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What's New at New Salem?

A donation in the amount of \$100 was received from Kris Sallee of Pleasant Plains. She made the donation because New Salem Volunteer Charles Buie repaired an antique for her using skills he learned at New Salem and would not accept any payment.

Mosquito-carried **West Nile virus** is spreading rapidly throughout Illinois. And, unfortunately, it has also been reported in a dead bird in Menard County. New Salem has been sprayed weekly since the spring floods. However spraying is far from a complete eradication of the mosquito population. *Please use proper protection!* ☞

Chaircaning Workshop

Janet Thompson will be teaching this workshop on September 14 & 21. Students will learn hand caning using rush and flat weave techniques, also using half inch and quarter inch cane. Students are to bring their own chair on which to work. Cost will be \$18 with a maximum enrollment of 5 to 7 students. Contact Betty Ackerman at 632-4000.

Cherry Picking Basket Workshop

Betsy Lair will be teaching this workshop on October 12 from 9 a.m. until ? Cost will be \$18. You'll need to bring a bucket. Contact Betty Ackerman at 632-4000.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Don't forget the Music Festival will be coming up on September 7 and 8th!

THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who worked during the extreme hot weather. All your efforts are very much appreciated!

And thanks to everyone who worked during Summer Festival. The crowd was really great. Everyone in attendance was happy for the change in weather; it was great to see smiling faces. Thanks again.

Mary Ann Russell

Hummingbird Banding

by Barbara Brown

Vernon Kleen, recently retired from the Department of Natural Resources, held a bird banding workshop on Saturday, July 27. Participants captured hummingbirds, titmice, a woodthrush, sparrows and other birds in Dave & Mary Hedrick's yard. For most, it was a first-time banding experience and for all (except Vern) a first time banding hummingbirds. Mary got to know the weight, sex, age, bill length, wing length, and tail length of her smallest feathered "pets" and had the pleasure of setting them free again after their banding ordeal.

SAY WHAAAT?

From Connie Davis:

While working at the cash register in the Museum Gift Shop: "Did you know you've got money down in that heating grate?"

From Chris McComb:

A recent middle-aged visitor: "When did you move all this out here from Springfield? I was here as a kid and I know all these cabins used to be in Springfield"

[Don't forget SAY WHAAAT? depends on your input. We know you've all heard really funny dumb questions, so come on - share! Send your favorite real question - to the Picayune at the e-mail listed on the last page of the newsletter.]

Heritage Quilt Show!

Betty Ackerman

Many old and traditional quilts were exhibited during the quilt show June 8 & 9. The weather was beautiful and the attendance was great. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site wishes to thank all who so generously volunteered their time to work at the quilt show.

Thanks to the committee Pat Jacobs, Toni Leamon, Dona Walzer, the New Salem Quilters, and the Rail Fence Quilters (who submitted 10 quilts for exhibit) and contributed 10 hours of work (and fun) and to Charlene Koelling for the Bed Turning. Thanks also go to all the quilt exhibitors, vendors, carpenters, maintenance, clerical, security, and all our volunteers.

AND, we can't forget all the wonderful people who sold quilt tickets. As you all know, the proceeds are used for the furtherance of volunteer training and on-going educational programs. Ticket sales this year were approximately \$3,000. The lucky winner of the quilt was Carol Schafer of Petersburg [EDITOR'S NOTE: No, it wasn't me!]

The awards for the various categories were as follows:

Mini-Pieced - Juanita Engel of Hudson, IL (Posie Basket). Wall Pieced - Dona Walzer of Macomb, IL (Winning Stars). Bed Pieced - Juanita Engel of Hudson, IL (Grandmother's Fan)

Mini-Appliqué - Kathryn DePauw of Jerseyville, IL (Snowman & Bird). Wall Appliqué - Clarise Jefferson of Bloomington, IL (Leaves). Bed Appliqué - Judy Luecking of Springfield, IL (Log Cabin).

Antique Quilt - Debby Farrell of Bloomington, IL (Aunt Nellie's Iris)

Abe's Award - Karen DePauw (age 17) of Jerseyville, IL - Rag Quilt. As soon as she finished this quilt her best friend wanted one, so she made it for her friend's 18th birthday!

