



**Marimba Ensemble  
"LEMONT STREET FAIR"  
SEPT 20, 2014  
10am-4pm.**

**Need Vendors, Bakery, and Volunteers to pull this off!!!!**

Old fashioned fun, vendors, crafters, children's games, entertainment, refreshments, museum tours, Antique Appraiser, bakery, clown for the children or those young at heart-



**PUCKERVILLE FARM**  
Pumpkins will be there for sale. Honey too!

# Cornerstone

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**SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPT 20: LEMONT STREET FAIR**  
**10-4PM. NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
**BAKING & DAY OF FAIR**  
**SEPT 30: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING 7PM. SLATE OF**  
**CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**  
**ANNOUNCED**  
**OCT 28 -FRIGHT NITE - DOORS**  
**OPEN AT 6:30PM. PERFORMANCES**  
**AT 7PM. SMALL ADMISSION**

**FRIGHT NITE!!!!**  
**OCT 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM.**  
**PERFORMANCES AT 7PM.**  
 The ghosts and goblins can't believe that soon they will be able to haunt the museum once again - if they ever left!!!



# Tales of Old Lemont & St. Patrick Church Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 7:00 pm



1839 - 2014

Artist David Carroll will discuss the daguerreotype he created for the Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and descendants of early Lemont families will share their heritage.

Enjoy refreshments and images of Old Lemont at 6:30 p.m. followed by presentations at 7:00 p.m.

*Cosponsored by St. Patrick Church and the Lemont Historical Society.*

Register online at Upcoming Events,  
[lemontlibrary.org](http://lemontlibrary.org) or at the Reference Desk.



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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAHS BY-LAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Proposed at May 7, 2014 LAHS Bd. Meeting by Life Member, Gail August  
Proposed Amendment #1: Article VI: Executive Board, Section #4-Term, Part B. Directors

Current Wording: A Director shall serve for 3 years or until a successor is elected. A Director shall serve not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms and shall not be eligible for election as a Director until a lapse of 1 year.

New Wording: A Director shall serve for three years or until a successor is elected. A Director shall serve for not more than 8 consecutive elected years which includes full and partial elected terms and shall not be eligible for election as a Director until the lapse of 1 year.

Proposed Amendment#2: Article VI: Executive Board, Section #4-Term, Part C. Partial Term

Current Wording: The time a person has served filling a vacancy by appointment shall not be counted in term limitations.

New Wording: The time a person serves filling a partial term by election will count in term limitations

**President's Message. .**



Dear Members,  
Hope all of you are doing well and enjoying what is left of our beautiful summer!

We are calling all artists, antique and collectible dealers, crafters, and anyone else that might be interested to participate in our Street Fair on Saturday, September 20 from 10am-4pm. If you know anyone that is interested please have them contact me at: [smokeyrow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smokeyrow@sbcglobal.net) or 630-888-5250 or they can pick up a registration form from Susan at the church. We hope that you and your families will be able to come out and enjoy the festivities. It is always a very pleasant event.

Fright Nite at the Old Stone Church will also be upon us before we know it. As you can see, I just can't wait! Again we will be sponsoring our Scariest Story Ever Contest. We are inviting you to sharpen your pencils and write a scary story centered on some aspect of Lemont history. We have an adult category and a student category. The first place winners will receive a \$25 cash prize and the opportunity to scare the wits out of you by reading their scary story at Fright Nite. The deadline for stories is Oct 15.

The Board and I wish you all a great autumn and hope to see you at the Street Fair!

Best Regards, Sue

**Lemont Area Historical Society**

*In the Old Stone Church at*  
306 Lemont Street Lemont, IL 60439  
630-257-2972  
[www.lemonthistorical.org](http://www.lemonthistorical.org)

**Museum Hours**

10 am to 2 pm Tuesday, Friday  
10 am to 1 pm Saturday  
1 to 4 pm Sunday

**Library Committee**

Meets 10 am to 12 noon on Wednesday.  
Visits by appointment only.

**The main floor of the museum is available for weddings, meetings, and events.**

**Board of Directors**

President Susan Roy  
1st Vice President Rose Yates  
2nd Vice President Richard Lee  
Secretary Susan Donahue  
Treasurer Gary Roy

**Board Members**

Barbara Bannon ,Patricia Camalliere, Carol Garibay,  
Richard Homerding, Daniel Mitchell, Doris Peterman,  
John Quinn,Wm. Uznanski

