



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate Sainte Marie's Quartoseptcentennial Summer 2012

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SPECIAL EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Our summer newsletter usually arrives in late July, but this year we are devoting this early summer issue to the 175th anniversary celebration so all of you will be prepared for a great weekend June 29-July 1.

-Sainte Marie is buzzing with activity. The flower baskets are up and blooming gloriously, thanks to all those who donated \$\$ for them this year (and to our daily waterers!). Donors are listed on the windows of the old bank building. Thank you for your generosity!

-SM area men are being encouraged to grow beards, and the women had a "dress exchange" last weekend where they could trade dresses from "olden times" that no longer fit and put together a new look. Long skirts and bonnets are the order of the day.

-The Quilting Ladies have finished the 175th quilt, and it is on display at First Financial Bank in Newton. Be sure to buy raffle tickets at either the bank or at The Gas Station. Of course, they will also be for sale at the celebration.

-The special pottery ordered for the occasion is just simply beautiful – and in limited supply. Check out the website if you want to make sure you get a piece in advance www.saintemarie175.com.

Museum Exhibits



Thanks to a donation of three large display cases (left: one of the 10' long antique cases) from the Glencoe Historical Society (a Chicago north shore suburb), the

Foundation has secure display space for special exhibits. Would you like to share your SM historical items with others, just for the 175th weekend? We will accept items during the week of June 23 – 28. Please box them, include your name and phone number and info about the item – drop off at the Foundation House after June 23 (I will be there that week.) You need to pick them up either Saturday night or Sunday morning or we will arrange to get them back to you. Call **Mike Hartrich** for further info 618-783-8678.

The 2012 Book: *Stories and Reminiscences*

It's finished and being printed as I write. (*That loud sigh you hear is mine – and probably Cindy Sheridan Carlson's, our graphic designer, who has become my best buddy after hundreds of e-mails and numerous phone calls.*) It's going to be a great memento for you, your children and grandchildren. If you have not ordered it yet, you can do so by sending a check for \$27 (plus \$6 per book if it needs to be mailed) to the Sainte Marie Foundation. Or you may pick up a book at the event.

Since we had so many pre-sales, we are planning to have an early pick-up, probably after 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., June 23. Watch the church bulletin for details. Also, the books will be available for pick-up and sales on Friday, June 29 **after 3 p.m.** and after the parade on Saturday.

Numerous people worked on this project. They are all listed in the book – just too many names to list here. It was truly a collaborative effort with multiple writers, photographers, proofreaders, ad sales people and families who created their own ad pages.

A book order form is attached. Order today!

Last Chance: Order Nametags for 175th

Janet Faltemier Sitkewich's nametags are proving very popular. 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 the back of the Parish Center from June 27- 29 (See special hours on p. 3 schedule.). **Please order by June 10:**
Mail : Janet Faltemier Sitkewich, 110 Calle Nivel, Los Gatos, CA 95032
Phone: 408-370-9270
Or e-mail: jansitke@ix.netcom.com

5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, June 30 7:00 a.m.
There's still time to sign up for the non-competitive 5K Run/Walk. Entry fee of \$10 entitles you to a 175th tee-shirt, if you register by June 20. Send your check

with name, address, phone and shirt size (sm, med, lg, XL, XXL) to **Mike Hartrich**, 300 Maxwell, Newton, IL 62448. **Checks payable to SM Foundation.** Meet at OLD Parish Hall.

