



CALLING ALL CAJUNS!

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NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS AUGUST 15, 2013



Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the Acadian Memorial celebrates the National Day of the Acadians with a full day of programming that is FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Program below and page 2.

All Day-Free	Acadian Memorial and the Museum of the Acadian Memorial
Throughout the Day	Acadian Memorial, 1st Floor: Interpretative Rangers from Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site will showcase traditional handmade toys, Acadian hunting and trapping tools and the furs of animals local to this area.
10:00 a.m.	Flag raising and opening ceremonies.
10:30 a.m.	Acadian Memorial, 2nd Floor: La Table Français guided by Mavis Frugé. All levels of French speakers are welcome—especially beginners.
12:00 noon	Break for Lunch. Restaurants and cafes are conveniently located in our Historic District, all within walking distance of the Acadian Memorial.
1:00 p.m.	Acadian Memorial, 1st Floor: Théâtre Acadien brings Robert Dafford's mural characters to life, as they reenact true to life scenarios that our Acadian ancestors experienced.

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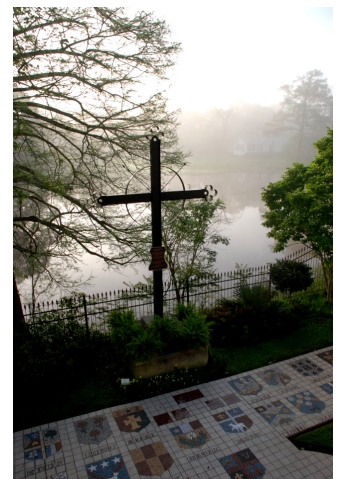
Save the Date!!! November 14, 2013
is the night for LDBT.



It's fun, always delicious and a great way to support the Foundation!

National Day of the Acadians Program, continued...

- 2:00 p.m. Acadian Memorial, 2nd Floor: **The New Acadia Project**—Mark A. Rees, Ph.D., RPA Associate Professor of Anthropology at ULL presents a multidisciplinary research effort to locate, identify, and investigate homesteads and unmarked gravesites of Acadian exiles in South Central Louisiana.
- 3:00 p.m. Acadian Memorial, 1st Floor: **The Acadian Museum in Erath will host an Order of Living Legends induction of Darrell Bourque, Louisiana Poet Laureate 2009-2011** after which Bourque will conduct a reading and book signing of his newest work, Meagan's Guitar and Other Poems from Acadie.
- 5:00 p.m. Acadian Memorial Courtyard: **Tintamere**—Procession of Family Banners from the Acadian Memorial along Bayou Teche towards Old Market Street, and returning for **Le Chapelet**— the rosary in French to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Deportation Cross in the Acadian Memorial Garden.
- 6:00 p.m. Option for Holy Day of Obligation Mass at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, the Mother Church of the Acadians.



WALL OF NAMES: WERE ALL ACADIANS RELATED?



Under the heading, "Acadianos" on the 1766 Spanish census of "Allibamont and the Coast of the Old Opelousas" in Jacqueline Voorhies' *Some Late Eighteenth-Century Louisianians* (Lafayette: USL, 1973) p. 128 is the following list:

"Pedro Pitre; Juan Bautista Hebert; Pedro Thibaudeau; Carlos Coumau; Silvano Saunier; Joseph Saunier; Olivier Saunier; Miguel Cormier; Joseph Cormier; Pedro Richard; Victor Richard; Pedro Savoye; Widow Maria Savoye; Joseph Guenard; Widow Maria Thibaudau; Carlos Juan Saunier, Miguel Coumau; Pedro Pedalvel; Mad/a. Furién; Mad/a Manne".

In the case of these Opelousas "Acadianos" it would appear that indeed they **ARE** all related—here's how Stephen White answers the question!

Pierre Thibodeau's wife, Françoise Saulnier, was **Sylvain Saulnier's** sister and a half-sister to the brothers **Joseph** and **Olivier Saulnier**. **Charles Comeau** was married to Anastasie Savoie, a sister of **Pierre Savoie** and the **widow Marie Savoie**. **Joseph & Pierre Cormier** were brothers, and Joseph's wife, Marguerite Saulnier, was a first cousin to the Saulniers noted above. The Cormiers were sons of Pierre Cormier and Cécile Thibodeau; their mother was a first cousin of Pierre Thibodeau. The brothers **Pierre** and **Victor Richard** were sons of Alexandre Richard and Marie-Madeleine Thibodeau; and first cousins to the Cormiers' on their mothers' side. The widow Marie Savoie was the widow of Paul Léger, who was a first cousin on his mother's side of **Michel Comeau**. The **widow Marie Thibodeau** was a sister of Pierre Thibodeau and the widow of Timothée Guénard; **Joseph Guénard** who precedes her was her son. Michel Comeau's wife, Marie Girouard, was a daughter of Michel Girouard and Marie Thibodeau, and the latter was another of Pierre Thibodeau's many first cousins (who also included Joseph de Goutin de Ville)*. **Jean-Baptiste Hébert** was tied into the Thibodeau clan, because he had been married to Marie-Rose Thibodeau, whose father, Pierre, was yet another of the first cousins. Michel Comeau and Paul Léger's maternal grandmother was Marie Pitre; she would have been a grandaunt of the "**Pierre**" **Pitre** at the top of the list who White believes to really have been François à Pierre Pitre. White said he did not know who **Charles-Jean Saulnier** was [Charles Jeansonne?] and the last three persons named on the list were not recognized as Acadians.

Excerpted from an e-mail from Stephen White to Jane G. Bulliard, 12/08/2011.

* "Joseph de Goutin de Ville: The Godfather of the New Acadia in Louisiana", Stephen White, Calling All Cajuns Newsletter, March 2012

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enhanced cultural experience for all.

≡ CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS ≡

Interested in being a part of the Acadian Memorial? We have plenty of exciting events and ongoing projects that would benefit from the assistance of volunteers. The Foundation is seeking committee members for the 2013 Acadian Memorial Festival and the 2013 L'Ordre du Bon Temps gala. The Acadian Memorial and Museum needs help with digitization projects, historical and genealogy projects, kids' activities, and library organization. Call or e-mail the Acadian Memorial with your name and contact information today, and let us know when you are available 337.394.2258 or info@acadianmemorial.org

LIVING LEGENDS INDUCTION

A World Wide Day of Remembrance of the tragedy of the Great Upheaval or le grand Derangement of the Acadian people from their homeland is celebrated annually on the 28th of July as decreed by Queen Elizabeth II in 2003.

This year, at the Acadian Memorial, Foundation president, Ralph Melancon opened events with brief remarks about what was special about this day. "Today is a day when we pause and remember the suffering, the exile and the hardships that our Acadian ancestors went through after being kicked out of their homes in Nova Scotia," he began.

He then introduced the special feature of the day which was the induction of Christy Dugas Maraist into the Order of Living Legends, a program sponsored by The Acadian Museum of Erath.

Sylvia Bienvenu, Acadian Memorial Foundation board member opened the ceremonies with a summary of Christy's long years of service to the Memorial beginning with her support of the mural and sponsorship of a figure to represent her ancestor, Charles Dugas.



Bienvenu further noted the accomplishments of her six year stint as President of the Foundation beginning with a review by a professional marketing firm to provide a strategic plan to enhance the visitor experience at the Memorial through trips to France and Nova Scotia, to the installation of the Deportation Cross and the institution of the l'Ordre du Bon Temps de Louisiane, now the annual fundraising event for the Acadian Memorial.

Other accomplishments for Maraist was 'making the mural speak' which provided an interactive audio for several mural figures, 'letting the children speak' targeting audio of the stories of the children on the mural and the installation of Acadian family name coats-of-arms in mosaic art work installed in the Memorial Garden in front of the Deportation Cross.

She exemplified, Bienvenu said, a remark made in the 18th century about the Acadians, "They are now being reborn in Louisiana, and if they are helped a little, they will accomplish wonders" and that is exactly what Christy did. Kermit Bouillon of the Acadian Museum in Erath did the induction honors which included a certificate of recognition of service by the Museum and Governor Bobby Jindal.

Christy addressed the large gathering of family and friends including husband Dr. David Maraist, by recounting her feelings of excitement when she first heard that a memorial to the exiled Acadians was planned for St. Martinville. A strong attachment to her Acadian roots had been nurtured by the warm and loving rural lifestyle of her youth spent with both her Dugas and Leblanc families and the Acadian Memorial was to be the beneficiary of her 'Cajun pride'.

(See Sylvia Bienvenu's complete review of the many contributions to the Acadian Memorial by Christy Dugas Maraist on the Acadian Memorial webpage under the News tab.)





Employee Spotlight



Laura Alexander has been a docent with both the Acadian Memorial and Cultural Heritage Center since July of 2007. She took the position after retiring from working with St. Martin Parish. She is a life-long resident of St. Martinville, and the proud mother of a beautiful daughter who lives in Texas with her three grandchildren. Laura attended Adam Carlson High School and went on to attend St. Martin Evangeline Technical College where she studied business.

When asked what she enjoys most about working as a docent, Laura stated, "The thing I enjoy most about my job is getting to meet new people everyday and learning about the different cultures, all while sharing knowledge of our own."

In her free time, she enjoys puzzles and visiting her family and friends in Texas. ❧

Bienvenue



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Antoine & Margie L. Luke, Franklin, LA



Correction

Apologies to Acadian Memorial Foundation Board Member, William Thibodeaux, who was mistakenly identified as a festival volunteer William Boudreaux in the last issue of *Calling All Cajuns!*

Our Boutique

Our signature Memorial T-Shirt cut drastically to \$10 through the month of September, 2013.

No Large sizes available.





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ACADIAN MEMORIAL 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2013

**August 11—Genealogy table for Acadian Culture Day,
Vermilionville, Lafayette, LA**

**August 15 - National Day of the Acadians, 10-6PM at the
Acadian Memorial**

**August 28 - Genealogy Workshop, Dr. Michael Martin,
Center for Louisiana Studies Collection at UL Lafayette**

SEPTEMBER 2013

**September 25 - Genealogy Workshop, Ann Patout and
Shirley Broussard, Iberia Parish Parkview Branch Library
on Genealogy Resources and Research Assistance**

OCTOBER 2013

October 30 - Genealogy Workshop to be announce

NOVEMBER 2013

**November 14- L'Ordre du Bon Temps Membership
Dinner, Ramada Conference Center, New Iberia, LA**