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NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

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CMA 2024 Acadian Heritage Tour



Many of you expressed an interest in going to Canada on the Congrès mondial acadien tour from August 10-20, co-sponsored by the UL Alumni Association and the Acadian Museum. The tour is being organized by one of our Living Legends, Richard Laurin of Nova Scotia. Dr. Josh Caffery, head of the Center for Louisiana Studies, will be bringing several UL professors who will be participating in the August 13th Louisiana symposium with several historians/authors who will be on our tour.

Our travel agent, Sallye Scheufens, confirms that we have enough people committed for a reduced airfare of only \$850 from Louisiana to Halifax. To take advantage of our group discount flight contact me at perrin@plddo.com. I urge you to register for this wonderful tour. You can find details and prices at: <https://novacadie.ca/tours/cma-24-group-tour>.

For an added bonus on this trip, you will be invited to join Mary and me to celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary on August 16!

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MUSEUM NEWS

Book Talks/Special Events

The following talks will be presented by Warren or Mary Perrin, unless otherwise noted. All times are US Central. To schedule a talk, just pick a [topic](#) and a date that isn't already taken.

- April 13, 11am, "New Acadia Project," St. Landry Parish Library, 212 E. Grolee St., Opelousas, LA.

Would your group like a talk? See the last page of this newsletter for topics and arrangements.

Acadian Museum to Host CMA President



On April 25, the Acadian Museum will be hosting the chair of the 2024 *Congrès mondial acadien*, Allister Surette, who is president of *Université Sainte-Anne*, the only Francophone

university in Nova Scotia. Mr. Surette represented the electoral district of Argyle in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1993 to 1998 as a member of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.

Acadian Jockeys Memorialized at Museum



Acadian Ron Turcotte, rider of world-renowned *Secretariat*

One of the Acadian Museum's most unique and historically important exhibits is our collection of horse racing memorabilia (shown below).



Acadians and Cajuns are known as some of the best jockeys in the world, and the jockey goggles shown in the photo above were personally signed by Acadian Ron Turcotte, a native of New Brunswick, who rode the world-renowned *Secretariat* racehorse to fame in the 1973 Triple Crown. Our friend Nathan Granger was the high

bidder for the goggles when he attended a 2011 fundraiser for disabled jockeys in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights, IL, along with Hall of Fame jockey Randy Romero, a native of Erath.

Acadian filmmaker Phil Comeau produced [a film on Turcotte's life](#), which is also memorialized in our exhibit. Tragically, in 1978, Turcotte was seriously injured at Belmont Park, N.Y., when he was thrown by a horse—an accident that left him paraplegic. After repairs were made to the Acadian Museum's ceiling in the Prairie Bayou Room, we cleaned off the old black jack table and rearranged the exhibit on thoroughbred racing, as shown below.



Museum Visitors

The Acadian Museum strives to preserve a culture and heritage that has endured for over 400 years, both here and in the far reaches of Canada. The unique Cajun/Creole culture, along with the Native American culture, are the only cultures that wholly developed in North America. Here are a few photos of some recent visitors. Admission is free! Come by for a visit which will be educational and entertaining.



Jean and Ben Neighbors from Huntsville, AL purchased a copy of our popular book "Healing Traditions of South Louisiana" by Mary Perrin and Beverly Fuselier.

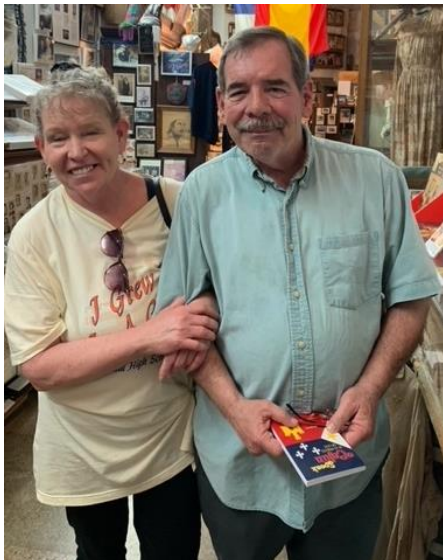
Sue and Michael Landry of Beaumont, TX came to do research on the Landry family's genealogy.





Ludivine and Sandrine Payerne, sisters from Grenoble, France, are pictured in the Acadian Room.

Shown below enjoying a tour of the Prairie Bayou Room are (L-R) Barbara Credeur, Jeanette Langlais, Bonnie Broussard, "Lil Jim" Domingues and Elaine Bourque.



