



# Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

Fall 1992

## THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL HONORS ACADIAN REFUGEES IN THE PROMISED LAND

The odyssey of the Acadians following their expulsion from Nova Scotia by the British in the 18th century is familiar to some, misunderstood by many and a passion to a few. A desire to create a memorial to the exiled Acadians began as a concept by the St. Martinville Tourism Commission, but has grown into a

project with international support.

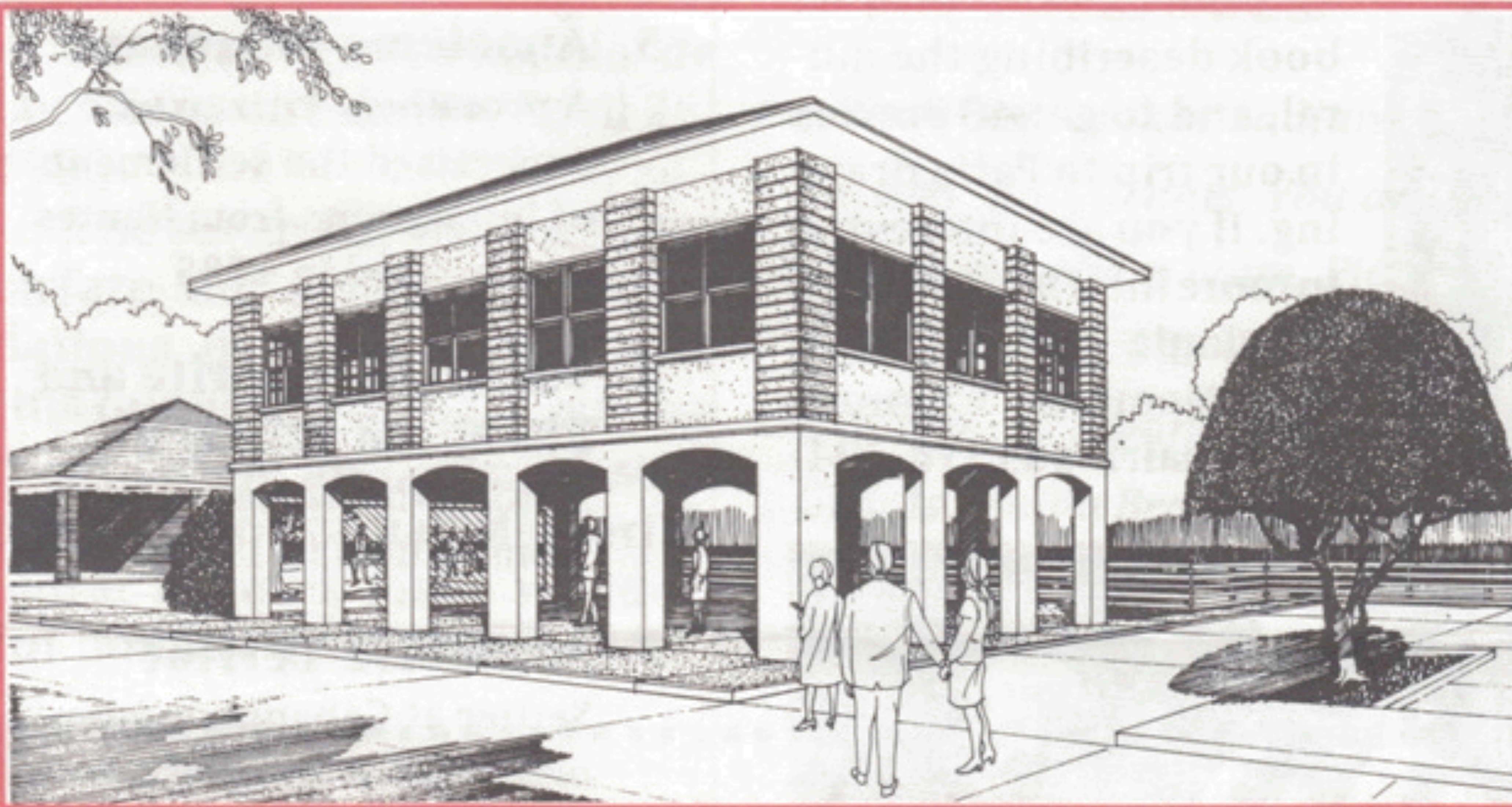
In 1991 the legislature of the State of Louisiana designated St. Martinville as the home of "The World Memorial to All Acadian Refugees Who Ended Their Exile in Louisiana." The Acadian Memorial proposes to pay tribute to the real life Acadians - those same men and women who

have been both romanticized and immortalized as Evangeline and Gabriel. In acknowledging the deprivation, degradation and despair of the exile, we can also focus on the joy when families were finally reunited in Louisiana, their "promised land." As the names of all the exiled Acadians are brought together for the first time, this project indeed becomes another reunion.

