



# Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's spring season 2012

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## Spring in Sainte Marie

This has been such a warm winter that the crocus actually bloomed *in February* in many SM gardens. The village is priming itself for the June 29 – July 1st 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration. **Maxine Calvert** and **Tammy Bailey Frye** have already planted the hanging flower baskets, now basking in the warmth of a greenhouse north of Oblong.

### **THE 175<sup>th</sup> BOOK NOW ON SALE**

**Special Pre-Sale Offer of \$20 ONLY until April 20**

Buy your book/s now before the price goes up to the regular price of \$27.00 per book.

Send Name, Address, Phone, E-mail, No. of books and check to **C. Keller, PO Box 6, Ste. Marie, IL 62459**. Pick up on June 29 or 30. *If you need shipping, it is an EXTRA \$6 per book.*

Books will not be shipped until after July 1.

**Remember: this \$20 offer ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 20!** After that, the price is \$27 plus shipping of \$6 per book (for both \$20 and \$27 book).

Here's an excerpt from the book, from **Don Hartrich's** caring story The "Characters" of SM  
"....The character that most influenced my life as a child was a guy that I was privileged to grow up next-door-neighbors to. His name was **Lawrence Huber** but everyone knew him as "**Poss**". To me, Lawrence was the undisputed king of the river rats, kind of a Daniel Boone, Sitting Bull and Grizzly Adams all rolled into one. As I would just be getting out of bed in the morning, here would come Poss, storming down the street in his pickup truck having already been out since who knows when, probably fishing the Embarras or running a trap line or squirrel hunting or who knows what. Whatever he was doing, it was adventuresome to a young boy. His home and yard was a wild place filled with Indian artifacts that he had found, guns, camping stuff, coon dogs, turtle shells, fish heads, gardening things and a lot of other stuff that you had no idea what it was, but it had to be cool!....."

There are more great stories from many different authors, plus the history of SM, what's happened in the last 25 years, and lots of info from people who left and the grandchildren (just a delightful chapter!). You won't want to miss out, so order your book now -- **with your check to secure your purchase.**

## **Helen Keller Graham Art Exhibit**

Helen Keller Graham, well-known Central IL artist who grew up in Sainte Marie, lives on through her artwork. The Foundation will mount an exhibit of her works at the Sainte Marie State Bank, starting mid-June and lasting until Labor Day weekend. The exhibit will be open ONLY during regular bank hours. If you have a Helen Graham painting you would like to loan for the exhibit, please bring it to the Bank no later than May 15, 2012 – with the following information:

1. Owner's name
2. Owner's phone number
3. Name of picture
4. Approx. year picture was done
5. The medium (watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil)
6. Comments about the picture

Pictures will be displayed until September 7, 2012, and should be picked up soon after. For further information, call Annette Kirts 618-455-3403.

## **Order Nametags for 175th**

**Janet Faltemier Sitkewich is providing artistic nametags for the Quartoseptcentennial. You can order these** custom-made nametags in advance by sending your printed name to Janet (Women: please include your maiden name). The cost is \$1.50 (for materials only), which will be collected when the nametag is picked up at a tent on the square from June 27- 29 (Thursday through Saturday). Please order via:

**Mail :** Janet Faltemier Sitkewich, 110 Calle Nivel, Los Gatos, CA 95032

**Phone:** 408-370-9270

**Or e-mail :** jansitke@ix.netcom.com

## **Flower Basket Donors 2012**

Thanks to all who made sure that our flower basket initiative continued this year:

### **Sponsors**

American Legion Post #932

ASL Solutions, Inc.

B J's Interior Decorating

Hahn Remodeling & Construction

Hartrich Meats, Inc.

Hi-Benders, Inc.

