



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's winter season 2018

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Annual Report on Inside Pages

We celebrated our tenth anniversary on October 8th. What a great journey it has been! We have a **beautiful, old house as our museum and headquarters** – a place where we allow Ste. Marie friends and family to stay when they are in the area. We have a **quarterly newsletter** that keeps us in touch with one another. And we have **loyal friends** who provide support, even though many left this great little village long ago.

During 2017, we:

- renovated the dining room at the House, thanks to a generous donation from **Glenn and Brenda Picquet, TX**
- opened our new exhibit ***Taking Care of Business: Past and Present Sainte Marie Businesses***;
- held another very successful **Cork and Pork Festival** that drew hundreds of visitors and raised funds for 25 local organizations, with awards from \$4,000 to \$200.
- hosted pianist and former resident, **Dr. James Litzelman**, in a celebratory 10th Anniversary concert, which opened with an outstanding piano duet by **Miranda Ochs and Jacelyn Street**, winners of the 2017 Illinois State Fair Talent Show;
- spearheaded the hanging of the **beautiful flower baskets** that grace our village each summer
- and just generally made sure that the history of this town continues to be preserved.

Happy New Year! We hope you find your name in our enclosed (middle pages) **Annual Report (Oct. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017)**, for without our supporters, we could not exist. Thank you.
Pat Reis, president

Mark Your Calendars!

March 4, April 1, every 1st Sunday thereafter – Foundation House open 1 - 3 p.m. See Business Exhibit.

April 3 – 7 – Volunteer work week at the Foundation House. Notify Pat Reis if you are available on any of those days. Clean up landscaping and spring cleaning inside the House. Plenty to do!! Would appreciate any help, even an hour or two.

July 14 – Cork & Pork Festival - Noon to 11 p.m.

Heath Foundation Grant

Thanks to the Heath Foundation, Robinson, the SM Foundation received a \$1,334 grant request for a new computer and desk chair for our office at the House. We

are very grateful to Heath board for this and their past contributions that have made our museum possible.

Recipe Remembrances

*(Editor's Note: This quarterly column by Sainte Marie native and Indianapolis food writer, **Terry Kirts**, features recipes and stories connected to the people and traditions of Sainte Marie. If you have a favorite recipe or story you'd like to share, write him at tkirts@iupui.edu). See his picture on p. 4.)*

Christine Alblinger was not famous for her cooking. Beloved by scores of area students who knew her as "Miss A," in the 1920s she was a rare co-ed at the University of Illinois who went on to teach in one-room schools and Sainte Marie's own high school until she became the sophomore English teacher at Newton Community High School in 1950, where she taught for nearly two decades. After acquiring a minor in mycology in college, she became something of a local expert on identifying mushrooms; and her world travels, love of literature and politics, and excellent memory made her a consummate storyteller and conversationalist. No summer was complete without an afternoon spent reading and chatting on the swing of her screened-in front porch in the dappled shade of her mulberry tree.

Yet the culinary arts were not foremost among her talents, as witnessed in her love of "ice cream and ketchup" and a canned asparagus casserole with boiled eggs that turned up, for better or worse, on many holiday tables. One exception was her delectable yeast thumbprint cookies, which she baked every year as a time-honored and exacting tradition that enlisted an evolving cast of nieces and nephews, myself included. From softening the butter slowly on the porch on a cool December day to rolling and shaping the cookies with exactly the right pressure of the thumb, the whole symphony of baking these masterful and delicately flavored cookies was orchestrated by the minute to produce crispy-edged, well-browned cookies with a perfect earthy-sweet tang. If you were lucky enough to get a dozen of them wrapped in waxed paper, you would never forget them.

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To Book the Foundation House

Call Ron or Carolyn Kirts 618-455-3153.

2016 SAINTE MARIE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT
October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

Dear Friends,

Please note that our fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, so any donations made since then will be part of next year's annual report. We thank each and every one of you for your loyal support, whether it be with a \$\$ donation or with volunteer efforts. We continue to be a very successful organization with your help. Somehow, that just seems right – Sainte Marie has always been successful in so many of its endeavors!! The Foundation Board sends it most sincere thanks.

