

# LA PAROLE

NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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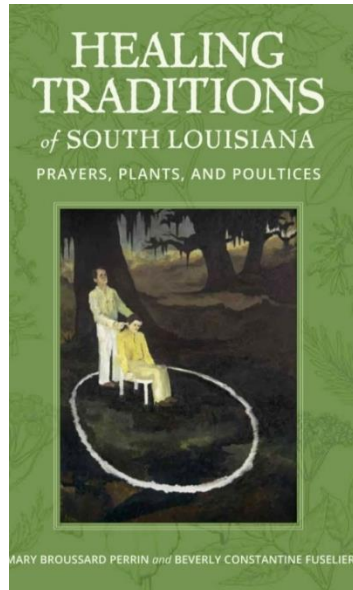
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Native Americans arriving in South Louisiana found a rich diversity of plants and animals in bayous, prairies and marshes. They uncovered a multitude of powerful natural curatives that could stop bleeding, cure infections, relieve pain, and much more. In the 1700s, the Acadians arriving into the area brought their own healers, now known as *traiteurs*, with them. This book is the most comprehensive history available today of these healing arts from the dawn of civilization to present times.

The attractive volume is arranged in two parts. Part One describes the traditional healing arts, and in particular those of the *traiteurs*, along with their methods and rituals. Part Two presents the medicinal plants that grow wild in South Louisiana and also their uses and applications. These are listed in alphabetical order making the book very user friendly.

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## **Healing Traditions (continued from page 1)**

With colorful photos and illustrations in an engaging and informative format this is a great resource book for homes and libraries. The book sells in US for \$35 plus \$6 shipping and handling (more internationally). To place an order, call (337) 456-7729, or visit our [museum boutique](#).

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## **MUSEUM NEWS**

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### **Book Talks/Special Events**

The following talks will be presented by Warren and/or Mary Perrin, unless otherwise noted. All times are US Central.

- April 6, 3 pm, *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*, Parish Library, 151 Library Dr., Houma, LA
- April 19, 11 am, *Cajun Cooking 101: Making a Four-Meat Jambalaya*, French Market, 19 French Market Place, New Orleans, LA 70116. Free samples for attendees. Music provided by *T Marie Duo*.
- April 20, 6 pm, *Living Legends Ceremony*: Gayle Breaux Smith and Elaine Larcade-Bourque, Southside Regional Library, 6101 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA
- April 21, 1 pm, *Living Legend Induction* of Spanish Historian Jose Manuel DeMolina, Acadian Museum, 203 S. Broadway, Erath, LA. DeMolina will be attending the Spanish Festival in New Iberia along with the Mayor ProTem of Alhaurin de la Torre, Manuel Lopez Mestanza.
- April 27, 10 am, *New Acadia Project*, Dedication of the Acadian Odyssey Monument, 121 Bridge St., Loreauville, LA. See further details on page 5.
- April 27, 1 pm, *The Queen's Royal Proclamation* to Canadian officials including Consul General Susan Harper, Noëlla De Maina, and Kelsey Fraser 203 S. Broadway St. Erath, Louisiana. Public invited.
- May 2, 6:30 pm, *Acadie Then and Now*, Alliance Française, 1519 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, LA
- May 11, LEH award, Bright Lights Awards, The Helis Foundation, John Scott Center, New Orleans, LA
- May 17, 10 am, *17<sup>th</sup> Century Acadians: the First "Revolution" Against England*, Jean Lafitte Visitor Center, 916 N. Peters St., New Orleans, LA
- May 20, 9-1 pm, Mary Perrin and Beverly Fuselier, *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*, Evangeline Parish Library, 916 W. Main St., Ville Platte, LA
- May 20, 9-1 pm, *Seeking an Acadian Nation*, Evangeline Parish Library, 916 W. Main, Ville Platte, LA
- June 21, 10am, *18<sup>th</sup> Century Acadians: the Revolution Against Spain*, Jean Lafitte Visitor Center, 419 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA
- Jun 22, 6 pm, Warren Perrin, *Acadie Then and Now* Mary Perrin, *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*, Westside Regional Library, 5416 Provine Place, Alexandria, LA
- Oct. 19, 6 pm, *New Acadia Project: Seeking World Heritage Site for Acadiana*, Lafayette Genealogical Association, Lafayette's South Regional Library, 6101 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA
- Nov. 16, 2:45 pm, *Queen Elizabeth's Royal Proclamation: Apology to Acadians*, to University of Texas Life-long Learning Institute (Austin) members, Acadian Museum, 203 S. Broadway, Erath, LA

