



CALLING ALL CAJUNS!

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HONOR YOUR
ACADIAN HERITAGE BY
RESERVING A FAMILY
NAME BANNER AND
JOINING IN THE SHORT
PROCESSION TO ST.
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Bernard	Bertrand
Blanchard	Boucher
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Bouq	Brasseur
Breaux	Broussard
Caillouet	Caissy
Chauvin	Chiasson
Comeaux	Cormier
Crocket	Daigre
David	Doiron
Doucet	Dugas
Duon	Dupuis
Duplessis	Forest
Gallant	Gaudet
Gauterot	Girouard
Goguen	Guilbeau
Guidry-Guedry	Guillot
Granger	Gravois
Hache	Hebert
Henry	Jeanson
Landry	Lanove
LeBreton	LeBlanc
Leger	LeJeune
LeMire	Lirette
Maillet	Martin
Mazerolle	Melancon
Mouton	Naquin
Petitpas	Pitre
Prejean	Robichaud
Richard	Rodrique
Roger	Roy
Samson	Saulnier
Savoie	Serner
Simon	Surette
Templet	Terriot
Thibodeaux	Trahan
Vautour	Vincent
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NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS August 15, 2011

Acadian Memorial, 121 South New Market Street in historic downtown St. Martinville, LA Free Admission for the Fête Nationale des Acadiens (National Day of the Acadians). For additional information, contact us at 337.394.2258.

10:15 a.m. - Ceremonial flag raising and Acadian Memorial Chorus, directed by Sarah Roy at City Hall (across from Acadian Memorial)

10:30 a.m. - Film showing : Story of the Acadians, Produced by Brenda Jepson, Cultural Heritage Center Media Room

11:00 a.m. - Speaker : Warren Perrin / book signing, 2nd floor Acadian Memorial

12:00 p.m. - BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic) on the Teche Boardwalk & Gazebo or enjoy lunch at one of our local restaurants.

1:00 p.m. - Ancestry Presentation by Gayle Breaux Smith, 2nd floor Acadian Memorial

2:00 p.m. - Grand Réveil Acadien Presentation by Ray Trahan, 2nd floor Acadian Memorial

3:30 p.m. - Costumed Performance by Théâtre Acadien, 1st Floor, Acadian Memorial

4:00 p.m. - Costumed Performance by Théâtre Acadien, 1st Floor, Acadian Memorial

5:00 p.m. - Gather family banners and assemble in Acadian Memorial Garden

5:30 p.m. - Procession with banners to St. Martin de Tours Church, 201 Evangeline Blvd.

6:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church

MEET THE STAFF



Merlin and Cynthia Champagne

Cynthia Bernard Champagne pictured below with her husband is a docent and Curator's Assistant at Acadian Memorial. Since retiring in 2001, Cynthia has been with the City of St. Martinville. She began working as the Tourism Secretary, Tour Guide and Clerk under Ms. Carol Russo at the Tourism Information Center, known to most as the Little Blue House. Cynthia was later transferred to the Opera House, the Maison Duchamp, the Cultural Heritage Center and then to the Acadian Memorial. She has a love of history and a passion for Acadian culture.

Cynthia finds that working in tourism is very rewarding and fulfilling. She recently commented that, "Tourists are very happy people and appreciate all that you do for them."

Cynthia is the oldest of 7 children born to French speaking parents, She was never encouraged to speak French and her parents never spoke French in front of her. Luckily her grandparents saw to it that she learned the language. She and husband, Merlin, have 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Michelle Johnson joined the staff at Acadian Memorial with the coming of the Smithsonian Journey Stories Exhibit. She attended Trinity Elementary and went on to graduate at University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a BA and MA in History and French. Michelle recently received her Masters from LSU with a Masters in Library and Information Sciences and a major in archives. Her love of history, archives and genealogy drew her to St. Martinville. At LSU, Johnson worked on the Louisiana newspaper project which included the "Weekly Messenger," the predecessor to The Teche News.

Michelle lives in Lafayette with her husband who is currently attending LSU.