Road Rally Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt, organized by the **Ed and Anna Lou Stone** children, will be held on Sat., June 30, at 2 p.m. (check in at 1:30 at old Parish Hall steps). Ten teams of 8 – 10 people will compete by following clues and completing challenging tasks in the village. Estimated time: 2 -3 hours. **Pre-registration is required by June 6.** Cost per team: \$24. **See the registration form at the end of this newsletter.**

The 175th Quilt

So you can't come to the event but would like to participate in the quilt raffle? Have friends or family members buy tickets for you. You might win a fabulous, handmade quilt, maybe one of the last made by the SM quilting ladies. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Group Pictures at 175th

Tradition has it that family pictures were always a part of SM get-togethers. **Jeanie Weddell** of Newton will be offering group pictures of families, ball team members, classmates, etc. after the parade on Saturday, June 30th until 3:00 p.m. Pictures will be taken on the St Mary's Church front steps. The cost of \$10.00 includes one 8" x 10" photo mailed to one person. Additional prints or different size prints can also be ordered. Jeanie's cell phone number is 618-554-5011 or she can be called at home 618-783-4225 between now and the celebration if you have any questions. What a great opportunity, when everyone is "home" for the celebration, to get a group picture.



Picture on Loan

(L – R) **Sharon Kocher** and **Kathy Hahn Slankard** admire a picture of the old St. Mary's Church that burned in 1933. The beautifully framed photo (including a headshot of a young Fr. Virnich) was loaned to the Foundation by

Harold and Clara Kocher of rural Newton for the 175th Celebration. It will be at the Foundation House during the celebration but is on display at the Sainte Marie State Bank for now. Harold Kocher acquired the picture at his Grandmother Ritz's estate sale. He said he wanted it because Father Virnich married his parents. Thanks to Harold and Clara for loaning us this priceless picture from SM's history..

A Special Souvenir from the USPS

A *pictorial postmark* will be available on Saturday, June 30th for the 175th Anniversary Celebration (Quartoseptcentennial) of the founding of Sainte Marie. It will feature a fleur-de-lis and the dates 1837-2012. As a community service, the Postal Service offers pictorial postmarks to commemorate local events celebrated in communities thru out the nation.

The Community Club will have a set of three pictorial, stamped (with current postage stamp) envelopes for sale at the *temporary postal station* on the celebration grounds (near Souvenir Stand) that can be used for the special cancellation. The temporary postal station will be manned by **Kathy Yager** and **Leda Geltz** who as agents of the USPS will be offering this special pictorial postmark.

Those who cannot attend the event but wish to obtain the *pictorial postmark* may submit a mail order request to the SM post office (zip code 62459). Pictorial postmarks are available only for June 30, 2012, and mail order requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following that date. These requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum first class (.45) postage or (.32) postcard postage. Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for returning items.

The cancellation is being supplied by Postmaster **Katherine Yager** and was designed by **Donna Keller**, who also designed the envelopes. Anyone needing additional information about the cancellation may call the Sainte Marie Post Office at 618-455-3521.

We Still Need Help

If you don't have a job already or would like to help out more...look for Julie Thompson Warfel, Christina Michl Goss or Donna Keller the weekend of the event, and one of them can point you in the right direction. And don't forget **SET UP** on Wed., June 27 at 5 p.m. and **CLEANUP** Sunday morning at 7 a.m. The grounds will have to be cleaned up; trash emptied; tents taken down, etc. etc. To volunteer and keep informed: www.saintemarie175.com .

For information or to volunteer:

Julie Woodard - 618-455-3173 Committee Chair
Christina Michl Goss 618-455-3435 " Co-chair
Donna M. Keller - 618-455-3452 Parade Chair
Mike Hartrich - 618-783-8678 5K Run/Walk & Sainte Marie Foundation contact

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(still tentative)

Wednesday, June 27

Set-up grounds 5 p.m. – need LOTS of volunteers!!

Thursday, June 28

Pick up pre-ordered nametags from Janet Faltemier Sitkewich noon – 2 at back of Parish Hall.

Friday, June 29

-Helen Graham Art Exhibit at the Sainte Marie State Bank 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

-Sainte Marie Historical Display at Corner Pocket (Formerly the Hardware Store) 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

-Pick up pre-ordered nametags from Janet Sitkewich - Noon to 2; 7 – 8 p.m. (on back portico at Parish Center)

-2012 Book Sale and Pre-sale pick-up 3 – 8 p.m. (on back portico at Parish Center)

-Open House and Museum exhibits at the Foundation House 4 – 8 p.m.

