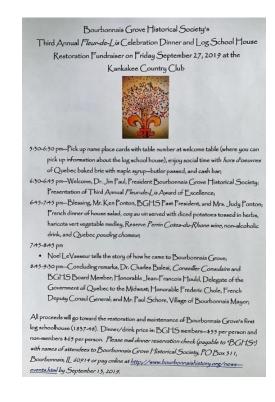
BGHS News—June 2019

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

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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

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 $6-75^{\text{th}}$ 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 4th Les Artisans Arts and Craft Fair—9-11am, 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
 - o 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
 - o log schoolhouse restoration update (donor spreadsheet),
 - o 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