

BGHS News—August 2018

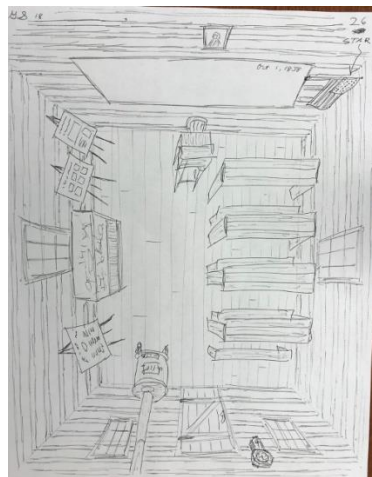
Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### **Native and Heirloom Plants Offer Summer Welcome to Historic Landmark**



The Illinois native plants and heirloom annuals are in full bloom at the Letourneau Home/Museum. How about a summer picnic in the gardens?

### **Gary Seiner Draws Sketch of Log Schoolhouse Interior**



BGHS Vice-President Gary Seiner has drawn a sketch of what the interior of Bourbonnais Groves first log school house may have looked like. The Log School House

Restoration Steering Committee met for the third time on July 10. Among the outcomes of that meeting, we learned that the log school house can become an historic landmark if the restored structure looks like the original. Also, the Village of Bourbonnais has undertaken the mailing of invitations/response cards and envelopes to the *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner (September 28) to an extensive list of individuals beyond my mailing list (all of you).

### **Kudos to Our Volunteers**

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who worked extra hard for the BGHS during the month of July: Judy Smead and Gary Seiner for chaperoning each of the two Sunday open houses, Judy and Ken Ponton for giving guided tours to the teenagers sponsored by the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce on July 18, Judy Beach and our newest member Faith Quigley for working in the gardens on a damp July 21, and Marcia Rabideau for recording the July minutes and her second article in *The Herald* about her father Adrien Richard's 1929 travels to the west.

### **Next Membership Meeting on August 2**

Vice-President Gary Seiner will preside over the meeting on Thursday August 2 in my absence. Please come early for lemonade and cookies, and introduce yourself to Faith Quigley who has volunteered to be our Secretary. The meeting agenda highlights include:

- approval of minutes (see attached);
- urgency of completing *Fleur-de-Lis* Award nomination (due August 15—see attached);
- making reservations for the Second Annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner (see attached);
- noticing the Kankakee County Historic Landmark Plaque for the Letourneau Home/Museum (it will be presented to the BGHS by the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission at the July 31 board meeting); and
- Curator Malette Trudeau will present an accession policy and procedure plan.

Have a wonderful August!

Jim