-Opening of the Time Capsule on Dedication Hill 6 p.m.

-Quilt Show at St. Mary's Church 6 - 8 p.m.

-Souvenir Stand 7 - 9 p.m.

-2012 Quilt Raffle 7 - 9 p.m.

-Bingo 7 - 9 p.m.

-Elite Services Entertainment -Larry Goss 7-11 p.m.

-50/50 Drawing throughout evening

-Ice Cream Social (Sponsored by Jasper County Chamber of Commerce)

-Jasper County Pork Producers Food Stand

-Wine Tasting 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

-Beer Garden 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 30

-5K Walk/Run 7:00 a.m. Meet at old, white Parish Hall. Registration required by June 20 for t-shirt.

-Breakfast at The Hideout 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

-Bake Sale (Sainte Marie HEA) 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Municipal Building

-Souvenir Stand 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Helen Graham Art Exhibit 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Sainte Marie State Bank

-Sainte Marie Historical Display at The Corner Pocket - (Formerly the Hardware Store) 9 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

-THE GRAND PARADE 10:00 a.m.

-Quilt Show at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

-Open House & Museum Exhibits at the Foundation House 12 Noon – 6 p.m.

-Group photo opportunity 12 noon (or after parade) til 3 p.m. on Church steps (see article previous page)

-2012 Book Sale and Pre Sale Pick-up 12 Noon (or after parade) to 8 p.m.

-Pictorial Postmark 12 – 4 p.m. provided by the Sainte Marie post office (see article previous page)

-Concessions provided by Sainte Marie Community Club 12 noon - 8:00 p.m.

-Tour of Former Sacred Heart Novitiate 2:00 p.m.

-Antique Car/Tractor Show

-Doll Stand 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

-Tonn of Fun Inflatables 12 -6 p.m.

-Adult and Children's Games 12 - 6:00 p.m.

-Pedal Tractor Pull - registration @12:30 p.m.

-Bingo 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

-Carriage Rides

-Beer Garden 12 - 11:00 p.m.

-50/50 Drawing throughout the day

-2012 Quiltoseptcentennial Quilt Raffle

-Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt 2:00 p.m.

(Registration required. Only 10 teams)

-Country Line Dancing at the American Legion 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

-Chicken Dinner (famous SM barbeque) at the Parish Center 3:00 p.m.

-Ice Cream Social (Sponsored by Jasper County Chamber of Commerce)

-Jasper County Pork Producers Food Stand

-Saturday Musical Performances by:

Joe Garrison 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Rucker 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Candy Smith 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Joe Garrison 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Scott Wattles and the Blue Suede Crew 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

-FIREWORKS DISPLAY made possible by Mont Eagle Mills 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 1

-Clean-up grounds 7 a.m. till finished (need lots of volunteers)

-Dedication Mass at St. Mary's Church celebrated by the Bishop. 2:00 p.m. with reception following.

The 175th Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who did ANYTHING to make this celebration a success. It's going to be a fun weekend that we hope EVERYONE will enjoy!! Work...but time for play too!

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SM residents **George and Chlorine Kirts** in late April, 2012. George is growing his 175th beard and says he had to dye it white. Sure, George. Whatever you say.

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News Notes

Roger Picquet, CA, a direct descendent of the founders of SM, visited the village in mid-March, seeing various relatives, touring the town's businesses with Foundation director **Maxine Calvert** and staying at the Foundation House for two nights Picquet wrote in his thank you: *I thoroughly enjoyed the house and all of its furnishings and various photos. The Ste Marie volunteers who worked on the house have made it a beautiful and pleasant home. Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to all the citizens of Ste Marie who took time out of their day to entertain a visitor from California.*

Balloon Postcards

From **Julie Thompson Warfel**: On May 18, the kindergarten and pre-school classes at the Ste. Marie School released 175 balloons to celebrate the village's "birthday." Attached to each balloon was a postcard and a note asking those who found the balloons to return the postcards with their address so that we could see how far the balloons traveled. We have already begun receiving those postcards and can't wait to get more.