**Committees:**

**Strategic Planning:** Gary Roy, Susan Roy

**Resource Center:** Carol Garibay  
Collections, Library, Genealogy,  
Oral Histories, Photographs

**Community Outreach:** Rose Yates  
Publicity, Historic Sites

**Human & Financial Resources**

Fund Raising- Richard Homerding, Grant Writing

**Exhibits:** Richard Lee

**Program:** Gary Roy, Susan Roy

**Tours:** Gail August

**Membership:** Susan Donahue

**Wedding Committee:** Carol Garibay, Susan Donahue

**Building & Maintenance:** Bill Uznanski, Richard Lee, Richard Homerding

**Web Master:** Paul Froehle

**Society members are encouraged to participate in Committees and Subcommittees**

ATHENS MARBLE CLUB MEMBERS  
VILLAGE OF LEMONT  
LEMONT TOWNSHIP  
LEMONT PARK DISTRICT

## *Genealogy Corner*



*By Barb Bannon*

### **You are my what?**

Recently I was asked by someone how we were related to a particular person on our family tree; when I finished with my explanation the look on the inquirers face needed no words to tell me the question that came next. You are my what?

My family tree has a few relationships that are a bit confusing which is odd but not that uncommon in family history research. A couple of generations ago a brother and sister married a sister and brother from an unrelated family. The relationship between the children, grandchildren etc. of the two families is that of double cousins because they share all four ancestors in common. If you split hairs, the married sets of brothers and sisters would also be in-laws, this is where the confused looks start.

One of the recurrent issues in genealogy is trying to understand the relationship between two people in a family. If someone introduced themselves to you as your “second cousin, twice removed” would you have any idea what they meant? Everyone is familiar with the concept of a brother, sister, uncle, aunt and cousin, but what about the terms we don’t use everyday? A first cousin twice removed, a second cousin once removed; we don’t usually talk about relationships that accurately; the term cousin seems to work well enough.

When working on your family history though, it helps to know how to describe family relationships more precisely. The term first cousin, that we use most is the easiest; they are the people in your family who have the same two grandparents as you. They are the children of your aunts and

uncles. Second cousins are the people in your family that have the same great-grandparents as you but not the same grandparents, and so on, you just add a number and a great- it’s that simple.

When you are comparing two cousins and they are not of the same generation, that is when you add the word “removed“ to describe the relationship. The words “once removed” mean that there is a difference of one generation. A first cousin of your father would be your first cousin once removed; meaning that the first cousin of your father is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents, so there is a one generation difference between you and that cousin.

A relationship chart can help you figure out how different people in your family are related. As an example choose yourself and one other person in your family and figure out which ancestor the two of you have in common, insert that person in the top left box. In the top row across find your relationship to that common ancestor, for example say you are the grandchild. Say the other person is the common ancestors G-grandchild the two of you are First Cousins Once Removed. The chart can be expanded by adding generations down and across. (Chart on next page)

### **Mailbox**



If you have a general genealogy question please send it via regular mail or email to [lahsgenes2@yahoo.com](mailto:lahsgenes2@yahoo.com) with “Genealogy Corner Mailbox” in the subject and we will do our best to have the answer in the next newsletter.

### **Connecting Branches**



If you are doing research and would like to contact these or other genealogists, please let us know by leaving a message at the Museum 630-257-2972 or by e-mail to [lemontahs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lemontahs@sbcglobal.net)

**FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CHART:**

<b>Common Ancestor</b>	Child	Grandchild	G-grandchild	G-g-grandchild
Child	Brother/Sister	Nephew/Niece	Grand-Nephew/Niece	G-Grand-Nephew/Niece
Grandchild	Nephew/Niece	First Cousin	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed
G-Grandchild	Grand-Nephew/Niece	First Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin	Second Cousin Once Remove
G-g-grandchild	G-grand-Nephew/Niece	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin

One interesting term we use quite often is Great Uncle/Aunt or Great Nephew/Niece they are actually Grand Uncle/Aunt and Grand Nephew/Niece. And a seldom used title is Cousins-in-law which would be a wife's cousin or husband's cousin.

In everyday conversation we wouldn't pull out a relationship chart to make sure we are using correct terms but being a generation or two off with cousins in your genealogy can make for some very contorted branches in your tree.



**LEMONT STREET FAIR 2013**

## *SOCIETY NEWS*

*By Susan Donahue*



### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

The Lemont Area Historical Society would like to extend our congratulations to a Life Member who recently was acknowledged for his volunteerism. **BILL GWODZ**, has been a tireless worker for many organizations throughout the years here in Lemont like our own Lemont Area Historical Society. He is honored with **“LEMONT’S PIONEER AWARD.”** Sure everyone would like to wish him well and Best Wishes on this recognition.

### **“ANGUISH”**

Does everyone remember the hectic time last year when the town was all a buzz because a feature film was shot right here in Lemont? Well we at the LAHS do. They did the scenes here at the museum on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> All Halloween. The producer, Mr. Lester, and the crew thought this could not have been better timing. We have yet to hear if the film will be in release in the foreseeable future. I personally got teased for an autograph because I did a very short scene in the chapel with an actor dressed as a priest. The day started at 6am. and didn’t finish until close to 9pm. It is always fascinating. Time has no relation to how they operate. One of their favorite lines is, “Hurry to wait.” I was asked not to print any photos for 6 mos. I think I have fulfilled that promise so here are a few pix behind the scenes as we come close to the anniversary when Lemont and the Historical Society again played a part in the film industry.