NEW SALEM FIBER GUILD

The New Salem Fiber Guild has donated another book to the New Salem Library. The third in a series of books about fiber and cloth: *All About Silk* is by Janice Parker. The other two books, also in the New Salem Library, are *All About Wool* and *All About Cotton*.

CONFERENCE ON ILLINOIS HISTORY.

This year's Conference on Illinois History will be held October 3 & 4 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Sessions include Abraham Lincoln's Legal Contemporaries, 19th Century Letters of Courtship & Mourning, Early Illinois Women, Community Studies, A Teacher Workshop, Higher Education, Juvenile & Criminal Studies, Civil War Roundtables, Anti-Slavery Art &

Rhetoric, Abraham Lincoln's Elections, Illinois Authors, Early Illinois Architecture & Frontier Archeology, Southern Illinois Memory, 20th Century Elections, and Abolitionists & Slavery In Illinois.

Thursday's Luncheon speaker will be Jack White who designed and directed the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory, a project which received national awards for pioneering methods and excellent results. Mr. White was also the Chief Ecologist for the National & International office of The Nature Conservancy during the 1980s. He will speak on the topic of "People and the Illinois Prairie."

Speaker for the Thursday evening banquet will be R. Stephen Sennott, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs & Adjunct Associate Professor in the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology. His research on Chicago architecture, planning, and the automobile has appeared in several books and he is the principal author and editor of *Buildings of Illinois*.

Registration for the conference is \$30 per person (\$15 for students). Luncheon tickets are \$20 and Banquet reservations are \$35. Luncheon & Banquet reservations are due by September 27. Add \$5 for at-the-door Conference registration.

For additional information contact Donna Lawrence IHPA, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701 or call 217/785-7933. More info is also available at www.state.il.us/hpa/conference.htm.

Book Corner

by Hope Wright

"Fabric Dating Kit, a pocket guide to identifying quilts & other textiles by color, fabrics and style" by Cindy Brick (c) 2000 (Brickworks Press, Castle Rock CO, www.cindybrick.com) will be of great help if you are involved in textiles after 1850. Glued into the guide are about 80 snips of antique cotton fabrics, about 1/2 x 1/2 inch, grouped into about 20 year spans, starting with 1850. The few samples from before 1850 are color photocopies. However, it is helpful even for those of us interested in an earlier period to be able to see real swatches, instead of photographs, of fabrics the historians call turkey red or fugitive purple.

From the Desk of Betty Ackerman!

Thanks to all of the staff and volunteers who helped with the State Fair! It was soooo hot, but you still offered to help!

Special Events? Anyone wishing to help should call - several have already signed up for all.