Pat Reis, president; Mike Hartrich and Gina Mullinax Fox, Vice Presidents; Kevin Parker, Secretary; Norma Ochs, Treasurer; Donna Keller, Fundraising/ Museum Co-curator; Ed. Reis, Financial; Jason Warfel, Technology/Website. Emeritus Board members: Maxine Calvert and Ron Kirts.

2015-2016 Donations to Sainte Marie Foundation

\$0 – 49

Bob and Carolyn Barthelme* (*William Schwartz*)
Delbert Cornwell* (*William Schwartz*)
Jeanise Frank* (*Mary Kathryn Berry*)
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Diane M. Jastre* (*Mary Kathryn Berry*)
Leona Alblinger Johnson
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Mary Lybarger
Don/Ruth (Hartrich) Matheny* (*William Schwartz*)
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Ste. Marie American Legion Auxiliary
Merle Shedelbower* (*William Schwartz*)
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\$50 – 99

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D. Kathryn Weintraub

\$100 – 299

Ted Barthelme* (*Bud/Evelyn Barthelme*)
Borgic Family
Maxine Calvert
Jud Cameron* (*Jud/Emma Cameron*)
Richard Cameron* (*Jud/Emma Cameron*)
Patrick M. Elie
John/Naomi Fox
Grade School Class of 1963
Don/Susie Graham* (*Helen Graham*)
Mary Shoffstall Hart* (*Ron Shoffstall*)
John Handzel

Bruce Hartrich
Joan Heneberry* (*Harley/Lena Kirts*)
Marjorie Jackson** (*Florence Kocher*)
George Kirts
Janette Michl Kramer* (*Lawrence/Sophie Michl*)
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Gloria Litzelman
James Litzelman
Joyce Mast* (*Eugene/Mildred Alblinger*)
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Margo Regas
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Jeanne Webber* (*Aretta Spitzer Hartman*)
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\$300 – 499

Sylvia Geltz Brinkoetter* (*Minnie/Joe Geltz Family*)
Ron/Joelyn Gentry* (*Thelma Hoetzer*)
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ASL Solutions, Inc.
David/Elaine Gill* (*Mary Kathryn Berry*)
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Patricia Reis (***My family; *Liz Valbert, William Schwartz*)
Ste. Marie Open Golfers
Ken Stone* (*Hamer/Martha Stone*)
Chris Young* (*Louis/Bernadette Reis*)
James/Karen Reis Young

1000 - \$4999

Cork and Pork 2017- \$4,000
Heath Foundation Grant - \$2,977

\$5000 and over

Glenn/Brenda Picquet (*for dining room renovation*)

Engraved Bricks (Donor and Engraving)

Four-Line Bricks @ \$400 each

From her family and friends: (*In memory of Mary Kathryn (Geltz) Berry*)
From their six children: Dan, Margaret, Cathy, Mary, Ann, Tom (*Tom & Jane C. Hartrich Family of St. Louis*)

Significant Donations

AJ Welding – Custom trailer/Giant wine bottle for Cork & Pork
Anonymous – New Refrigerator
John Lybarger – Museum Cabinetry
Weiss Renovation – Museum Cabinetry
Glenn/Brenda Picquet – Dining Room Renovation
Family and Friends of Mary Kathryn Geltz Berry
David E. Wiltshire – Museum cabinetry

2017 Flower Basket Donors at \$115 each

Sponsors

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932
American Legion Post 932
ASL Solutions
Brangeon Family
Sylvia (Geltz) Brinkoetter
Hartrich Meats, Inc.
Paul & Carolyn Keller
Dale Milliman Construction
Mont Eagle Mills
Picquet Brothers – Glen, Bill & Jim & families
State Rep. David Reis & family
Sainte Marie State Bank
The Gas Station
Weiss Renovations – Ralph & Carrie Weiss
David Wiltshire

