



CALLING ALL CAJUNS!

A Publication of The Acadian Memorial Foundation

August 2014

CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS FÊTE NATIONALE DES ACADIENS

AUGUST 14 AND 15—LES 14 ET 15 AÔUT 2014

On fête le 250^{ème} anniversaire de l'arrivée des Acadiens en Louisiane et le 5^{ème} Congrès Mondial Acadien.

*We are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana
and the 5th World Acadian Congress.*

Le 14 août / August 14

10:00am - Storytime - St. Martinville Branch Library

Le 15 août / August 15

10 :00am—Levée du drapeau / *Flag raising*

10:30am - *Story of the Acadians, vidéo*

Site historique *Longfellow-Evangeline State*

Historic Site at the Acadian Memorial

11:00am- *Relations to the Native Americans*

Relations aux Premières Nations

12:00pm- *Table française / French table*

Clambeaugh's Restaurant

Story of the Cajuns, vidéo

1 :00pm- Dr. Mark Rees and Maegan Smith

New Acadia Project / Projet Nouvelle-Acadie

An Update on Recent Research

2:00pm- *Vignettes historiques en français /*

Historic skits in French

2 :30pm- Sarah Mikayla Brown and Lian Cheramie, *from*

Cajun Face, skits and discussion

Vignettes et discussion

3:00pm- *video on the Cajun-Acadian culture /*

vidéo sur la culture cadienne-acadienne

4:00pm *Chapelet en français / Rosary in French*

5:00pm- *Parade des Bannières des Noms de famille acadiens*

Parade of Acadian Family Name Banners

6:00pm *Mass of the Assumption at / Messe de l'Assomp-*

tion aux Églises catholiques St. Martin de Tours

et Notre Dame Catholic Churches

Les restaurants autour du carré historique sont

ouverts à midi et au soir.

Restaurants are open around the square for lunch

and dinner.

7:30pm *Cajun Face – a show sponsored by Evangeline*

Players at the Opera House / Un spectacle

parrainé par les Evangeline Players à l'Opéra



L'entrée est gratuite au Monument Acadien et au Centre d'Héritage culturel.

Free entry to the Acadian Memorial and the Cultural Heritage Center.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



First I would like to thank all of you for the trust you displayed in me by electing me President of the Acadian Memorial Foundation Board, and I assure you that I will do my best to uphold all of the standards of that office. I only ask that my performance in said position not be judged by the standard set by Martin Guidry.

I would like to welcome the newly elected members of the board, Mavis Frugé, Lynne Bonin, Patricia GuteKunst, Karl Breaux and Gayle Breaux Smith. On behalf of the board, we look forward to working with you all to further the causes of the Foundation, our culture and our heritage. To the previous and continuing active members, I tip my hat to you in recognition, praise and thank you for all of the hard work you have done in the past years and continue to do for the Acadian causes.

There are lots of new things on the horizon, including but not limited to the CMA 2014 which will kick off on August 08, 2014 in Maine and in the regions of New Brunswick and Quebec Canada, as well as the upcoming L'Ordre du Bon Temps, Acadian Heritage Festival and Le Grand Réveil Acadien 2015.

With regard to all of the upcoming events of the Acadian Memorial, I implore and beg you to get involved, as your assistance is needed and would greatly be appreciated.

Lastly, but certainly not of the least importance, congratulations to Martin "Marty" Guidry on his recent induction into the Order of Living Legends. Marty works tirelessly on behalf of the Acadian Memorial and to further the Acadian Cause and preserve the Acadian Heritage. The award was justly bestowed in recognition of your tireless efforts Marty!

Randal L. Menard

Américain de naissance, Acadien par la grâce de Dieu!