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## Volunteer of the Month



**Kermit Bouillion** was selected as the Museum Volunteer of the Month for his work in creating, preparing, and uploading videos to the museum's YouTube Channel. When asked why he had been recording interviews most of his life, he wrote:

It's very simple for me. I loved the fact that my grandparents could not speak English. I knew we were very different people from the rest of the USA. I even brought some French people from France to their simple house to meet them. Needless to say, they were astounded to hear them speaking French. While in college (started in 1969), I told friends that we would lose our French language because of what the State of Louisiana did to suppress it—punishing students for speaking French in the schools.

Since I was experimenting with photography and Regular-8 and super-8 home movies, I started recording family and friends. The VHS video camera was invented in the early 80's so I bought one. And behold, that's why I try to preserve the French that was spoken in my hometown (Erath, La.) for future generations to hear.

Many thanks to Kermit for his hard work making our YouTube channel a success. We now have over 600 subscribers and some videos have been viewed thousands of times. [Click here to subscribe for \(free\) membership.](#)

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## Our Latest Video: The Cajun Traiteur



*Lousay Aubé (image from the video)*

Our latest [hit video](#) features Lousay Aubé, a Cajun traiteur (faith healer), practicing his craft. In 1996, he spoke to a group of us about his folk healing practice. Afterwards, he offered to treat anyone who wanted it. It was Mary Perrin's first encounter with a traiteur. He ran his hands down her sides without touching, but she noticed a feeling like static electricity and the hairs actually stood up on her arms. She was hooked. Today, she is a traiteur herself and she wrote a book with Beverly Fuselier about the practice (see page 1). [Click here to see the video](#) and then, to show your appreciation, please press the **Subscribe** button below the video so we can add you to our subscriber list (for free).

--Kermit Bouillon

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## Acadian Museum Awarded Grant

Great News: The museum was awarded \$10,000 for the Louisiana Attractions Support Grant (LASG) Phase 2! The funds will be used to purchase advertising for the museum in *Country Roads* magazine.

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## Acadian Odyssey Monument Dedication

The dedication of the Acadian Odyssey Monument will be held on April 27 at 10 am in Loreauville on Highway 344 at Bayou Teche, one block off Main Street. Speakers will include Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, Warren Perrin, and Martin Theberge, president *Soci t  Nationale de l'Acadie*. It is anticipated that dignitaries and government officials from Canada and France will be in attendance for the unveiling. Everyone is invited to participate in this international recognition of the first Acadian settlement in the Attakapas Territory.



*The Acadian Odyssey Monument (photo courtesy of Gayle Breaux Smith)*

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## Museum's Newest Volunteer

I would like to introduce you to Steven LeBlanc, the Acadian Museum's newest volunteer:



Steven is a 1983 graduate of Erath High School and graduated from the University of Louisiana – Lafayette with a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice in 1986. He has

worked for 30+ years in the Insurance Industry and currently serves as the Maritime Manager supervising all Longshore and Jones Act claims for AMERISAFE, a nationwide provider of workers' compensation insurance.

