

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE
NEW BLOOMFIELD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009
7:00 P.M. – NBAHS BUILDING

At the February meeting, the required number of members present voted to change the bi-monthly meeting date from the fourth Thursday to the second Monday. We found that many active members had conflicts with Thursday evening, and Monday evening seemed to be the best for attendance.

This will be a WORKING MEETING for each of the era's we've defined. We will also be discussing the possibility of hosting a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Missouri Secretary of State's office.

For members who are closely located, **WE NEED YOU** to attend our meetings! There are many, many things we need completed for the exhibits, so your assistance is important! Please consider helping us. It's only one night every other month.

For those who have no trouble walking, please consider parking at the school administrator's building so that the drive may be used by those who have trouble walking on rocks. If the ground is dry (which probably won't happen), remember that we can also use the Lions Club field to the south of our driveway.

START BRINGING YOUR ITEMS TO THE BUILDING SO
THE ACCESSION COMMITTEE CAN REVIEW THEM!

The committee chairs and members for each era have been working on developing displays for the years we established. However, we need **YOUR** help in providing items.

REMEMBER, the **ACCESSION COMMITTEE** MUST accept your items. Forms will be available Monday evening for you to complete if you bring items for consideration.

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THE SOCIETY BUILDING IS OPEN EACH SATURDAY
FROM 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Dale Lawson and other volunteers will be at the Society each Saturday to receive items for review by the Accession Committee and open the doors for visitors who may want to see what we are doing. We had a great story in the *Fulton Sun* that has sparked interest and resulted in visitors on Saturdays. This is also a great day to work on your area of interest for the displays!

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Memorials

Paul Kolb – Gracia and Mike Backer
Christina Stegeman Langford – Robert Tighe Family
Anna Pearre – A. C. Pearre
Eudora Troyer – Nancy and Dave West
Eudora Troyer – Gracia and Mike Backer

Donations

Cathy Carew
Dean Fromme
Susan Hinrichs

EXHIBITS FROM THE MO SECRETARY OF STATE

Many of you will remember Lynn Morrow, Director of Local Records in the Office of the Secretary of State. Lynn visited with our Society on several occasions to help us with the formation of our building and guiding us with ideas for displays. He came to the Society several weeks ago to see our finished building and was impressed beyond words! He has also offered to put our Society on the list to be part of the traveling exhibit featuring Lewis and Clark, maps and other special features. This is sponsored by the Secretary of State's office. We will decide Monday night if we want to participate and then we will be advised when the exhibits will be available. This will be a great draw for our society!

Also, through the personal efforts of Lynn, we now have big copies of the original plats filed in 1836 that will be one of the first things visitors see when they enter the building. We sure thank him for this great contribution!

ORAL HISTORY OF MARTIN BRYAN COMPLETED!

Several months ago members approved the purchase of a movie camera for the purpose of recording members of our community. With the tremendous assistance of Jeff Corrigan from the Missouri State Historical Society in Columbia, Dave West completed his first interview! I doubt he will be a regular on "60 Minutes", but he did a great job interviewing Martin. We now have it both on a DVD and taped recording. We plan to do more interviews now that we (okay, Dave!) knows how to conduct them. We hopefully will have a copy of the interview for the May meeting.

If you would like to be interviewed and recorded, please contact Dave. We plan to have a file readily available for members and visitors in the future to review.

BUILDING UPDATE

The Society building came through the winter with flying colors, except the heat bill was substantial. Please know we kept the heat just high enough to keep the water from freezing, so we didn't keep it toasty when no one was there. Mike Backer spread grub killer on the lawn last week, as the moles seem to think they should be members of our Society. The flower bed also survived nicely, and a new layer of pine mulch has been applied.

If you want to contribute a particular flower for the bed in front, please do so as soon as possible and we will get it planted. We will also accept donations for the purchase of shrubs in front of the building.

On April 25, 2009, the Center for Cultural Interchange exchange students donated and planted two big maple trees for us at the back of the building so that shade will eventually help cool it in the summer. Two red buds were also planted in the front. They will undoubtedly survive the summer, but the real question is whether they will survive my lawnmower! Thanks, kids, for the great help and contribution!

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Thanks to all who have mowed during this wet spring. Sometimes the lawn gets away from us because the ditch stays so wet. But we're getting it under control!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Preliminary discussion have been held with the New Bloomfield Area Civic Association to join with them in some type of summer celebration. We will hopefully be able to host an ice cream and cake fundraiser along with the Civic Association's planned activity.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, we not only want them, we need them!

CLOSING

The hard part is now before us. Raising money, constructing the building and finishing the inside were easy tasks compared to the task now before us. In order to make this what we have dreamed it to be, we need everyone's continued participation.

Please help. You've done so much and now we need your continued support.

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