**Living Legends Photos are provided
courtesy of the following:**

Page 2—Lynda Guidry

Page 4—Warren Perrin and Elaine Clément

Page 5—Warren Perrin

Photo at left: Living Legends guests share "Marty" stories and songs during the evening. (l-r, Lynda Guidry, Constance Maillet and Mavis Frugé)

WALL OF NAMES: ACADIANS OF BELLE-ILE-EN-MER

Claire Mire Bettag, certified genealogist, a native of Houma and resident of Washington, D.C., will be with us on Wednesday, 27 August 2014. See details in the calendar section of this newsletter. In the morning, Mrs. Bettag will tell us about "The Acadians of Belle-Ile-en-Mer". An abstract from her handout for that presentation follows here:

In 1761, during the Seven Years' War the British seized Belle-Ile-En-Mer, an island off the west coast of France and many of the residents, the Bellilois, fled. Belle-Ile was returned to France in 1763, at the end of the war and the French crown was determined to prevent such takeovers in the future.

A plan to increase security of the island was devised by the king and the States of Brittany to attract farmers back to the island. Although the island was royal land, the semi-autonomous States of Brittany was the administrator. The plan was to offer land grants (afféagements) to farmers willing to settle and live on the island. If successful, this plan would restore farming and fishing on the island and accomplish a twofold goal of increased revenue from the collection of taxes and increased security for France.

In an effort to recruit settlers to the island, officials of the States of Brittany who knew about the Acadians living in Morlaix, teamed up with abbé Jean-Louis LeLoutre, the missionary who, after his release from a British prison, had re-joined Acadian exiles in France. He agreed to help recruit Acadians to Belle-Ile.

The offer of land grants and the privatization of land ownership appealed to many Acadians still looking for a place to settle and eventually 78 families, 58 from Morlaix and 20 from St. Mâlo responded, however, the terms of settlement were that Acadians could not all settle in the same place. They were spread out among the 4 parishes on the island; 12 families went to LePalais; 15 to Locmaria; 20 to Sauzon and 31 settled in Bangor.

While on the island, the Acadians created many records both sacramental and civil and Bettag covers these extensively.

By 1772, economic hardship caused by bad climate, drought, and delayed subsidies caused Acadians to return to the mainland and by 1785, 49 of the original Belle-Ile families were signing up to sail for Louisiana. Some were on every ship, the last, La Caroline, arriving in New Orleans on December 12, 1785.

Bettag's presentation notes Acadian Bellilois on the Wall of Names: Aucoin, Billeray, Boudrot, Courtenay, Courtin, Daigre / Daigle, Douaron, Duon, Gautrot, Granger, Hébert, LeBlanc, Martin, Melançon, Michel, Montet, Richard, Segoillot, Trahan, and Vincent.

Jane G. Bulliard



ORDER OF THE LIVING LEGEND: R. MARTIN GUIDRY, PH.D.

A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval
by Jim and Lynda Guidry ■ Thursday, July 31, 2014

The following appeared in the online news service, Guidry News Service of Houston, Texas and is reprinted here with the permission of the owner. The online original contains audio of the various speakers:



There was a large turnout for the "A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval" on Monday at the Acadian Memorial on Bayou Teche near the historic Evangeline Oak Tree in St. Martinville, Louisiana.

"Bienvenue au Monument Acadien et à la commémoration du Grand Dérangement des Acadiens," said Elaine Clement, director of the Acadian Memorial, who repeated her message in English. "Welcome to the Acadian Memorial and the commemoration of the great upheaval."

Clement recalled the harsh conditions that greeted the first French settlers in Nova Scotia in the 17th Century, giving credit to the Mi'kmaq tribe for welcoming support; and detailing how the Acadian settlers later came to be ejected by the British in the 18th Century when they refused to pledge loyalty to the English in their dispute with France.

"On July 18, 1755, British Governor Charles Lawrence signed an order of removal of all Acadians from Acadie," Clement recalled. "This order was carried out amid a resistance movement that continued for nine years."

The Acadian Memorial in St. Martinsville honors the displaced Acadians who arrived between 1764 and 1785.

