

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Caring for Our Historic Landmark this Fall



On Friday October 18, Patricia Miller (executive director of the Illinois Heritage Association) met with several members of the historical society at the Letourneau Home/Museum—from left to right: Mary Ann Lambert, Marcia Rabideau, Laurel Soper, Patricia Miller, Malette Trudeau-Stevenson, and Jim Paul (who took the photograph). She offered many valuable insights into caring for our collection, preparing for the log schoolhouse, and other important issues. In the second photograph, taken on Saturday November 2, (from left to right) Steve Monts, Judy Smead, and Steve Liehr planted 35 irises, donated by Bruce Clark, in the Red Maple Island Garden on the northeast side of the Letourneau Home/Museum. In the last photograph, Scott Syrc (left) and John Hassett also came to help on that November 2 last garden work day of 2019. The BGHS thanks all of the above for spending this extra time on our historic landmark.

Next Membership Meeting is November 7

I invite you to our meeting this Thursday evening November 7 at 7:00 pm at the Letourneau Home/Museum. Please come early to enjoy cookies and coffee or bottled water. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Approve minutes—see attached;
- Assign a Nomination Committee to find a Secretary for 2020;
- Prepare for BGHS Les Artisans Arts and Craft Fair on Saturday December 7, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds;
- Prepare for Christmas Open House on Sunday December 15 from 1-4 pm;
- Prepare for the Chocolate Tour in February 2020;
- Report on Patricia Miller's visit;
- Approve purchase of a collections management software;
- Approve boardwalk construction bid;
- Receive detailed update on Log Schoolhouse Restoration project—the projected timeline for breaking ground is spring 2021 and beginning tours in spring 2022;
- Update on Twin Cities and Village of Bourbonnais/Museum Campus;

- Learn about Martin Dionne's (the Quebec Delegate to the Midwest) visit to our area on November 8; and
- Consider scary doll contest for next October.

Kudos to Our Volunteers

Special kudos this past month go to Sandi Sandeno and Gary Seiner for chaperoning the home/museum on its October open houses, and to Gary for updating the garden tour information with drawings of the farm implements and cleaning/renovating the museum's back porch area. Have a wonderful fall season.

Jim