

BGHS News—June 2019

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### Volunteers Beautify Our Historic Landmark



The above left image shows the heirloom Pink Petticoat Columbines (dating back to 1597) in full bloom in front of the Letourneau Home/Museum, and at right are BGHS members and Master Gardeners who pruned, weeded, and groomed the gardens on May 25: (from left to right) Malette Trudeau-Stevenson, Jeff Stevenson, Judy Beach, Bonnie Bergeron, Mary Ann Lambert, Gary Seiner, Judy Smead, Ellen Liehr, and Steve Monts.

### 2019 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner Program Proposed

Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society's  
Third Annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner and Log School House  
Restoration Fundraiser on Friday September 27, 2019 at the  
Kankakee Country Club



5:30-6:30 pm—Pick up name place cards with table number at welcome table (where you can pick up information about the log school house), enjoy social time with *hors d'oeuvres* of Quebec baked brie with maple syrup—butter passed, and cash bar;  
6:30-6:45 pm—Welcome, Dr. Jim Paul, President Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society;  
Presentation of Third Annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Award of Excellence;  
6:45-7:45 pm—Blessing, Mr. Ken Ponton, BGHS Past President, and Mrs. Judy Ponton;  
French dinner of house salad, *coq au vin* served with diced potatoes tossed in herbs, haricots vert vegetable medley, *Reserve Perrin Cotes-du-Rhone* wine, non-alcoholic drink, and Quebec *pouding chomeur*;  
7:45-8:45 pm  
• Noel LeVasseur tells the story of how he came to Bourbonnais Grove;  
8:45-9:30 pm—Concluding remarks, Dr. Charles Balesi, *Conseiller Consulaire* and BGHS Board Member; Honorable Jean-Francois Houllid, Delegate of the Government of Quebec to the Midwest; Honorable Frederic Chole, French Deputy Consul General; and Mr. Paul Schore, Village of Bourbonnais Mayor.

All proceeds will go toward the restoration and maintenance of Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse (1837-48). Dinner/drink price is: BGHS members—\$55 per person and non-members \$65 per person. Please mail dinner reservation check (payable to "BGHS") with names of attendees to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, PO Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at <http://www.bourbonnaishistory.org/news-events.html> by September 13, 2019.

I have also attached the draft program for our September 27 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner. The deadline for nominations for the Third Annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Award of Excellence is August 15. The awardee will be chosen by the BGHS officers after the September 5, 2019 meeting. Please go to this link on our website to complete the nomination form <http://www.bourbonnaishistory.org/news---events.html>.

### Next Membership Meeting on June 6

Our next meeting is this Thursday June 6—75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Please come early to enjoy the gardens and a refreshing drink with cookies. The agenda for the meeting is:

- approval of May 3 meeting summary below;
- Treasurer's Report—account balances;
- Membership Report;
- Curator's Report—new accession status;
- Ways and Means Report—
  - BGHS presence at Friendship Festival on Saturday June 29 from 12-3 pm and open house to sell *Walking Tours* and promote Log Schoolhouse restoration,
  - chaperone needed for October 6 open house,
  - table at July 4<sup>th</sup> *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair—9-11 am, 11am-1pm, and 1-3pm,
  - Voyageur Classic 5 K Run/Walk update,
  - Nominations open for Fleur-de-Lis Award of Excellence,
  - Promotion of September 27 Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner;
  - Next article for *Lifestyles*;
  - Correcting brochure typing error;
  - Lost sign post, and
  - Reviewing *The Herald* photographs in the Village of Bourbonnais Administration Building basement.
- Building and Grounds Report—
  - next work session is Saturday June 8 from 8-10 am,
  - 2 truckloads of mulch is coming,
  - heirlooms and herbs have been planted,
  - air conditioner and furnace tune ups,
  - pruning of Red Oak,
  - signs for farm implements, and
  - Camp MOSH work.
- Old Business—
  - log schoolhouse restoration update (donor spreadsheet),
  - recruitment for Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee members, and
  - starting a designated fund with the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley to support the museum.
- New Business

Happy June and best wishes,

Jim