Pictured touring the museum are Susan and Kevin Damond from St Louis, Missouri.



Shown in front of our "storyboard" quilt exhibit are Mario Lagacé and his family from Ottawa, ON. Mario helps edit this newsletter and the family stayed at our farm in Henry, LA. Pictured (L-R) Mario, mother-in-law Lisa, and wife Lorna.

The picture below provides a closer look at the beautiful quilt we received from Linda Roy of Madawaska, ME.



Quilt by Linda Roy (Photo: Linda Roy—next page).

LOUISIANA/CAJUN NEWS

La Table Française – Come Speak French

Southwest Louisiana locals meet regularly to share their experiences, speaking only in French. This is a great way to meet others and improve your language skills. CODOFIL provides a [list](#) of these events, but here are some of our favorites:

- **Arnaudville:** Last Saturdays, 9:30 am, at Arnaudville Community Center. Contact mavisfruge@aol.com.
- **Broussard:** 2nd Fridays, 8:30 am at the Valsin Broussard House, 408 W. Main St. (337) 445-3478.
- **Erath:** Fridays, 11 am, Erath City Hall (337) 254-8522.
- **Lafayette:** Wednesdays, 7 am, Dwyers Café, 323 Jefferson St. legauth@bellsouth.net
- **Lafayette:** 2nd Tuesdays, 5:30 pm., Petroleum Club, 111 Heymann Blvd. galatiolais@gmail.com
- **Loreauville:** Tuesdays. 7 am, Main Cup Coffee Shop, 101 N. Main St. joeroe@att.net
- **Maurice:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 am, 218 Chief Fred Ave. (337) 652-0166.
- **Metairie:** Wednesdays, 6 pm, *Parlons Café*, 1001 Metairie Rd. (504) 982-0800.
- **New Iberia:** Thursdays, 8:30 am, Cane River Pecan Company, 254 W. Main St. (337) 519-7942
- **Rayne:** Every Thursday, 9:30 am, Bernard-Bertrand House, 1023 The Blvd. wjthibodeaux@yahoo.com.
- **Thibodaux:** Tuesdays, 5 pm, Jean Lafitte Center, 314 St. Mary St. mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com.
- **VIA ZOOM:** Every Monday at 9 am. To receive a link to the meeting, contact mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com



Linda Roy is a French Immersion teacher who prepared the quilt over a 20-year period. The images represent the Acadian story as told in a French book. She prepared an English version that is shown on the table on previous page.

Jambalaya Cooking Demonstration

On March 15, at my farm in Henry, LA, I showed how to cook a four-meat jambalaya to 20 RV campers that were staying at Betty's RV Park in Abbeville (below picture in my kitchen).



We served the Jambalaya with Betty's creamy potato salad, French bread, and dessert. Kermit Bouillion filmed the event for our museum's YouTube channel. Later, everyone came to visit the Acadian Museum (pictured below).



Destination Louisiana: Crawfish Haven



Crawfish Haven / Mrs. Rose's Bed and Breakfast

The following article by Sylvia Masters appeared on the KLFY website:

KAPLAN, La. – “Where else can you catch, cook, and sleep?” That’s the slogan of one place nestled in the middle of Cajun Country. It’s a bed and breakfast that also offers crawfish excursions. It’s called Crawfish Haven/Mrs. Rose’s Bed and Breakfast.

Owner Barry Toups explained, “My relatives from Biloxi came crawfishing and had a blast crawfishing and one of them said, ‘Man, you ought to do that commercially and take people crawfishing’ and so I came up with the idea to turn it into a bed and breakfast and offer crawfish excursions. I knew nothing about the hospitality business but Cajuns are known for their food and their hospitality and things just fell into place.”

To read more, [click here](#).

Louisiana Kicks Off Year of Music, Takes Home Showmanship Award



Louisiana's float entered in the 2024 Rose Parade.

The following article by Jennifer Berthelot appeared on the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism website:

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser and the Louisiana Office of Tourism announced the launch of the "Year of Music" campaign, designed to emphasize Louisiana's musical culture and historical impacts across a variety of genres. As the birthplace of jazz, Cajun and zydeco music, Louisiana's music is one of the state's defining characteristics. The year officially kicked off with Louisiana's float and performance in the 135th annual Rose Parade on January 1 in Pasadena, Calif. The parade's theme was "Celebrating a World of Music: The Universal Language." The Explore Louisiana float took home the Showmanship Award for the second year in a row.