≡ CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS ≡

Interested in being an Acadian Memorial volunteer? If you enjoy meeting people, are dependable and have an interest in both local and American history, this is a great opportunity! Training to assist us as an exhibition attendant will be provided. Call the Acadian Memorial with your name and contact information today, and let us know when you are available. (337) 394-2258



Join us in celebrating all that is Acadian!

Experience the pride and joy of being Acadian. Make plans to participate in the National Day of the Acadians on Monday, August 15, 2011 in downtown St. Martinville, LA

Festivities begin at 10:15 a.m. at City Hall and conclude at 6:00 p.m. with a mass at St. Martin de Tours. (See full schedule on page 1.)



LIVING LEGENDS INDUCTION



WARREN PERRIN INDUCTED
 JANIE BULLIARD IN THE
 ORDER OF LIVING LEGENDS
 ON JULY 28TH AT
 THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
 HELD AT THE
 ACADIAN MEMORIAL.

Photo courtesy of Roger Romero

Family and friends joined together at the Acadian Memorial on July 28th to memorialize the “Day of Remembrance,” which is dedicated to the memory of Acadian victims who died during the years of the deportation. This special day also included the induction of Janie Bulliard to the Order of Living Legends. The Order of Living Legends has been used by the Acadian Museum in Erath since 1977 to recognize and honor those individuals who helped to shape and define our Cajun culture.

Andy Perrin, member of the Executive Committee of the Acadian Museum announced that the museum would convey the honor to Ms. Bulliard. Bulliard was recognized for her work with the Acadian Memorial which she co-founded with Patricia Resweber in 1990. Warren Perrin, founder of the Acadian Museum presented the honor.

Edmond Bulliard sang a number of songs, including a moving rendition of *Someone Just Like Evangeline* to honor his Mom. The song was written by Edmond’s friend, Barry Jackson, a Nashville songwriter and St. Martinville native. The impromptu performance was enjoyed by all.

Bulliard is a native of Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. She is primarily self-educated but attended SLI, LSU and Spencer’s in Baton Rouge, LA. While at LSU she met Ed Bulliard of St. Martinville and married in 1952. They are the parents of eight children -- Melissa, Suzy, Cindy, Edmond, Michael, Benjamin, Mary and Camille, and several grand and great grandchildren. They raised their family in St. Martinville where they have lived for most of the 59 years of their marriage. She has long been an advocate for local Acadian history and genealogy. She is an avid reader, enjoys independent study and relishes a fit lifestyle. Ms. Bulliard has been a champion of St. Martinville’s historic locale and its many attractions and has been active with numerous civic committees since 1961.



GRAND-PRÉ ARTIST TO EXHIBIT

Brenda Comeaux Trahan

The Acadian Memorial Foundation has invited Georgette Bourgeois, Canadian Acadian artist, to participate in Grand Réveil Acadien / The Great Acadian Awakening (GRA) taking place October 7-16, 2011. Her collection, *L'Esprit de Grand-Pré*, a series of 9 paintings, will be exhibited in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Art Museum and the A. Hays Town Building on the ULL campus from September 31 to October 21, 2011.

The *L'Esprit de Grand-Pré* collection is owned by La Société Promotion Grand-Pré and is a permanent exhibition in the Grand-Pré Art Gallery at The Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Nova Scotia. The organization agreed to loan the collection during the celebration of the GRA based on the twinning relationship between the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville and Grand-Pré. This exhibition's presence in Louisiana will be a major part of a twinning reconnection ceremony between the two sites.

The Grand-Pré site commemorates one of the regions where the deportation of the Acadian people took place in 1755. Many Louisiana Cajuns are descendants of those who were deported from this village and later migrated to Louisiana for final settlement. The organizing committee of Grand Réveil Acadien is pleased to have this opportunity to exhibit this impressive collection of works in order that those who have never ventured to this historic area will have an opportunity through Ms. Bourgeois' artwork to glimpse the land their ancestors were torn from.

As part of the exhibit, a 10 minute documentary will be shown in the exhibit space. The documentary tells of Ms. Bourgeois as the first artist in residence at the Grand-Pré National Historic site and goes on to expand about her works, her story and many awards. A welcome reception will be hosted during GRA in Lafayette on October 15th.