To your right is a photo of you know who – I had no idea at the time the pix was taken that I would be doing a scene with him. Nice man flew in from CA for the part. I guess he heard I would be in the film and wanted to do a scene with me!!



**Calling All the Shots Behind the Camera**

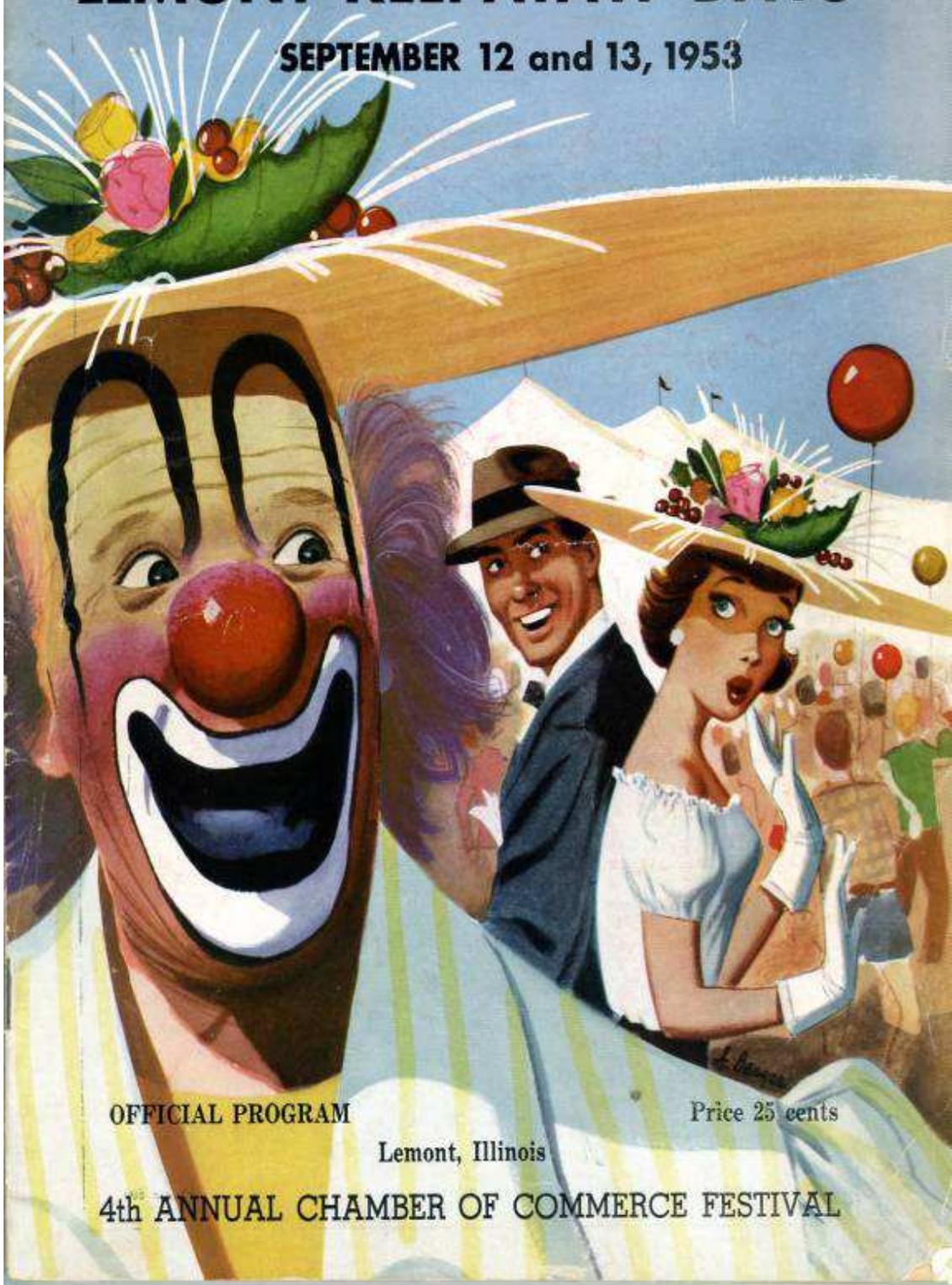


**Crew + Actor Doubles**



# LEMONT KEEPATAW DAYS

SEPTEMBER 12 and 13, 1953



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Price 25 cents

Lemont, Illinois

4th ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FESTIVAL

*Thank you Rose Yates for sharing this treasure with us of the Official Keepataw Program 1954!!!*



## *STEPPING BACK IN TIME*

*By Susan Donahue*

I know those of us who enjoyed Keepataw from little on are becoming quite nostalgic about it. Here are some stories that others have shared with me and have agreed to have in the newsletter:

Rose Yates: One of my favorite memories is getting a hot dog from "Little Oscar." He was handing them out along the parade route which went right past my home on Porter Street.

