

Friends of Rocheport Newsletter

P.O. Box 122

Rocheport, MO 65279

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Friends of Rocheport May General Meeting

The Friends of Rocheport next General Meeting will be May 21, 2017. 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. 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



The weather was a little cold and rainy but that didn't keep people from buying a lot of plants at our Spring Plant Sale on April 21 – 23rd!!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers and everyone who bought plants, t-shirts, caps and relish. As always, thank you to the merchants for displaying our flyers advertising the sale. A special thank you goes out to **Mary Hall** for coordinating the volunteers for the sale.

Help Wanted

The Friends of Rocheport is in need of board members and volunteers to work at the Friends of Rocheport Historical Museum. If the organization is going to continue, it is necessary that we find more people willing to be active participants.

There are two openings on the board. Serving on the board is a great resume builder and provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills! It is also a great way to meet people in Rocheport and discover what a fantastic place it is.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or have questions about it, contact **Mary Hall** at 698-4855 or **Sherry Moreau** at 234-2902. You may also send an e-mail to for@friendsofrocheport.org.

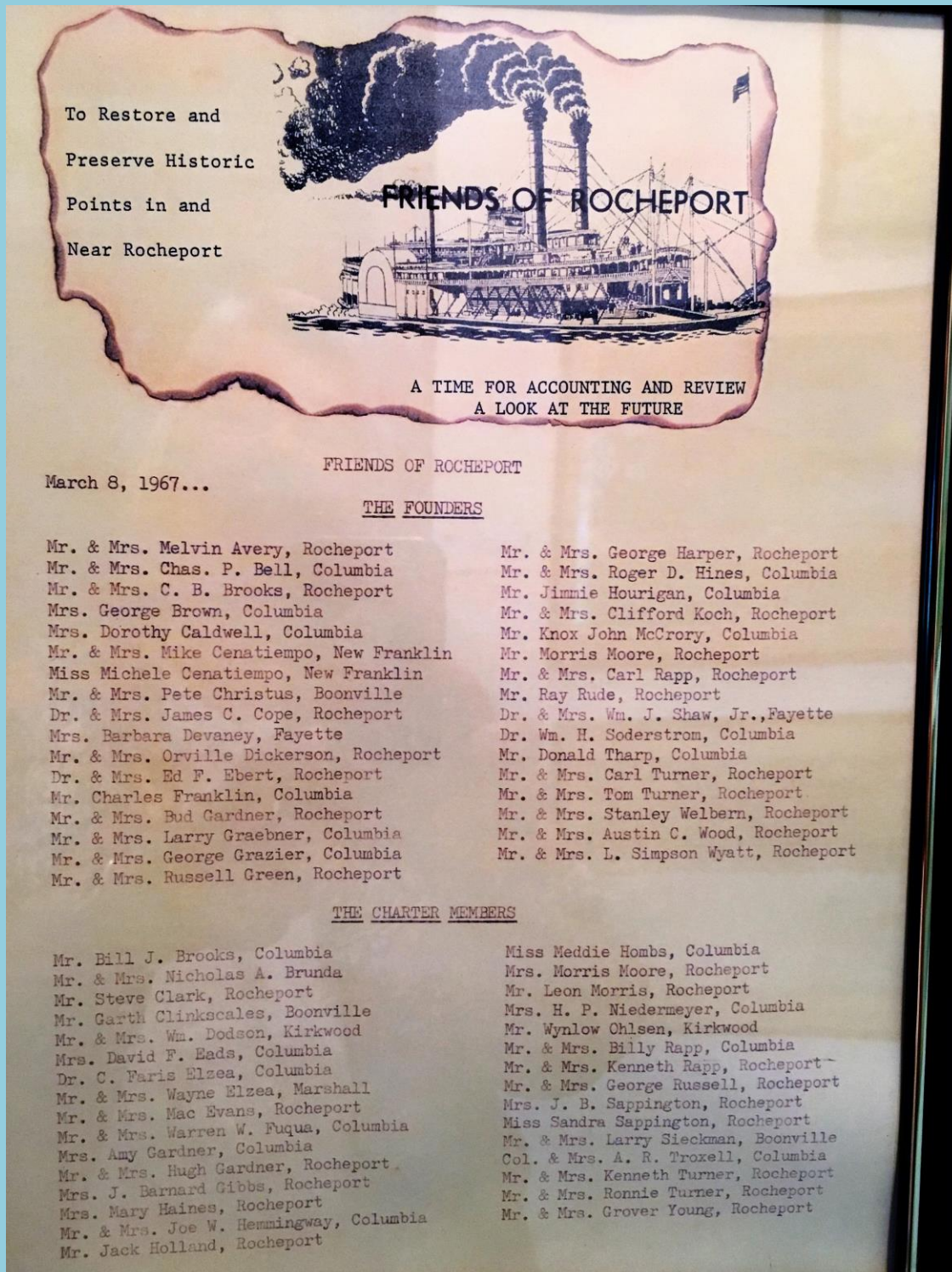
The museum has opened for the season! It is staffed entirely by volunteers so if you can help, please contact **Sherry Moreau**.

Friends of Rocheport T-shirt Contest

Conrad & Dixie Yates (Yates House B & B) are sponsoring the Friends of Rocheport T-shirt Contest again this year. Take a pic in your Friends of Rocheport t-shirt in a cool location or doing something fun and submit it to for@friendsofrocheport.org or mail it to Friends of Rocheport, P.O. Box 122, Rocheport, MO 65279. You could win breakfast for 4 at Yates House (a \$60 value)! Entries must be submitted by September 30, 2017.

Friends of Rocheport's 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of Rocheport Society. The founders and charter members listed below recognized the value of preserving Rocheport's history and proceeded to establish this organization for that purpose.



The Friends are planning a celebration to commemorate this anniversary with a celebration during the Rocheport Solar Eclipse festivities August 19 - 21.

Total Solar Eclipse

A total solar eclipse will take place August 21, 2017 and, as luck would have it, there is no better place to view the eclipse than Rocheport, MO!! Rocheport is considered to be in the path of totality. This means that the eclipse will last the longest along its path. The total duration is expected to be about 90 minutes. This will be the first time since August 7, 1869 that a total solar eclipse will come to Missouri.

Rocheport intends to have entertainment throughout the weekend leading up to the eclipse on Monday, August 21st. Watch for details of the festivities at www.rocheport-mo.com.

The Friends of Rocheport celebration of our 50th Anniversary will be planned to coincide with the other entertainment going on that weekend. Details for that celebration will be provided at www.friendsofrocheport.org and in our August newsletter.

Help With Identification



The March 2017 newsletter included the above photo on the left and requested help identifying the person shown. We received several responses and the general belief is that this is a photo of **Daisy Broadus** in her younger days. Daisy was a well known Rocheport resident.

The photo on the right was a picture of Daisy in her later years that appeared in the Columbia Daily Tribune.

Thanks to everyone who helped solve the mystery!

Friends of Rocheport Historic Museum Opened May 6th



The museum season has arrived!!! 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 have never been to the museum, you should check it out. There are lots of historic photos, items and information that relate to Rocheport. A donation of \$1 is requested from anyone over 12. No charge for visitors under 12.

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**”

Mail to: Friends of Rocheport Society
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