Paul/Carolyn Keller

Peoples State Bank of Newton

State Rep. David Reis & Family

Marilyn Rubsam

Sainte Marie State Bank

The Gas Station

### **Baskets in memory of:**

Eugene Bigard  
from Eufala Bigard, Sandra Fisher, Marjorie  
Thompson, Ginger Robins & Deborah Dallman

Herman & Emma Copper  
from Doloros Brockett, Romonna Ochs & Norman  
Copper

Paul & Regina Faltemier  
from their children (Janet, Edward, James, Patricia,  
Marlene, Timothy & Thomas), grandchildren & great  
grandchildren

Bess & Albert Geltz & Maynard Kocher  
from Evelyn Kocher

Alice Keller  
from Katie Keller Wait

Alice Keller  
from her children

Harley & Lena Kirts  
from Maureen Heneberry Kelk

George/Viola Litzelman  
from their children

Carol Cameron Martin  
from Richard Cameron

Bernard & Marie Ochs  
from all their family

Josephine Spitzer  
from Marcia Rexroats

Francis & Maude Wagner  
from daughters, Barbara, Caroline, Marie, Judy, Pat,  
Nancy, & Mary

For all the wonderful residents of  
Sainte Marie who have passed  
from the Borgic Family

### **In Honor/Memory of:**

Maurice & Maxine Calvert & Sam Yost  
from Erlene Calvert Yost

Bob & Carole Helregel  
from Michele Vogt

Arthur Keller  
from his children

Marion & Viola Keller  
from David Keller

I.D. & Florence Kocher  
from Margie Jackson

Patricia Reis  
from John Handzel

All these names will be listed on the old bank  
windows. Thanks to all.

### **Quartoseptcentennial Celebration**

**June 29 – July 1, 2012**

COME! ENJOY friends and family! Eat! Drink! Buy  
souvenirs! Check out the website for items for sale,  
including the 175<sup>th</sup> Book, tee shirts, sweat shirts, and  
hats. [www.saintemarie175.com](http://www.saintemarie175.com)

### **Quartoseptcentennial (175<sup>th</sup>) Celebration Committee**

These hardworking committee members, led by  
Chairman Julie Warfel, meet monthly to plan the big  
event.

**Front Row** (l-r) **Judy Yager**, Bingo; **Marjorie  
Thompson** and **Kevin Parker**, Wine Tasting; **Eufala**



**Bigard**, Quilt Show; **Jane  
Ochs**, Tour of Sacred  
Heart Novitiate (now  
SESE).

**Middle Row** (l-r) **Janet  
Hartrich**, Treasurer;  
**Christina Goss**, Co-

chairman; **Tammy Bailey Frye**, Souvenir Stand; **Donna  
Keller**, Parade Chairman; **Romonna Ochs** and **Mildred  
Schmidt**, Quilt Display.

**Back Row** (l-r) **Jason Keller**, Jasper Co. Pork Producers  
Food Stand; **Aaron Ochs**; **Jack Thompson**, BBQ  
Chicken; **Julie Warfel**, Committee Chairman; **Jason  
Warfel**, Website; **Mike Hartrich**, 5K Run/Walk; **Bruce  
Ochs**, Fireworks and Pedal Tractor Pull. Absent: **John  
Michl**.

### **For Information:**

Julie Woodard - 618-455-3173 Committee Chair  
Mike Hartrich - 618-783-8678 5K Run/Walk &  
Sainte Marie Foundation contact  
Donna M. Keller - 618-455-3452 Parade Chair  
Eugala Bigard - 618-455-3334 Quilt Chair

### **Volunteer for an hour or two on Fri. p.m. or Sat?**

*Check out the "contact" part of the website and  
write a note to the committee giving your name,  
address and phone number. You will be contacted  
with an assignment. If everyone helps (yes, even  
those of you from far away), we can ALL have a  
good time. Do your part to help your hometown!*

### **Quilts needed for Quilt Show**

Anyone who has a SM quilt, particularly one that was  
won at the Picnic, and wants to exhibit it at the quilt  
show, please send the form in this newsletter to  
Eufala Bigard ASAP.

### **Parade Forms DUE April 15**

Remember to get your parade entry forms in to  
Donna Keller by April 14. The form is available in  
this newsletter or on the website.

**5K Fun Run/Walk**  
**JUNE 30, 2012**  
**7:00 a.m.**

**THE COURSE**

The run/walk will be held entirely on the streets of Ste. Marie. The start and finish are near the old white parish hall on Embarras Street.