In March of 2010, Georgette Bourgeois was invited to St. Martinville to participate in the annual Acadian Memorial Festival. The powerpoint presentation of her artwork and the Grand-Pré collection fit in with the Festival theme, "Gearing Up for Grand Réveil Acadien." Her presentation brought much interest and generated the invitation to exhibit her beautiful visuals of the Grand-Pré landscapes. One of the visions of GRA is to bring the Acadians and Cajuns together in Louisiana. This exhibit certainly exceeds the vision.

L'ESPRIT DE GRAND-PRÉ • SEPTEMBER 31-OCTOBER 21 • A. HAYS TOWN BUILDING, ULL ART MUSUEM

PADDLING THE TECHE

The Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism, the Teche Project, Acadiana RC & D and the National Park Service are working together to create a 130 mile paddle trail on the Bayou Teche. The trail would begin in Port Barre, St. Landry Parish and end in St. Mary Parish. The project seeks to provide low impact non-motorized re-creation, improve water quality and foster economic development in communities along the way. This trail would provide for kayak, canoe and pirogue access to Bayou Teche.

Project coordinators will be checking with each community to compile a list of access points, historic sites and other commercial activity that could supplement and support the trail activities. This is a great opportunity to increase awareness of the Acadian Memorial and to educate future paddlers about our culture and history. The Acadian Memorial and the Cultural Heritage Center are important points of interest in our area with the boardwalk providing possible access on the route. St. Martinville's entire historic downtown district has much to offer the paddle trail with the additional attraction of retail and restaurants in the downtown area.

The Paddle Trail coordinators are counting on public input to guide the planning process and prioritize different aspects of the project.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in providing a list of the points of interest, historical sites and access points for the St. Martinville area, contact the Acadian Memorial at 337.394.2258. The Bayou Teche Paddle Trail has the potential to impact our community and promote our cultural and historical resources.



ST. MARTINVILLE WELCOMES GRA



Fall is right around the corner and with it comes Grand Réveil Acadien / The Great Acadian Awakening. Ray Trahan, President of Louisiane-Acadie, the presenter of GRA said that, "Grand Réveil is an excellent opportunity to use our joie de vivre as an opportunity to pass on to the younger generation those precious traditions that make us who we are. Traditions steeped in our music, our language and our lifestyle."

GRA will begin in New Orleans (Oct 7th & 8th) with a reception and the dedication of a commemorative plaque.

Houma (Oct 9th & 10th) starts with a gathering of Acadians and an unveiling of an Acadian Deportation Cross Monument. Stephen White will be the keynote speaker at their luncheon. A grass planting to help restore the coastline will be held on Monday.

Lake Charles (Oct 11th & 12th) has planned a genealogy seminar, French learning programs and a taste of Southwest Louisiana. Children's programs, boudin tasting contests and zydeco music round out the day.

GRA moves to Lafayette (October 13th-16th) on Thursday, October 13th. Highlights of the day include a special genealogy presentation by Stephen White; a Canadian Guest Chef and sessions on environmental issues, preserving our French language and the music of the two Acadies— the North and South. Les Frères Michot will be on hand to discuss the special blend of Acadian and Cajun music.

Thursday evening boasts a special treat with the L'Ordre du Bon Temps Banquet. This year the event will be held in Cade, Louisiana and promises to be a true Cajun feast.

St. Martinville will host two GRA events on Saturday, October 15th, a re-enactment of the Arrival of the Acadians will be held on the Bayou Teche and there will be a blessing ceremony at the St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church.

The GRA closing event will take place at Festivals Acadiens et Créoles with a special Grand Procession featuring the Acadian traditions of Mardi Gras, Tintamarre, Chandeleurs, Mi-Carême and Guiannée.

Check out the GRA website at www.gra2011.org for the complete schedule.

