

Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

Fall 1994



"THE ARRIVAL, OF THE ACADIANS IN LOUISIANA" - ALMOST THERE!

Robert Dafford's mural depicting the exiled Acadians arriving in Louisiana is in print for the first time on the new Acadian Memorial poster. The mural is 60% complete and the poster is one

means of getting the funds to take it all the way!

The poster was officially unveiled at the recent Acadian World Congress in a presentation to Roland Beaulieu,

Minister Roland Beaulieu is shown receiving a framed copy of the Acadian Memorial poster from Patricia Resweber. This was the official unveiling of the first poster and the first viewing of the mural in print.

Minister of Internal General Affairs of the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, by Patricia Resweber, cochair of the Acadian Memorial Committee. Patricia assisted Mayor Eric Martin of St. Martinville in this formal presentation and afterwards when posters were presented at the Grand-Pre National Historic Site in Nova Scotia and at two sites on Prince Edward Island, namely, the Acadian Village at Mont Carmel and the Acadian Museum in Miscouche.

Gauthier, the poster describes the four elements of the Memorial with a French translation contributed by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. The focus of the poster is the first printed reproduction of Dafford's mural for the Memorial in its most recent stage. Featured is a close-up of two of the Acadian figures, Marguerite Martin and Olivier Benoit as they appear on the painting along with photographs of their descendants, Dolores Guidry Respess and John Benoit, who represented them on the

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MEMORIAL DONATION



St. Martin Land Company became the first corporate donor to the Acadian Memorial Fund when Harold J. Morrow (right) of Lafayette, Louisiana, vice-president of St. Martin Land Co., presented a \$1,500 check to Patricia Resweber and Janie Bulliard, co-chairs of the Memorial Committee. Looking on at left, is St. Martinville Mayor Eric Martin. At the presentation, it was noted that is was fitting that the corporate donor drive begin with a company so closely tied to Acadian/Cajun Louisiana. St. Martin Land Co. is a land management company with extensive holdings in the Atchafalaya Basin, an area with abundant natural resources that contributed significantly to the survival of the Acadian refugees who settled there.

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THE FRENCH CONNECTION - A MEMORIAL PLAQUE GOES TO FRANCE



Janie Bulliard and Teddie Eastin hold the bronze plaque that will be placed on the wall next to the Acadian mural in Nantes, France, to commemorate the twinning of that artwork with the mural being painted for the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, Louisiana. Both paintings are by Robert Dafford. From left are Gene and Zaidee Guerin McClendon of New Orleans, who traveled to Nantes in November 1993 with a St. Martinville delegation for the inauguration of the French mural; Bulliard, co-chair of the Acadian Memorial committee; Eastin, representing St.

Martin Bank and the Kiwanis Club; Patsy Breaux, president of Beta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; and Peggy Hulin, chairman of the St. Martinville Tourism Commission, a sponsor of the 1993 trip to France. The plaque was purchased with donations from St. Martin Bank, Teche Bank, Beta Rho, Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Club and will be received in Nantes by M. Gerard Braud, president of Association Régionale de l'Ouest des Amitiés Acadiennes, sponsor of the French mural.

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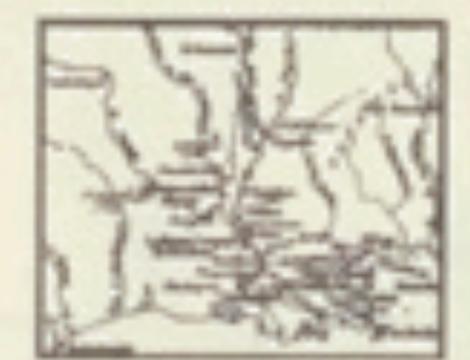
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The names listed here are a permanent part of the Acadian Memorial. They represent the donations that made the start of the Memorial a reality by funding one of its elements, the mural. With an historic event as its theme, "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana", will forever capture an important moment in Louisiana history. Squares of the mural are still available to help with its completion. 1994 ends with a fundraising plan in place to commence in January 1995 with a goal of completing the Acadian Memorial. Thank you again for your generous support and kind words of encouragement. Merci!

ACADIAN MEMORIAL POSTER

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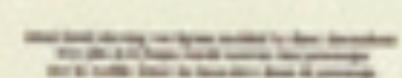
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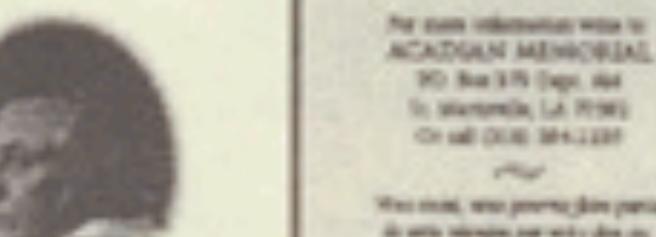
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The new poster describes the four elements of the Memorial with a French translation by Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. Its focus is the first printed reproduction of Robert Dafford's mural for the Memorial in its most recent stage. Printed in sepia ink on heavy cream-colored

stock it is a beautiful reminder of the Acadian Memorial. Mural squares are still available for a tax deductible donation of \$50 each 6" x 6" square - your permanent memorial to a loved one or to an Acadian ancestor.

Posters at \$15 (U.S.) each + \$3.50 (U.S.) shipping	Mural Squares at \$50 (U.S.) each
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mural.

Also featured, is a rendering of the Acadian Memorial Building by architect Robert Barras and a partial listing from the Wall of Names. The border is enhanced with reproductions of actual signatures of some Acadians who settled in the area of St. James Parish.

"It was an emotional experience," said Polly Richard of Scott, Louisiana, who attended the Acadian World Congress and was there when the poster presentation was made. "My eyes filled with tears," she continued, "when she (Patricia Resweber) read the names on the poster." Polly responded as did many others in the audience as Patricia began the presentation with the theme of the Memorial. "Pause friend, read my name and remember". And then, she slowly read aloud each name from the partial list of the Wall of Names featured on the poster. It was a moment of great emotion. In closing, Patricia noted that her mission to the World Congress was to. bring the spirit of the people remembered at the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, Louisiana, to the reunion of their families and once again say their names in their old homeland. "It was an opportunity", she said, "to bring the Louisiana reunion to the Acadian reunion."

NEXT MEETING:

January 18, 1995 Acadian Heritage Museum Erath, Louisiana



Exploring scenic routes in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island as well as Nova Scotia was the group of persons pictured above who traveled together from St. Martinville, Louisiana to attend Congrés Mondial held in New Brunswick, Canada, in August of this year. At the far right, the lady in the plaid dress is Dolores Guidry Respess of Port Arthur, Texas who, with her husband, was part of the group as the winner of the "trip for two" offered by the Memorial project last year. Dolores also sponsored the figure of Marguerite Martin on the mural with a donation of \$2000. The group is looking forward to the next Acadian World Congress which is slated to be held in Louisiana in the year 2004.

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