



# Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

April 2005

*You Are Cordially Invited*

*May 6, 2005 - 3:00 PM*

*Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden*

*Acadian Memorial Event*

*Commemorating the*

*250th Anniversary of the Acadian Deportation*

*Dedication of Louisiana Acadian Governors' Plaques*

*Thibodaux – Hebert – Mouton – Babineaux*

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*Family Mosaic Coats of Arms*

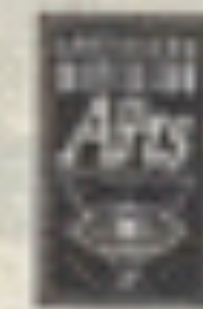
*Arceneaux • Benoit • Bourque • Cormier • Duhon • Granger*

*Guilbeaux • Landry • LeJeune • Martin • Savoie*

*Special Tribute to*

*Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*

*Reception will follow*



*The Acadian Governors' plaques and some Acadian Family mosaic coats of arms are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Acadiana Arts Council*

# Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden

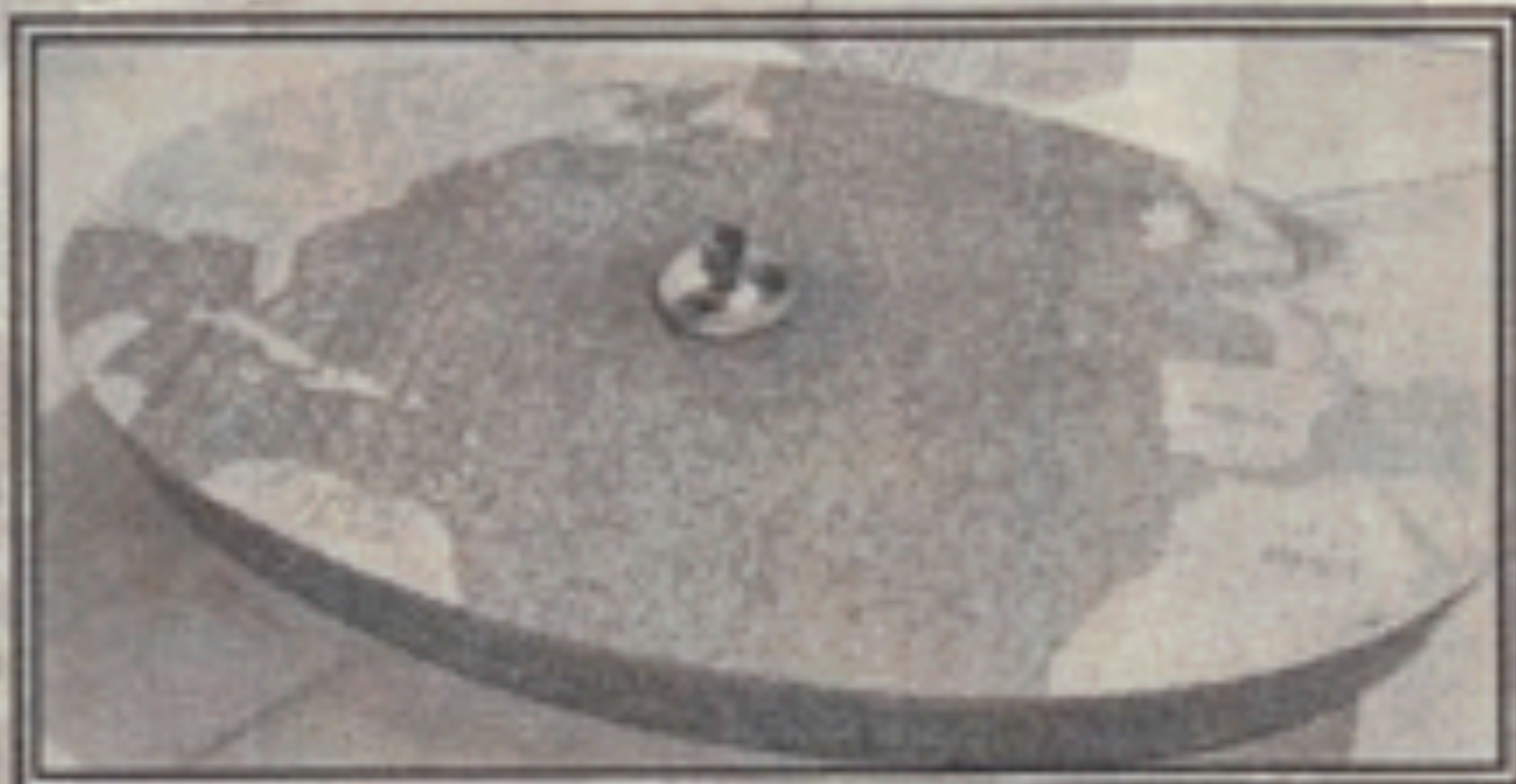
HENRY S.  
THIBODAUX  
1824

ALEXANDRE  
MOUTON  
1843 - 1846

LOUISIANA'S  
ACADIAN  
GOVERNORS

PAUL O.  
HEBERT  
1853 - 1856

KATHLEEN  
BABINEAUX  
BLANCO  
2004



## Mural Figures Await Sponsorship



*“Acadians: men, women, children...have just disembarked here. They would have died of misery had we not provided them some assistance. Their affliction is the result of their sacred attachment to their homeland and to their religion.”*

The memory of the exiles aided by Governor Aubrey is kept alive at the Acadian

Memorial. In Robert Dafford's mural, descendants, associations, civic organizations and municipalities have sponsored many of the figures. With funds received, personal stories of the Acadians on the mural are told. Yet, many continue to wait for sponsorship!