2017 Baskets In Memory Of

Bud & Evelyn Barthelme *From Margo Regas*
Joe & Marjorie Barthelme *From their children*
Pat Arnold & Farrel Baker *From Jeff & Kelly Borgic*
Hilda Dallmier *From George Dallmier & family*
Harry/Edith Elie; Tom & Pat Elie; Ira/Anna/Edmund Shryock
From Jane, Pat, Nancy, Barbara, Judy & Janet
Donald T. Geier *From family & friends*
Larry & Mary Hartrich *From their family*
Ed & Millie Helregel *From the family*
Art & Alice Keller *From the Art & Alice Keller family*
Lora Kocher; Sheryl Paul; Ted & Martha Kocher *From Ed Kocher family*
George & Viola Litzelman *From their children*
Leo & Katherine Muhs *From Pat & Carolyn Elie*
Bernard & Marie Ochs *From their family*
Paul Picquet, Sr. *From Dottie, Paul Jr., Evette & Elaine*
Louis & Bernadette Reis *From Jim & Karen Young*
Francis & Mildred Schmidt *From Barb Schmidt Martin*
Francis & Maude Wagner *From their daughters*
Elizabeth Anne Valbert *From Dorothy, Robert, Charlotte, Louis, Gilbert & Mary Ellen*
William Wait *From Mary (Keller) Wait*
Francis X. Yager *From Judy Yager*
Sonny & Imogene Yager; Shirley Gail Yager *From Donnie, Darlene & Gloria Kay*
Chris & Austin Zuber *From Sam & Linda Zuber*

2017 Baskets In Honor Of

All those who serve our country & community *From DM Manufacturing II*
Don & Christine Litzelman *From Jim, Cheryl, Susan & Tony*
Theresa Ochs *From her children/grandchildren/great-grandchildren*

Donation of In-Kind/Significant Items

Bob/Tammy Frye – Planting/care of Flower Baskets
John Geltz – Sound for events
Hartrich Meats – Lunches for volunteers
Mike/Teresa Hartrich – Museum Curation
Bob/Donna Keller – Museum Curation/Cork & Pork Chair
Ron/Carolyn Kirts – Electrical; House supervision and maintenance; Flower Basket watering
Dee Kurpiel – Sewing projects
Jason Warfel – Computer technology
Annette Reis Lynch – Landscaping; Video/computer technology
Robert/Dottie Rump – Mailings; Flower Basket Watering
Gene/Madonna Schachmann - Brick engraving
Kathy Slankard – Sewing projects
Roger/Sue Wheat – Landscaping

Landscaping: Sue Hunzinger Wheat (chair), Patti Swisher Buntin, Janeth Hartrich, Carolyn Kirts, Annette Reis Lynch, Madonna Schackmann, Roger Wheat

Weekly Mowers: George Kirts, Bill Hartrich, Bob Helregel, Robert Rump, Jack Thompson

CORK AND PORK FESTIVAL SPONSORS

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Seed Solutions - Channel Seed – Chip Keys
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Mont Eagle Products, Inc.
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D M Manufacturing II
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Finley Seeds - Michael Finley
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Ste. Marie Storage Units
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Sainte Marie Foundation
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The Gas Station
Wolf Eye Care
Kuhl's Trailer Sales
St. Mary's Church
Village of Sainte Marie

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Terry Kirts

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Terry Kirt's Recipes/Remembrances cont. from p. 1
Christine Alblinger's Yeast Thumbprint Cookies

Makes 3-4 dozen

Ingredients

2 packages dry yeast
2/3 cups warm water
12 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar, plus additional for rolling cookies
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup quick-cook rolled oats
1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
1/2 cup chopped dates (optional)
1 cup apricot preserves or orange marmalade
4 ounces candied cherries, halved

Dissolve yeast in warm water in a small bowl. In another bowl, sift together flour, sugar, and salt. In the bowl of a mixer, cream butter until light and fluffy. Add yeast mixture and combine until well blended. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix to incorporate. Add oats, coconut, and dates (if using), and stir gently until combined thoroughly. Chill dough at least 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F and line a rimless cookie sheet with parchment paper. Form dough into balls about one inch in diameter. Roll balls in sugar and flatten slightly in the middle with thumb, making sure dough does not crack at edges. Space cookies at least one inch apart on cookie sheet. Fill each impression with a small dollop of preserves and a candied cherry half. Bake for 15-20 minutes, rotating pans halfway through baking. Remove when cookies are golden around edges and well-browned but not dark on bottoms. Cool on baking sheet for five minutes, then remove to a wire rack and cool completely.

