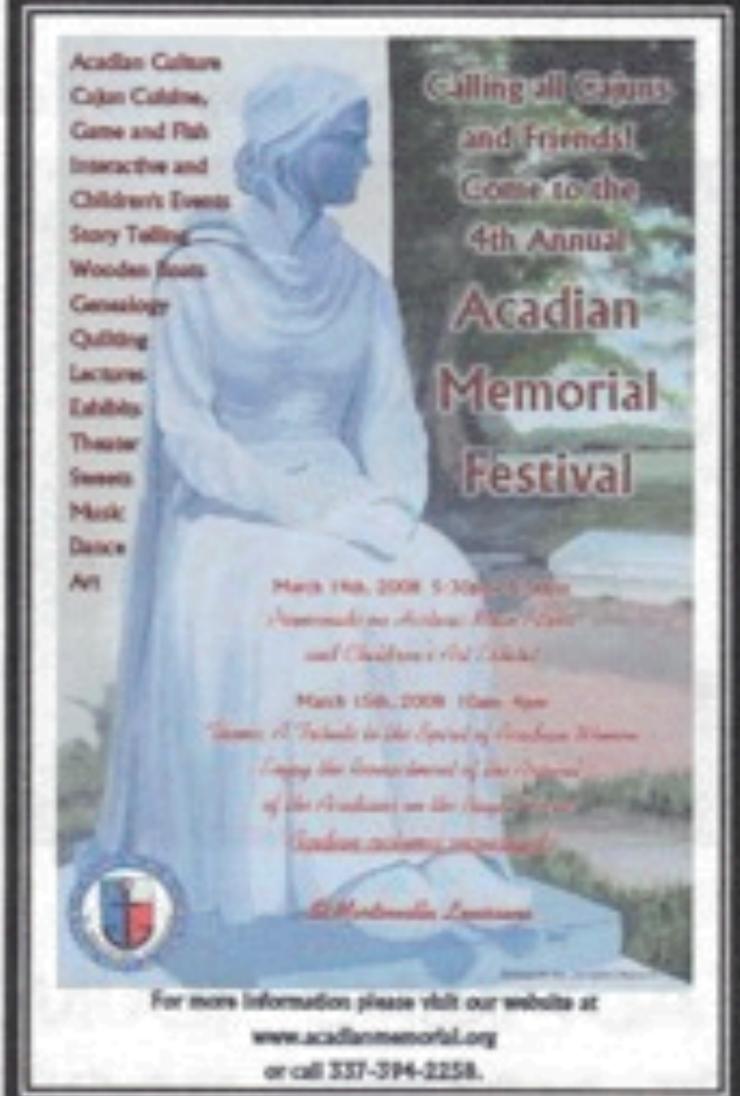


# Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana February 2008



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Acadian Memorial Festival

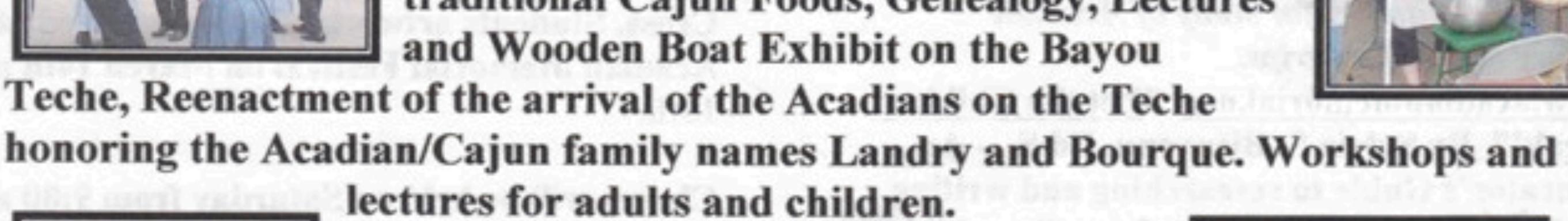
Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. ~ Kick off the Acadian Memorial Festival with a Promenade on downtown historic St. Martinville ~ Showcase of downtown businesses, Music, Food, Art, St. Martin du Tours Church Tour, and the Acadian Memorial Membership & L'Ordre Du Bon Temps Membership gathering. Event sponsored by the city of St. Martinville Tourism, Acadian Memorial Foundation, Cultural Heritage Center, Chamber of Commerce and the Maison du Tours.

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Boiled crawfish \$15.00 per person, Maison du Tours, sponsored by the Acadian Memorial Foundation. Special guest speaker on genealogy, Yvon Cyr. Contact Shirley T. LeBlanc for tickets <a href="mailto:shirleythibo@bellsouth.net/337-981-3289">shirleythibo@bellsouth.net/337-981-3289</a>. Flyer attached.

Saturday, March 15th ~ 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Acadian Memorial Festival: "A Tribute to Acadian Women"



Museum-style showcase of Acadian / Cajun traditions through: Theatre, Culture, Music, Dance, Demonstrations and sampling of traditional Cajun Foods, Genealogy, Lectures and Wooden Boat Exhibit on the Bayou





Darrell Bourque Acadiana's First Poet Laureate





Yvon Cyr Speaker/lecturer Acadian-Cajun Genealogy

#### ACADIAN FAMILY MOSAIC CREST

The Acadian Memorial would like to let all Acadian families know that there 8 available spaces remaining in the Meditation Garden for additional Mosaic Coats of Arms. At this time there are 31 Acadian Family names represented of the Acadians who settled in Louisiana. The families who are represented are Arceneaux, Babineaux, Benoit, Blanchard Boudreaux, Bourque, Breaux, Broussard, Comeaux, Cormier, Doiron, Dugas, Duhon, Hebert, Granger, Guidry, Guillot, Guilbeau, Lejeune, Louviere, Martin, Mouton, Poirier, Landry, Leger, Richard, Savoie, Sonnier, and Thibodeaux, Trahan and Vincent.

