



Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

Spring 1993

A GOOD TIME - FOR A GOOD CAUSE PALM SUNDAY CRAWFISH BOIL AT THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL

Cajuns everywhere answered the call to come to St. Martinville to "pass a good time" for a good cause - a benefit for the Acadian Memorial Project.

The sounds of music and laugh-

ter-filled New Market Street in downtown St. Martinville as the bands, Tasso and The Romero Brothers, entertained the crowd with toe tapping traditional Cajun music. It was a family affair with good friends

and adventuresome visitors joining in the fun. Generous servings of boiled crawfish filled the tables as everyone savored each bite and enjoyed this wonderful social occasion.

The performance of the Cajun Dance Company, "Les Danseurs' Cadien, under the direction of Miriam Fontenot was enthusiastically received and enjoyed by all.

Of great interest were the exhibits of early Acadian life in Louisiana which

also included elements of the Memorial Project. On display were lists of names on which further research will be based to produce the Wall of Names.

Many people contributed \$50 for a mural square and dreamed of winning the trip to Paris which will be given away at Festival International on April 25, 1993.

Enjoying the festivities, were St. Martinville Mayor, Eric Martin, State Representative Sydnie Mae Durand and friends of the Memorial from surrounding communities. Mayor Eric Martin was thrilled with the turnout and commented, "This type of event allows us to host visitors from all over the world and everyone who has dedicated their time and energy to making this benefit such a success should be congratulated."

Carole Lancon, Acadian Memorial Mural Committee, Mayor Eric Martin, and Eloise Bryant, St. Martinville Tourist Commission enjoyed the Palm Sunday Crawfish Boil.



HAYES SUPPORTS ACADIAN MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., April 6 -- Today, Congressman Jimmy Hayes announced his support for the St. Martinville Tourism Commission's memorial to commemorate the Acadian refugee settlement in south Louisiana.

"It is very important for us, and for our children, to understand and honor our rich heritage," Hayes said. "Creating a monument to the struggles and triumphs of our ancestors does more than offer another tourist site, it will be a permanent reminder to us a community of our unique historical legacy and will help us to preserve our culture."



Congressman Jimmy Hayes, Tourist Commission Chairman Patricia Resweber, Mayor Eric Martin, and Acadian Memorial Chairman Janie Bulliard standing with rendering of the commissioned Robert Dafford Mural

ACADIAN MEMORIAL BUILDING FEATURES RESEARCH CENTER



Revised rendering of the Acadian Memorial Project in St. Martinville, Louisiana presented by Robert Barras, AIA, Barras Architects, Inc.

At a recent meeting of the Acadian Memorial Project Committee, Lafayette architect, Robert Barras AIA, unveiled his revised rendering of the Acadian Memorial, dedicated to the flight of the Acadians from Nova Scotia to Louisiana more than 200 years ago.

Phase 1 will be a first floor open pavilion from the street to the bayou, which will feature the mural by Robert Dafford and the "Wall of Names", along with an eternal flame rising out of the floor in the center of the pavilion.

Phase 2 will completely renovate the second floor to house offices, a computer room, storage and rest rooms. There will also be a conference area to accommodate 40-50 people who can enjoy visual aids and historical lectures

about the Acadians. The computer rooms will contain four or more computers for research. The software for The Acadian Memorial's multi-media archive will allow many aspects of early Acadian life in Louisiana to be investigated on user-friendly software. The information incorporated into the archive will be compiled and written by a team of academics recognized as the leading authorities in America on Acadian/Cajun studies. Subject areas will include history, genealogy, sociology, anthropology, religion, folklore, folk-life, music, cuisine, architecture, settlement patterns, politics, literature, stereotypes and economics.

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THE WALL OF NAMES

... arrete toi ami, lis mon nom et souviens toi

"Pause friend, read my name and remember me." Thus will read the inscription on the top of the Wall of Names to be displayed in the Acadian Memorial Building. Reunion and remembrance is the theme of this important element of the project. "The Acadians ended their exile, rebuilt their culture and were re-united with their families in Louisiana", said Don

Thibodeaux, co-chairman of the Wall of Names Committee. "Each name will represent a living, breathing person who rode the bayous and walked the land of Louisiana many years ago. Rebuilding those families name by name on the Wall of Names will finally accomplish their great reunion. Some of the names that will appear are listed in this newsletter.

en 1765

Pierre Arcenaud
Jean Arceneau
Joseph Arceneau
Francois Arsenaud
Marie Arseneau
Charles Babineau
Joseph Bellefontaine
Augustin Bergeron
Barthelemy Bergeron
Charles Bergeron
Jean Baptiste Bergeron
Joseph Bergeron
Marie Anne Bergeron
Michel Bernard
Michel Bernard, 2
Jean Boudro
Joseph Bourgeois
Brigitte Braud
Silvain Braud
Marguerite Brouard
Joseph Brouard, 2
Joseph Brouard, 3
Joseph Brouard, dit Beausoleil
Alexandre Broussard
Anselme Broussard
Jean Baptiste Broussard
Magdelene Boroussard
Theotiste Broussard
Victor Broussard
Victor Comeau
Jean Baptiste Cormier
Isabelle Daroy
Marie Marthe Doucet
Michel Doucet
Marie Duga
Jean Duga, 1
Joseph Duga, 1
Magdelene Dugas
Jean Dugas 2
Joseph Dugas, 2
Jean Dugas, 3
Joseph Girouard
Marie Charlette Godin
Augustin Guedry
Catherine Guessi
Joseph Guidry
Felicite Guilbeaux
Joseph Guilbeaux, dit L'Officier
Joseph Guillebau, 1
Rosalie Guillebaut
Pierre Hebert
Jacques Hugon
Paul Josset
Pierre Lagresse
Isidore Landry
Mathurin Landry
Simon Le Blanc
Isabelle LeBlanc
Ambroise Martin
Claude Martin
Gregoire Pellerin
Jean Chrysostome Poirier
Michel Poirier
Marin Robichaud
Rene Robicheaux
Abraham Roy
Marguerite Savoie
Jean Semer
Augustin Suret
Pierre Suret
Catherine Thibaudeau
Olivier Thibaudeau
Paul Thibaudeau
Margerite Anne Thibodeau
Louis Thibodeaux
Marguerite Thibodeaux
Marie Thibodeaux, 1
Andre Paul Tibaudau
Michel Trahan
Rene Trahan
Ursula Trahan