It was about 1950, give or take a few years. I remember being very young so it had to be one of the first parades. (I think I got a tummy ache from it).

Carol Garibay: I was part of the horse division of the Keepataw Parade. We dressed up in Western outfits. My horse's name was, "Pat". Her owner Johnnie and I spent many hours polishing the silver and the saddles for his horses.

The parade was so much fun and being with great friends will always be remembered in my heart.

P.J. Fitzgerald: When we first moved to Lemont, after school was out for the summer, in 1957 it was pretty hard to meet people and make friends. As school approached I heard about Keepataw Days and the opportunity to volunteer at the carnival. I decided it would be a chance to get a look at some of the people I would be going to school with that year. It worked out great. I spent a couple of hours in the Ferris wheel ticket booth at State Street and Main Street by Mat's Inn.

The next year I went to the carnival with my friend Darlene Johnson. It was her tradition to dress up as a Cow Girl for Keepataw.

Her mother, Virginia Wojiechowski, owned the Little Town Restaurant on Stephens Street and Talcott. The following year Johnnie, as Darlene was then known, had a horse, Hiawatha, and she rode in the parade.

I think it was the 1962 Keepataw Parade my brother, Bill Gwodz, was President of the Teen Club. The morning of the parade they didn't have access to the convertible they had planned to use that afternoon. Everyone was scrambling around looking for one to use. I happened to be up at the Plaza and spotted a convertible in the parking lot. I can't believe I tracked down the owner of the car and he allowed the car to be used in the parade. The Lemont Teen Club had a ride for the Parade. As part of the plan for that day, Bill and (I think) Rob Garvey would get off the convertible and present a dozen roses to "The kindest looking Lady in the Crowd."

Starting in 1967 my husband and I would take my brother's 2 sons to Grandma Stephanie Brokenborough's house in Princeton, IL. that freed Bill and Pat up to work with the JCs' and Jaycee-ettes on Keepataw, building floats, staging the parade, and working the midway. The first year we were coming back from Princeton a couple hours before the parade and there was a traffic jam in town. My husband was impatient with the traffic and wondered out loud "What is going on?" I replied: "It is Keepataw." He misunderstood and said: "We'll they can keep it all."

When Billy, my nephew, was 4 or 5 he was scheduled to be on the Jaycee-ettes float. Mike was 2 or 3 and too little to be on the float. You would not believe how angry such a little guy could get because he could not ride the float. That was the year the float was a "Little Red School House." The following year their float was "Children From Around The World" and both the boys got to ride in the parade.

(To be continued and if you have some memories to share please email or write to us. Love to hear from you. sd)

**Lemont Area Historical Society Membership**

**Student**

**Senior Citizen:\$10.00 -----**

**Individual: \$15.00 -----**

**Family: \$25.00 -----**

**Corporate:\$50.00 -----**

**Life Member:\$200-----**

**Old Quarry Club:\$250.00 -----**

**Friends of Keepataw:500.00 -----**

**Athens Marble Club:\$1,000.00 ----**

**Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_**

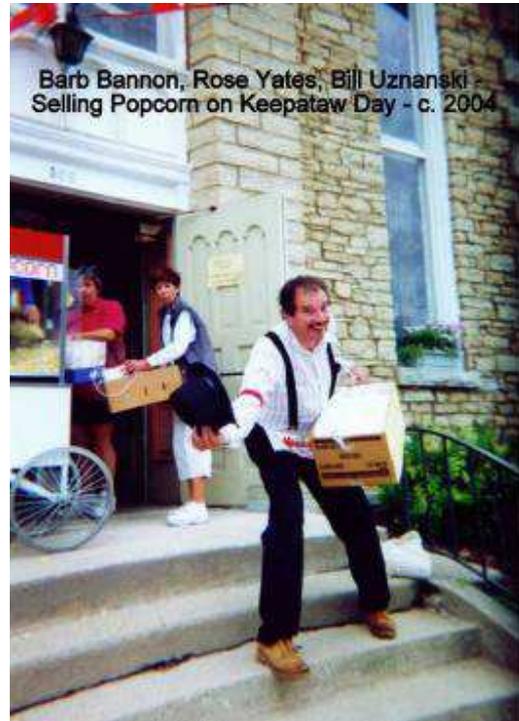
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**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES  
KEEPATAW!!!!**



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