



Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

March 2005

1st Annual
Acadian Memorial Festival

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Saturday, March 19, 2005
10 am - 6 pm
Evangeline Blvd. to Acadian Memorial
ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA

Theater • Cultural Activities
Music • Food
Genealogy • and more!

DRESS IN
ACADIAN
COSTUMES



Poster Sponsored by St. Martin Parish Coastal Commission

The Acadian Memorial Foundation invites all to participate in the family-oriented first Acadian Memorial Festival. We invite you to join in all activities and to include family, friends, and especially children and grandchildren. Please join us in commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Acadian Deportation! This is going to be a super year for the Acadian Memorial and for all Acadians/Cajuns. We are optimistic that we can accomplish more awareness about our customs, culture, traditions and spirit brought to us by our ancestors two and a half centuries ago.

There will be no entrance fee. Instead, we ask everyone to buy a lapel pin to show support for the Acadian Memorial projects. We also encourage wearing Acadian costumes to create a perfect opportunity for photographs near the Deportation Cross or the Evangeline Oak.

This festival will celebrate many Acadian/Cajun customs we want to preserve for Acadian/Cajun children. Join us for this spring-time family event by commemorating the Acadian/Cajuns experience of:

- crackling cooking, jambalaya, boudin making, couche-couche
- *taking a picture at the Deportation Cross or the Evangeline Oak
- *quilting
- * wooden boats on the Têche,
- * finding a long-lost cousin
- * viewing your family mosaic coat of arms
- * tapping your foot to chanky-chank from Cajun musicians, “Les Frère Michot” and “Moi -J’aime-Ca-Comme-Ca” (I-Like-It-Like-That”), Jam sessions - bring your instruments.

- Enjoy the Acadian Memorial Choir, Renaissance Acadien & Theatre Vignettes, lectures on Cajun Veterans, “Who is A Cajun?”, Cajun settlement archeology, and much more.

We hope you join us for a fun-filled Cajun day where you can dance and visit with your friends and family.

We need volunteers, vendors, craftsman, food sales and more! If you want to be a part of this commemoration to the Acadian/Cajun heritage, please give us a coup d’main (a helping hand).

For more information for a “FREE” Festival Poster: Please call the Acadian Memorial at (337) 394-2258.

On Going Event:

Evangeline Exhibit - now until the end of March

1st Annual
Acadian Memorial Festival
March 19, 2005 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
St. Martinville, LA

Commemorating 250 years since the Deportation

No admission fee. Purchase a lapel pin to show your support for the Acadian Memorial projects.

Couche-Couche, Quilts, Gratons, Pirogues, Jambalaya, Boudin, Pralines, Magasin Doux de Dent/Sweet Shoppe, Demonstrations, Marché aux Puces/Flea Market Booth, Acadian Costumes, Lectures, Jam Sessions, Dancing, Chanky-chank Music,
and
Mosquito Hawks

This family-style Festival is being sponsored by the
ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
in order to enjoy and preserve the customs and traditions
that our ancestors brought with them
two and a half centuries ago.



The Irises and Mosquito Hawks must have been a beautiful site for our weary, heartbroken ancestors. Louisiana offered a new beginning and different beauty from that of old "Acadie."

IRIS: Festival flower

In order to beautify the Bayou Têche, Boy Scout Keith Cangelosi, and his troop, under the direction of Mr. Harold Schoeffler, transplanted Wild IRISES from the Atchafalaya, which will bloom in time for the festival!

MOSQUITO HAWK: Mascot

Imagine the horror of the exiled Acadians when they encountered the mosquitoes of Louisiana! Much to their delight, the Mosquito Hawk was a great friend in its mission to eat mosquitoes—as many as possible!

Marché aux Puces/Flea Market Booth

Is seeking donations of your unwanted treasures to sell in the "Marché aux Puces/Flea Market" Booth. The sale of these items will benefit the Acadian Memorial. We are seeking fun, decorative, "bébélles"/knickknacks, Crochet, Embroidery, Crystal, Silver, Pewter, Glass, Wooden, Ceramic, Pottery, Paintings, Easter stuff, Seasonal items, Wood carvings, souvenirs from trips, a gag gift you received... Look around your house, if you have to ask: "WHAT IS THAT DOING HERE?", "HOW DO I USE THIS?", "WHAT WAS I THINKING?" then, you need to donate it to the Acadian Memorial! You'll probably find something even better to buy

at the Marche aux Puces! For details call Wednesday Afternoons: Christy 264-6090; Acadian Memorial 394-2258

Magasin Doux de Dent/Sweet Shoppe

Calling on our Acadian/Cajun sweet chefs for your favorite sweet tooth dessert. We need all sorts of sweets such as cakes, pies, cookies, pralines, fudge, tarts, cupcakes, muffins, breads, preserves and jellies. Call Shirley 981-3290 or email: shirlevthibo@bellsouth.net.

We need volunteers in all areas of the festival. Contact Ray Trahan 288-2681.



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To insure success, please consider becoming a member or a sponsor of the Acadian Memorial Foundation Programs.

STAR PATRONS will receive
 Four invitations to a party on Ray Pellerin's boat
 "Beau Rêve"
 on Henderson Lake, 4 lapel pins and a signed Mural print by Robert Dafford.

___STAR PATRONS \$500 (4 GUESTS ON Beau Rêve Sunset Cruise – March 17)

FESTIVAL Blue/Red/White SPONSORS: **lapel pins and a signed Mural print by Robert Dafford.**

___Blue: \$100 ___Red: \$75 ___White: \$ 50

MEMBERSHIP: ___One Yr. Family \$25 ___One Yr. Single \$15
Membership: Family will receive 2 lapel pins Single will receive 1 lapel pin

Acadian Memorial Foundation

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Tax status 501 (c) (3)

Method of payment: Check _____ (Checks payable to the: Acadian Memorial Foundation)

MASTERCARD ___ **VISA** ___ **NAME ON CARD:** _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ **CARD NUMBER:** _____

PHONE # _____

Mail form to: Acadian Memorial
 121 South New Market
 P.O. Box 844
 St. Martinville, LA 70582

ACADIAN MEMORIAL 2005 Events:

Commemoration of 250th Year Anniversary of Acadian Deportation

February 10 to March 31-Exhibit "Spirit of Evangeline"

March 19th, Saturday- 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p.m.
First Acadian Memorial Festival: Music, Food, Booths,
Theatre, Flea Market, Genealogy, Lectures: History of
Cajun Veterans by author, Jason Theriot & more.
Wearing ACADIAN COSTUMES encouraged

March 24th - 9:30 a.m. Acadian Memorial to remember
the old customs/traditions of Acadian Lenten tradition:
Catahoula "Tarté à la Bouillie"

April - Art exhibit of Acadian Artist (to be announced)

May, 1st "May Day" - Honor the Blessed Mother, Patron
Saint of the Acadians

June 15th - 5:30 p.m.- Acadian Memorial Foundation
Annual Membership Meeting

July - Lecture & Ceremony on Queen of England's
apology to Acadians, Warren Perrin

August 15th - 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Celebrate the
National Day of the Acadians with Lectures, Theatre,
Social on the Bayou, Music, French Mass

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September, 3rd Week - Acadian Heritage Week / Reading
of the Deportation Order, "FIDDLES & SPOONS:
JOURNEY OF AN ACADIAN MOUSE" by mouse
character, Madame Cecile Souris.

October -Archeological lecture: St. Martin Parish's
Acadian Bayou Teche Region, Dr. Mark Rees, ULL

November 2nd - All Souls Day ceremony at the Grand-Pré
Cross Replica Acadian Memorial
Belgium Jazz Band Concert: A Tribute to the Acadians,
Duchamp Opera House

December, – Christmas Celebration Cajun Style
Acadian Memorial Choir, Sing-along, Refreshments

Correction from the November 2004 newsletter:
Apologizes are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Wallis Breaux and
family for inadvertently omitting the Breaux family crest
as one of the newest mosaics that were dedicated and
blessed in the Mediation Garden of the Acadian Memorial
by Father Austin Leger. Acadian ancestors worldwide can
be remembered through this beautiful ancient art. The
mosaics create a peaceful ambience to the Acadian
Memorial Meditation Garden located along the Bayou
Teche. Editor, Shirley T. LeBlanc