In addition to his duties in the Maritime Division, he is also the Quality Assurance Manager supervising claims in Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana. He is passionate about preserving and promoting our unique Cajun culture in Southwest Louisiana and our Cajun French language. He is the creator of the Cajun French Video Lessons Facebook Group that boasts 8,700 members, as well as the You Tube channel by the same name that has over 1,820 subscribers. He utilizes these platforms to share instructional videos on the Cajun French language and culture.

Steve and his wife, Monique Reaux LeBlanc (also a native of Erath) have been married 36 years and have four children and seven grandchildren. They have been living in Abbeville for the past 31 years.

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## Museum Visitors



*Henri d'Entremont of Pubnico, Nova Scotia (l) and Kermit Duhon of Lafayette (r) are pictured in the Acadian Room enjoying their very first visit to the Erath Museum recently. They brought with them some very interesting stories which they shared. They were hosted by Gwen Mergist.*

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## Acadian Heritage Festival Was a Success

Last month marked the celebration of the 16th Annual Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival / Wooden Boat Congress & Reception.

Since 2006, the Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival has brought attention to the arrival of the Acadians to Louisiana with a re-enactment of that event by descendants of Acadians arriving at the Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville by paddling Cajun pirogues on historic Bayou Teche. They demonstrated age-old ways of Cajun cooking – jambalaya, *gratons*, and *boudin* with homemade sweets like *gateau-sirop* and dark Cajun coffee. And there was music – Cajun family bands played traditional instruments and dancing, dancing, dancing!

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## Presentation at Tulane

On March 22, I did a presentation in Cajun French to the students studying French at Tulane University. Shown after the presentation are Dr. Tom Klinger (L) and me.



*Item from our collection at the Acadian Museum*

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## LOUISIANA/CAJUN NEWS

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### La Table Française

Locals in South Louisiana meet regularly to share their experiences, speaking only in French. This is a great way to brush up on your language skills. Here's some of the local French Table meetings:

- **Maurice:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10 am, 218 Chief Fred Ave (at *Musee à Maurice*, one block behind the church).
- **Broussard:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of the month, 8:30 – 10 am, at the Valsin Broussard House, 408 W. Main St.
- **Arnaudville:** Last Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30 am at Arnaudville Community Center, 291 Guidroz St. Hosted by Mavis Frugé, President of Saint Luc French Immersion and Cultural Campus.
- **Erath:** Fridays, 11:00 – noon, Erath City Hall, at 115 W. Edwards St.
- **New Iberia:** Thursdays, 8:30 – 10 am, Cane River Pecan Company, 254 W. Main St.
- **Thibodaux:** Tuesdays, 5 – 6 pm, Jean Lafitte Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 St. Mary St. Contact Marlene Touns [mbreauxtouns@yahoo.com](mailto:mbreauxtouns@yahoo.com).

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### News from *Louisiane-Acadie*

We received this news from Gayle Breaux Smith:

The *Louisiane-Acadie* [Home/Accueil - Louisiane-Acadie \(louisianeacadie.com\)](http://louisianeacadie.com) website has been updated. Please note the following: At top right, the SCHEDULE link has upcoming and ongoing events posted. Near the bottom of the page is a link to "Click here for a list of family organizations and their contacts."

Sadly, longtime Hebert Family Association President John Hebert died in February ([read obituary](#)).

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### Preserving French Cultural History, Heritage, and Tradition

This article appeared in *Gueydan Today*:



The French people of Louisiana stand out because of their language, traditions, customs, celebrations and most of all, their pride in French heritage and culture.

The best way to preserve that culture is to preserve the French language and folk traditions. It is vital to immerse students who study French in culturally-enriching experiences that teach them about the lives of those who came before, and in doing so, instill in them the level of pride in their heritage that is necessary for Louisiana's French culture and language to survive.

*Les Amis du Français en Vermillon* (Friends of French in Vermilion), a non-profit parent and community organization, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of French language, heritage and culture, and to the continued success of French education in Vermilion parish, is providing these enrichment opportunities and cultural learning experiences for Vermilion parish French students, as well as opportunities for them to engage with their heritage and utilize their French-speaking skills.

