

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Log Schoolhouse Restoration Brochures and Donation Cards Spur Fundraising



The Village of Bourbonnais has printed the log schoolhouse restoration brochures and donation cards as you see above. During the Friendship Festival on Saturday June 29, please stop by Village of Bourbonnais/BGHS table (from 12-3 pm) to say hello to Laurie Cyr, Cindy McBarnes, Lynn Ahlden, and John Hassett at the table, make a Lincoln Log donation for the log schoolhouse restoration, pick up the log schoolhouse restoration brochures, donation cards, September 27 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner program announcement/invitation, and maybe purchase *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais, Illinois* for \$10 (\$9 for BGHS members). Armed Services Day ceremonies will take place from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and a Frankfort Brass Band Performance is from 12-1:00 pm that Saturday afternoon.

Celebrate Part of July 4th at BGHS Sponsored Craft Fair

Please remind your family and friends about the BGHS sponsored *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair on July 4 at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds from 9 am to 3 pm. I suggest that you start your holiday off by showing support for our crafters. Ellen Stringer has arranged another superb craft show. Bonnie Bergeron, Gary Seiner, and I will be at the BGHS table by the entrance. We will distribute the log schoolhouse restoration materials including the *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner program announcement/invitation, and offer the *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais, Illinois* for sale.

No Membership Meeting in July

Since our next monthly meeting date falls on the 4th of July, we will skip a July meeting and meet on August 1 as scheduled. An important membership vote will take place at the August 1 meeting which starts at 7 pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum. BGHS members are invited to vote the percentage of Frances Cooper Wertz's bequest of \$38,384 that the member prefers to be allocated to the log schoolhouse restoration fund raising campaign. Members present on August 1 will submit a secret "ballot" with the percentage amount—i.e., 0 to 100%—of the bequest that she/he wishes to be donated to the log schoolhouse restoration. Many members have asked me about participating although they cannot attend the 8/1 meeting. Proxies from current members will be allowed by using this procedure:

- Put your name and percentage for the log schoolhouse restoration (no dollar amount—dollar amounts will cause ballot to be discarded—percentage of the bequest only) on a slip of paper and either mail to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, **Attn: Schoolhouse Vote**, PO Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 before the August 1 meeting—or give your sealed envelope to a member who will attend the August 1 meeting. If you have a family membership, each member of the family can write her/his name and vote a percentage.

The percentages written on the "ballots" will be counted and averaged at the August 1 meeting. The result will be the amount donated by the BGHS in memory of Frances Cooper Wertz for the restoration of Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse. Mrs. Wertz began her teaching career in a Will County one room schoolhouse in the 1930s. So, it is appropriate that some of her bequest to the BGHS go to the log schoolhouse restoration. Below, Homestar Bank Trust Officer Jackie Bruhn presents Francis Cooper Wertz's bequest check to me as a representative of the BGHS.



Have a great Fourth of July!

Jim

P.S. Also, please take a summer stroll around the Letourneau Home/Museum Arboretum to enjoy the beautiful gardens with heirloom and plant identification labels. These gardens have been groomed by our volunteer members and Master Gardeners.