The Acadian Memorial has four components. A 30 ft. by 12 ft. mural depicting the arrival of the Acadians will be installed on the interior wall of the building. Inscribed on the support columns of the building will be approximately 3,000 names of Acadian exiles. An eternal flame will burn to commemorate all those who lost their lives at sea. The fourth component will be the genealogical research center and interactive computerized data system.

The Acadian Memorial is on the Bayou Teche in the center of St. Martinville. Originally built as an open air city market, the building was later used as St. Martinville's City Hall. Renovation is scheduled to begin in 1993.

Janie Bulliard, Chair of the Acadian Memorial Committee is excited about the momentum being created by the project. "Those of us from St. Martinville who first conceptualized the memorial have had our hearts touched by the tremendous response from people throughout Louisiana, the United States, France and Canada. I believe that many, many people desire to share the experience of the Acadian exile and reunion."



Robert Barras, AIA of Barras Architects Incorporated in Lafayette, Louisiana has been selected as project architect. A planning grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation will begin his work on the Acadian Memorial Building.

## MURALIST COMMISSIONED TO DEPICT ARRIVAL OF ACADIANS

In announcing the selection of Robert Dafford as the Acadian Memorial muralist, Carole Lancon stated "By choosing Dafford, we are able to benefit from both widespread international recognition of his work and his long-

term commitment to the historical research and painting of the Acadian exile." The mural will cost \$35,000 and will require nine to twelve months to complete. Dafford has worked on his

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# MURAL WILL FEATURE REAL PEOPLE

The Acadian Memorial Genealogy Committee and Mural Committee are jointly involved in researching and developing the characters to be used in the mural project. The artist will feature twenty-five major figures and an additional 50 - 60 secondary figures. The task of the Genealogy Committee is to select historical characters who represent all the different areas of settlement and to authenticate histori-

cal information about each person. The Mural Committee is soliciting pictures of real people to be used in re-creating each character for the artist to paint. In some cases, live models will be used, as well as authentic costumes and possessions.

The fund-raising Committee has developed a program for families and organizations to sponsor the 25 central characters. A central character can be

sponsored for \$2,000. This financial commitment to the mural project entitles the family or organization to aid in selection and development of the mural character, as well as to receive recognition in the printed book describing the mural, and to get 40 entries in our trip to Paris drawing. If you are interested in more information, contact Janie Bulliard, Acadian Memorial Committee Chairman. (318-394-4611)

