It's hard to believe but 20 years have come and gone. What an exciting cultural awakening it has been. Join us on June 15th for our Annual Membership meeting and the Acadian Memorial’s 20th Anniversary Celebration. The schedule of events follows on page 2 of this newsletter.

Building

The Acadian Memorial building taken on the morning of the ribbon cutting ceremony, April 29, 1996. Built ca. 1876 as an open air city market and renovated to a two-story structure ca. 1910 it was later used as City Hall until 1986 when the new one was built across the street. Dedicated for the Acadian Memorial in 1991, Barras Architects, Inc. designed the renovations which began in 1993 funded by Governors Rural Economic Development fund and the City of St. Martinville. Phase I, by Talley Construction was completed for the dedication in April 1996. In 1998, Dugas Construction completed Phase II, the second floor. Photo by Cliff Durand, Jr.

Ribbon Cutting

Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony from left to right, Dionne M. Landry (AMF Board member), Pat Martin and Mike Fuselier (City Council members), Phillip Jones (La Office of Tourism) Jane G. Bulliard (Co-founder of the Acadian Memorial) Eric Martin, (Mayor of St. Martinville) Msgr. Keith Derouen (Pastor of St. Martin de Tours Church), Patricia D. Resweber (Co-founder). Photo by Cliff Durand, Jr.

Honored guests at the event included Barbara Roy representing Gov. Kathleen Blanco; Phillip Jones of the La. Office of Tourism; Anne Séguin, Nova Scotia Director of Canadian Heritage and Jocelyn Marchand, Superintendent of Grand-Pré National Historic Site.
Greetings to all of our members and supporters. I hope all is well for each of you. I thank all of you who came out and participated in our Acadian Heritage Festival on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

I want to remind everyone that the second annual raffle fundraiser for the Acadian Memorial is presently under way. Don’t hesitate to purchase your ticket(s) to be entered into the multiple drawings to win cash prizes. Every ticket purchased prior to the first drawing, which was held in March 2016, will have twenty-seven (27) chances to be drawn for a cash prize of $100.00, $50.00 or $25.00. Drawings will be held monthly for nine consecutive months beginning in March 2016 and ending in November 2016. Only two hundred (200) tickets will be sold at a cost of $25.00 each. Rush out to get your ticket in support of your Acadian Memorial.

The Acadian Memorial Foundation will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Acadian Memorial Museum. This one will be particularly special as it marks the twentieth year that the Memorial has been in operation. We will have a short meeting, elect new officers to the board, have Mark Rees, Ph.D., RPA from the Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Child and Family Studies at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, speak on the New Acadia Project, then have refreshments. Please plan on joining us.

The Acadian Museum has been recognizing and honoring individuals who have helped to shape and define our Cajun culture since 1997. On Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Warren Perrin will be inducting Mrs. Mavis Frugé into the Living Legends. The ceremonies will be held at the Acadian Memorial Museum. Please save the date and join us for the joyous occasion.

In conclusion, on Thursday, November 10, 2016, we will have the annual meeting of L’Ordre Du Bon Temps. Please save the date and plan on joining us. Further information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Randal Menard

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**JUNE 15TH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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Pierre Michel
The Prefect meets the Acadian

Pierre Clément, baron de Laussat, was the last of the French Prefects in Louisiana. By order of Napoleon Bonaparte, he was sent to New Orleans in 1803 to represent France as commissioner for the retrocession of Louisiana from Spain to France, and its transfer by France to the United States. His ship arrived at New Orleans in March, but it was not until early November that he received word that the official dispatches from Paris, concerning his commission, would arrive within "eight or ten days". Having spent the last eight months learning about the colony and observing its many assets, Laussat had come to realize the extent of what France would lose. Deciding to "profit by the delay" of the dispatches and see more of the countryside, he and a companion left to travel along the river banks upriver from New Orleans "thirty or forty leagues" (90 to 120 miles). During the trip Laussat kept a journal with details of visits he made to residents along the way which is included in his memoir - it affords a unique, contemporary view of the varied lifestyles of colonial Louisiana. Of particular interest to us is Laussat's one-paragraph report of a moment in the life of an Acadian family which he visited - a rare glimpse indeed!

"I wanted to see one of those Acadian families which populated this coast. So I went to the house of Pierre Michel, a cotton and corn planter. He and his wife are sexagenarians. Both born in Acadia, they were married in Louisiana and had seven or eight children. Everybody in the house was at work - one daughter was ironing; another was spinning; and the mother was distributing the cotton, while a number of little Negroes, all under twelve, were carding it, picking out the seeds, and drying it. No one, more than these people, regretted not being able to remain French."

Pierre Michel, was married to Marie Leger in New Orleans on 3 March 1766; noted as natives of Port Royal, Acadia they were baptized there in 1738 and 1743 respectively, at St. Jean-Baptiste Church Parish. Pierre, as the son of Jacques Michel and Anne Breau and Marie, as the daughter of Francois Leger and Magdelaine Commeau. Their children were: Francois, Marie, Anastasie, Joseph, Scholastique Anastasie, Rosalie, Anne Marie, Marie Magdelaine, and Pierre. In 1770, Pierre Michel was a resident of Paroisse de Saint-Jean-Baptiste.


-Jane G. Bulliard
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Drinks Booth: Arlene & Dale Theriot

Signs: Amanda Richard.

First Nations: Chief Edward Chretien, Atakapas-Ishak Nation and Chief Nolan Gobert, Atakapas Opelousas Prairie Tribe; Minerva Broussard François, Amy Cormier and Theresa Gobert (Tribal Dancers).

Entertainment: Brazos Huval School of Music (Student Band); Earlene Broussard (Danses Rondes); Suzy B. Lemoine (Children’s Program).

Demonstrators: Lillian Blanchard (Quilts); Calvin Ardoin (Cajun Instruments); Mary Guirard, Longfellow-Evangeline State Park (Historic Games & Toys).

Reenactors: Paul Bergeron, Compagnie de la Franche Marine; Richard Landry, Robert Landreneau, Jim Viator, Theatre Cadieu; James Akers, Pete Jean-François de Civey.

Table française: famille Frederick, Ethan, Craig, Larry & Dru.

AMF Boutique: Melissa B. Duchaine, Suzy B. Lemoine.

Easter Egg Pacqué: Highland Baptist Christian School Service Club

Wooden Boat reenactor paddlers: Hal & Eddie Bienvenu, Jacques Cousin, Edward Duhe, Eric Bordelon, & Tave Lamperez


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2nd Quarter 2016

APRIL
Wednesday, 6th—Genealogy Workshop - 10 a.m., Rogers Romero presenting "The Spanish/Acadian Connection"

Wednesday, 20th—Acadian Memorial Foundation Board meeting, 4:00 p.m.

MAY
Wednesday, 4th—Genealogy Workshop - 10 a.m., Jane G. Bulliard presenting “Timelines & Genealogy”

Wednesday, 18th—Acadian Memorial Foundation Board meeting, 4:00 p.m.

JUNE
Wednesday, 1st—Genealogy Workshop - 10 a.m. - Jane G. Bulliard presenting John Phillip Colletta on DVD

Wednesday, 15th—Acadian Memorial Foundation Board meeting, 4:00 p.m. Annual Membership meeting celebrating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Acadian Memorial. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter.