



# CALLING ALL CAJUNS!

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## FESTIVAL OFFERS THE TASTES, SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF ACADIAN CULTURE





Fellow Acadian Memorial Members,

The Annual Meeting of the Acadian Memorial Foundation will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, Louisiana (221 New Market Street). We will meet downstairs in the Memorial Hall.

Light refreshments will be served.

There will be a brief business meeting summarizing Acadian Memorial Foundation activities of this past year and anticipated activities of next year. We will also vote on the new officers for 2013-2014 as well as new Board Members of the Acadian Memorial Foundation. Board Members serve a three-year term with approximately one-third of the Board elected each year.

Members may either vote at the Annual Meeting or may vote at home and return the ballot by mail to the Acadian Memorial, 121 New Market Street, Post Office Box 379, Dept. AM, St. Martinville, LA 70582. No copies of the ballot will be accepted.

The nominating committee of the Acadian Memorial Foundation has suggested the officer candidates shown on the ballot. If you prefer, you may write in a candidate for any position; however, please contact that person and ensure that they wish to serve in the indicated position and will make the commitment to serve. Each officer must be a member in good standing of the Acadian Memorial Foundation and a Board Member.

If you would like to serve on the Board of the Acadian Memorial Foundation or know someone that would like to be on the Board, please write in their name on one of the spaces under AMF Board Members and vote for them. Again, please contact the person and ensure that they wish to serve on the Acadian Memorial Foundation Board and will make the commitment to serve. Board Members must be members of the Acadian Memorial Foundation.

Thank you for your past support of the Acadian Memorial Foundation and the Acadian Memorial. We look forward to your continued support in 2013-2014.

*R. Martin Guidry*

President Interim, Acadian Memorial Foundation Board of Directors

RESERVE YOUR FAMILY BANNER, NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS, AUGUST 15, 2013

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Babineau	Baudoin	Bellefontaine	Belliveau	Bergeron
Bernard	Bertrand	Blanchard	Boucher	Boudrot
Bourgeois	Bourq	Brasseur	Breau	Broussard
Caillouet	Caissy	Chauvin	Chiasson	Comeau
Cormier	Crochet	Daigre	David	Doiron
Doucet	Dugas	Duon	Dupuis	Duplessis
Forest	Gallant	Gaudet	Gauterot	Girouard
Goguen	Guidry-Guedry	Guilbeau	Guillot	Granger
Gravois	Hache	Hebert	Henry	Jeanson
Landry	Lanoué	LeBreton	LeBlanc	Leger
LeJeune	LeMire	Lirette	Maillet	Martin
Mazerolle	Melancon	Mouton	Naquin	Petitpas
Pitre	Prejean	Robichaud	Richard	Rodrique
Roger	Roy	Samson	Saulnier	Savoie
Semer	Simon	Surette	Templet	Terriot
Thibodeau	Trahan	Vautour	Vincent	Young

# FESTIVAL 2013 CONTINUED...

Michelle Johnson



(All photos clockwise from top left)

**Cover page:** 1. Michelle Verret Johnson and Marty Guidry preparing for the re-enactment with La Compagnie Franche de la Marine; 2. Locals learn about the Attakapas Eagle Tribe; 3. Festival guests wait on fried fish, boudin and cracklins; 4. Dancers braved warm temperatures to shake a leg.

**This page:** 1. Festival goes wiled away the hours and danced to the music of *La Récolte* as folks explored the many booths on display this year and sampled the tempting foods and delightful sweets; 2. Checking out a sampling of the many pelts found in Louisiana, courtesy of the Louisiana Trappers and Alligator Hunters Association; 3. Violin display by Tom Pierce of Cajun Fiddles; and 4. Carvings of select Louisiana hardwoods; .

**Additional Festival Photos on Page 7:** 1. Le Courir du Mardi Gras masks by Cheri and Sammie Armentor; 2. Leonard Champagne stirring the gratons; 3. Jessie Brown of Choupique Accordions explains model variations; 4. Acadian Memorial boutique items on display; 5. Priest reenactor Donald Akers and antique car participant enjoying the day. ✎



## MILESTONE: 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPORTATION CROSS

As a volunteer and husband of the Acadian Memorial Curator/Director at the time, I was called upon 10 years ago, to oversee the construction and installation of a replica of the Deportation Cross located in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia. All labor, materials and equipment was donated or furnished by local companies. Three days before July 29, 2003, the fabrication of the cross was complete and delivered in the parking lot of the Acadian Memorial.

Carpenters from a local lumber yard formed up the foundation for which the cross was to be cemented into. Late that afternoon the form was completed and we were ready to install the cross in its place. Weighing approximately 700 pounds and way too big to fit through the gate, we used a local tree service company who furnished the equipment (large crane) to lift the cross over the Acadian Memorial building and held it in place to brace it in preparation for pouring the approximately 4 yards of cement. It really was an unforgettable sight, seeing that cross being lifted over this two story building.

After we had braced the 700 pound cross still being held by the tall crane, we began pouring the cement. With three fourths of the cement poured, the back wall of the foundation gave way and half of our cement slid down the bank of Bayou Teche. It was late afternoon by then, and all we could do was to keep as much cement as possible inside the form and clean out the back area in preparation to rebuild the back wall of the foundation the next day. With the back wall in place and heavily braced, we finished pouring the cement the following afternoon.

The next day, July 28th, we covered the form with burlap sacks and we were ready for the unveiling and celebration.

A few days later, when the cement was completely dry, we removed the form. Upon inspection, everything looked great except where the cement met, which was poured on two different days; there was a visible line from front to back. Oh well, the job was complete, the cross was up, cemented and in place. We would just have to live with that visible line.

The following year, Brenda and I visited Grand Pré and as we normally do every time we are in the area, we stopped by to see the original Deportation Cross. There I saw with my own eyes, the same visible line in the cement as we have in the replica we installed at the Acadian Memorial. It was not an accident that the back wall of the form gave way, it was meant to be, allowing us to have a true replica of the original Deportation Cross.

- Ray Trahan



### Interested in being an Acadian Memorial Volunteer?

If you enjoy meeting people, are dependable and have an interest in both local and American history, call to see how you can join our team. Training is provided. Call the Acadian Memorial at 337.394.2258

## WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

We welcome and welcome back the following new and renewing members to the Acadian Memorial Foundation.

Larry & Hazel Comeaux, St. Martinville, LA  
 Isabelle Pointer, St. Martinville, LA  
 Delores Citizen, Beaumont, TX  
 Sara Roy, St. Martinville, LA  
 Rose Marie & Jimmie Powell, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Paulette & Hartwell Herring, Barneveld, NY  
 Elsie Castille, Breaux Bridge, LA  
 Wayne & Theresa Ables, Breaux Bridge, LA  
 Paul Durand, St. Martinville, LA  
 Cynthia Champagne, St. Martinville, LA

Odile Fuselier, St. Martinville, LA  
 Dorothy Taylor, Grandview, MO  
 August "Butch" & Terry Dupuis, St. Martinville, LA  
 Deborah Daigle Turkleson, Houston, TX  
 Renee Trahan Richard, New Iberia, LA  
 Sylvia Bienvenu, New Iberia, LA  
 Lona & James Bourque, Youngsville, LA  
 Carroll & Nona LeBlanc, Lafayette, LA  
 Mavis Fruge, Arnaudville, LA

## DONATIONS



**Senator Fred Mills** graciously donated the handmade wooden pirogue raffled during the Festival back to the Acadian Memorial so the fundraiser for the oral history project can continue!

**Breaux du Monde Association** donated to the Memorial library a copy of Christopher Hodson's *The Acadian Diaspora: An Eighteenth-Century History* (2012).

The **Martin Family Association** donated funds to have the 80' scroll of Claude Martin's descendants laminated and digitized. The Martin Genealogy is available to view by appointment in the Memorial's library.

**The St. Martinville Creole Farmer's Market** donated to the Acadian Memorial an original hand painted Currier & Ives lithograph of "Evangeline." It dates to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and is still in the original wooden frame. It is currently undergoing conservation treatment but will soon be on display at the Acadian Memorial. Brenda Courville with the Farmer's Market said the following about their donation, "The Creole Farmer's Market Committee, a sub-committee of the St. Martinville Main Street Association, recently purchased the **Evangeline** print which was on loan to

the Acadian Memorial. During the 2012 Garden Club Tour of Homes, the Acadian Memorial building was one of the featured locations to visit. Several of us viewed the displayed print and discovered that the owner wanted to sell it. As an organization, we felt that this work of art needed to stay in St. Martinville, the home of **Evangeline**. So we negotiated with the seller, purchased the print and it now resides in the Acadian Memorial for all to enjoy."

**Theriot Crochet Family Association** donated to the Memorial Library a copy of *Report Concerning Canadian Archives for the Year 1905*, Vol. 1

## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE UPDATE

The genealogy workshops are on the last Wednesday of each month and are held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Acadian Memorial. Coffee is served at 9:30 a.m. to provide for a meet and greet session prior to the workshop. Please call or e-mail if planning to attend. Although the workshop is free to the public, seating is limited. In an effort to accommodate everyone, call to reserve seating. The schedule of workshops for the summer is posted on the back cover of the newsletter. For more information or to sign up for an upcoming session, contact us at 337.394.2258 or e-mail [info@acadianmemorial.org](mailto:info@acadianmemorial.org)



*Merci Bien*

**We thank our very special Festival volunteers:**

AMF Board Members Randy Menard (Jambalaya) and Guy Broussard (Sweet Potatoes and Corn); also—Eddie Bienvenu (Wooden Boats); Dudley Trahan (Food Tent); Marcus Juneau (Fried Fish); Adley Theriot (Cracklins); Camille Blanchard (Boudin); Tommy Thibodeaux (Water and Coca-Cola); Community Coffee; Louisiane-Acadie and Ray Trahan; Major Heath Babineaux and Percy Meaux of Sheriff Ronny Theriot's office; Frank Castille of District Attorney Phil Haney's office; Demonstrators, Patricia Hauth (Bousillage, Lake Fausse Point State Park; Théâtre Acadien; Cheri Armentor (Children's Mardi Gras); La Compagnie Franche de la Marine; Attakapas Opelousas Prairie Tribe; Eddie Bienvenu & Edmond Bulliard (Acoustic Jam); and St. Martin Parish Tourism

Other AMF Board members working the Festival were Marty Guidry (Chair); Sylvia Bienvenu (Wooden Boats & Oral Histories); Georgie Blanchard (Oral Histories); Janie Bulliard (Boutique); Carol Lancon (Tickets & Booths); Christy Maraist (Silent Auction); J.E. Delahoussaye (Pirogue Raffle); William Boudreaux (Photography); Brenda Trahan (Event Assist) and Ralph Melancon

Thanks also to Special Guest Queen Evangeline, Miss Annette Stassi; Volunteers David Mariast, Ed Bulliard, Melissa Duchaine, Suzy Lemoine, Sara Vidrine, Mama Redell, Susan and Kenneth Verret, Dona Richard, Casae Hobbs, Tiffany Talley, Jennifer Dutille, Devin Trahan, Priscilla Bulliard, AmeriCorps, paddlers and costumed guests in the re-enactment.

Special thanks to Acadian Memorial docents Cynthia Champagne (Sweets); James Akers (Flags & Costumes); Emma Green (Visitors); Jessie Thibodeaux (Photography); Wiltz Bienvenue (Tents and Wrap-up)

*Generous monetary support provided by Paul Durand, St. Martin Bank & Trust Co.; Gerard Patin, Metlife; Guy Cormier; St. Martinville Rotary Club; Sheriff Ronny Theriot; Pack & Paddle*

*Event Coordinator, Acadian Memorial Curator, Michelle Verret*

*Our Boutique*

*Where did your Acadian ancestor find a home? To answer the question, those who bought the Odyssey poster also bought Scattered to the Wind: Dispersal and Wanderings of the Acadians, 1755-1809 by renowned Acadian/Cajun author Carl A. Brasseaux. (Shown below) The soft cover volume identifies and describes the Atlantic seaboard colonies and European cities impacted by the Acadian diaspora. 84 pages; ULL Press. \$5*



*Items shown here are available at the Acadian Memorial or by using the "Store" button on our website.*

*Memorial Day*



**A Memorial Day remembrance of Acadians who also served:**

The following are Acadian members of the Attakapas Militia of 20 June 1774, abstracted as spelled with the names of the soldiers rearranged in alphabetical order from the complete list compiled by Mary Elizabeth Sanders in *Records of Attakapas District, Louisiana 1739-1811* (Privately Printed: 1962) p. 43. This muster roll was called on a Monday. In the spirit of the Acadian Memorial, read their names and remember.

Rene Trahan, Sergeant

Claude Martin, Gregoire Pellerin, Corporal

Soldiers:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Joseph Babien           | Charles Babin        |
| Michel Bernard          | Victor Blanchard     |
| Amand Broussard         | Francois Broussard   |
| Jean Baptiste Broussard |                      |
| Joseph Broussard        | Joseph Broussar      |
| Maturin Broussard       | Pierre Broussard     |
| Silvain Broussard       | Simon Broussard      |
| Joseph Doucet           | Michel Doucet        |
| Jean Dugas              | Pierre Dugas         |
| Charles Dugat           | Charles Ebert        |
| Charles Gilliebau       | Francois Gillebau    |
| Jean BiliesBau          | Jean Baptiste Hebert |
| Joseph Hebert           | Firmin Landry        |
| Saturnine Landry        | Rene LeBlanc         |
| Simon LeBlanc           | Bonaventure Martin   |
| Joseph Martin           | Effreme Robico       |
| Baptiste Semer          | Olivier Tibaudau     |
| Anselme Tibodau         | Paul Tibodau         |
| Amand Tobaudau          | Antanase Trahan      |
| Germain Trahan          | Jean Trahan          |
| Olivier Trahan          | Paul Trahan          |



**"Odyssey of a People" Poster**

interprets the exile of the Acadians from Nova Scotia and shows routes the refugees followed seeking a new home. Full color map printed both sides, one side English and one side French. 27" x 38". Parks Canada \$20







### Visit the Acadian Memorial

121 South New Market St.  
St. Martinville, LA 70582  
Telephone: 337.394.2258  
www.acadianmemorial.org

info@acadianmemorial.org

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

Guided tour packages are also available.  
Tour groups and field trips are welcome!  
Please call for rate and reservations.

*Curator and Director:* Michelle Verret Johnson  
*Tourism Coordinator:* Jessie Thibodeaux  
*Docent/Tourism & Curator's Assistant:* Cynthia Champagne  
*Docent/Historian/Tour Guide:* James Akers  
*Docents:* Laura Alexander, Merlin Champagne, Amelie "Emma"  
Green, Patty GuteKunst

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## 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE 2013

**June 20— Annual Membership meeting and social, 5:00 p.m.**  
Acadian Memorial, Memorial Hall.

**June 26— Genealogy Workshop, 10-11:30 a.m.,** Acadian Memorial, 2nd Floor. Free and open to the public. Space is limited, call 337.394.2258

### JULY 2013

**July 28—Day of Remembrance, Order of the Living Legends Induction Ceremony.**

**July 31 - Genealogy Workshop, 10-11:30 a.m.,** Acadian Memorial, 2nd Floor. Free and open to the public. Space is limited, call 337.394.2258.

### AUGUST 2013

**August 15—National Day of the Acadians,** Programming from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Acadian Memorial

**August 28—Genealogy Workshop, 10 –11:30 a.m.,** as noted above

### SEPTEMBER 2013

**September 25—Genealogy Workshop, 10 –11:30 a.m.,** as noted above