Clement introduced Warren Perrin, who in 1988 sought an apology from Queen Elizabeth II for the illegal deportation of the Acadians from Nova Scotia and an acknowledgment that the expulsion was wrong under English law. The British and Canadian governments approved the proclamation on July 28, 2003.

"It's always a special day on July 28th," Perrin said.



LIVING LEGEND CONTINUES...

"Three hundred and one years ago, in 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht abolished Acadie forever in history," Perrin recalled. "It ceased to exist. Yet, we're here. We're standing. We're proud. There's more interest in our culture than ever before."

The ceremony included the induction of R. Martin Guidry, a former president of the Acadian Memorial Foundation and a world renowned Cajun historian, into the Order of Living Legends.

"I've seen Marty in action," Perrin said. "He is a true living legend. I don't care if you need him to make a jambalaya, tell a story, get on a plane and meet you somewhere – Marty's there."

Several members of the audience shared their thoughts about Marty Guidry, including Janie Bulliard, Lynda and Jim Guidry, James Akers and Brenda Trahan.

Marty pointed to a depiction of his ancestor Pierre Guédry on a wall size mural, "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" by Robert Dafford, then explained how he came to become interested in history.

"I didn't know much about the Acadians when I grew up," he said. "I knew I was a Guidry. I knew there were a lot of people who were 'Smith' and I knew that in this area we outnumbered them."

In college Guidry said he discovered two books by then state senator Dudley LeBlanc, "The True Story of the Acadians" and "The Acadian Miracle".

Guidry said he also discovered a family genealogy by his cousin, the late Milton Guidry, whose widow Betty Guidry was present on Monday.

"That kind of started me off," Guidry said. "Of course, once you get interested in the Guidry family and learn you're Acadian, you get interested in everything else. And the more you study the Acadians, the more intriguing they become."

The participants were treated to a Cajun feast prepared by a team of cooks that included Daniel 'Chuck' Guidry, Wayne Simoneaux and Cary Eschete.

**The Acadian Memorial Foundation
applauds Marty's dedication and service
to the Foundation and its goals.
Congratulations, Marty!**

See more at:



<http://guidrynews.com/story.aspx?id=1000062950#sthash.Gj0Ml087.dpuf>



New Board Members

**Acadian Memorial Foundation Board
July 2014—June 2015**

Officers:

President:	Randy Menard
Vice-President:	Marty Guidry
Secretary:	Ralph Melancon
Treasurer:	Janie Bulliard
Parliamentarian:	Sylvia Bienvenu
Advisor:	Patricia Resweber

Board Members:

Guy Broussard	J. E. Delahoussaye
Paul Durand	Paul J. Hardy
Peggy Hulin	Michelle Johnson
Daisy Lodrigue	Christy Maraist
Eric Martin	Fred H. Mills
William Thibodeaux	Sarah Voorhies

New Board Members:

Lynne Bonin	Karl Breaux
Mavis Fruge	Patricia GuteKunst
Gayle Breaux Smith	



Omission/Correction

Our apologies in omitting the following dedicated volunteer for Festival in our May 2014 issue: We thank **Calvin Ardoin** (Entertainment/Demonstrations) and **Hal Bienvenu** (Wooden Boats). Hal was mistakenly listed as a Bordelon.

Many thanks for your continued support of the Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival and Wooden Boat Congrè.

Bienvenue



New & Renewed Friends

Individual Friends

Gerard Charpentier, Québec
Mavis Arnaud Fruge, LA
Ginger Latiolais, LA

Individual Friend With Spouse

James & Lona Bourque, LA
Carroll & Nona LeBlanc, LA
Calvin & Joyce T. Melancon, LA
Jimmie & Rose Marie Powell, LA

L'Amité

Patricia GuteKunst, LA

L'Ordre du Bon Temps

Gerard Charpentier, Québec
Alexandra Hebert-Ross, AK

Donations in honor of Marty Guidry

Jim & Lynda Guidry, TX
Dolores Guidry Respass, TX



Our Boutique



NEW ITEM!