*Les Amis du Français en Vermillon* recently hosted several culturally-enriching activities for students and families, surrounding the historical Louisiana French tradition of a “*Courir de Mardi Gras*” (Mardi Gras Run). The experiences included a cultural presentation, a traditional Mardi Gras costume-making workshop and the most exciting of all, an actual Mardi Gras chicken chase.

Click [here](#) to read the article, or [here](#) to read more about *Les Amis du Français en Vermillon*.

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## Thibodaux-Loudun Twinning

Marlene Toups sent this to us:

The Thibodaux-Loudun Twinning Association (TLTA) is celebrating 45 years of twinning this year with several Loudunais arriving on April 12, to visit Thibodaux, a trip that had to be cancelled in 2020. The twinning is believed to be the oldest *active* francophone twinning in the state.

Local TLTA members have lots of activities planned, starting with a Welcome-to-Thibodaux ceremony on April 13, that includes a city tour and a visit to the Edward Douglas White Historic Site. After that, the group with its local hosts will visit Baton Rouge and Lafayette and the Boudin Festival in Scott on Friday, April 14, before going

to the Tabasco plant at Avery Island and the Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum in Patterson on Saturday. There are lots of local events planned, including a reception at Jean Lafitte Wetlands Acadian National Park, the regular Tuesday Cercle Francophone French table, followed by the park's music program on April 18. *Si vous nous voyez, dites bonjour à nos invités et hôtes, en français, s'il vous plaît.*

If anyone wants more information about the twinning, email [toupsmarlene@gmail.com](mailto:toupsmarlene@gmail.com).

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## Louisiana Accepted in the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie*

Peggy Feehan, director of CODOFIL sent this:



*Peggy Feehan, CODOFIL*

The State of Louisiana was officially accepted in the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie* as an observer member in 2018. Being part of this organization puts our state around an international table that includes France,

Belgium, Canada, and 85 other countries, representing 321 million French speakers. We are now seeking ways to take advantage of the numerous opportunities given to us through this prestigious membership.

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## FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

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### Acadian Founder Honored with Newly Translated Film

This article by Lawrence Powell appeared on *Saltwire*:

Christine Igot is hoping to edit a few pages in the history books to better reflect the contributions of the man responsible for French settlement in North America and for founding Port-Royal, [which became] the first permanent European settlement in what is now Canada [and capital of *l'Acadie* for a century after its founding].

Igot, chairperson of the Annapolis Royal Twinning Committee with Royan, France, says Pierre Dugua de Mons was the French merchant who brought Samuel de Champlain to Port-Royal and later sent him to Quebec.



*Patsy LeBlanc (L) chats with Christine Igot and Paul Lalonde after the screening of the documentary film *In the Footsteps of Dugua de Mons* at King's Theatre in Annapolis Royal. The theater donated use of the building for the evening (photo Lawrence Powell).*

She believes history has overlooked the contributions of Dugua de Mons because he didn't write a book and he was a Protestant in a predominantly Catholic country when religious tensions were high.

But in 2019, on a trip to France with the twinning committee and then-Mayor Bill MacDonald, she stumbled upon a 50-minute documentary film produced in Royan, the birthplace of Dugua de Mons, and saw an opportunity to elevate him to his proper place in history. Igot translated and transcribed the entire film...

To read the whole article, click [here](#).

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### Name Change at Université de Moncton?

This article appeared on *Radio-Canada*:

More than 850 people have signed this petition launched by Jean-Marie Nadeau calling for the change of name of the Université de Moncton, including Antonine Maillet, Édith Butler, and the mayors of Caraquet and Tracadie, Bernard Thériault and Denis Losier.

The rector of the Université de Moncton said last week that he did not see a "consensus" about a possible change of name of the largest francophone institution of higher education in New Brunswick.

