

Friends of Rocheport Newsletter

P.O. Box 122

Rocheport, MO 65279

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Friends of Rocheport March General Meeting

The Friends of Rocheport will have a general meeting on March 19, 2017 at the Rocheport Community Hall. There will be a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. prior to the meeting which will start at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us as we discuss plans for the 2017 year and upcoming FOR events. If you can't make it to the potluck dinner, feel free to come for the meeting only. We hope to see you there!

Spring Plant Sale April 21 – 23



The Friends of Rocheport Spring Plant Sale will be April 21 -23 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.

In addition to selling plants, we will also have Friends of Rocheport t-shirts and hats 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.



2017 Dues Are Due

It's time to pay your 2017 dues, if you have not already done so. If you paid your membership after August of 2016, then you are considered to have paid for 2017.

There is a membership form at the end of this newsletter that you can complete and mail along with your membership fee. We hope you continue to be a part of our organization!!

2016 Award Winners



Betty Sullins

The Friends of Rocheport (FOR) presented awards for Volunteer of the Year and Citizens of the Year at the Christmas Tree Lighting in December.

The **Volunteer of the Year** was **Betty Sullins**. Betty has been a member of the Friends of Rocheport and served on the Board of Directors for many years. She has been very actively involved in all of FOR's activities and has had a major role in planning and organizing the Spring Plant and Mum Sales, has been one of the cooks for our Chili/Ham & Bean Dinner and is always one of the first to show up to help and last to leave after cleaning up after practically every FOR event. She is not only one of the most valuable members of the Friends of Rocheport, she is also very involved in the Rocheport Christian Church and the Christian Women's Fellowship and volunteers just as generously with them.



John Zondca & Diane Dunn

The **Citizens of the Year** award was presented to **John Zondca and Diane Dunn**. John and Diane are actively involved in making Rocheport such a wonderful place. They own and operate Stockton Mercantile, Girls Nite Inn and Rocheport General Store and are very active in the Rocheport Area Merchant's Association (RAMA). John is the current Mayor of Rocheport, and President of RAMA, and President of the Moniteau Housing Board of Directors. They have both been very supportive of the Friends of Rocheport and are wonderful ambassadors of Rocheport and very deserving of the Citizens of the Year award!!

2016 Friends of Rocheport T-shirt Contest Winners



The 2016 Winner of the Friends of Rocheport T-shirt Contest sponsored by **Conrad & Dixie Yates (Yates House Bed & Breakfast)** was **Patti Michels**. Patti wore her Friends of Rocheport t-shirt when she visited Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.

Conrad & Dixie are sponsoring the Friends of Rocheport (FOR) T-shirt Contest again this year so 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 your location are helpful. You have until September 30th to submit your entries. E-mail your photo to for@friendsofrocheport.org or mail it to Friends of Rocheport, P.O. Box 122, Rocheport, MO 65279.



The lucky winner of the contest will receive breakfast for four (4) at Yates House (a \$60 value). One of Patti Michels' guests described the breakfast as "absolutely marvelous!" Don't miss out on a chance for this treat!!

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Friends of Rocheport Christmas Tree Lighting was held on December 4, 2016. **Conrad Yates** emceed the lighting of the Christmas tree. **Pat Rybolt** led the caroling accompanied by **Leslie Clay** who played the piano. The night was capped off with a visit from Santa. To see more pictures, go to our Facebook page (Facebook.com/FriendsofRocheport) or our website (www.friendsofrocheport.org).



Help With Identification

Mary Haines donated this photo and we believe the lady was a Rocheport resident but we have not been able to find anyone who can identify her. If you know who she is, please e-mail for@friendsofrocheport.org or send a note by mail and let us know her name. Thanks!!



Ralph
Havener
outside
the
museum



Friends of Rocheport Historic Museum

The Friends of Rocheport Historic Museum will open again on **May 6th**. 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 30th at 4:00 p.m.** Interest in Rocheport's history and willingness to help are the primary qualifications necessary to work at the museum.

It's not difficult and there are lots of entertaining things in the museum for you to see while you are there!!!!

2017 Friends of Rocheport Calendar of Events

General Meetings – Community Hall

March 19
May 21
August 13
October 15

Potluck at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Events

Museum Training – April 30 4:00 p.m.
Friends of Rocheport Historic Museum

Spring Plant Sale – April 21 – 23
Community Hall

Mum Sale – September 15 - 17
Community Hall

Chili Dinner – November 11 (tentative)

Christmas Tree Lighting – December 3 (tentative)

Friends of Rocheport – 2017 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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