



# BOLDUC HOUSE NOUVELLES

A National Historic Landmark

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## Celebrating Our Volunteers



Storyteller, **Bobby Davis**, delighted visitors with French fairy tales set in Ste. Genevieve on Saturday and Sunday March 27th and 28th. The audience chose which characters would be featured in each story. Thank you, Bobby.

Home School students in our French Colonial Regional History Class agreed to contribute 30 volunteer hours to the Museum. Here are two students, **Michael Swope** and **Hannah Clinton**, helping to prepare a bed in the Bolduc House Garden for the spring. Thank you Michael and Hannah.



## SEMO's Historic Preservation Association Students Visit

Who better to test out our new visitor experience than students preparing to enter the field of historic preservation! That's why we invited the Historic Preservation Association from South East Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau to an open house at the Museum on March 7th. We let them loose with the new visitor map of the Museum. Teen Interpreters and Volunteers manned the historic houses to direct the flow of the visitors and to answer any questions. Tim Conally, who is restoring the Spanish Commandant's House across Market Street from the Museum, showed the students what he is doing and spoke about the unique opportunities Ste. Genevieve affords for historic preservation. Before feeding them we challenged the students to a salt-maker's relay race. Why? Because Louis Bolduc earned much of his wealth through marketing salt produced at the nearby Saline Creek.



Right: SEMO students test the Salt Making Relay



### "Making Salt"

Grant Kniffen painted this wonderful illustration of how salt was produced from the Saline Creek three miles south of town. It really helps our visitors understand the period. By June we need to have raised \$2,300 to purchase it. Will you help with a donation of \$23 or more?

## What's in Your Garden?

### New Exhibit at the Linden House



Mississippian Wampum by Bruce Pendleton

When Gretchen Clinton brought a cookie jar filled with 18th century pottery fragment, Native American artifacts, clay marbles, buttons, and pieces of glass she has found in her garden to be identified at the Bolduc House Museum, we decided to make her collection the centerpiece of a new exhibit. In addition to her collection we added items found in the Bolduc House gardens through the year and an assortment of Native American projectile points, an axe head, and four

rusted guns from the early 20th century that Myron Naeger found near the Mississippi River. We marked the locations where the items were found on a Ste. Genevieve County map which we plan to augment with data about found items from members of the community at large. So, on Saturday, April 24th, we'll have archeology experts on hand to identify what people bring in. We'll photograph each item and add the information to the map. That will give us a really interesting picture of the area's past which will be helpful to historians and archeologists going forward.

## Heirloom Plants from the Bolduc Gardener

The gardening buzz these days, and for good reason, is a movement towards using heirloom plants and locally grown food. Heirlooms give variety and a sense of continuity with our past. Our senior gardener, Patti Naeger has raised hundreds of heirloom plants from seed for the Bolduc House garden and for sale. In addition, Patti harvested an assortment of herbs and perennial flowers from the gardens for sale to our visitors. They include lavenders, rosemary, lemon verbena, Mexican sage, and pineapple sage. We also have heirloom eggplants, peppers, and a large variety of tomatoes: Cherokee purple, Paul Robeson, orange, yellow, beefy red, cherry, and brandy-wine. To promote healthier growth and the potential for a larger selection, our plants are sold one per container. They are available now daily between 10AM and 4PM.



Above: Patti Naeger's harvest of root vegetables from the Bolduc House Garden

## Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk May 15th and 16th

This annual event is sponsored by the Ste. Genevieve Master Gardeners, Inc. and the University of Missouri Extension Office. When you purchase a ticket (\$6) at the Welcome Center around the corner from the Bolduc House Museum, you can tour the private gardens— including ours, get a guided tour of the Historic District (at 1:30 each day), and buy herbs, native plants and other plants produced by the Master Gardeners. On Saturday, the Farmers Market will be open from 7AM until noon and there will also be a bird house and bird feeder contest on Saturday.

## Volunteers

The Bolduc House Museum relies on the loving support of members of the Sainte Genevieve community. Between January and March, the following people have generously given time to the Bolduc House Museum:

<i>Beth Caldwell</i>	<i>Georgia Pendleton</i>
<i>Bo Caldwell</i>	<i>Bruce Pendleton</i>
<i>Claire Clinton</i>	<i>Sam Sampson</i>
<i>Hannah Clinton</i>	<i>Denise Schenk</i>
<i>Bobby Davis</i>	<i>Kirk Schenk</i>
<i>Scott Kincaid</i>	<i>Doug Sparks</i>
<i>Bill Naeger</i>	<i>Michael Swope</i>
<i>Patti Naeger</i>	<i>Amanda Vaeth</i>

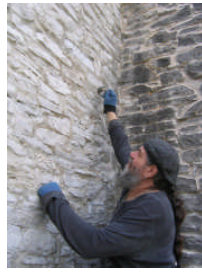
## 2010 Friends of the Bolduc House Museum

Members of the Friends of the Bolduc House Museum receive free general admission, a ten percent discount on purchases and program fees, and special invitations to events. Our Friends include:

<i>Georgette Barlow</i>	<i>Betty Joggerst</i>
<i>Bettina Bass</i>	<i>Ellen Jones</i>
<i>Robert Bolduc</i>	<i>Paula Keinath</i>
<i>Lee Borowiak</i>	<i>Joan Langenberg</i>
<i>Beth Caldwell</i>	<i>Georgette Page</i>
<i>Mimi Carnal</i>	<i>Mary Pettus</i>
<i>Agnes Chouteau</i>	<i>Mary Peura</i>
<i>Kathryn Digges</i>	<i>Cary Schaperkotter</i>
<i>Jane Griffin</i>	<i>Brenda Schloss</i>
<i>Mary Beth Green</i>	<i>Dian Schock</i>
<i>Brian Helms</i>	<i>Mary Semple</i>
<i>Irene Holmes</i>	<i>Anne Wetzel</i>

## Hands-On History Room Business Sponsors

If you have never tried Oberle “dog” you’ll have to sample it at our next Fourth Friday Art Walk. **Oberle Meats** is our first business sponsor of the Hands-On History Room. Our second generous business sponsor from Ste. Genevieve is **Joe and Mary Claire Rozier**. This will be a place where children can touch and explore by playing with objects to help engage them with the 18th Century French Colonial Ste. Genevieve experience. We’re building it incrementally in the LeMeilleur Gallery below the chair rail—art hangs above the chair rail. **Thank you, Business Sponsors!**

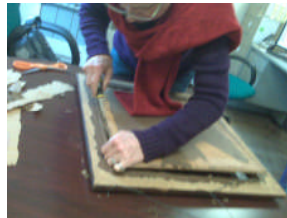


## Repairing the Bolduc House Kitchen Wall

Doug Sparks (shown left) is repairing the mortar on the rocks that make up the Bolduc House kitchen wall. Installed in 1815 by Marie Bolduc, the widow of Louis Bolduc, the attached stone kitchen was an innovation and perhaps the envy of the neighborhood. Prior to this kitchen, the Bolduc cooking was done in a detached kitchen building that resembled the Herb Cottage and may even have stood in the same spot.

## Restoring an 18th Century Sampler

Lulu Cameron recently cleaned and prepared three of our 18th century samplers to be archivally



Above: Lulu takes the first look at how the sampler was framed

framed. The first step was to remove them from their old frames. While probably framed in the most careful way possible in the 1950’s, we were appalled to find that one of these irreplaceable textiles was nailed to a wooden board with fat, headless brads. Another was attached to its backboard by double stick tape. Now, thanks to Lulu’s work and the generous donation of one of the members of the Bolduc Historic Properties Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames in America in the State of Missouri, the samplers will last for generations more.

## Bolduc Family Crest



Soon the Bolduc Family crest will adorn a new flag flying over the Bolduc House Museum. The crest shows three red owls perched on iron balls and a chevron with three gold stars. The images were associated with the apothecary profession which makes sense. The Louis Bolduc who built our house in around 1793 is a direct descendent of the Pierre Bolduc who was the apothecary to Louis XIV at the same time that his brother was the apothecary to the queen of Spain. No wonder our Louis Bolduc’s grandfather, also named Louis, served as *premier procureur à la Prévôté* under the French Governor Frontenac in Canada from 1676-1681.

## Coming Events & Attractions

Friday, April 24th—**Art Walk** featuring the winners of the Picture Ste. Genevieve History Art Contest for K-5th grade residents of Ste. Genevieve County. We will also have sculptor, Gary Mifflin, who makes amazing pieces out of baseball bats as well as photography by Scott Kincaid.

Saturday, April 24th—Main Street will be closed to cars in celebration of **Earth Day**. We’ll join the merchant community by having a children’s craft activity at the Linden House—we’ll be making clay marbles like the 18th century ones that keep turning up in people’s yards. We’ll also have archeology experts on hand to identify and map the found objects from everyone’s yards: **What’s In Your Garden?**

April 23-25th—**Ecole du Soldat**—the 23rd annual School of the Soldier will be located on the Jour de Fete Grounds near the Moses Austin House. Many exciting workshops and ceremonies will be part of the event

May 15-16—**Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk** where you can tour the historic gardens and purchase heirloom and native plants grown by the Master Gardeners, Inc. as well as by our own Patti Naeger. Get your herbs from those grown in the Bolduc Garden while you’re here.

June 28-July 2—**Museum Goes to School**, a three credit graduate class for practicing teachers who want to enhance the educational value of their field trips. The class will be hosted at the Bolduc House Museum and taught by Dr. Carol Hoyt. Register through the Graduate School of Education at Webster University. Regular Webster University tuition will be charged.

Check our website at: **www.BolducHouse.com**. Every week we update it with new activities and announcements. And, if you have not signed up to receive our emails, send an email to [bolducHouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bolducHouse@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the list. We don’t share our lists with anyone without your express permission.

## Serving the Sainte Genevieve Community Since 1948

The National Society of the Colonial Dames in America in the State of Missouri is committed to serve the Ste. Genevieve community with opportunities for employment and volunteerism. Individual members of the organization provided the vision and fully funded the restoration of the Bolduc House which became the town’s first tourism destination.