

BGHS News—November 2020

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Autumn Allows Alluring Views of Our Rich Heritage



The autumn colors continue to attract eyes toward our Village of Bourbonnais and Kankakee County historic landmark. Make a plan to have a picnic and walk through the gardens around the Letourneau Home/Museum and the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve before the cold weather sets in. Our Vice-President Gary Seiner has worked hard this past month in pruning around the perimeter of the preserve. We thank you, Gary!

Complete Survey by November 1 and Name Bourbonnais Community Campus

There are only a few days left to complete the final online survey for the ‘Imagine Bourbonnais’ Community Campus Plan. The survey presents the preferred concepts **and a chance to name the community gathering space. When deciding what you wish to name the community campus, please consider using French words in the title.** Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.villageofbourbonnais.com/development/community-campus-plan/>. **It must be completed by November 1.**

Forty-two now attending “Dinnerless” *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration in 2020



Perhaps you would like to create this *roti de porc et grasse de roti* as your 2021 New Year's Day holiday dinner. Some of us who have reserved seats at the 2020 "Dinnerless" *Fleur-*

de-Lis Celebration (fundraiser for Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse restoration) may pick this menu item as our main entree. The previous three *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinners at the Kankakee Country Club highlighted French-Canadian cuisine. **In conjunction with this "dinnerless" cuisine theme, the BGHS invites all donor guests to prepare one of the French-Canadian recipes at <https://frenchcanadians.kcc.edu/resources/recipes/recipes.html> on New Year's Day January 1, 2021 as their holiday dinner. New Year's Day was the greatest French-Canadian holiday. Donor guests are invited to send me their French-Canadian New Year's Day choice of appetizer, main course, and dessert so that I can share with BGHS members and friends in my upcoming BGHS News--November/December 2020 and December 2020 emails. It will be interesting to see what we all are eating for our holiday dinners. My main course will be the *roti de porc*.** Another option in lieu of preparing a French-Canadian cuisine for New Year's Day is to submit a personal favorite French-Canadian recipe for a future BGHS French-Canadian recipe book.

Come join the forty-two of us below who have already reserved seats for the "dinnerless" celebration:

Lynn Ahlden
Dr. Charles Bales
Bonnie Bergeron
Andrew, Christina, Cayla, and Raylan Bradley pi
John & Lisa Hassett
Rochelle Murphy Joseph
Frank & Jean Koehler
Mary Ann Lambert
Ellen & Steve Liehr
Ralph & Mary Marcotte's children: Andre, Annette (Langellier), Denise, Jacques, Joel, Michelle (Baldwin), Phil, Pierre, and Jon
Norma Meier
Susan Mendelewski
Dr. Steve Monts and Catherine Boucher
Dr. James Paul
Rich & Judy Piggush
Ken & Judy Ponton
Shirley Pranger
Marcia Rabideau
Paul & Kristen Rabideau
Roberta Renville
Mayor Paul & Mary Schore
Judith Smead
Waltraud Schuller

You may add your name to the guest list by making a suggested donation for the 2020 *Fleur-de-Lis* "Dinnerless" Celebration of \$55 per person (BGHS member) and \$65 per person (non-member). All proceeds go to the restoration of Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse on the grounds of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. This fundraiser campaign continues with 2 months left (deadline is 12/31/20) donate for this year and thereby make a reservation at the "dinnerless" celebration.

Donations for the log schoolhouse restoration has climbed to about \$41,500 with another \$20,000 in pledges. The restoration fund raising goal is \$120,000. This goal amount includes original log and supplemental log structural restoration, climate control for the schoolhouse, period furnishings, landscaping, and signage. **A revised list of donors is attached to this e-mail.** If you have not made your donation for the 2020, it will be greatly appreciated and is fully tax deductible. Your donation may be by check to “BGHS” with memo Log Schoolhouse, mailed to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, P.O. Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at <http://www.bourbonnaishistory.org/contribute.html>, scroll to Log School Restoration Project, click Donate, and then follow the prompts. Thank you so much for contributing to the preservation of our community’s historical heritage. **Save the date: the next *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner is scheduled for Friday September 17, 2021!**

Next Zoom Membership Meeting is Thursday November 5

Please join our next Zoom membership meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday November 5 by emailing Laurel Soper at laurel.soper@gmail.com. She will then send you a link to the meeting at 6:50 pm or before on November 5. The meeting agenda will highlight: approval of October 1 minutes (see attached), regular agenda items, and brief time to socialize.

Stay safe and enjoy Mother Nature’s beautiful fall colors in our community.

Jim Paul, President of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society