

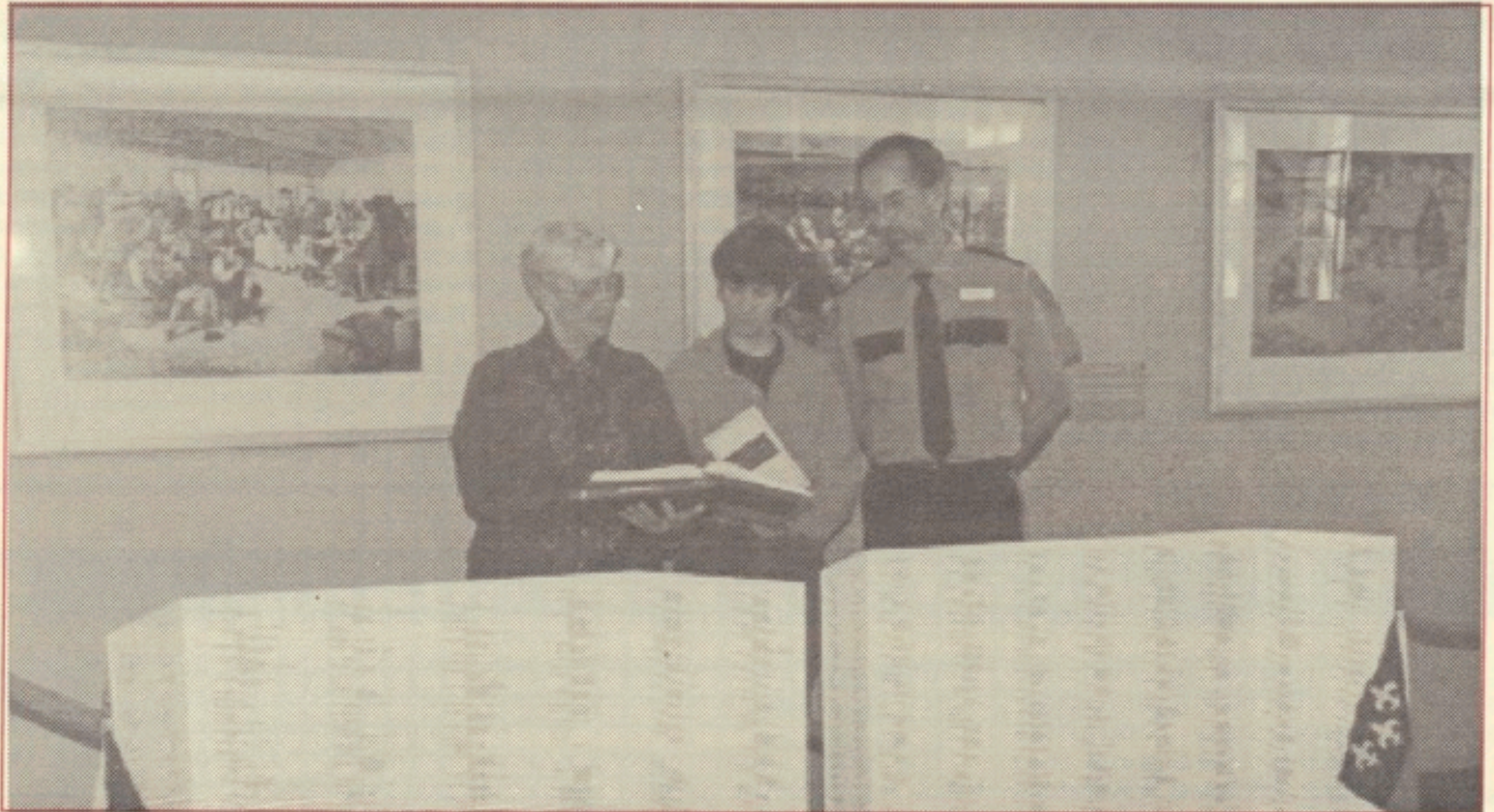


# Calling All Cajuns!

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Left to right - Jane G. Bulliard, Chairman of the Wall of Names Committee; Jolene Adam, Curator / Director of the Acadian Memorial and Ed Laviolette, Acadian Memorial guide.

