

# Questers

## *A Heritage Happening!*



Lake Saint Louis Questers at the Fall 2009 Missouri State Questers Meeting "on the hill". Joe DeGregorio, a well known historian, gave a great presentation about this old and much loved Italian neighborhood.

As members of this international organization with chapters throughout the United States and into Canada, we're used to hearing "What is a Quester?" Questers was formed in 1944 by Jessie Elizabeth Bardens in Pennsylvania. Bardens was an avid collector believing that antiques to be a part of human history and a tangible record of things for everyday living. She began an antiques study group and soon others followed her lead. Through the years Questers groups delved into local history and actively supported preservation of local historical sites. Grants are offered for worthy projects along with scholarships and fellowships to encourage students in that field.

The excitement of learning about one's American heritage is shared in the Heritage of Hawk Ridge Questers Chap-

ter, the only one in St. Charles County. Our first chapter, the Heritage Explorers was chartered in 2003, and the second... the Heritage Adventurers was chartered in 2009.

Men and women in our chapter enjoy field trips and fascinating lectures in our amazing state of Missouri once a month. Yearly conferences are held and this years meeting was in Pennsylvania. We would love to spread the word about our fun and worthwhile organization.

For more information about Questers, please stop by the Heritage of Hawk Ridge Clubhouse. On the round glass-topped table in the lobby, you will find brochures. Help yourself and give consideration to starting a chapter in your neighborhood. Be assured that Questers at HHR will be delighted to help you make it happen. Any questions, please call Pat Goddard at 636-561-3563.