The Foundation proudly announces the publication of *Evangeline*, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem that so stirred emotions in the nineteenth century still reverberating today. The purpose of this edition is to provide visitors of the Acadian Memorial and St. Martinville with a keepsake of Longfellow's epic poem as it first appeared in 1847. This edition also includes a bit of information on the literary impact of *Evangeline* on the city of St. Martinville and the Parish of St. Martin. \$10.00 + sales tax and shipping. ☞



Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc

P.O. Box 379 AMF • 121 S. New Market St. • St. Martinville, LA 70582 • 337-394-2258
info@acadianmemorial.org | www.acadianmemorial.org

July 2014-June 2015 Friends of the Foundation

Your friendship with the Acadian Memorial Foundation directly supports the Acadian Memorial, which commemorates the 3,000 Acadian exiles who found refuge in Louisiana and gave rise to our Cajun Culture. Your gifts have helped fund ...

Mural of "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" ~ Wall of Names ~ Eternal Flame ~ Grand-Pré Deportation Cross Replica ~ Mosaics of Acadian Family Name Coats-of-Arms ~ Bilingual Interactive of Mural Figures ~ *Ensemble Encore* Genealogy Database ~ Website & Online Boutique

THANK YOU – WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
We are a public charity classified exempt under IRS Code 501(c) (3). TIN 72-1308747



Benefits of being a Friend of the Foundation

Quarterly Newsletter "Calling all Cajuns!" ~ Voting privileges at annual meeting & social ~ Advance ticket purchase for Foundation events ~ Invitation to join *L'Ordre du Bon Temps*, North America's oldest social club

Friendship Levels

Donation Amount

___ Individual	\$35
___ Add spouse for additional \$15 (total of \$50)	\$15
___ Family (up to four member)	\$100
___ <i>L'Ordre du Bon Temps</i> Individual Membership, one-time donation*	\$70

*valid only with current Foundation Friendship, includes medallion, event tickets sold separately

Give More!

___ <i>L'Amitié Rouge</i> (Friendship level Red) – represents Courage on our Logo	\$200
___ <i>L'Amitié Blanche</i> (Friendship level White) – represents Constancy on our Logo	\$300
___ <i>L'Amitié Bleue</i> (Friendship level Blue) – represents Faith on our Logo	\$400
___ <i>L'Amitié d'Or</i> (Friendship level Gold) – represents Victory on our Logo	\$500

TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Check box if you are a first-time member/friend(s)

Address _____ City _____

State/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ Email(s) _____

Please send "Calling all Cajuns!" and other announcements by E-mail and/or by postal service

VISA MasterCard Number (____)(____)(____)(____) 3-digit CSV (____)

Make checks to: ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
OR Donate online with PayPal,
www.acadianmemorial.org

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____



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

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.

Tourism Director/Curator Acadian Memorial: Elaine Clément
Docent/Tourism & Curator's Assistant: Cynthia Champagne
Docent/Historian/Tour Guide: James Akers
Docents: Laura Alexander, Merlin Champagne, Amelie "Emma"
Green, Claudia Prade

Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 379
St. Martinville, LA 70582

Calling All Cajuns!

A Publication of the Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc.
Editor: Christine Duhon Brosky

ACADIAN MEMORIAL 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

August 15th—National Day of the Acadians. See the complete schedule on Page 1 Reserve your flag!

August 18th—3ème Lundi (3rd Monday) - a French Table

August 27th—Genealogy Workshop, Claire Mire Bettag, Certified Genealogist, "Acadians of Belle-Ile-en-Mer" (morning session); "Tracing ancestors in private land claims—and other land records" (afternoon session) - **Paid registration required**

SEPTEMBER

September 3rd—Stella Carline Tanoos, "Lost Louisiana History—The Cattle Trails of Louisiana"

OCTOBER

October 1st—Steven A. Cormier, "The Acadians of Louisiana—a Synthesis"

NOVEMBER

November 5th—Marty Guidry, "The Acadians of Maryland"

November 13th—L'Ordre du Bon Temps