To read more, [click here](#)

Loreauville Plans New Town Hall



Mayor Brad Clifton shows a rendering of the new town hall.

The following article by Corey Vaughn appeared on the Daily Iberian website:

Loreauville officials are excited to usher in a new chapter for the village as plans for a brand new town hall are underway and expected to begin in the near future. Mayor Brad Clifton said the project started to materialize during last year's legislative session, and with the help of Rep. Beau Beaulieu, Sen. Blake Miguez and Sen. Brett Allain who helped provide state funding for the estimated \$1.5 million initiative.

"When this opportunity was brought up, we went for it," Clifton said. "They were all confident that we would be able to get the funds and we did."

The new town hall will be installed at the same location as the current one on Main Street. Clifton said the design of the two-story building will be in the Acadian style, similar to Shadows-on-the-Teche in New Iberia.

Subscribers can read more [here](#)

Free Lecture: *Rethinking Acadian Identities Through Transnational Approaches*



On April 4 at 6 pm, Dr. Clint Bruce, a Fellow at the Center for Louisiana Studies will talk about his project and forthcoming book *Repenser l'Acadie dans le monde*. The event will take place at the Roy House, 1204 Johnston St. in Lafayette.

Despite its diversity on many fronts, Acadian collectivity – across Canada and in Louisiana – is united by its shared historic memory of le Grand Dérangement. British authorities' violent dispersal of the Acadian people created a diaspora that is transregional and transnational, a reality that continues to shape the evolution of Acadian societies and to condition their relationships with the outside world.

Pulling from his own research and collaborations with a network of scholars from across North America, Dr. Bruce presents the latest, transnational perspectives in Acadian Studies. These perspectives recenter Acadian Studies on the dynamics of globalization.

A Louisiana native, Dr. Bruce holds the [Canada Research Chair](#) in Acadian and Transnational Studies at Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia. To register your attendance, see the Facebook page [here](#).

Valsin House Revitalized Through Art



The historic Valsin House in Broussard, LA

The City of Broussard, LA has been working to restore the Valsin Broussard House to its historical

condition. Built in 1876 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house was built by the city's Acadian founder, Valsin Broussard. On March 20, we officially kicked off a campaign to support this project by unveiling a portrait of Valsin and wife Emma by Cici Neustrom, our Acadian Museum Ambassador of Art.



Lynette Duhon Foreman, a third-generation descendent of Valsin and Emma Broussard, was used as a model for Neustrom to paint Emma's portrait.

The Valsin House is steeped in history and serves as a portal to Broussard's past,

providing visitors and residents with an immersive experience of the city's rich culture. Our vision for this project includes displaying historical artifacts that tell the captivating story of the city's Acadian heritage. This initiative aims to preserve and celebrate the unique cultural tapestry that has shaped Broussard. For more info, please contact mnorbert@broussardla.com.

Lafayette Raised the Francophone Flag



Pictured displaying the OUF flag are (L-R) Counsel General of France Radolphe Sambou, Director International Center Dave Domingue and Lafayette Mayor-President Monique Blanco Boulet.

On March 1, Lafayette

Consolidated Government raised the flag of the OIF, the International Organization of La Francophonie, to underscore the importance of French language and culture for our area. There are 55 countries in the world that are members of this international organization, with Louisiana having observer status. I represented CODOFIL at the event as the governor's appointee. The flag was raised and flew the entire month of March. A proclamation from Mayor-President Boulet acknowledged French importance to our culture.

Louisiana Word of the Day:



Crow Wing County Department of Memes

Crawflation:

a general increase in prices of crawfish



the crawflation is high this year sha

FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

P'tit Belliveau et les Hay Babies au lancement du CMA 2024



Les Hay Babies lors de leur passage au Festival d'été de Québec le 15 juillet.

The following article by Caroline Lévesque appeared on the Radio-Canada website:

Le Congrès mondial acadien 2024 (CMA 2024) dévoile certains détails de son Festival d'ouverture, qui aura lieu le samedi 10 août à l'Université Sainte-Anne, en Nouvelle-Écosse.

Dès 13h, les gens pourront participer à toutes sortes d'activités incluant des jeux pour enfants, des installations interactives, des performances de poésie et de théâtre et bien sûr il y aura de la musique.