**AWARDS AND DIVISIONS**

There are no awards or divisions. This is truly a fun run/walk. No times will be provided at the finish line.

**REGISTRATION**

Entry fee is \$10. This entitles you to a special short sleeve 175th fun run tee shirt. You are guaranteed a shirt if your entry form and check are received before June 20, 2012. There will be a limited number of shirts available on race day.

**Send entry (on right) and \$10 fee to Mike Hartrich, 300 Maxwell St., Newton, IL 62448. Make checks payable to Sainte Marie Foundation**

***175th Celebration 5K Fun Run/Walk***  
***Registration Form (please print)***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size(Adult)**

Small \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_ XLg \_\_\_ XXLg \_\_\_

**Release and Waiver**

Inconsideration of my acceptance or acceptance of my child's entry, I understand that I am voluntarily participating in the 175th celebration race. I assume all the risks and desire to participate in this race. I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against sponsors, organizers, and volunteers of all claims and liabilities of any kind suffered in conjunction with this event. I also give permission for the free use of my name and/or pictures in any account of this event.

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*Participant signature & date*

(If under 18, signature of parent/guardian & date below)

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*Parent/guardian signature & date*

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**News Notes**

**Corner Pocket Opens**

**Jennifer Russell** recently purchased the Ablinger and Kirts Hardware building to open her new consignment shop and café (breakfast and lunch planned) called **Corner Pocket**. She and her husband, Reagan, live in Sainte Marie. He will have a computer business, Affordable Computer Solutions, in her store. We wish her well in her new venture. 618-455-3300.

**Mark Hartrich** of Hartrich Meats recently received the ***Person of the Year Award*** from the Jasper County Economic Development Cooperative. The presenter noted that “Mark has been deeply involved with many critical projects over the last several years and is a true supporter of the Cooperative.” Congrats, Mark!

**DCA back for a stay** – The Foundation learned in mid-March that DCA, the company that donated the Foundation House, will need the house for the next 5-6 months for a construction crew. Our legal agreement allows them to use the house if they need it for a crew until the end of Dec. 31, 2013. They have agreed that we can have the house for the week before the 175<sup>th</sup> so that we can get ready for the big weekend, but our museum displays there will be limited. Only the first floor will be open. Visitors CAN still use the house on summer and fall weekends, as the crew is gone by noon on Friday. So if you have a wedding or a reunion on a weekend, feel free to book the house (if you don't mind all the extra beds). Call Ron Kirts at 618-455-3153 for reservations.

**Transitions**

Alice Cunningham Keller 82, Nov. 2011  
Norbert Sheridan, 88, Jan. 2012  
Ed Hahn, 103, March, 2012

Sainte Marie Foundation  
P.O. Box 186  
Sainte Marie, IL 62459



Jim Young's 1953 Buick convertible will be in the 175<sup>th</sup> Parade on Saturday, June 30. Jim, Karen Reis Young's husband, is bringing it from Brookfield, WI.

The Sainte Marie Foundation newsletter is published quarterly. Send comments to writer/editor Pat Reis, [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com). The Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, duly recognized as an Illinois charitable corporation. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Do you have a Sainte Marie story you would like to share? Write your own and/or contact Pat Reis [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com). We reserve the right to edit.

### **Museum Items Wanted**

Does anyone have one of the dolls from the Labor Day Picnic? So many of the memories of the picnic mentioned wanting to win one of those dolls! We would like one to display in the museum over the 175<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Also, we are looking for items of interest to display in our display cases. Do you have mementoes you could loan us just for the 175<sup>th</sup> weekend. We promise they will be safe. Contact Mike Hartrich, 618-783-8678

### **Wedding Picture DVD**

If you have not yet turned in your wedding picture, please do so NOW. Annette Lynch is putting together a DVD that will be collectable item. Even if you were married and later divorced, if you were from SM you are part of our history, so get your wedding picture to us now. You may give it to Kathy Slankard at the bank and we will make sure it is returned.