### Mural figures not yet sponsored include:

Jean Baptiste Semer was separated from his son and exiled with his wife, Anne Landry. After thirty years was reunited with his son Jean Baptiste in Attakapas.

Martin Navarro, Chief Administrative Officer from Spain offered to be godfather to all Acadian babies born during crossing from France.

Olivier Terriot, shoemaker in Nantes, France, helped recruit 1500 Acadians to come to Louisiana and Marie Aucoin, wife of Olivier Terriot, arrived with him aboard La Bergère.

Ambroise Terriot, 1766, organized a boucherie for new arrivals in Manchac.

Joseph Gravois with seventeen relatives arrived in 1788.

Marie, Marguerite and Elisabeth Richard, sisters deported to Virginia, then England, left from France, arrived in 1785.

Magdeleine Broussard, wife of Olivier Thibodeau, died May 16, 1765 after delivering daughter, Marguerite Anne. Mother and child are the first of two recorded burials of Acadians at Attakapas.

Pierre Pitre, was listed in Opelousas with two children, Francois and Catherine Pitre.

Elisabeth Thibodeau Brasseur, widow, mother of seven, arrived from Maryland.

Joseph Landry arrived in 1766 and served as State Senator from Acadia/St. James.

Madeleine Robichaud, daughter of Marguerite Martin and René Robichaud, married Charles Hebert.

Pierre Arseneau signed the Dauterive Pact in New Orleans on April 4, 1765.

Salvador, Jean & Marin Mouton are some of the earliest refugees to arrive. Jean is recognized as the founder of Lafayette.

Pierre Guidry was known as the “patriarch of Grande Pointe/Cecilia”.

Alexis and Honoré Breau, brothers who came with their families from Maryland.

We invite you to visit the Memorial, find your ancestor on the beautiful mural and consider sponsoring him/her. Listen to the stories already recorded. All, especially the children, want to tell their stories. Help the Acadian Memorial preserve for future generations, this rich heritage. The cost of sponsoring a mural figure is \$2,000 per person. You do not have to be a descendant of the person you wish to sponsor. If the person is named already, the research has been done.

# Cajun Pride: Keep it Alive! Join Our Acadian Memorial Membership

The Acadian Memorial Foundation invites you to become an affiliate of the Acadian Memorial! The Memorial is the only place in the world that memorializes and honors the Acadian pioneers of Louisiana. If you are an Acadian descendant or have an interest in the heritage and culture of the Cajuns, the Foundation requests your support with the efforts of preserving our history. Your membership dues in the Acadian Memorial Foundation go directly to supporting the Memorial and sharing the memory of the 3,000 exiled Acadians who settled in Louisiana. Please join our membership. Your efforts and contributions has enabled the Acadian Memorial to accomplish the following:

- Acadian Memorial's web site [www.acadianmemorial.org](http://www.acadianmemorial.org) and newsletter, Calling All Cajuns, is our link to schools, genealogists and others who are interested in learning about the Acadians who came to Louisiana.
- Replica of the Grand-Pré Deportation Cross, located in the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden.
- Mural comes alive with interactive audio and lights – hear the stories of their journey to Louisiana.
- The Acadian Memorial: A Documentary; video was created in honor of the Acadians by showing who they were and how they took root in Louisiana.

By YOU volunteering at the Acadian Memorial we can accomplish our plans for the coming year. It will be made possible in part by the efforts of volunteering clerical help, gardeners, sewers, actors, greeters, scrapbook, knowledge of computer programs and with monetary contributions from patrons like YOU.

YES I would like to volunteer in the following area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Memberships:

All donations are appreciated. Memorials and gifts are encouraged. Donations qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions under number 721308747

Membership type		Name of member(s)
* _____ Corporate Sponsor	\$1000 / year	_____
* _____ Acadian Heritage	\$ 200 / year	_____ (Family Associations)
*+ _____ Of Acadian Descent	\$ 100 / year	_____ (Individual / couple)
_____ Family Membership	\$ 25 / year	_____ (Couple and children, list names)
_____ Individual Membership	\$ 15 / year	_____

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*Note: This person has to have been an inhabitant of Acadia, who suffered deportation, and then settled in Louisiana.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to sponsor a named character on the mural. (These names are listed in the article.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to sponsor an unnamed character on the mural.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of figure I wish to sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of person I wish to name on mural.



