

Letter from the President, Nov. 2007

It's fall again, and time for our annual dinner meeting at historic Hotel Nauvoo. It's time to look at results for 2007 and plan for 2008 and beyond. We will recognize and thank people, elect new officers, and get a preview of a new book, "Brown Water Boating" from our own Dean Gabbert. I have been privileged to serve as President for the past 2 years, and I want to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to hold this office. As I approach the end of my first term, I hope that you all feel that, working with the Board, the Chairs and many volunteers, the Nauvoo Historical Society was well cared for and even improved.

When I was elected Treasurer in 2004, I identified areas of concern that needed action that should not be delayed. Considering the properties and mission of the Historical Society to be very valuable to our community, I accepted a nomination and was elected President. While the job is not finished, I believe that the most critical areas of concern have been addressed.

There has been a great deal of positive approval for what has been done, and on behalf of the Society, I thank those people. There has been some positive disapproval, and on behalf of the Society, I thank those people too, since this is harder to give and we learn from it. There has been some negative disapproval which has come to us indirectly and is simply destructive, and which, unfortunately, we have no way to remedy. I think this will always be there.

Most of all, many of the long time members, some involved since 1953, and many new members have stepped forward and worked on our projects, and that has been the brightest light of the last two years. When you see the facade of the Weld House lit at night with its new signage and Old Glory proudly waving beside her guarded by our adopted Lion, think of it as the glow from all these great people, and the contributions they have made that lights our museum. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with them and with you.

-Sam Candido, President

Our Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker for 2007 will be our own Dean Gabbert, giving the membership an advanced preview of his new river book, "Brown Water Boating," at the Nauvoo Historical Society's annual meeting, November 8th, 6:30 P.M.

The 238 page paperback, is a collection of 39 river stories, most of which have been published in various magazines and newspapers. The stories in "Brown Water Boating" take us from one end of the Mississippi to the other, and many of the stories have links to Nauvoo. The publisher, J.R. Simpson and Associates, Florissant, Missouri, said it will do its best to ship books in time for the program, but could not guarantee. "Even if the books don't make it, it will be an honor to tell you a little about my book and read a chapter," Dean said.

Dean and Joyce are both retired journalists who moved to the Nauvoo area in 1985. Dean is the author of two other Mississippi River novels. He is also co-author of the Nauvoo Historical Society's latest, "Nauvoo Book" with Marilyn Candido.

"Brown Water Boating" has been advance reviewed and highly praised by several noted authors and historians. We are sure this will be an enjoyable program for our members.

Election of New Officers for 2008

Our Nauvoo Historical Society is in the unusual position of not having a fully functioning nominating committee this year since due to a resignation, it did not meet the requirements in the bylaws. However, one member of that committee, Mary Logan, has suggested the following names. The Board will leave it up to the membership to accept these names or nominate from the floor.

The following is a list of offices up for election and suggested names:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Current Incumbent</i>	<i>Suggested Name</i>
President	Sal Candido	Sal Candido (second term)
Second VP	Cecel Neff	Gabby Berry (first term)
Secretary	Lin Yockey	Bonny Holliday (first term)

The following is a list of Board Members up for election and suggested names:

Board member	Lacklan Mackay*	Lacklan Mackay (first term)
Board member	Cary Walker	Kenneth Nudd (first term)

* Lacklan was appointed to replace Marilyn Kraus and has not served half a term. He is therefore eligible for 2 full terms.

Address Correction

There is a listing for the Nauvoo Historical Society Museum in the current Ft. Madison DEX Yellow Pages under Vistor's Centers using the address of the Rheinberger Museum in the State Park. This ad was not placed by the Nauvoo Historical Society. The listing appears to have been placed by a private party and the phone number is that person's private Nauvoo listing. The party has nothing to do with the Nauvoo Historical Society. We are working with DEX to have this listing removed.

To contact the Nauvoo Historical Society, write to PO Box 69, Nauvoo, IL 62354, email historian@nauvoohistoricalociety.org or call 217-453 -6590.

For the Budget:

The proposed budget lists the actual income and expenses for 2007 through September 30, 2007. To assist in fiscal planning for 2008, an estimated 10/1 - 12/31, 2007 column was provided in the November '08 Newsletter.

Since the fiscal year ends on December 31, 2007, another report listing the final income and expenses as of December 31, 2007 will be published in the February, 2008 Newsletter. The Financial Report and Budget will not be published on the website.

The Nauvoo Historical Society is seeking donations for 2 much needed projects:

UV filtering storm windows. Aside from the obvious energy savings, these UV filtered storm windows will protect the old windows and greatly reduce maintenance on those windows. At the same time, they will protect the contents of the building from

harmful UV light which will destroy our delicate artifacts. We estimate that each storm window will cost \$2-300 depending on how many are purchased at one time. We currently have \$300 donated, and would like to match that so we can get 2 windows installed in the front of the building so members can see what they look like and decide if they would like to help with the project. Please consider a donation for all or part of the second window.

A ramp for the back door of the Weld House Museum. We need to provide for seniors and handicapped people who have trouble with stairs. It's long overdue. A donation of \$100 was made to help us get started, but we estimate that by the time we widen the door for wheelchair access, this project will amount to about \$1000. Please consider a donation for all or part of the back door ramp.

In addition to these items, we would gladly accept used folding chairs or stackable plastic deck chairs which you no longer need as long as they are solid and safe for our special events.

We thank you for whatever help you can give and appreciate any donation large or small.

Little note: Carpenters wanted. The Rheinberger museum has many shutters which are in need of repair. While this is not our building, the park department is short of funds and labor for projects like this, so when a shutter comes apart, they store it in a shed and the building just has one less shutter. They need to be glued and braced back together and painted. The paint is provided. Will you adopt a pair of shutters over the winter and restore them?

On all of the above, please call Sal Candido at 217- 453-6590 or email historian@nauvoohistoricalociety.org.