### **More on the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

**HEY, we need more convertibles for the parade for VIPs! Let Parade chairman Donna Keller know if you can help. 618-455-3452**

### **Welcome to New Residents**

**-Lana and David Michl** from rural Oblong bought the lovely ranch house across from the church rectory. They have two sons, Grady and Elijah. We wish them a warm welcome.

**-Liz Valbert** bought the Josephine Spitzer home and is busy renovating it. This beautiful old two-story house graces our Foundation website home page because it has such distinctive architecture. Welcome home, Liz.

Please Print

Sainte Marie, Illinois  
1837 - 2012  
Quartoseptcentennial

**PARADE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*(Keep a copy for your records)*

**Who are you representing/what is the name of your unit? (brief description for announcements)**

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**Contact Person w/ phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

***YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS HERE*** \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted later about what time & where to line up for the parade, so please include a contact number w/ area code & name AND an email address if you have one. Please add *rakeller@dishmail.net* to your address book so email to you will not go to spam.

**TYPE OF UNIT (Please check only one category)**

- Marching Unit  Dignitary  Queen/Princess/Belle  
 Color Guard  Shrine Unit  Classic/Antique Vehicles/Tractors (circle which one)  
 Bands  Equestrian  Firetrucks/Rescue Vehicles  
 Decorated Float  Miscellaneous

**DESCRIPTION OF UNIT (Please fill in all that apply to your unit)**

Total Length \_\_\_\_\_ Total Width \_\_\_\_\_ Self-Propelled YES  or NO   
Towed By \_\_\_\_\_ # of people walking \_\_\_\_\_ # of people in unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Sound (Music or Talking) on unit? YES  or NO

Only one entry per application form. Please duplicate this form if more than one unit is applying  
*If you need more room to write your information...please use the back of this sheet or another piece of paper.*

Return Form no later than April 15, 2012 to (Please return right away if you know you are attending)

***Donna M. Keller, Parade Chairman***

***2591 N. 1800th St.***

***West Liberty, IL 62475***

***Phone: 618-455-3452 (home) or 618-783-3772 (business)***

***Email: [rakeller@dishmail.net](mailto:rakeller@dishmail.net)***

***Official website of celebration URL: [www.saintemarie175.com](http://www.saintemarie175.com)***

Thank you and we are looking forward to your participation in this historic event.

*Donna M. Keller, Chairman Parade Committee*

*Parade Taskforce: Bob Keller, Rick & Peg Cochran, Pam & Paul Burnett, Bruce & Debbie Hill, Deb Burnett, Blain & Tresa Butler, Dawn Calvert, etc. etc.*

# Entry for 175th Celebration Quilt Show

at Saint Mary's Church, Ste. Marie, IL

JUNE 29-30, 2012

Display times: Friday 6-8 PM; Saturday 12 NOON - 6 PM

Name of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail if available \_\_\_\_\_

## QUILT INFORMATION

Name of quilt \_\_\_\_\_

Maker of quilt \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK TYPE OF QUILT

Hand pieced \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Machine pieced \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Hand quilted \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Machine quilted \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

If you were lucky enough to have won a quilt from the Labor Day Picnic or know of anyone who has, please ask them bring it to show. Please put the date of when it was won, if known.

In 50 words or less tell us some interesting facts you have about the quilt you are showing. This information will be included in a quilt book we are making for the show.

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Please bring your quilt to St. Mary's Church on Thursday afternoon June 28<sup>th</sup> (1:00-4:00) or Friday Morning June 29<sup>th</sup> (9-11:30). If this time is inconvenient, please contact Eufala Bigard at 618-455-3334 , or e-mail; ebigard @yahoo.com or call Mildred Schmidt at 455-3237 or Ramona Ochs at 455-3189.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTRY BY MAY 15 TO EUFALA BIGARD, P.O. BOX 26, STE. MARIE, IL 62459 IN ORDER TO HAVE THE INFORMATION PUT IN A QUILT BOOKLET FOR THE SHOW.**

Please pick up your quilt after the show on Saturday, June 30, 2012, between 6:00-8:00 PM or make arrangements with a relative or friend to pick up your quilt that evening.

Thank you for sharing your quilt with us.