BIG THANKS to all the volunteers who worked during the month of July. They included: Marge Adkins, Debra Alexander, Ryan Alderman, Joan Anderson, Bill & Barb Archer, Collen Baum, Marilyn Baum, Lynette Belcher, Thomas Bell, Norma Bibb, Karl Bockemeier, Kirk Boyenga, Leah Boyenga, Donna Brantley, Peggy Brayfield, Barbara Brown, Joanna & Don Bucci, Phyllis Buchanan, Charles & Jean Buie, Jeanette Buie, Russell Burton, Rosie Cahill, Jay Campbell, Gloria Carrell, B.Cherry, Clare Christensen, Marlene Christensen, Lucy Collebrusco, Melanie Coulter, Della Creed, Ann Cravens, Mary Lou Daniels, Merleen Dibert, Kathryn & Vernon DePauw, Karen DePauw, Mary Donkin, Wes Duiker, Randy & Sharon Duncan, Bobbie Eby, Gary Eby, Pete Ellertsen, B.J. Euler, M.Elizabeth Fairshild, Debbie Gebhardt, Debbie Gheen, Hanna Gheen, Nancy Gleason, Pan & Paul Golladay, Lori Graber, Mark Graber, Miriam Green, Kathy Gunderson, Dorothy Hack, Carol Halford, Sean Hamilton, David Hatton, Steve Hayes, J.R. Heiker, Faith Heiker, Beth Hiatt, Tom Hiatt, Janice Higgason, Katherine Hinman, Heather Hoelscher, Bill & Hazel Hopkins, Cheryl Horn, Wanda Hammel, Kaye Hyde, Pat Jacobs, Dean Kleffman, Nan Kleffman, Ryan Kane, Matt Kane, Gertrude Koehler, Char Koelling, Barb Lagier, Toni Leamon, Stacy Ledford, Charles Lemons, Cindy Lemons, Georgia Leinberger, Nancy Litchfield, Judy Luecking, Shirley Locksus, Chris McCombs, Lisa McLane, Dorothy McNeal, Fern Mason, Pat Mees, Peggy Meyer, John Montgomery, Barb Moore, Berkley Moore, Gloria Morris, Morgan Murphy, Katy Murphy, Billie Mowery, Janice Nimmer, Rick Neubner, Del Newton, Marilyn Osgood, Anna Ott, Rebba Omer, Deneen Omer, Jerry Peters, Marylee Peters, Betty Phelps, Sam Pruitt, Sharie, Karen & Sarah Radar, Marge Ray, Barb Raycraft, Carlajeane Rebbe, Linda & Jim Reece, Jean & Brian Replogle, Mike Reynolds, Rosella Rogers, Don Romang, Jim Saathoff, Melanie Saathoff, Ann Scarbdell, Becky Schildman, Rachel Schildman, Jim Schlosser, Janet Schoonover, Lorraine Schwass, Julie Schwass, Carol & Lee Shafer, Martha Shores, Marge Showalter, Meg Smith, John Smith, Doris Spradlin, Scott Smith, Jennifer Street, Garry Street, Tom Stelte, Nancy Stier, Lee Stott, Robin Sullivan, Steele, Ashton, Leah, Shela, & Jacob Sullivan, JoAnn & Buzz Surber, Jane Suttles, John Sutton, Shirley Theilin, Kathleen Thompson, Roberta Thomas, Kathy Thompson, Janet Thomson, Larry Thomson, Steve & Karen

Townsend, Kaila, Ben & Jacob Townsend, Bill Underwood, Jone Vanwinkle, Nancy Wall, Dona & Norman Walzer, Doris Wankel, Donna Waters, Al & Carol White, Scott Whitehouse, Bire Whitehouse, Marilyn Wilson, Alice Winch, Annis Worthington, Hope Wright, Jim Zimmerman.

Camp hosts Tom & Ann Ott, Paul & Janice Nimmer, Betty & Hobart Combs, Tom Birch, June & Denver Strader, Jim & Yvonne Combs.

Store Clerks - Mary Ella Allen, Rosaile Carpentier, Connie Davis, Donna Emmerich, Mary Gheen, Dorothy Knous, Brandy Lawrence, Jean McCain, Nancy Mehr, Bobbie & Butch Miller, Ester Ruppel, and Ruthelma Wankel.

New Salem Chautauqua Series

The heart and soul of Chautauqua, a popular association and amusement enterprise of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, was the talent, the lectures, the entertainers, and the teachers who provided the culture and entertainment. Chautauqua in rural areas gathered the largest audiences and made the greatest impact on the communities. Ticket prices for all performances listed will be under \$10, call 217/632-4000 for more details.

"P.T. BARNUM - In Concert" - Roxy Group

Join P.T. Barnum on his remarkable journey to becoming the "Greatest Showman on Earth" in this Broadway musical which critics called "pure exhilarating fun." All tickets \$9.00

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 13 & 14 8 p.m. - outdoor theater

Sunday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. - outdoor theater

"MY WAY" Musical tribute to Frank Sinatra presented by Gus Gordon Productions. Starring Mary Jo Curry, Gus Gordon, Steve Williams, Cynda Wrightsman, & the Jane Hartman Trio. Tickets \$9.00

Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 13 at 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 17 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 20 at 6 p.m.

"CURSE OF THE COUNTESS" Directed by Kathleen O'Hara Podzimek. A Halloween mystery game.

All tickets \$6.00

Saturday, October 26 at 7 p.m.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Send your articles, letters, book reviews, comments to **New Salem Volunteer Newsletter, PO Box 471, Athens, Illinois 62613 c/o Carol Jenkins Shafer**. Please include your phone number and/or address in case we have questions or need to clarify something. We'd like to have submissions by the 20th whenever possible to ensure mailing by the end of the month.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: CSJENKINS@MSN.COM

(Please refer to "Pic" in subject line)

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