## Wall of Names on display at Acadian Memorial

The Wall of Names proposed for the Acadian Memorial has taken a big step toward becoming a reality. The City of St. Martinville secured a \$25,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Rural Development for construction of the Wall of Names, according to curator Jolene Adam. In addition, the Acadian Memorial Foundation grossed approximately \$15,000 for the Wall of Names at "Cajuns Cousins, and Cuisine II," a gala dinner held in November 1996 in front of the Acadian Memorial. This monument will list all names of exiled Acadians who took refuge in

Louisiana for a total of some 3000 names.

Attendees to CCC II, were the first to view a mock-up of the Wall of Names now on display at the Acadian Memorial. This temporary display is the initial layout for the casting of 2'x4' bronze plaques on which the names will be listed and permanently installed opposite the Acadian Memorial mural. The bronze plaques will be surrounded by Dakota Mahogany granite. Inscribed on the granite above the names will appear the words "*Arrête-toi mon ami, lis mon nom et souviens-toi de*

*moi*" - "Pause friend, read my name and remember".

The list of names is divided into the years the names first appear in Louisiana records-church or civil. In several cases the families were reassembled under the year a member of the family first appears. The earliest names were found in 1764 in the baptism records of St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans and are for children belonging to the families of Olivier Landry, Joseph Poirier and Jean Richard.

Within each year, the list is alpha-

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betized except for that of 1785 on which the names from the seven ships of the Acadian Expedition are arranged in the order in which they appear on the sailing manifests. Also, the surnames for the years before 1785 are spelled as they were researched for the plaques at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Nova Scotia. Variations in spellings

were retained from the original ships' lists, so Comeaux is sometimes listed as Como, Breaux as Brod, etc.

The Wall of Names list will form the basis for the genealogy program being developed for the Acadian Memorial Research Center. At this point, the list is subject to corrections or additions and constructive comments will be appreciated.

The Wall of Names display can be seen at the Acadian Memorial which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is charged. For more information call Jolene Adam, Curator/Director at 318/394-2258 or write P. O. Box 379 Dept. AM, St. Martinville, LA 70582.

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# From the Foundation

*Letter from Patricia Resweber, President Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc.*

Spring is here and the Acadian Memorial Foundation is beginning the 1997 funding campaign with a Foundation membership drive headed by Mr. Eddie Richard, Mrs. Brenda Courville and Acadian Memorial Curator/Director Jolene Adam. Enclosed you will find a letter explaining the membership levels and benefits together with an application. This may be copied to extend membership to other interested

persons. Our goal is to have membership dues assist with the financial management of the Foundation and in addition, contribute to the establishment of a trust fund which is the main purpose for the Foundation.

My hope is that the Friends of the Acadian Memorial and especially those of Acadian descent will join in making the membership drive a success. It is a way in which each member can feel a part of the "beacon of pride" the Acadian Memorial represents.

Last September, I represented the

Foundation at ceremonies twinning Evangeline Oak Park in St. Martinville, where the Acadian Memorial is located, with Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Nova Scotia, Canada. It was a wonderful experience and a great feeling to know that this much-visited Acadian commemorative site in Canada now has such close ties to Louisiana's memorial to the Acadians.

In the fall newsletter I will talk to you about the campaign for corporate funds headed by Mr. Charles Richard. Let us hear from you!

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# Du bureau de la directrice

Visitation is up at the Memorial as we move into our spring visitor season. Statistics compiled through March 1997 show that since opening last April 29, we are averaging 222 visitors per month with figures expected to increase as we complete construction of the research center and implement a detailed marketing plan. A new pass program allows visitors to return for free visits to the Memorial for up to one year after the date of their initial visit, which encourages them to return with family and friends.

The Foundation merchandise sales are also increasing with history books, mural reproductions, T-shirts and "Of Acadian Descent" pins the most frequently purchased items. Supporters purchased over \$600 of Memorial goods in the month of March alone. Merchandise sales contribute to matching funds for projects like the Wall of Names and the multimedia archive for the research center. Anyone interested in selling

Foundation merchandise at their place of business should contact me.

