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**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL FEATURES TRIBUTES TO LONG-TERM  
MEMBERS OF THE REDDICK MANSION ASSOCIATION**

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Sunday, August 18, is the date for the annual Ice Cream Social in the lovely gardens of the Reddick Mansion.

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm, the public is invited to enjoy ice cream, lemonade, and other refreshments while listening to "Sherri Farley and Friends" perform in the garden at the Mansion. Founded in 1995, the musical group, "Sherri Farley and Friends," is led by Sherri Farley of rural Sandwich on the hammered dulcimer. The group's diverse music selections range from waltzes to bluegrass, intermingled with smooth vocal numbers and fun novelty arrangements.

This year, the Reddick Mansion Association will also recognize and thank several long-term members of the Association: Joan Bardgett, Esther Funk, Jean Pool, Helen Thomas, and Edmund Thornton. Mrs. Pool's and Mr. Thornton's involvement with the Reddick Mansion goes back to the 1970s, when they were among the founding members of the Association, as well as being very involved with the restoration of the main floor period rooms. In addition to being long-term members, Joan Bardgett, Esther Funk, and Helen Thomas have served several terms on the RMA Board of Directors. Most recently, Mrs. Bardgett and Mrs. Thomas have individually chaired the Docent Committee—the committee responsible for training and scheduling the tour guides at the Mansion. Mrs. Funk served as President of the Reddick Mansion Association for several years. All three are current members of the Board.

The public is invited to attend and thank the honorees for their many years of dedication to the Ottawa community and to the Reddick Mansion. Suggested donation: \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for families. All donations will be used for maintaining and renovating the Mansion.

The Reddick Mansion, built in 1858, is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites. The Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street, Ottawa, IL is open to the public for tours and also has meeting/reception rooms available for rent for special events.