The community responded to this call for action by sending him a petition signed by more than 850 people supporting the renaming of the Université de Moncton [Editor's Note: Lt.-Gen. Robert Monckton helped to deport the Acadiens; your author signed the petition].

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## People in Maritimes Speak French in Public—Less at Home

This article appeared in *Radio-Canada*:



More and more people say they are able to conduct a conversation in French in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, but there are

fewer and fewer who speak this language at home, according to Statistics Canada, which released data on Thursday.

The data come from population censuses from 1991 to 2021 as well as a national household survey published in 2011.

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## Students Fuel Drive to Bring French School to Acadian Community

Students are behind the drive to bring French learning to an Acadian community in eastern Nova Scotia. This article by Anam Khan appeared on *CBC News*:

A new generation of Acadians in Guysborough County wants to connect to its French roots and is fighting to make it happen. Last week, *Conseil scolaire acadien provincial*, Nova Scotia's French school board, supported bringing a French school into the area after seeing high demand from the community.

If the project gets approval from the province, the school could open in a temporary location in September according to the board. It says a permanent solution could be found after that.

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## Saskatchewan Holds a Tintamarre!

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan is quite a long way from the Atlantic provinces, but apparently that doesn't keep locals from celebrating the traditional Acadian Tintamarre. This article by Gordon Edgar appeared in *Moose Jaw Today.com*



The *Association communautaire fransaskoise de Moose Jaw*, Saskatchewan has been holding an annual *Tintamarre* parade to celebrate the city's French-speaking population, history, and culture for many years, and they turned out on March 17 to continue the tradition.

*Tintamarre* is a word literally meaning racket, din, uproar, and noise. It is an Acadian French traditional parade that brings people together with flags and costumes and noisemakers such as pots, pans, and even musical instruments. Despite its Acadian origins, *Tintamarre* now unites all French speakers in Canada.

"Tintamarre is an opportunity to make it known and to showcase that there's a French community in Moose Jaw. It's important for people to come out, make some noise, have a bit of a celebration. March is also *le mois de la Francophonie*, so it's 'the month celebrating the French language.'

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## Chanteurs d'Acadie at Carnegie Hall

This article appeared on *Radio-Canada*:



*Les Jeunes chanteurs d'Acadie* will live an experience that even great professional artists could envy. They will perform on the famous stage of Carnegie Hall, in New York.

This choir of about 50 young people aged 11 to 18 will hit the road to the Big Apple on Tuesday morning for an unforgettable five-day adventure as part of the *Canada at Carnegie* choral event.

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## Louisiana: Rebirth of the French Language

[A video about Louisiana French](#) appeared on the *Radio-Canada* website:

On this "*Journée internationale de la Francophonie*," it is a meeting with dynamic and committed Francophones and Francophiles in a corner of North America where French has important but fragile historical roots: Louisiana. After decades of decline, the French language is now experiencing a renaissance, even if the challenges are still numerous.

Click [here](#) to watch the video (in French).

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## Immersion dans de l'eau de Pâques

Cet article est paru dans *Ici Nord de l'Ontario*:

Depuis des siècles, certains fidèles chrétiens se lèvent en pleine nuit le dimanche de Pâques pour récolter de l'eau des ruisseaux, dans l'espoir de guérir les maladies qui les affligent. C'est aux petites heures qu'il faut se lever pour chercher l'eau de Pâques, et il ne faut pas traîner.

[Cliquez ici](#) pour lire tout l'article,

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## Translation Games at Moncton U

Moncton University has a translation department and, at the end of this school year, the students held events and games to allow them to use their skills. One journalist used the opportunity to ask the students what they thought about Artificial Intelligence translations and they did not seem to be worried by this new tool. [Click here](#) to read about it (in French).

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## C'est quoi des poissons d'avril?

