

Friends of Stonefield State Historic Site & Nelson Dewey State Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 658 Cassville, WI 53806

2011 Membership Renewal

July 28, 2011

Dear Member,

As the summer season is in full swing, it's time to reflect on our accomplishments as a "Friends Group" and renew our commitment to the historic treasures of Cassville—Stonefield State Historic Site and Nelson Dewey State Park. We appreciate your membership in our organization and hope that you will remain committed to the rewards of volunteerism. Refreshing our goals, with the intent of preserving and protecting these treasures, will enrich our community and encourage tourism. We need to remain open to partnerships with our neighboring communities, such as Potosi, Lancaster, and Prairie du Chien. Our initiatives can create economic growth and historical educational opportunities in our Grant County area. We must never underestimate the potential that we have within our community. We have proudly supported and contributed to the following improvements at Stonefield State Historic Site.

- The completion of a MP3 audio tour of the Village has provided visitors with additional interpretation of the buildings in the village. Visitors can either pay an additional fee for the use of the audio equipment, or download the program on to their own MP3 player. The audio program is also available through "On Cell", which allows visitors to use their cell phones to connect to the audio program.*
- Stonefield/Pendarvis tickets (with a tear off tab that read "Buy one adult admission, Get one free") were distributed at the Potosi Brewery Museum—in an effort to generate additional visitors to both historical sites.*
- The passenger train car has been dismantled for reconstruction. Upon completion, it will become part of the railroading exhibitions.*
- The Halloween Event (2010) set a new record—2,000 visitors.*
- The Grant County Tourism Resource Committee provided funding for Railroad Days and for Grant County school children to visit Stonefield free of charge.*
- Painting has been completed on the following buildings: Telephone Exchange, farmhouse, livery stable, carpentry shop, blacksmith shop, farmer's store, drugstore, and the cigar factory. This was a state funded project.*
- Handicapped accessible ramps and railings have been installed in the village. This was a state funded project.*
- Allen Schroeder has been appointed as a commissioner to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission by Ellsworth Brown. Allen will be representing the Wisconsin Historical Society. Thank you Allen for your fine leadership.*

We look forward to the future commitment of our "Friends Group" to broaden our partnerships and make Stonefield Historic Site and Nelson Dewey State Park great places to visit in the state of Wisconsin. Be proud and committed to renewing your membership. Please see the attached membership renewal form. Mark your calendar for our next meeting, Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cassville Municipal Building. Thanks again for your continued support!

*Friends of Stonefield State Historic Site/NDSP, Inc.
Board of Directors
Susan Kremer, Secretary*