Welcome to Sainte Marie's Newest Resident - Julie and Jason Warfel welcomed **Cora Raelynn** on April 18, 2012. She's in the 2012 BOOK – just made the final deadline!

Transitions

Deborah Ritz Reich, 53, Newton, May 17. Debbie fought a courageous, 21-month battle with lung cancer. A daughter of **Vic and Dolores Ritz**, she attended Sainte Marie schools and even worked as a teacher's aide in the SM grade school for many years before opening her own artist's shop, Bumblebee Inks, in 2002. She has a special place in Sainte Marie Foundation history because she designed and donated the Foundation logo when we started in 2007. She was also one of the featured artists at the SM Homecoming Celebration in 2010. We will miss her lovely smile and especially her beautiful art work.

Wedding Picture DVD

If you have not yet turned in your wedding picture, please do so NOW. **Annette Reis Lynch** is putting together a DVD that will be collectable item. Even if you were married and later divorced, if you were from SM (or living in town now), 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. Or you may scan it in as a JPEG file, label the e-mail as WEDDING PIX and send to Annette at lookamazing@consultant.com. Include names (*maiden* too) of all individuals in pix, as well as the date and place of wedding.

Road Rally Scavenger Hunt Registration

June 30, 2012

Check in Time: 1:30. Competition begins: 2:00 p.m.

At: Front steps of old white Parish Hall on Embarras St.

Register by: June 6, 2012

Entry fees: **\$24 per team** (limit 10 teams)

Duration: 2 - 3 hours

6-8 person teams follow clues, complete tasks and challenges around the village of Ste. Marie to be the winning team of the Quatoseptcentennial Celebration Road Rally Scavenger Hunt.

(If you don't have a full team, we'll put you with other 'lone trekkers' to make up a team)

Please note: Put an asterisk (*) next to one contact person below. We'll be in touch with you about the rally.

Name	Cell phone	Email
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		
8. _____		

PLEASE NOTE: Please put a star (*) next to one contact person above—we'll be in touch with info about the rally

For more info, contact Rosemary Stone: at 217-899-3559 or stonerosemary22@gmail.com.

Send entry form and fee to Steve Stone, 447 West Glenarm Road, Glenarm, IL 62536.

Make Checks Payable to Ste. Marie 175.

175th COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Sainte Marie, Illinois: Stories and Reminiscences

This beautiful, hard cover book covers the history of Sainte Marie, including a major chapter on the last 25 years. There are also chapters on The Depression Years, World War II, the period from the late '60s to the late '80s, and special sections on people who left Sainte Marie and what they did after they departed this special village. In a last charming chapter, we also hear from grandchildren who loved visiting their grandparents in a place quite different from their own homes. The book's guest writers include Terry Kirts, Ken Stone, Freda Kirts Reynolds, Maurice Calvert, Don Hartrich, and many others. The book was written and published by the Sainte Marie Foundation.

Now available for \$27.00, plus \$6 shipping per book

BOOK ORDER FORM for *Sainte Marie: Stories and Reminiscences*

Name (print) _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

_____ **I will pick up my book/s on June 29 or 30 at the 175th celebration.**

Number of books ____ @ \$27.00 per book = Total \$ _____.

_____ **I need to have my book/s shipped to me.**

Number of books ____ @ \$27 per book plus \$6 (per bk.) shipping= Total \$ _____.

The books will not shipped until AFTER July 1.

Remember, if you bought an ad, you get a free book, for pick-up at the Quartoseptcentennial event on June 29-30.

Please enclose a check payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation and send to Carolyn Keller, PO Box 6, Sainte Marie, IL 62459

For office use only: DR _____ XCL _____