



Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

February 2008



4th Annual Acadian Memorial Festival

Friday, March 14th , 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 14th, 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 shirleythibo@bellsouth.net/337-981-3289. 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



Teche, Reenactment of the arrival of the Acadians on the Teche honoring the Acadian/Cajun family names Landry and Bourque. Workshops and lectures for adults and children.



Darrell Bourque
Acadiana's First Poet Laureate



Yvon Cyr
Speaker/lecturer
Acadian-Cajun Genealogy

Volunteers are needed. For more information call: Brenda Comeaux Trahan 337.394.2258

ACADIAN FAMILY MOSAIC CREST

The Acadian Memorial would like to let all Acadian families know that there are 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 8th, 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

10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	All Day
<p>10:00 a.m. Welcome & Opening Cermonies</p> <p>Announce past honored Acadians: Broussard, Hebert, LeBlanc, Trahan</p> <p>Christy Maraist - "Emmeline" counterpart of Longfellow's "Evangeline"</p> <p>Dr. Ray Brassieur, ULL - Wooden Boats Introduction</p> <p>10:30 a.m. "Renaissance Cadiene Cajun Dance Troupe" kicks off the Festival</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Acadian Boat Lecture/Slide show – Dr. Ray Brassieur Acadian Memorial Conference Room (upstairs)</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. Acadian Memorial -Théâtre Acadian - Deportation Vignettes</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Cajun Band - Under Oak Tree - Moi-J'aime-ca-Comme-Ca" (I-Like-It-LikeThat)</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Back Porch (Acadian Memorial) Jam Sessions with Mike and Ken . Bring your instruments</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Old Castillo Hotel: La Place du Evangeline / Christy Maraist - "Emmeline" Counterpart of Longfellow's "Evangeline"</p> <p>11:30 am ~ Old Tourism Building "Blue House" Le Courir du Mardis Gras Traditions– "The Chicken That Got Away" & Skit - Cheri Armentor, Author & Instructor</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. Acadian Memorial – Théâtre Acadian - Deportation Vignettes</p> <p>12:00 p.m. St. Martinville City Hall Conference Room / Genealogy Workshop - Yvon Cyr</p> <p>12:30 pm -Sneak Preview of the Teche Theatre Renovation "Open House" - First showing since 1960 of the 1929 Film "Evangeline" & View a Poster Collection display of the history of the French in Louisiana</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. Evangeline Oak Park Gazebo – Re-enactment of the Arrival of the Acadians / Honoring Bourque and Landry Families / Evangeline Queen 2008 – International Acadian Festival, Plaquemine, LA & Homage to an esteemed Acadian, Darrell Bourque, Acadian's First Poet Laureate</p> <p>Welcome to the Bourque and Landry family – history of families</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. Band resumes "Moi-J'aime-ca-Comme-Ca" (I-Like-It-LikeThat)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. - Heritage Center– Media Room – Ben Benoit Acadian Author, Surviving Damnation. Talk & demonstration of the "aboiteau"</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Old Tourism Building "Blue House" / Story Telling - "Fiddles & Spoons: An Acadian Mouse's Deportation Story" (3,4, 5 year olds)</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Acadian Memorial Hall - Acadian Poem Readings (Reading 5 to 6 Acadian poems starting with the Bourque Family Name– Dr. Darrell Bourque</p> <p>2: 45 p.m. Egg Knocking Contest Tourism "Blue House"</p>	<p>Demonstrations:</p> <p>Quilt making & stitch lessons, Boudin, Jambalaya, Sweet Booth, Gratons, Okra history/ cooking lessons, Couche-Couche (Food Samples for Sale)</p> <p>L'Ordre Du Bon Temps - Cajun men cooking game and fish – (Food samples for sale.)</p> <p>Exhibits: Antique Cars, Wooden Boats on the Bayou</p> <p>Children's Acadian Art Display Through – Out</p> <p>Craft & Art Booths</p>

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)
Th  tre 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 of 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 101st anniversary of Felix Voorhies book *Acadian Reminiscences*, and this summer, Maraist will publish *Emmeline: Acadian Reminiscences Revisited*.