

# Friends of Rocheport Newsletter

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## Friends of Rocheport March General Meeting

The Friends of Rocheport March General Meeting will be March 20, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Rocheport Community Hall. There will be a potluck dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in the potluck dinner, just bring a dish to share with everyone and join us at 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to just join us for the meeting if you can't make it to the potluck!!! We hope to see you there!!!

## Spring Plant Sale April 22 – 24



The Friends of Rocheport Spring Plant Sale will be April 22 -24 at the Rocheport Community Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. We will get our plants again this year from **Chuck Bay (Wilson's Garden Center)**.

In addition to selling plants, we will also have Friends of Rocheport t-shirts and green tomato relish available.

Our Spring Plant Sale will be held the same weekend that the **Rocheport Area Merchants Association (RAMA)** is having Spring Open Houses. RAMA is also celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **Richard Saunder's Antique Store** and **Stockton Mercantile** (formerly known as Granny's Antiques) this weekend. Congratulations to **Richard Saunders** and **Diane Dunn**, owner of Stockton Mercantile, on their milestones!!!

## Friends of Rocheport T-shirt Contest Reminder

**Conrad & Dixie Yates (Yates House Bed & Breakfast)** are sponsoring the Friends of Rocheport (FOR) T-shirt Contest again this year. Don't forget to pack your FOR T-shirt when you go on vacation or do something fun and take a photo wearing it!!! Photos showing a landmark or sign with the location are helpful. You have until September 30th to submit your entries. E-mail your photo to [for@friendsofrocheport.org](mailto:for@friendsofrocheport.org) or mail it to Friends of Rocheport, P.O. Box 122, Rocheport, MO 65279. Who knows, you might win breakfast for four (4) at Yates House (a \$60 value).

## 2015 Award Winners



Joyce Welbern

The Friends of Rocheport (FOR) presented awards for Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year and an Outstanding Service Award at the Christmas Tree Lighting in December.

The **Volunteer of the Year** was **Pat Bates**. Pat is a lifetime member of the Friends of Rocheport and served on the Board of Directors where she was the Secretary/Treasurer for many years. Pat was very actively involved in all of FOR's activities and she had a major role in planning and organizing FOR's Chili/Ham & Bean Dinner each year.

The **Citizen of the Year Award** was presented to **Joyce Welbern**. Joyce is also a lifetime member of FOR and has been involved with the organization since its early years. She has consistently volunteered her time to work FOR fundraisers and events over the years and has always been there to provide baked goods for the organization when needed. In addition to her contributions to FOR, Joyce was a businesswoman in the community and active in PTA when Rocheport Elementary School was operating. Joyce's active involvement in the community and FOR has helped make Rocheport a better place.

An **Outstanding Service Award** was given to **Dennis Moses**. Dennis owns Vault Pizza and Sandwiches in Russellville, MO. In spite of the fact that he doesn't live or own a business in the area, Dennis has volunteered his time and facility to bake carrot cakes and cornbread for FOR's Chili/Ham and Bean Dinner for the past several years. If you have ever attended one of our dinners, you know how good the carrot cake and cornbread are!!! The Friends of Rocheport appreciate Dennis helping us every year!!!!

## Friends of Rocheport Awarded Boone County Community Trust Grant

The Friends of Rocheport would like to thank the Boone County Community Trust for the grant that it gave to our organization!!! We applied for the grant in order to do some maintenance on the Historic Friends of Rocheport Museum and the Mariam Green Building, which the Friends of Rocheport owns.

CSG Restoration, LLC took advantage of a beautiful February day and replaced the gutters on the museum. We are still waiting on the contractor to do the remaining repairs but, hopefully, this work will be done soon.

Thanks to **Albert Taylor** for removing the tree that was too close to the building and was interfering with the gutters.

The Friends of Rocheport greatly appreciate the support provided by the Boone County Community Trust!!!



## Christmas Tree Lighting

The Friends of Rocheport Christmas Tree Lighting was held on December 6, 2015. The evening began with **Conrad Yates** emceeding the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Singing Christmas carols at the Rocheport Christian Church followed the tree lighting. **Pat Rybolt** led the caroling and former Rocheport resident, **Judy Burroughs Shaw**, played the piano. Pat also brought various musical instruments and had some of the crowd add their musical talents to the Christmas songs.

At the conclusion of the Christmas caroling, the crowd gathered at the Rocheport Community Hall for refreshments and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. To see more pictures, go to our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/FriendsofRocheport](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofRocheport)) or our website ([www.friendsofrocheport.org](http://www.friendsofrocheport.org)).



## Friends of Rocheport Historic Museum

The Friends of Rocheport Historic Museum will open again on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. As usual, we plan on having the museum open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from May through October. If you can volunteer to work at the museum on any of those weekends, please contact Sherry Moreau at 573-234-2902.

If you are hesitant to volunteer because you aren't sure what you need to do, there will be a **training session on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** It's not difficult and there are lots of interesting things in the museum for you to see while you are there!!!!

**Veteran's Pictures** - We were able to collect quite a few photos of Rocheport residents for our Veteran's exhibit last year. The exhibit has been left up at the museum because of its popularity. We are still accepting photos for the exhibit so if you have a photo of a Rocheport area veteran, please e-mail it to [for@friendsofrocheport.org](mailto:for@friendsofrocheport.org) or mail it to Friends of Rocheport, P.O. Box 122, Rocheport, MO 65279 so we can add it to our exhibit.

## 2016 Friends of Rocheport Calendar of Events

### General Meetings – Community Hall

**March 20**

**May 15**

**August 21**

**October 16**

**Potluck at 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

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### Events

**Museum Training – April 17 4:00 p.m.**

**Spring Plant Sale – April 22 – 24  
Community Hall**

**Mum Sale – September 16 – 18  
Community Hall**

**Chili Dinner – Date to be determined**

**Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4**

## Friends of Rocheport – 2016 Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues (\$20 per household or business): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Gift Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to “**Friends of Rocheport Society**”

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