News about our Board Members

We welcome **Norma Ochs** (at right) as our new treasurer, replacing **Ron Kirts** who has retired from active duty on the Board. The Board voted Ron into Emeritus status (**Emeritus means we can still count on these formidable people for advice and counsel**), where he joins **Maxine Calvert**, a founding member of the Board. Ron and his wife Carolyn still handle maintenance and booking of the Foundation House - 618-455-3153.



Transitions

Alan Dale Milliman, 69, West Liberty. Dale did major renovations at the Foundation House, repairing the garage and chicken house (both were near collapse) and replacing the House roof several years ago. He loved working on old buildings. How blessed we were to have him as a contractor.

Theresa Marie Ochs, 82, Newton. Husband John passed in 2011. Survived by Ste. Marie sons, Bruce (Nancy) and David (Norma), two daughters, Karleen Prosser and Kristie Abba, Seven grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Her daughter-in-law, **Norma**, is treasurer of the Sainte Marie Foundation.

Rose Marie Sunderland, 89, Champaign. Rose was a much beloved music teacher at NCHS. She and her husband Glenn were loyal supporters of the Sainte Marie Foundation, honoring especially "all her former music students from Ste. Marie."

Georgiann Geiger Kocher, 90. Georgiann was part of the small group who ran the St. Mary's Monday Night Dances at the Parish Center for many years. Survived by 5 children, 19 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Leona Ann Kocher, 76. Leona ran her parents' (Leona and Elmer) farm in the Bend since 1990 when she returned home from teaching textiles at several universities. She was an active member of St. Valentine's church community

Bonus Pages for E-mail Subscribers

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To Friends of the 2018 Flower Basket Project:

January, 2018

We are **enlisting your help** once again for the Sainte Marie Foundation's most popular project – our beautiful Flower Baskets. As you well know, people living in and traveling through Sainte Marie enjoy these cheerful baskets during the spring, summer and early fall months.

Many of you have graciously helped with this project in the past, and we hope you will once again choose to sponsor the 2018 Flower Basket Project. Plans need to be made early. The plants for the baskets are started in a greenhouse after the first of the year and are planted in the baskets in March. They grow in an Amish greenhouse north of Oblong until the baskets are hung sometime in May. We also need plenty of time to get the signs made that list all of the donors.

A donation of \$115.00 will name you as one of the sponsors of the 14 flower baskets. Each donor (individual or business) is listed on professionally printed signs displayed on the old bank's windows. We also list "In memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, if you prefer that kind of donation...but of course that space is limited. Actually, this project has proved so popular, that we accept unlimited donations each year (as long as we have space on the signs) and are now using the extra monies for other Foundation expenses. We hope you do not mind.

Please consider helping us with this worthwhile project. The baskets not only beautify the quaint little village of Sainte Marie, but they show what incredible pride we all (near and far) have in this community as did our ancestors before us.

Should you decide to help sponsor this project, you can send your check by March 1, 2018, made out to the Sainte Marie Foundation, for \$115.00 along with the completed enclosed form (*next page*). **The form should be returned to Carolyn Keller, P.O. Box 6, Sainte Marie, IL 62459 by March 1st.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Sainte Marie and the Sainte Marie Foundation.
Sincerely,

The Sainte Marie Foundation Board

Patricia Reis, President

Mike Hartrich, Vice President, Co-Curator: Museum

Gina Mullinax Fox, Vice President, Communications

Kevin Parker, Secretary

Emeritus Board Members

Ronald Kirts and Maxine Calvert

Norma Ochs, Treasurer

Donna Keller, Fundraising; Co-Curator

Edward Reis, CPA

Jason Warfel. Web and Technical Support

Flower Basket Waterers Needed

If you live in the Sainte Marie area, we need people to water the baskets this summer. Please call Ron Kirts 618-455-3153 if you can help. **NO GOLF CART NEEDED. We will supply one.**

The Sainte Marie 2018 Flower Basket Project

____ Yes, I would like to help sponsor the 2018 Flower Basket Project. I have enclosed my check for \$115.00, made payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation.