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL

Last Chance to Win a Trip To Paris - April 25

The Acadian Memorial Project will have an exhibit at Festival International on April 24 and 25. "We'll be in the big tent on Main St. Many of our members will be present to greet festival goers," says Dr. Aline Garrett. This will be the last opportunity to register to win the Paris trip, the drawing will take place on Sunday, April 25 at the Festival. A lucky person will win the Paris trip valued at \$2500, which includes airfare and accommodations. Dinkin's Travel of Lafayette

is in charge of arrangements. The trip can take place between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994.

To qualify for the drawing, you must purchase a \$50.00 mural square. There are 1440 six inch by six inch squares in all. This program will raise the \$72,000 to fund the creation of the mural and to begin the renovation of the building. Please take time to fill out the form! **Thank you for supporting the Acadian Memorial Project.**



*Janie Bulliard,
Acadian Memorial
Committee
Chairman and
Trent Angers,
Fundraising
Chairman invite
you to join us
at Festival
International,
April 24-25.*

Remember . . . You can tell a Cajun a mile off, but you can't tell him a damn thing up close. . . .

Antoine Bourque

en 1766

Jean Baptista
Fermin Braud
Amand Broussard
Athanaïs Broussard
Claudio Broussard
Mathurin Broussard
Silvestre Broussard
Simon Broussard
Theodoro Broussard
Franco. Broussard, 1
Franco. Broussard, 2 huerfano
Joseph Broussard, 4
Widow Ana Brun
Miguel Comau
Joseph Cormier
Miguel Cormier
Carlos Coumau
Carlos Dugast
Pedro Dugast
Pedro D'Arrois
Pedro Fure
Joseph Guenard
Carlos Guilbeau
Joseph Pepin Hebert
Juan Baptista Hebert
Reynardo Leblanc
Luis Leonon
Joseph Martin
Widow Margarita Martin
Buenouventura Martin, heurfo.
Charles Pelerin
Marie Pelerin
Pedro Pitre
Pedro Richard
Victor Richard
Carlos Juan Saunier
Joseph Saunier
Olivier Saunier
Sivano Saunier
Pedro Savoye
Widow Marie Savoye
Carlos Thibaudau
Baptista Thibaudau
Widow Maria Thibaudau, 2
Pedro Thibodeau
Mageleina Thibodeau
Armand Thibodeau
Widow Maria Thibodeau, 1
Isabelle Thibodeaux
Anselmo Thibodeau
Juan Trahan

~ PURCHASE A MURAL SQUARE ~

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.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone(s)

"RESEARCH CENTER" - from page 2 building will be a small open courtyard, and a second floor observation deck which will parallel the Bayou Teche.

The first phase is expected to be ready for bids and construction by mid year 1994. The estimated cost of the projected renovations is \$350,000.

The preliminary floor plans and a color exterior sketch are displayed at St. Martinville City Hall.



Robert Barras, AIA, the ghost of Joseph Broussard dit Beausoleil, Larry Comeaux, president of St. Martin Bank, and Leonard Resweber, Acadian Memorial Architectural Committee documenting measurements of the Acadian Memorial Building on New Market Street in St. Martinville, La.



Letters

Dear Friends,

Thanks for sending a news letter to me. I am very proud to be a Cajun; and it's people like you, who enforce this feeling.

I'm glad to see that someone is finally, officially honoring our ancestors. This seems to be a great project.

As a child I was made to feel inferior, and embarrassed about what I am. Through the years, movies have depicted us as less than human, (or back-woods). Thanks to your efforts, and others like you, we can now be proud. We are now looked at as a society that had, and still has the true American spirit of freedom.

I'm sorry I can't be of any physical help at this time. In the future---? Keep up the good work,

Sincerely,
Perry J. Serrette
Morgan City, La.

Calling All Cajuns Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1993 - 6:30 P.M. - VILLE PLATTE

Come hear about Pierre Pitre, one of the mural figures, who lived in the "Opelousas Country". Call 318-394-2232 or 318-363-7180 for more information.



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 70583-0456. Look for the Acadian Memorial Booth.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1993 - 6:30 P.M.

ACADIAN MEMORIAL QUARTERLY MEETING

Belizaire's in Crowley. Bring a friend and come hear about the Acadians who became the "First Texas Cajuns." Call host James Domingue of Belizaire's (318-788-2501). Remember - you can still sponsor a Mural Square.

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