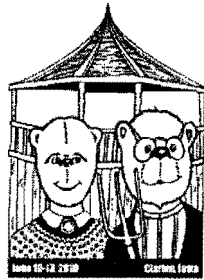


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FROM THE COMMITTEE and the Clarion Partnership for Growth: We had such a wonderful weekend and enjoyed every minute of the Teddy Bear Reunion in the Heartland 2010. Thank you to every one of you who attended. Every five years we are amazed that artists and collectors still want to come to rural Iowa. It gives us an opportunity to experience a culture outside our own without leaving home. Someone remarked that it made Clarion seem like an east or west coast artist colony. Clarion had fun. Thank you for supporting our event and our community. When all expenses of the Teddy Bear Reunion 2010 are paid, any remaining monies will go to the Partnership for Growth to help purchase new Christmas lights for Main Street and Central Avenue. After two years of working on the event, and after finally meeting everyone, I feel some sadness that everything is over. I hope that if your travels ever bring you to north central Iowa again, you will stop in Clarion and say hello. Barb Mussman

Charity Auction...

The official total raised at the Friday evening Charity Auction was \$23,870. Half that money is given to charity and this year's funds will go to Heartland Museum to support the Artist Teddy Bear Exhibit and purchase some of the bears from the Smithsonian exhibit for the permanent collection. The Museum will also continue to track down additional bears or photos of the Smithsonian exhibit for future purchase.

Charity Bear Encounter...

The Charity Bear Encounter prior to the auction raised \$1451.00. That money all goes to Heartland Museum as well. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fast paced and fun event. We especially appreciate the donations of bears that make this event possible.

FROM HEARTLAND MUSEUM

All the volunteers at the Museum wish to thank all our Teddy Bear Reunion 2010 guests for their wonderful comments and appreciation for Heartland Museum. Your excitement and encouragement is heart warming. Thank you. We also want to thank all the artists who generously loaned their special bears and rabbits for this year's Smithsonian exhibit and the exhibit of rabbits. We hope you are happy with how your pieces are displayed and will want to take part in future exhibits as well.

FROM FESTIVAL IN THE PARK COMMITTEE

Once again the time has come to say a huge thank you to everyone for coming to Clarion. We hope you took home some wonderful memories. It is always a challenge for a small community to prepare for a gathering such as yours and it is our hope that we met that challenge and that you were well cared for during your stay. Although we experienced several hours of rain each day, the sun did come out for Saturday's parade and lunch at the food stands. We are grateful for your support of our local organizations. Come back and visit us again. Jill Harrington & Cory Abels