Sponsor names will again be posted on the windows of the old bank building. Please indicate below just how you would like your sponsorship to be listed:

____ Just list me as a sponsor.

(Print how you want it listed) _____

OR

____ I would like my sponsorship to be made *(please print)*:

-In memory of _____ from _____

OR

-In honor of _____ from _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please make your \$115.00 check payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation; (please write 2018 Flower Basket in memo).

Thank you for your continued support in making our village so beautiful.

Please return to:

Carolyn Keller

P. O. Box 6

Sainte Marie, IL 62459

Tenth Anniversary Celebration Oct. 8th

Oct. 8th was a celebratory day in Sainte Marie, as we celebrated the Foundation's tenth anniversary. Ten years ago a trio of women, Pat Reis, Maxine Calvert and Gina Fox, started the Sainte Marie Foundation, with the purpose of helping Ste. Marie survive changing times and preserving the history of this great little town.

Several of Ste. Marie's finest helped us celebrate: **Jim Litzelman**, professor of music at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, played a remarkable concert. We also featured two young pianists, Miranda Ochs and Jacelyn Street who won IL State Fair Jr. Talent Show last summer.

Pix at right: Jim Litzelman talks about his music at the Tenth Anniversary Concert.



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After the concert, the audience and performers moved to the Parish Center for a beautiful reception, with complimentary food provided by Hartrich Meats. Longtime volunteers who have helped the Foundation were honored; these included present and past Board members, lawn mowers., clean up crews, landscaping volunteers and many others.



The Foundation recognized **Don Albers**, president of DCA Construction, Breese, IL, for his donation of the Foundation House in 2008, enabling our small Foundation to have a home in Ste. Marie and eventually the museum that we officially opened in 2013.

(Pix:) Don Albers (left) holds the plaque presented by Foundation president, Pat Reis.

We thank all the volunteers and loyal supporters who made this event possible, especially Hartrich Meats and the Sainte Marie State Bank.

Local 4-H Club Helps Protect Trees

Thanks to Helpful Little Hands 4-H Club members who (last fall) wrapped the trunks of young park trees in preparation for winter. Deer, rabbits and hungry insects often attack, rub or peel off the bark during the winter, ultimately killing the trees. The village planted many new trees within the past two years, and several are already severely damaged. We greatly appreciate the help of these helpful young people and their leaders, especially Nancy Ochs (pictured in 4th pix below)

Editor's note: I apologize for the lack of names. I apparently lost the little notebook where I had recorded them, but there were a very nice group of about 10 who did this work. Pat Reis, photographer.



Welcome Back to Tracy Lybarger

Tracy Lybarger has returned to Sainte Marie after a number of years in CA. She and her husband have purchased the Florence Kocher home, the beautiful old home “catty-cornered” from The Gas Station. They plan to restore the house to its former glory.



Tracy, the manager of the new Tractor Supply Co. store in Newton, is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. John Lybarger** of rural Ste. Marie. John helps with putting up our museum exhibits – supplying a lot of handyman efforts for which we are very grateful. Perhaps he will be helping with this “old house renovation” too.

Welcome back to Sainte Marie, Tracy!!

(At left): Tracy is pictured in the Museum Room at the Foundation House.

At the Foundation House



(Pix at left): Visitors crowd around the dining room table to view scrapbooks and artifacts from the current exhibit: ***Taking Care of Business: Present and Past Sainte Marie Businesses.***



Pix (l – r): **Mike Hartrich**, Foundation VP and co-curator of the Museum, watches as former residents, **Jim Barthelme**, Robinson, and **Becky Sheridan**, Champaign, peruse notebooks in the newly renovated dining room at the Foundation House.

Jim Barthelme supplied many of the Barthelme Store artifacts for the Business Exhibit. His father, Gilbert, and uncle, Bud Barthelme, owned the store for many years after founder, Ed Barthelme retired.

NEW IN SAINTE MARIE

B's Boutique

110 Franklin Street (just east of the Parish Hall)

Hours: Tues. – Friday, Noon – 6 p.m. ; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

What you will find in this unique shop: Women's clothing; Children's clothing; Herbal Teas and accessories; Handmade soaps, Jewelry, Lipsense; and Design Barn Décor.

Owner Brooke Hill also staffs the Hill Insurance Agency at this location – covering business, home, auto and life insurance.