The mural square purchase program as presently devised will continue until July 1, 1997. After that date, the mural donor names and memorials will be engraved for permanent display. Memorials received after July 1 will be entered in the Acadian Memorial Book of Donors which will be prominently displayed. Contributions can be made to honor someone special or to memorialize a deceased ancestor or loved one. The name of the sponsor and two memorial names are allowed per \$50 donation.

I would like to thank *Action Cadienne* for their help with last November's *Calling All Cajuns II* fundraiser. *Action Cadienne* promotes both the creation of French immersion programs in Louisiana and the teaching of Acadian and Cajun history in our schools. Thanks also to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) and the *Congrès*

*Mondial Acadien* for their continued advice and moral support. For more information on *Action Cadienne*, CODOFIL or CMA, call (318)262-5810.

Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Conover for their donation of the four-volume Trahan genealogy books compiled by Mr. Conover and to the Cathedral High School (Lafayette, LA) Class of 1936 in remembrance of their classmate Louis Estilette and Mrs. Louis Estilette and Family, for the donation of *Remember Us*, a genealogy of the Martin, Mouton & Babin families by Lucien T. and Melba Martin.

So what does a curator/director do? The list of duties includes communications, computing, research, budgeting, marketing, maintenance, grant writing, meetings and planning. I really enjoy my new position and look forward to hearing from you if I can be of assistance. My office number is (318)394-2258.

# Special visitors help celebrate anniversary of the opening of the Acadian Memorial

The first anniversary of the opening of the Acadian Memorial to the public was celebrated with an afternoon of activities on Wednesday, April 23. The activities centered around the visit of a delegation from Nantes, France, who traveled to Louisiana to commemorate the twinning of the mural "The Embarkation of the Acadians for Louisiana" in Nantes, France, with the mural at the Memorial entitled, "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana." Both murals are by artist Robert Dafford of Lafayette who was present for the ceremony.

At the head of the delegation was Madame Claude Seyse, Assistant Mayor for the Nantes district of Chantenay, where exiled Acadians once lived. Other members of the delegation were M. Gérard Seyse, who accompanied his wife, Gérard and Maryannick Braud and Joel and France Lucas.

A showing of *Acadie Retrouvée* began the program at 1:00 p.m.

Filmed in French, this work by Canadian Ginette Pellerin shows three families of Acadian descent, one each in Louisiana, Quebec and France, as they attended the 1994 *Congrès Mondial Acadien* in New Brunswick. Some of the families depicted met for the first time at the Wednesday showing in St. Martinville.

Gérard Braud, president of the association *Brétagne-Acadie* and author of *De Nantes à la Louisiane*, talked on Acadian history and genealogy as it relates to those Acadians exiled to France after their deportation from Nova Scotia. He spoke about the many exiles who remained in Brittany as well as the 1600 who left France to settle in Louisiana in 1785. Several persons took advantage of the opportunity to purchase his book and have it signed by the author.

Dr. Carl Brasseaux, Assistant Director for the Center for Louisiana Studies at USL in Lafayette, commented on plans for the genealogy



Gérard Braud

research center to open at the Memorial later this year. He briefly outlined the program which will be based on a master list of the exiles being created for the Wall of Names, with biographical sketches including vital statistics of each of the exiles known to have arrived in Louisiana.

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## Acadian Memorial Souvenirs

1. Commemorative art print of Robert Dafford's mural, "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana," 26 x 12 full-color lithograph, limited edition, signed & numbered. (Includes key to mural figures) \$65.

2. Poster print of Dafford's mural, 20 x 10 full-color lithograph. (Includes key to mural figures) \$12.

3. Acadian Memorial mural T-shirts with mural reproduced on the shirt. Sizes come in M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (Please specify which size on order form below) \$15.