Quelqu'un veut poser une question à l'occasion du 1er avril. Cliquez ici pour voir la réponse:



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## LAGNIAPPE

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### ***Belizaire the Cajun* Now Streaming**

Glen Pitre, who founded the Cinema on the Bayou film festival, told us that his classic 1986 movie *Belizaire the Cajun* is now available



for streaming on the [Criterion Channel](#) (14 day free trial available). Pitre wrote and directed the movie, featuring Armand Assante as Belizaire Breaux and Robert Duvall as “The Preacher.”

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### **Heart of Louisiana: Cajun Collector**

This article by Dave McNamara appeared on *WAFB*:

An avid fisherman and duck hunter from the bayou-side town of Galliano has created a massive private collection of Cajun history. The hundreds of duck and fish carvings, old dugout boats, and camp furnishings are an attempt to preserve a way of life. It’s a collection of Cajun artifacts that Connie Lefort started when he was a teenager.

“This is the piece that pretty much started my whole collection right here, washed up on the rocks on Timbalier Island,” said Lefort. He believes the long wooden oar may have been used by pirates who frequented coastal Louisiana.

To read the article, click [here](#).

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### **Museum Exec Wins Award and Exhibits Art**



Andy Perrin, our executive committee chairman, is shown here celebrating a first-place victory in his age group and 10th overall in the Zydeco Half Marathon. Andy is a Lafayette architect and accomplished artist. His art will be

featured during an opening at Glide Studios, 715 Lee Avenue in Lafayette on April 15 from 6 to 9 pm (and by appointment thereafter).

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### **Cajun Food Tours’ Marie Ducote – Ambassador of Acadian Food and Culture**



Discover Lafayette has a new podcast featuring Marie Ducote, proprietor of Cajun Food Tours. To listen, click [here](#).

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## Authors Enjoy Beautiful Day at Vermilionville



On March 11, authors Corinne Marti, left, (*Louisiana Herb Journal*) and Mary Perrin, right, (*Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*) enjoy a beautiful day at Vermilionville Folklife Park in Lafayette.

Corinne had just concluded an informative talk there, “Modern Day Healing with Traditional Herbs” which packed the house for Mary’s Vermilionville speaker series “Healing Traditions of Acadiana.”

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## Lecture Series in Louisiana Studies

The Center for Louisiana Studies is hosting these talks, which are open to the public:

- April 18, 4 – 5 pm, Roy House, 1204 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA, Craig Colten, Professor Emeritus, LSU Dept. of Geography and Anthropology, “State of Disaster: Does Coastal Restoration Neglect People?”
- April 21, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Roy House, 1204 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA, Heather Stone, Associate Professor of Curriculum & Instruction, Paul Burdin/BORSF Endowed Professor, “Forced Retreat: Stories of the Jean Charles Choctaw Nation.”

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## WWII Veteran Receives Legion of Honor

Thanks to Pascal Lozano for sending this:



Recently, French-speaking WW II veteran Norris Morvant of Thibodaux was at the French Consulate in New York where he received the Legion of Honor from the President of the Normandie region Hervé Morin. Morvant came at the invitation of Best Defense Foundation that organized and paid for

his trip from Thibodaux to New York. When he arrived, Morvant was greeted by 50 New York police officers at Laguardia Airport. Morvant received the Legion of Honor last September. He will be making the seven-day trip to Normandy this year with Best Defense Foundation. The oldest veteran going on the trip is 102 years old.

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## Les Hay Babies at Festival International



*Les Hay Babies* is an indie folk trio from New Brunswick, Canada. Its members—Julie Aubé, Katrine Noël, and Vivianne Roy, who each grew up in a small Acadian village—will perform at [Festival International de Louisiane](#) in Lafayette this April 26-30.

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## Help Save the Louisiana Iris!



