



## Calendar



### EVENTS

**Fort Kaskaskia Music Festival**  
 September 13th & 14th  
 Where: Pierre Menard Home  
 Randolph County, IL

**Amoureux Re-Dedication**  
 When: Sat, Sep 20th, 10am  
 Where: Bauvais-Amoureux SHS  
 St Mary's Rd, SG  
 Note: Wear Historical Costumes

**French Col Crafts & Trade Fair**  
 When: Sun, Sep 21st  
 Where: Fort de Chartres, IL

**French+Indian War Assemblage**  
 When: Sat/Sun, Oct 4th & 5th  
 Where: Fort de Chartres, IL

**Promenade des Arts**  
 Reception: Fri, Oct 10th, 6-8 pm  
 When: Sat/Sun, Oct 11th & 12th  
 Where: Shaw House  
 Merchant & 2nd Sts, SG

**12th Annual Autumn Daze**  
 When: Sat/Sun, Oct 11th & 12th  
 Where: Ste Gen Historic Dist

**Déjà vu Spirit Reunion**  
 When: Sat, Oct 11th at 6pm  
 Where: Memorial Cemetery  
 5th & Market, SG

**Center for French Colonial Studies - Annual Meeting**  
 When: Fri/Sat, Oct 24th & 25th  
 Where: University of Louisiana  
 Lafayette, LA

**Woodswalk**  
 When: Sat/Sun, Nov 1st & 2nd  
 Where: Fort de Chartres, IL



### MEETINGS

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
 When: Thu, Sep 18th at 7pm  
 Where: Kiel-Schwent House

**Foundation Program Mtng**  
 When: Thr, Oct 23rd at 7pm  
 Where: Creole House  
 St Mary's Rd, SG  
 Subj: B. Rucker Presentation

## Annual Meeting of the Membership

The annual membership meeting was held at the Ste. Genevieve Microtel on Sunday, July 20th. A review of the past year's accomplishments was given by President, Mickey Koetting. The newly elected members of the Board of Directors were announced. A light dinner was enjoyed by all. Following this, the Felix Valle State Historic Site's Jim Baker gave an interesting presentation titled "From Missouri to West Point, Native Sons of Upper Louisiana". As always, Jim did a wonderful job in presenting a unique look at the early history of Ste. Genevieve. Thanks to Ellie Douglass for arranging the event and baking the ham entrée. Also thanks to all who brought side dishes and desserts. A special thanks goes out to the Microtel who provided the meeting room at no cost. Please let them know we appreciate their support of the Foundation.

The following were elected to the Foundation Board of Directors at the annual meeting: New Board Members

*For term expiring 2009 - Chuck Houchin*

*For term expiring 2010 - Sam Ewing, Gary B. Smith, Juanita Wyman*

*For terms expiring 2011 - Jan Brans, Sandra Cabot, Donna Charron, John Karel, Mickey Koetting, Bonnie Samuelson*

A special thanks goes to all of these individuals who volunteer their time to provide direction to the Foundation. Their efforts are appreciated.

### **We Need Your Help!**

Organizations like the Foundation depend upon membership dues to survive. If you haven't already sent in your annual dues, please do so as soon as you can. If you have, THANK YOU for your continued support!

## Spirit Reunion

The Foundation's Spirit Reunion will be held in the Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, October 11th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great chance to learn about some of the Ste. Genevieve pioneers buried in the cemetery. It is also a great opportunity to view the restoration efforts implemented by the Foundation.

If you are interested in playing a character during the Spirit reunion, please contact Ellie Douglass at 573-883-2099 or leave a message at the Foundation office (573-883-9622). Characters of all ages are needed to represent the children, teenagers, adults, and seniors buried in the cemetery. It is a great way to re-live and educate the public on our wonderful history as well as do some fundraising for the cemetery restoration project.



## May Foundation Meeting

The May meeting was held in the garden of the Guibourd-Vallé House on Sunday, May 18th after the conclusion of the Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk. Members of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Alderman were invited to hear about the Foundation's future plans for the Memorial Cemetery. Guests and members viewed the work done by Patti Naeger, Guibourd-Vallé House gardener. After a short business meeting, the assembled group had a light dinner and then proceeded to the Cemetery. Bob Kist and John Karel explained work done to date as well as the future initiatives under consideration. A good time was had by all.

## In Memoriam

Since the publication of the last *Publicité*, the Foundation for Restoration has lost two ardent supporters of the Foundation and the historic town of Ste. Genevieve. Both of these individuals served in various capacities in the Foundation and demonstrated their belief in the historical nature of Ste. Genevieve by owning and renovating historic structures. Their passion for Ste. Genevieve will be missed. Our condolences and prayers go out to Odile Mecker and Bill Charron and their families.



Robert "Bob" Mecker died on June 10, 2008 after a long illness. In the mid 1980's, Bob and his wife, Odile, purchased and renovated an 1820 house on the corner of Market and Main. Bob served as president of the Foundation for Restoration during the 1990's. During his tenure, he was instrumental in having significant bequests made to the Foundation and for the awarding of major grants for specific projects initiated by the Foundation. With his wife, Odile, and Tom Weil, the Mecker Research Library was started and nurtured.

