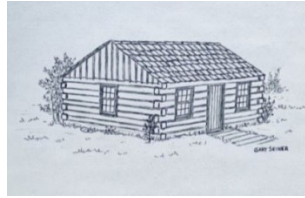
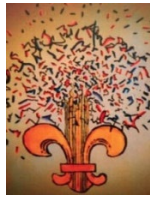


The Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society and the Village of Bourbonnais
invite you to an afternoon log schoolhouse inauguration followed by an evening
Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner on Tuesday November 15, 2022



Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse served students from 1837-48 and then became a home to French-Canadian families from 1848-2010.

Festivities at the log schoolhouse (located at Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve, 698 Stratford Drive East, Bourbonnais) include:

2:00-2:30 pm—Meet and greet;

2:30-3:00 pm—Welcome by Village of Bourbonnais Assistant Administrator Laurie Cyr;

National anthem and land acknowledgment;

Remarks: Mayor Paul Schore, Village of Bourbonnais;

Honorable Yannick Tagand, Consul General of France;

Officer of the Government of Quebec;

Dr. Jim Paul, President of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society;

Former residents of schoolhouse;

Presentations by the French Heritage Society Chicago Chapter Co-Chair and Director of the French Heritage Corridor Initiative Lisa Kahn; Kankakee County Historical Society Past Board Member Ken Ponton; and Asbury Methodist Church.

Recognition of log schoolhouse's historic landmark status;

Ceremonial reopening of the log schoolhouse (1837-48), with ribbon cutting.

3:00-4:00 pm—Music and songs; tours of schoolhouse, Letourneau Home/Museum, and gardens; and free refreshments of cake, cookies, and hot beverage.

5:30-9:00 pm— *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner at the Kankakee Country Club (2011 Cobb Blvd, Kankakee). All proceeds from the celebration dinner go to the preservation of Bourbonnais Grove's first log schoolhouse. Celebration dinner price per person is: BGHS members—\$55 and non-members \$65 (price includes French-Canadian cuisine, wine, non-alcoholic drink, dessert, gratuity, and entertainment). *Please mail dinner reservation check (payable to "BGHS") with names of attendees to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, PO Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at [Fleur-de-Lis Celebration\(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](http://Fleur-de-Lis Celebration(bourbonnaishistory.org)). Reservations due by November 7.*

Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner Program

- 5:30-6:30 pm—Pick up name place cards with table number and information about the log school house at welcome table; and enjoy social time with *hors d'œuvres*, cash bar, or complimentary wine on the tables;
- 6:30 pm—Welcome, Dr. Jim Paul, President Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society; Presentation of Fifth Annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Award of Excellence by past recipient Norma Meier;
- 6:45 pm—Blessing by Ken and Judy Ponton, French-Canadian dinner cuisine, Reserve *Perrin Côtes-du-Rhône* wine, non-alcoholic drink, and French dessert;
- 7:45 pm—Entertainment: “Quaker abolitionist Thomas Durham explains his role in the building of a French-Canadian pioneer settlement’s first log schoolhouse in 1837”;
- 8:15-9:00 pm—Concluding remarks—
- Dr. Charles Bales, former *Conseiller Consulaire* and current BGHS Board Member;
 - Honorable Yannick Tagand, Consul General of France;
 - Delegate of the Government of Quebec;
 - Ms. Lisa Kahn, French Heritage Society (Chicago Chapter) Co-Chair and Director of the French Heritage Corridor Initiative; and
 - Mayor Paul Schore, Village of Bourbonnais.

A block of rooms for Tuesday November 15 have been reserved under the group name “Log Schoolhouse” at the Hilton Garden Inn (455 Riverstone Parkway, Kankakee, IL, 815 932-4444.



If you cannot attend, but wish to donate to the “Log Schoolhouse Preservation Fund”, please mail a check (payable to “BGHS”) to Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, PO Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at [Fleur-de-Lis Celebration\(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](http://Fleur-de-Lis Celebration(bourbonnaishistory.org)).