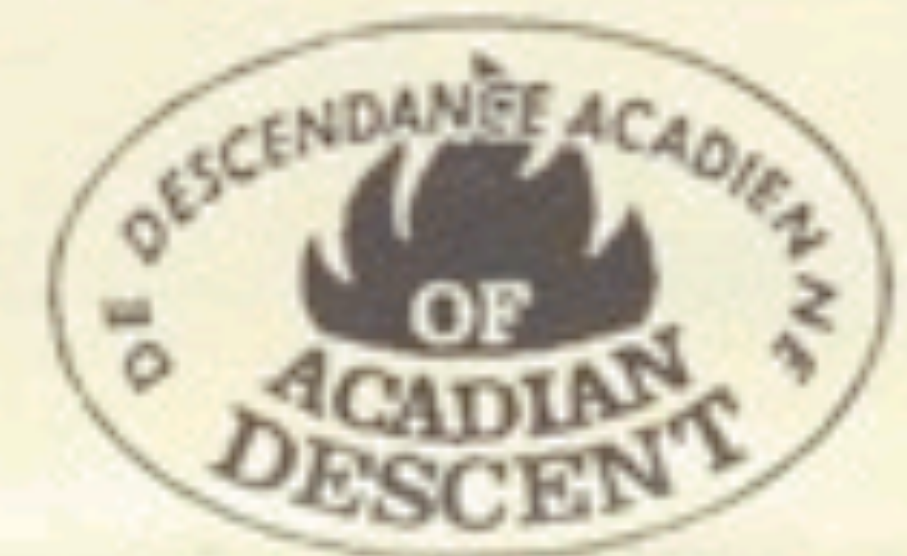
4. Books - a. *Acadian Family Names*, by Stephen White. \$3.  
b. *Scattered to the Wind*, by Dr. Carl Brasseaux, \$5.  
c. *The Deportation of the Acadians*, by Parks Canada, \$2.

5. Posters - "Odyssey of a People" (the Acadians), French on one side, English on the other. \$15.

6. Lapel pin with the inscription, "Of Acadian Descent" \$5

7. Lapel pin with Louisiana-Acadian Flag in color. \$3.

8. Louisiana-Acadian Flag (small). \$3.



**TO ORDER**, fill in this form, clip it out and mail it (or a photocopy of it), along with your check or credit card authorization, to: Acadian Memorial, Box 379, Dept. A.M., St. Martinville, LA 70582, or call us at (318) 394-2258.

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# Calling All Cajuns Calendar

August 15, 1997, TBA

Acadian National Holiday

Also, TBA

Installation of the Wall of Names

Opening of the Research Center

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"Wherever possible," he said, "sketches will include dates of arrival, original settlements including land grant maps, agricultural and economic pursuits, marriages and children." The information will be tied together by hypertext links allowing the user to double-click on a highlighted area to call up additional material.

Local vocalists Raymond Hebert and Helen Boudreaux performed along with Maryannick Braud, the chanteuse Acadienne of Nantes. Richard Landry, member of *Théâtre Cadien* portrayed Joseph Broussard dit Beausoleil in a dramatic French monologue. Broussard is the center figure in the Acadian Memorial mural.

Look for Acadiana Profile Magazine, The Magazine of the Cajun Country, the current issue, Vol. 18 No. 1, which features the Acadian Memorial mural on the cover. Part 3 of a three-part series excerpted from *Scattered to the Winds* by Dr. Carl Brasseaux, this one is entitled "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" and includes information on the Acadian Memorial. Available from the Acadian Memorial, P.O. Box 379, Dept. AM, St. Martinville, LA 70582 for \$2.50 + \$2 shipping and handling. This excellent magazine is edited and published by Trent Angers, who donated the proceeds of 100 copies to the Acadian Memorial.

Acadian Memorial on the internet!

Website address:

(<http://www.pwcweb.com/usapages/acadian/>)

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e-mail to: [mbarras@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mbarras@worldnet.att.net)

The Acadian Memorial is open daily 10-4

Admission:

5 & Under - Free • 6-18 - \$1 • 19-60 - \$3\* • 60+ - \$2\*

\* Call 318/394-2233 for special rates for school groups & adult tour groups.

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