In 2004, Bob and Odile's efforts in Ste. Genevieve were recognized with the Foundation for Restoration's Distinguished Service Award.

Bob's family requested that memorials in his honor be made to the Mecker Research Library as a lasting tribute to his contributions to the Foundation and the Library.



Robert "Bob" Mecker



Donna Card Charron

Donna Card Charron of Saint Louis, Missouri, passed away Thursday, July 31st, 2008. Donna was active in many arts, educational, historical, and civic organizations in both St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve. She was tireless in the promotion of the Ste. Genevieve's French heritage. Donna was a member of the Ste. Genevieve Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ste. Genevieve County Committee on Archives. She established the Ste. Genevieve French Heritage Society and developed congressional support for a French Heritage Park in the National Park System.

In her recent travels to France, she established a sister cities relationship between Ste. Genevieve du Bois, France, and Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

Donna was an active member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. She led the activities of the Rescue Squad committee and recently had taken over the leadership of the Mecker Research Library Committee. Donna also helped plan last year's Ste. Genevieve Conference and was a speaker at that conference.

Donna owned the historic Bequette-Ribault *poteaux en terre* home and the French Quarter building in Ste. Genevieve.

Donna's family requested that memorials be made in her name to the Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve.



Photo by Bob Mueller

Bob Kist (standing) presenting his report on the Memorial Cemetery at the Annual Meeting with President Mickey Koetting at his side.

## Bauvais-Amoureux House Re-Dedication

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Les Amis will host a dedication ceremony at the Bauvais-Amoureux House on Saturday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony is being held to recognize the recently completed restoration work done on the house. Funding for this work was provided by Les Amis. Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissière, Consul Général of France in Chicago will be speaking at the ceremony. Also in attendance will be other dignitaries and the Company of French Marines from Fort de Chartres. People attending the ceremony are encouraged to come dressed in their 18th century Ste. Genevieve finery.



Photo courtesy of MDNR

## Educational Research Award

The Foundation will be accepting applications for the 2008 Educational Research Award through September 30, 2008. This \$1000 award will recognize a thesis, dissertation, special master's level project, or book on the Ste. Genevieve area. For more information on the application, call or fax Ann Casada, the Foundation's Secretary, at 573-883-9622 or email her at [sgfoundation@brick.net](mailto:sgfoundation@brick.net).

The Foundation is accepting donations for this initiative. The Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation will provide a 1/3 match for the next \$6000 raised from other sources before December 2009. Please make out your checks to the Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve and indicate on the check and transmittal letter that it is for the Educational Research Award. All donations are tax deductible.

## Mecker Library Happenings

Through the generosity of Micheline Glendinning and Les Amis, the Mecker Research Library was the recipient of a large collection of books and magazines in the French language. This collection is currently being catalogued.

Also, Bo and Barb Beckerman, have donated their son Rob's collection of genealogy related materials to the Foundation. Rob was an avid genealogist and published numerous booklets on Ste. Genevieve county cemetery transcriptions as well as various local family genealogies. A special thanks goes out to the Beckerman family for making the entire collection available through the Foundation.

Persons who would like to assist in the development and maintenance of the Mecker Research Library should contact Ann Casada at [sgfoundation@brick.net](mailto:sgfoundation@brick.net) or Bob Mueller at [muellerrj@aol.com](mailto:muellerrj@aol.com) to indicate their interest.

## Membership Fees are Now Due

Membership dues for the time period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 were due on July 1. As of mid-August, there are 90 individual memberships and 25 business memberships who have not renewed their membership yet. If you are unsure as to the status of your membership, please call Ann on Monday or Friday at 573-883-3290 or email her at [sgfoundation@brick.net](mailto:sgfoundation@brick.net). Alternatively, you can leave a message on 573-883-3290 and she will get back to you.

Membership fees are important to the Foundation as they enable us to carry out the many projects underway and to maintain the Foundation's structure.



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#### **2008-2009**

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## A Treasure Available for Purchase

Antoine Lalumondiere, son of one of the first settlers in Ste. Genevieve, purchased property along the South Gabouri Creek from Francois Moreau prior to 1820 and built a vertical log (poteaux sur sole) house around 1829.

This one and a half story, wood framed building has walls of vertical hewn posts resting on horizontal sills. The interior was divided into two rooms with random width ceiling boards and exposed ceiling joists. The roof is sheathed in painted standing seam metal and the original rear porch has been enclosed. Four pole rafters that formed part of the original frame of the porch are still intact.

Jack Luer, noted French Colonial architectural expert, feels that "as the building stands today it is the best example of a French colonial Poteaux sur solle building in Ste. Genevieve, in it's original un-restored condition".

The house and property has recently been made available for purchase. A treasure like this can't be lost to time or progress. Even though there is a conservation covenant attached to the deed, it is imperative that we assist in locating a reliable owner to help in the restoration of this treasure.

If you'd like more information on this genuine piece of history, please contact James Lalumondiere at (314) 941-3334 or email him at [laluland@aol.com](mailto:laluland@aol.com)

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