Mosaic art is one of the oldest forms of art and the master presentation has given our garden a European flare.

They are beautifully done and make a spectacular addition to the Acadian Memorial.

To continue the representation of all the Acadian names at our Memorial we are offering to the first 8 applicants the opportunity to install their family crest in the Meditation Garden at a cost of \$500. We invite you to visit the Memorial to see the work of art in our garden. You may want your name to be a part of honoring your family Acadian/Cajun name. For additional information contact: Shirley T. LeBlanc 337-981-3289.



World Congress of the Acadians
Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc. and
CAFA (Confederation of Associations of
Families Acadian, Inc.) are working together to
provide bus transportation to the World
Congress of the Acadians to be held in the
Acadian Peninsula of New Brunswick. The
event is from August 7th - August 23, 2009. See
Bus Tour Info Sheet

Teachers: Educational Programs
Spring 2008 - Field Trip time. Teachers:
Consider the educational programs in St.
Martinville through the historic attractions.

Curriculum guides for study of Acadian history before field trips.

www.acadianmemorial.org "Let the Children Speak!" By Sylvia S. Bienvenu, Ed.S. - An Educator's Guide to researching and writing the history and genealogies of Acadian children who arrived in Louisiana in the late 1700s after being deported from Nova Scotia by the British.

The Acadian Heritage Week

www.acadianheritage.org "The Acadian

Odyssey", State Department of Education.

(Click on Education to access lesson plans)

CALLING ALL ASPIRING YOUNG ARTIST OF ST. MARTIN PARISH

Join in the fun at the Acadian Memorial Conference Room (2nd floor) on Saturdays, March 1st and 8<sup>th</sup>, learn the skills of drawing and painting with native artist, Janelle Hebert.

Register for an Acadiana subject art class where students will be guided to draw and paint Acadian historical images. Focus will be on student's interpretation of the Evangeline Monument, the Evangeline Oak, St. Martin de Tours Church and the Acadian Memorial Cross. Students artwork will be displayed at the Acadian Memorial Festival on March 14th and 15th.

Classes will be held on Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Registration fee \$8; art supplies furnished. Space is limited to 24 students so call soon.

For more information and to register call Janelle Hebert at 337.394.9105.

#### Fourth Annual Acadian Memorial Festival Saturday, March 15, 2008

Tentative schedule Subject to change

#### Buy a lapel pin to show your support for the Acadian Memorial - \$5.00 Festival Poster - \$10.00

### Acadian Memorial Festival Activities

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE ACADIAN WOMEN

#### Friday, March 14th - Festival Kick Off:

Promenade on Historic Main St.

Reception for Acadian Memorial Membership, L'Ordre Du Bon Temps Members and Patrons Tours of St. Martin du Tours with James Akers

Music by "Al Berard & Friends"

Special guest speaker, Yvon Cyr

Crawfish Boil Acadian Memorial Foundation Fundraiser tickets \$15 per/person

Showcase of Businesses on Main Street

Children's Artist Impression of Acadian Monuments and Attractions in St. Martinville

#### Saturday, March 15 - Festival Day

10:00 a.m. ~ Opening & Welcome Christy Maraist ~ "Emmeline" counterpart of Longfellow's "Evangeline" Dr. Ray Brassieur, ULL ~ Wooden Boats Cajun Band ~ "Moi-J'aime-ca-Comme-Ca" (I-Like-It-Like That) Thèatre Acadian ~ Deportation Vignettes

11:00 a.m. ~ Food Court Opens ~ Jambayla/Boudain/cracklins L'Ordre Du Bon Temps Game and Fish Cajun Cooking Samples

1:00 p.m. ~ Re-enactment of the Arrival of the Acadians / Honoring Bourque and Landry Families / Evangeline Queen

Homage to an esteemed Acadian, Darrell Bourque, Acadiana's First Poet Laureate Back Porch Jam Sessions

Crafts / Antique Cars / Exhibits / Lectures & Workshops / Genealogy ~ Yvon Cyr / Acadian Boat Lecture - Dr. Ray Brassieur / Acadian Poem Readings - Dr. Darrell Bourque

Children's Activities: Le Courir du Mardi Gras Traditions- "The Chicken That Got Away" - Cheri Armentor Story Telling - "Fiddles & Spoons: An Acadian Mouse's Deportation Story" Children's Acadian Art Display

For Young and Old join in the fun of the Egg Knocking Contest (Pacques)



Christy Dugas Maraist, native of St. Martinville, grew up surrounded by the legends of Emmeline and Evangeline. Both Acadian maidens stood on the banks of the Bayou Têche, Evangeline searching for Gabriel and Emmeline hoping to find Louis Arceneaux. Both had been separated from their fiancés at the time of the Acadian exile. Due to the nature or oral tradition, the similar stories became so intertwined that Maraist was inspired to unravel the threads and finally separate fact from fiction.

The year 2008 is the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Felix Voorhies book Acadian Reminiscences, and this summer, Maraist will publish Emmeline: Acadian Reminiscences Revisited.