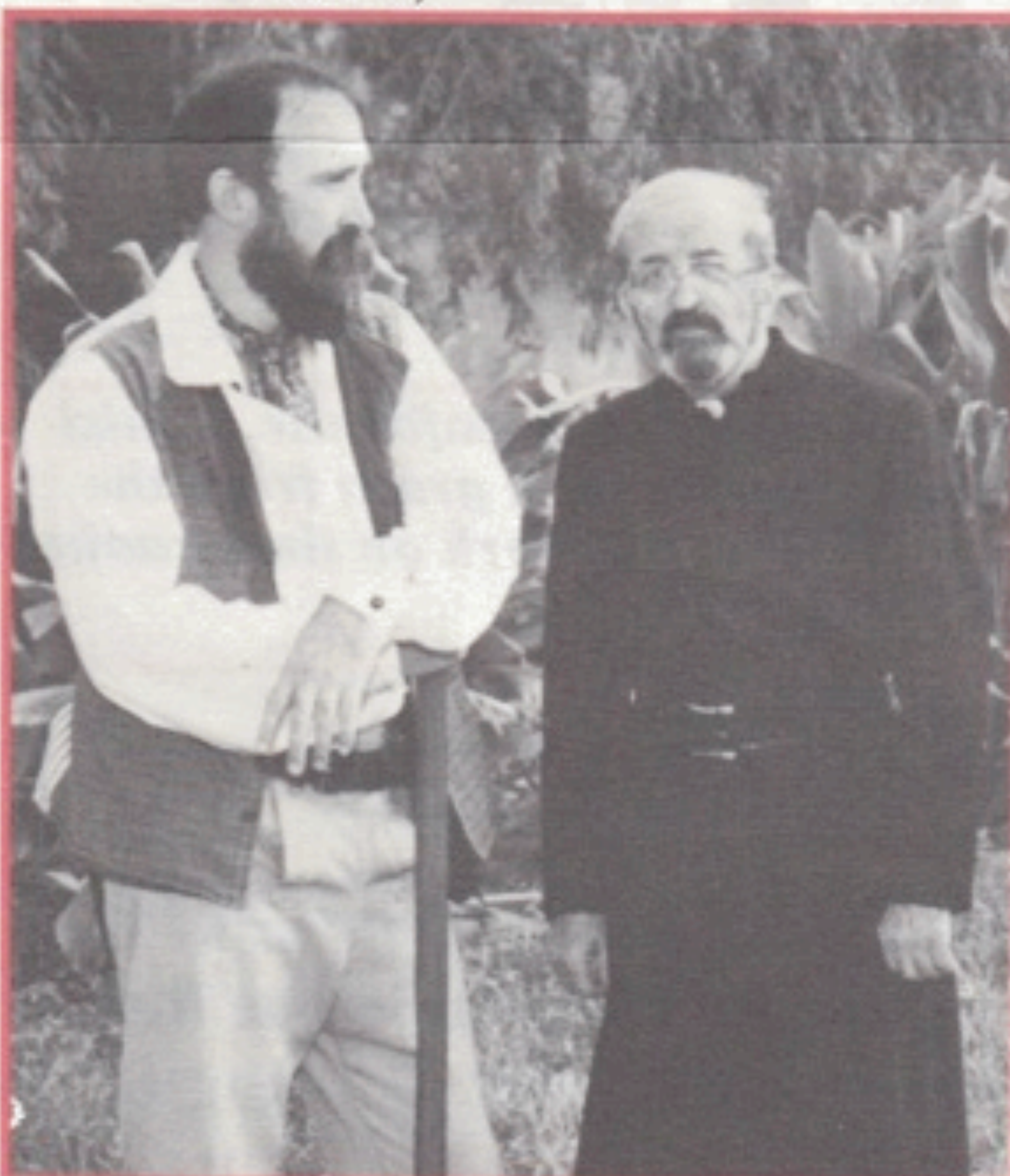


*Muralist Robert Dafford*

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torical murals in the United States, France, Canada and Belgium.

Dafford will paint the mural in the style of the old masters using a technique called "trompe l'oeil" which creates the effect of the figures stepping out of the mural into the architectural space. "I feel that I have been preparing for this painting for twenty years through my research and work on a great variety of historical murals and paintings," said Dafford. "I am very pleased to be part of the Acadian Memorial Project."



*Reinaldo Barnes of the Acadian Memorial Committee and Father Jean-Marie Jammes pose in 18th century costumes to illustrate characters in the mural*

## *Partial List of Mural Figures*

- 1. Pierre Arsenaud**  
Family head who signed a pact to raise cattle in the Attakapas region
- 2. Magdelaine Broussard**  
Who was the first Acadian burial recorded at "l'eglise des Atakapas"
- 3. Elizabeth Brasseaux**  
Who brought her 5 daughters and 2 sons from Maryland in 1767 to settle at Fort St. Gabriel
- 4. Martin Navarro**  
Louisiana's Chief Administrative Officer in 1785
- 5. Anseleme Blanchard**  
A prominent citizen who supervised the settlement of immigrants from Nantes who arrived in 1785
- 6. Marie, Marguerite and Elizabeth Richard**  
Sisters who came together from Nantes in 1785
- 7. Ambroise Terriot**  
Settler at Cabannoce who organized a boucherie on behalf of newly arrived Acadians from Nantes
- 8. Father Jean-Francois de Civray**  
Capuchin priest who christened the post at Attakapas "nouvelle Acadie"
- 9. Joseph Broussard dit Beausoleil**  
Resistance leader in post-expulsion Acadia who led a group of 193 Acadians from Nova Scotia in 1764



# Win A Trip To Paris!

We ask that you support the Acadian Memorial in a fun and creative program designed by our Fund Raising Committee. The 30 ft. by 12 ft. mural has been divided into 1440 six inch by six inch squares with a value of \$50 on each square.

