

BGHS News—June/July 2020

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### ***French-Canadian Blood in North-American Veins Webinar***

The Road Scholars virtual lecture *French-Canadian Blood in North-American Veins* will be presented tomorrow June 24 at 10 am. You may go to <https://www.road scholar.org/virtuallearning> to register.

### **Thornton Historical Society Presents “Presidential Papers Collection”**

A social distancing opening ceremony at the Thornton Historical Society (114 N. Hunter Street, Thornton, IL) on Saturday June 27 at 1 pm will feature items from the Illinois State Historical Society: original Lincoln documents, Currier and Ives lithographs from the 1860 presidential campaign, and portraits/letters from 12 presidents from the War of 1812 to the 1860 election campaign. There will be a framed Lincoln portrait raffle at the opening ceremony. The exhibit hours will continue at the THS on Tuesdays from 2-5 pm, Thursdays from 4-8 pm, and Saturdays from 12-4 pm.

### **Eight BGHS Members Needed for Quorum at July 2 Zoom Membership Meeting**

The next Zoom BGHS membership meeting will be on Thursday July 2 at 7 pm. Please contact Laurel Soper at [laurel.soper@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.soper@gmail.com) to inform her that you plan to attend. She will send you an e-mail link to join the meeting. The agenda highlights for the July 2 meeting are: approve June 4, 2020 minutes (attached), decide status of September 18 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner, decide status of open houses at the Letourneau Home/Museum, and decide about removal of dead linden tree. Our historic landmark has been recently painted—upstairs and front porch. A big thank you goes out to those members who last month worked on maintaining the Letourneau Home/Museum, its gardens, artifacts, and membership: Ken Ponton, Gary Seiner, Mary Ann Lambert, Marcia Rabideau, John Hassett, Laurel Soper, Jim Paul, Bonnie Bergeron, and Daron Kinzinger. These two photographs of the Pink Invincible Hydrangeas (dedicated to Sister Madeleine LaMarre and cared for by Mary Ann Lambert) and the White Annabelle Hydrangeas (dedicated to Bernice Fortin Bissaillon and cared for by Marcia Rabideau) represent the connection to our rich French-Canadian local heritage.



Thank you to all who have renewed their membership dues, and if you have forgotten, please do so ASAP. Best wishes to all to stay safe.

Jim Paul, President of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Societ