*Abbeville Red Iris (photo courtesy of Katie Perrin)*

Friends Gary Salathe and Peter Patout with the Louisiana Iris Conservation Initiative asked us to mention their nonprofit organization to help conserve the Louisiana iris by rescuing plants that will be destroyed due to construction and replanting them in public areas along

waterways for the enjoyment of everyone. They are interested in new public places to plant their rescued Louisiana irises. If anyone has ideas where irises could be planted, please communicate to them by sending an email to [licisaveirises@gmail.com](mailto:licisaveirises@gmail.com).

We are very interested in supporting this project because our family owns property in Vermilion Parish that has the Abbeville Red Iris naturally growing. This iris is very special because it is the only plant that is endemic to Louisiana, which means that it does not naturally grow anywhere else. You can visit the Louisiana Iris Conservation Initiative Website at [www.licisaveirises.com/](http://www.licisaveirises.com/)

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## Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners – Iris Rendezvous 2023

On April 14, 4 – 8 pm, the Iris Rendezvous will be held at UL Cypress Lake. Contact Billy Welsh [welsh@louisiana.edu](mailto:welsh@louisiana.edu) for more information.

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## World Francophone Day Celebrated at Auburn University

In celebration of World Francophone Day on March 20, Warren and Mary Perrin made a presentation on French Acadian history at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama.



*Shown following the presentation are Evelyne Bornier, John Fair, Thomas Mccan , Sarah Fair, Mary Perrin, and Warren Perrin.*



*Items from the museum collection*

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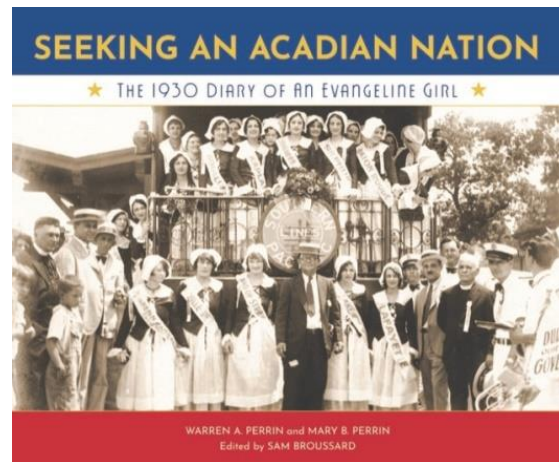
## Would You Like a Group Presentation?

As you can see from our [event calendar](#), the Acadian Museum gives regular presentations to groups around the region, and we would be happy to speak to your group. Here is a sampling of topics—or [click here](#) for a complete list. Send all requests to [info@acadianmuseum.com](mailto:info@acadianmuseum.com).

- Acadian History and Culture
- The Queen's Proclamation – History of an Apology to the Acadians
- Folk Healing Traditions and the Traiteurs of South Louisiana
- The Development of Cajun Music
- Acadian Resistance Fighters and Beausoleil Broussard
- Louisiana: the French Renaissance: 1900-2000
- Longfellow's Evangeline: The Birth and Acceptance of a Legend
- Acadians' Role in the American Revolution
- Frenchie: Cajuns' Contributions in WW II
- Post Deportation Migrations of Acadians 1755-1800

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## Visit the Boutique / Get Cool Stuff !



Another way to support the museum is by visiting our [online boutique](#) and purchasing one of our books or souvenirs. Here's just an example of what you will find:

- [Acadie Then and Now: A People's History](#) with articles by Cajun and Acadian authors from around the world, Warren Perrin, Phil Comeau and Mary Perrin, editors.
- [Acadian Redemption](#) - From Beausoleil Broussard to the Queen's Royal Proclamation by Warren Perrin.
- [Healing Traditions of South Louisiana](#) by Mary Perrin and Beverly Fuselier.
- *A Century of Acadian Culture, Erath (1899-1999)* by General Curney Dronet.
- *The University of Louisiana's National Championship Weightlifting Teams* by Warren Perrin.
- Histories of Vermilion, Iberia, and St. Landry parishes by Warren Perrin.
- T-shirts, posters, and reproductions.