This program will raise \$72,000 to fund the creation of the mural and begin the renovation of the building. To make this tax deductible contribution even more appealing, we are offering a chance to win a trip for two to Paris, France. For each donation of a mural square, your name will be entered into the drawing. We will draw our winning name at Festival Internationale de Louisiane on Sunday, April 25, 1993.

The seven day trip includes airfare and deluxe accommodations in Paris. Please take this opportunity to fill out the form below and join in supporting the Acadian Memorial. Mural squares make wonderful holiday gifts, too!



*Committees of the Acadian Memorial include Genealogy, Mural, Fund-Raising, and Grants. You are invited to join a committee and become part of the action team. Pictured above, left to right are Mark Gaudin, Fund-Raising; Carole Lancon, Mural; Freda Harrison, Mural; Janie Bulliard, Acadian Memorial Committee Chairman; Aline Garrett, Grants; Melba Braud, Mural; Patricia Resweber, Tourism Commission Chairman; Patsy Breaux, Treasurer; Pat Raaz, Newsletter Editor.*

## ~ ENTRY FORM FOR TRIP TO PARIS ~

To enter the drawing for the free trip to Paris, fill in this form, or a photocopy of it, and mail it along with your check to: THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL, c/o City of St. Martinville, P. O. Box 379, Dept. AM, St. Martinville, LA 70582. Make check payable to Acadian Memorial. Your donation qualifies as a charitable contribution.

YES! I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ squares of the Acadian Memorial mural. Here is my donation of \$50 for each square. I understand that for each \$50 donation my name will be entered in the drawing for the free trip for two to Paris.

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_

Bill my \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name On Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if mural square is a gift. List name of recipient at right and the name of the sender below. A photo acknowledgment will be sent to recipient.

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# CALLING ALL CAJUNS ~ YOU'RE INVITED TO A CRAWFISH BOIL!

Circle Sunday, April 4, 1993 - Palm Sunday - on your calendar. It's our first "Calling All Cajuns Crawfish Boil"! You're invited to join with all the folks connected through the "Calling All Cajuns" network (about 3,000 supporters) for a great party. We'll be gathering under the Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville and our block celebration will include great food and music and all the ingredients for a good Cajun party! Advance tickets are \$15 per person, and all proceeds will support the Acadian Memorial Project.

If you're sure you can't be in St. Martinville on April 4, maybe you could have your own "Calling All Cajuns" party. We'll help publicize regional gatherings in our next newsletter. Call Audrey Brignac at (318) 394-2233 for more information.

*Remember - If two Cajuns talk long enough, they will probably find out they are related!!*  
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## Calling All Cajuns Calendar

Dec. 8, 1992 - *Lafayette Genealogical Society Banquet*  
Petroleum Club, Lafayette, LA.  
Contact: Harvey Broussard  
(318) 237-2200.

Jan. 13, 1993 - *Acadian Memorial Quarterly Meeting*  
Les Deux Amis Restaurant,  
Breux Bridge, LA. Contact:  
Cynthia Breaux (318) 332-5273

April 4, 1993 - *Calling All Cajuns Crawfish Boil*  
Acadian Memorial Bldg. on  
New Market St., St. Martinville,  
LA. Contact: Audrey Brignac  
(318) 394-2233, P. O. Box 379,  
St. Martinville, LA 70582

April 20-25, 1993 - *Festival International de Louisiane*  
Acadian Memorial Project at  
"Reunion Square" Drawing for  
trip to Paris. Downtown  
Lafayette, LA. Contact: Pat  
Raaz (318) 237-7971

May 21-23, 1993 - *Des Richard de Partout*  
The 2nd International Reunion  
of descendants of Michel  
Richard, Lafayette, LA.  
Contact: Eddie Richard, P. O.  
Drawer 456, Scott, LA  
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## FOOD & FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The next scheduled quarterly meeting for the Acadian Memorial is 6 P.M. Wednesday, January 13 in Breux Bridge at Les Deux Amis Restaurant. We'll have a great meal (for only \$6.95), hear reports from committees, be entertained by a special guest speaker, and sell mural squares.

**MAKE RESERVATIONS  
&  
BRING A FRIEND!**

Call Cynthia in Breux Bridge at (318) 332-5273 to confirm your attendance.

*See you on January 13!*

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