Grand Réveil Acadien / The Great Acadian Awakening will take place

October 7-16, 2011 in the following venues:

October 7—Opening Ceremony and Reception in New Orleans

October 8—Discover the New Orleans area

October 9—Gathering of Acadians and unveiling of the Acadian Deportation Commemorative Monument in Houma

October 10—Discover Houma and the Louisiana Bayou region

October 11—Conferences, vendor booths and musical performances in Lake Charles

October 12—Discover Lake Charles and the surrounding area

October 13—Fête de famille in Lafayette, gathering of families, discussions on preserving our language, music, traditions, genealogy speakers and youth activities, Cajundome Convention Center

October 14—Discover the Lafayette area, Opening of Festivals Acadiens et Créoles

October 15—Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Girard Park, Lafayette—St. Martinville re-enactment of the Arrival of the Acadians and Blessing Ceremony at St. Martin de Tours Church

October 16—French mass at Festivals Acadiens et Créoles in Girard Park with Great Acadian Procession to include traditions of Mardi Gras, Tintamarre, Mi-Carême, Chandeleur and Guiannée.



Merci Bien

Many thanks to the following individuals and organizations who support the Acadian Memorial in a number of ways:

Once again, we give a special thanks to the following **local sponsors for their support** of the Smithsonian Exhibition, Journey Stories, the opening reception, lectures or theatre series. It was an incredible honor to host this exhibit and be recognized as such a rich part of history.

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St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church/Trinity Elementary

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Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped to make Journey Stories a success: Myles Guidry, Janelle Hebert, Marion Melancon, Beverly Comeaux and Yvette Nevitt.

We also wish to thank all who contributed photos and stories for the exhibit.

Special thanks to Renée Borne for coordinating the installation of the local Journey Stories quilt exhibit. The local exhibit provided an effective backdrop to the Smithsonian Travelling Exhibit. A great job was done by all of her volunteers.



Our Boutique

The Acadian Memorial documentary is now available in DVD format for \$15 and contains both the English and French version.

Be sure to check out other heritage items available during the National Day of the Acadians, Acadian Memorial staff will be happy to assist with Boutique items .

Bienvenue



A warm welcome to new members of the Acadian Memorial Foundation:

Hartwell & Paulette Herring

Suzanne Benoit Malone

Carolyn Cecile Ivy Shimek

Smithsonian Journey Stories



Smithsonian Institution



Nearly 2,500 people viewed the Smithsonian Journey Stories Exhibit and lecture series. The range of topics and featured exhibits attracted a large and appreciative audience, sparking stories from attendees and renewing interest in genealogical ties. Ira Harkey spoke at the Levert Plantation to a packed house. The question and answer period uncovered through one of the attendees a local business connection with the Levert family in generations past. The Harkey presentation and tour was a highlight of the lecture series.

Visitors had many positive comments about the quilts on display and the cultural impact they impart.

Journey Stories also featured a slide presentation sharing local photographs and stories. Time constraints prevented the complete stories from being presented with the photos during the exhibit. The Acadian Memorial has agreed to complete the Journey Stories project and make available a CD of the photos together with the accompanying stories. The project should be completed by the end of December. An update on the photos and stories CD will be included in the November issue of *Calling All Cajuns*.





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Please JOIN /REJOIN the Acadian Memorial Foundation

Membership dues in the Acadian Memorial Foundation go directly to supporting the Memorial and sharing the memory of the 3,000 exiles that settled in Louisiana. Membership dues have helped fund...

- *Replica of the Grand-Pré Deportation Cross
- * Family Mosaic Coat of Arms in the Meditation Garden
- * Mural interactive-Adult & Children in French & English
- * Acadian Memorial web site www.acadianmemorial.org
- * "Ensemble Encore / Together Again" Genealogy Database
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- *Deportation Re-enactment & future historical re-enactments

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Open 10:00 am to 4:30 pm daily,
except for major holidays

Current admission: \$3 for ages 13 and up includes:
Acadian Memorial & Cultural Heritage Center

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Curator and Director: Brenda Comeaux Trahan
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ACADIAN MEMORIAL 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

August 15, 2011 - National Day of the Acadians

Activities (film, costumed performances, speakers on ancestry, book signing) at the Acadian Memorial, procession with family banners to St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church for French Mass (complete schedule on page 1)

OCTOBER

October 7-16, 2011- Grand Réveil Acadien

October 13, 2011- L'Ordre du Bon Temps Supper

October 15, 2011 - GRA activities in St. Martinville

Re-enactment of the Arrival of Acadians on the Bayou Teche

Blessing Ceremony at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, Church of the Acadians, (see story on page 5)