

December 2015 Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society News



Hello BGHS members and friends,

Two BGHS members were newly elected to the board of trustees at the December 3 meeting. Carl Moran at left, and Dr. Charles Balesi, at right, are pictured above with outgoing BGHS President Laurel Soper in front of the parlor Christmas tree at the Letourneau Home/Museum. Other officers elected were: Gary Seiner (board), Daron Kinzinger (board), Dr. Jim Paul (board and BGHS secretary), Ken Ponton (vice-president), Marsha Rabideau (executive vice-president), and Tim Arseneau (treasurer).

Besides the election of officers, other issues addressed at the BGHS meeting on Thursday December 3 were the following:

- ***The Christmas Open House will be Sunday December 20 from 1-4 pm--please come and enjoy the Christmas decorations at the home/museum and holiday drinks, sweets, and camaraderie;***
- Appreciation was expressed to Laurel Soper for her two years of serving as BGHS president, and to Bonnie Bergeron for her years of service as secretary to both the board of trustees and the BGHS at monthly meetings;
- Gratitude was given to Gary Seiner for decorating the Letourneau Home/Museum for the holidays, and to Bonnie Bergeron for acting as docent for the home/museum during the 1-4 pm open house on Sunday December 6;
- Save the Dates: *Les Artisans Arts and Crafts Fair* on **July 4 and December 3, 2016** to be held at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds--Ellen Stringer, organizer of the event, is requesting potential crafters to contact her 815-935-5278 or ellen.stringer@gmail.com;
- Save the Date: **Tuesday April 19**--a Bourbonnais historic preservation forum will be hosted by the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission at the White Oak Room, Bourbonnais Public Library, from 7-8:45 pm; and
- Dr. Balesi will host nine Kankakee High School history honors students at the Letourneau Home/Museum on Tuesday December 8.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Your next monthly news report will come after the next BGHS meeting on March 4, 2016. The Letourneau Home/Museum will be closed in January and February. Best wishes,

Dr. Jim Paul, Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Board Member and Secretary