Acadian Memorial  
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Colors of Autumn Tour

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ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION will hold its Annual Membership meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2005, 4:30 pm downstairs in the Memorial for the election of Officers as presented by the Nomination Committee: President, Christie D. Maraist, President-Elect, Shirley T. LeBlanc, Treasurer, Larry Comeaux, Recording Secretary Kim Graham, Parliamentarian, James Bourque. Installation of the new Officers and new Board Members, Topper Breaux, Janet Douet, Bobbie Eastin, Ernest Freyou and Kim Graham will follow the election.

February & March - Acadian Memorial & Museum of the Acadian Memorial's opening of "Spirit of Evangeline" Exhibition collection of Dr. François Paradis, Maine was well received.



## FIRST ACADIAN MEMORIAL FESTIVAL

The first Acadian Memorial Festival was held Saturday, March 19, 2005. Today, almost 400 years after settling in Acadie, and 250 years after the exile, the spirit of working together still survives. Talented participants displayed traditional woodworking, quilting, boating, cooking, music, dancing and storytelling and wooden boats added immeasurably to the occasion.



Mr. Ray Pellerin, graciously hosted a sunset cruise on his River Yacht BEAU RÊVE. Festival patrons enjoyed a spectacular sunset and delicious meal.

We especially want to thank the following sponsors, who realize the value of the Acadian culture, which adds such a special flavor, not only to Acadiana but also to the entire state.

### STAR SPONSORS were:

Le Petit Paris Café ♦ Debbie Gebhart  
Têche Bank and Trust ♦ Chip Durand  
Iberia Bank ♦ Daryl Byrd  
Regions Bank ♦ Jerome Weber  
St. Martin Bank ♦ Paul Durand  
Maison de Tours Restaurant ♦ Dale Bernard Mouton  
Handyman Ace Hardware ♦ Tommy Leblanc  
Beau Rêve River Yacht ♦ Ray Pellerin

## A Great and Noble Scheme

The tragic story of the expulsion of the French Acadians from their American Homeland by *John Mack Faragher*, director of Yale University's Howard R. Lamar center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders

A Great and Noble Scheme "is a tragic history, tragic not only because the undeserved suffering of the Acadians was brought on by their pursuit of independence, but also because it tells of the destruction of common hopes and dreams. It requires listening not only to the voices of the French-speaking, Catholic Acadians but to the English-speaking, Protestant Yankees who eventually removed them. It is a story of two peoples, of two paths, the ways they converged and diverged"

"Piecing together the scattered remnants of Acadian civilization in documents and sources buried deep in archives, historian John Mack Faragher provides the first comprehensive, thoroughly researched, and historically accurate account of the expulsion. ...It is a story of ethnic cleansing in early America, a story with a special poignancy in our own time."

These two quotes from the introduction of this book illustrate its' historical significance. Yet, aside from its' value as a reference book, it is both fascinating and spell-binding. It reads like a novel in which the characters are our own ancestors. Their names and exploits are recorded, and just as on the Wall of Names at the Acadian Memorial they call out to us, "Read my name and remember".

Christy Dugas Maraist



### Friends of the Acadian Memorial:

Attorney, Kenneth Privat  
Maison de Tours, Chef Lucien Broughton  
Jack and Ester Howard from San Antonio

## Calendar of Events

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May 1 – May Day Procession. Meet at 5:00 pm at the Evangeline Oak, will proceed to St. Martin de Tours Church, Mother Church of the Acadians, carrying family banners. *We need volunteers to carry the banners, call (337) 394-2258.*

May 6th, 3:00 p.m. - Dedication of Louisiana Acadian Governors' plaques. Special tribute to Governor K. Blanco and an address by our Honorable Governor. Unveiling of additional Acadian Family Coats of Arms in the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden.

June 14, Tuesday - 4:30 pm- Annual Membership Meeting at the Acadian Memorial, election and installation of officers and new members of the board.

July, Date TBA – Lecture: Deportation of Acadians, Queen of England's apology to Acadians, Grand-Pre' & Evangeline Oak Park Reunion

August 15 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.- National Day of the Acadians Celebration: music, traditions, and culture, featuring lectures, supper on the Bayou Teche, Acadian names banners procession to St. Martin de Tours for a French Mass featuring the Acadian Memorial Choir. *We need volunteers to carry the banners, call (337) 394-2258*

September, 3rd week – Acadian Heritage Week, / "FIDDLES AND SPOONS: Journey of An Acadian Mouse" Read Daily at 10:00 am. & 2:00 pm with Costumed Character

October, Date TBA – Lecture by Dr. Mark Rees of Archeological Dig of St. Martin Parish, Acadian, and Bayou Teche Region and TBA – Folkways and Tales of Acadian traditions and livelihood

November 2 – 10:00 a.m. All Souls Day traditional ceremony  
6:30 p.m. - Tribute concert to the Acadians/Cajuns by Belgium Jazz Musicians, "Odyssey for Friends Big Band Jazz "  
Duchamp Opera House, Main Street / Refreshments, Cash Bar

December, Date TBA – Evening Christmas Celebration, "Cajun Style" featuring Acadian Memorial Choir and Theatre presentation.

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