

## Meet Some Special Volunteers

We first met the Detzlers at our field clearing event last June. Doug and his wife Margo, celebrating their 33rd anniversary that day, were the first to arrive and the last to



leave. They jumped right in with enthusiasm and confidence as though they had done this kind of work before. Turns out, volunteerism is indeed old hat to the Detzlers. They have a summer cabin in Honor and winter in Greenfield, IN, where they have volunteered

for Habitat for Humanity and other organizations. When they learned about Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear a few years earlier at the Port Oneida Fair, they signed up to help. Margo, a retired fourth grade teacher who always devoted a week to teaching pioneer history at her school, was intrigued. "What caught our attention was that these buildings could be lost," says Margo. "We want to bring history back for our grand kids—make it come alive."

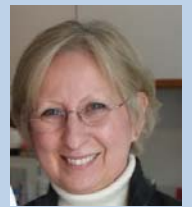
The workbee in June didn't quite finish the job and Margo e-mailed us a week later asking if she and Doug could come back and haul the rest of the black locust trees to the road. "I was amazed at their dedication and desire to see a project to completion," marveled Director, Susan Pocklington. But that was just the beginning. What makes the Detzlers so special is that they participated in not just one, but *three* of Preserve's sponsored volunteer projects in 2007. In July, they returned, bringing their son-in-law with them to help on the Olsen barn project. "I would love to bring my grand children out here some day and be able to say that we had a hand in saving this barn or that outbuilding. That's what connects the generations," says Margo. Their enthusiasm is contagious. They often bring guests out to explore the historic properties in the Park.

The two signed up a third time to work on the Burfiend outbuilding in September. Originally the plan was to work Friday only, but Doug couldn't resist returning Sat-

urday to experience the satisfaction of completing the restoration. This time, they brought with them Margo's mother who was celebrating her 91st birthday! She spent the day in a lawn chair watching from the sidelines with interest as the restoration took place.

"Margo and I like to do things together and she has some valuable ideas—like having me measure twice and cut once! She likes to do the general labor, like hauling and disassembling," Doug says. "We just think the Park's a great asset which they have preserved from development and we feel blessed to be a part of this area. We have met some interesting people and have become better acquainted with others. We'll be back next Spring." Preserve looks forward to it and to meeting those the Detzlers entice to join in!

When Jack and Cheri Boss submitted their on-line volunteer registration, we took one look at their skills and knew we'd struck gold! We had been looking to fill our treasurer position here, and **Cheri**, an Accounting Assistant for a CPA firm fit the bill. As our new volunteer fiscal



agent, she makes sure our records are accurate and entered properly. We are so thankful for her quick response to our questions.

*Jack (left) works with a volunteer on an outbuilding*



**Jack** is a skilled carpenter by trade. The home he built in Maple

City is amazing in quality and attention to detail. Jack volunteered to take on two Preserve projects: restoration of the Olsen house kitchen pantry, and supervisor of the Peter Burfiend project. Finding the historically appropriate materials was the most difficult aspect. He invested many hours into these projects and we can't express our gratitude enough. The results are fabulous! Jack and Cheri are great people to work with and we are so glad they found us.