

Gouverneur Historical Association

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TO: MEMBERS AND HOPEFULLY NEW MEMBERS

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The Gouverneur Museum continues to get visitors from all over the country. Also the Gouverneur Museum Annex at the fair also had many visitors this year. Between the two, over 580 visitors learned a little more about Gouverneur and saw items used over the past 200 years.

As many of you know, the museum also owns the Osbornville one room schoolhouse 10 miles out on County Route 11 (Rock Island Road). This year the 4^{th} graders from St. James School spent a day there, as well as a group of home school students.

The current museum board of 11 is: Joe Weekes, Jr., Miki Hopper, Katie Pistolesi, Chuck Gonio, Anna Easton, Jon Jackson, Bill Cartwright, Lea Dickson, Missy Tersmette, Tania Sterling and myself.

We have a great web site, gouverneurmuseum.org, and you can tour the museum from anywhere. You can go to the site and click on Tour or just type in manse.oncell.com.

One of the most interesting items that came into the museum this year was a plaque and supporting research of the World War I Veterans that are on the Memorial Arch in the park. The plaque and research was done by Curtis Serviss, Jr. of Balmat. He obviously spent thousands of hours researching the information contained in the accompanying book.

This year the museum board helped the Village raise funds for a new bandstand for the park. Thanks to over 200 donors we were successful in raising over \$50,000. Weather permitting; the bandstand will go up this fall, otherwise next spring. Thank you again to all who donated for the bandstand. Because of your support, we will have a new bandstand.

The museum is run by all volunteers and your membership dollars and donations are very important in keeping the museum building kept up and safe. Your dollars pay for: heat, lights, insurance, cleaning, water, etc. and repairs when a board member or volunteer does not have the expertise.

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