pam Adams, Pam Perkins, Rochelle Murphy-Joseph, and Gary Seiner); to Tim Arseneau for fixing the toilet;

to Judy Smead and Gary Seiner for chaperoning the open houses at the Letourneau Home/Museum; to Ellen Stringer for organizing and publicizing the craft show; and to all BGHS officers and appointees for presenting our society and museum in an appealing fashion to our community. Happy July 4th!!!

Jim