Nous nous sommes concentrés sur la présentation d'un mélange remarquable d'artistes émergents pour montrer comment, à travers le monde, une jeune génération d'artistes promeut et préserve la culture acadienne à sa manière, dit Jacques Blinn, codirecteur artistique du Festival d'ouverture.

Pour lire plus, [cliquez ici](#).

À Québec aussi, un comité veut se débarrasser du nom Moncton



Un portrait de l'officier britannique Robert Monckton peint par Thomas Hudson.

The following article by Réal Fradette appeared on the Radio-Canada website:

Inspiré par le comité citoyen qui milite pour un changement de nom de l'Université de Moncton, un groupe de résidents demande à la Ville de Québec de débaptiser l'avenue Moncton.

Gaëtan Ruest, diplômé de l'Université de Moncton à la fin des années 1960, est l'instigateur du mouvement qui vise à rayer le nom de l'officier britannique Robert Monckton du paysage de la capitale québécoise.

Si son nom fait aujourd'hui polémique, c'est parce que ce colonel a joué un rôle actif dans la déportation des Acadiens et a participé à plusieurs batailles au Québec. Robert Monckton a fait des dommages de Gaspé jusqu'à Québec. Il a combattu aux côtés de James Wolfe dans la bataille des plaines d'Abraham. Il a dévasté la Rive-Sud de Québec. Il a brûlé des maisons, des granges, des récoltes, explique Gaëtan Ruest.

Pour lire plus, [cliquez ici](#).

Beaucoup de monde aux célébrations de la Mi-Carême de Chéticamp



Des "coureux" de la Mi-Carême à Chéticamp.

The following article by Nathalie Geddry appeared on the Radio-Canada website:

Les organisateurs des célébrations de la Mi-Carême à Chéticamp sont un peu débordés cette année.

«On n'aura jamais vu tellement de monde,» avoue Joeleen Larade, la coordonnatrice de projets pour la Société de la Mi-Carême.

«L'année passée, c'était incroyable. Cette année, ça dépasse tout ça, même toutes les maisons qui accueillent des Mi-Carêmes disent la pareille affaire. Les Mi-Carêmes rentrent à pleine porte. C'est quelque chose!»

Elle raconte qu'après deux soirs, le centre n'avait plus de fricot pour les passants.

«Je cours partout, on va chercher du pain, du beurre, on manque de tout!»

Malgré tout, la coordonnatrice témoigne lors d'une entrevue à l'émission *La Mouvé*, de l'ambiance incroyable des festivités qui rassemblent tous les gens de la communauté autour de la musique, de la danse et des mets traditionnels.

Pour lire plus, [cliquez ici](#),

L'entraide et le partage, bons comme le sirop d'érable à Saint-Léolin



Noémie Landry verse de l'eau d'érable fraîchement récoltée sous le regard attentif de sa mère, Annick LeGresley.

The following article by René Landry appeared on the Radio-Canada website:

À Saint-Léolin, dans la Péninsule acadienne, un projet d'abord familial lancé à petite échelle il y a trois ans fait aujourd'hui la fierté de toute la communauté. L'eau d'érable est récoltée tout le long du boulevard Saint-Joseph et des bouteilles de sirop sont ensuite remises aux résidents.

La communauté est en quelque sorte devenue une très grande érablière.

«C'est unique. C'est unique, ce projet-là!» lance avec enthousiasme Donald LeGresley.

C'est son beau-frère et complice Raoul Bertin qui a eu l'idée de se lancer dans cette aventure.

«On coche tous les arbres qui ont été plantés,» explique M. Bertin. «On a une belle récolte avec les arbres de Saint-Léolin.»

Pour lire plus, [cliquez ici](#).

French Resurgence in Maine Gives Francophones Hope



The following article by appeared on the Lethbridge News Now website:

MONTREAL — For decades, Cecile Thornton had little motivation to speak French. Born into the minority francophone community in Lewiston, Maine, she says she and her family were often the target of ridicule.

“I was ashamed of my francophone roots,” she recalled. “There were a lot of people who laughed at and mocked us.” Thornton, whose maiden name is Desjardins, married an anglophone and didn’t teach her children French. It eventually disappeared from her daily life, and she says she lost her ability to converse in the language as a result.

That changed in 2016, when she began attending French-language meet-ups led by local immigrants from West Africa. Thornton says those conversations inspired her to reconnect with her mother tongue. “The African community helped me feel proud to be Franco,” she said. Now 68 years old, Thornton has become an advocate for French speakers in Maine.

To read more, [click here](#).

Radio communautaire francophone prend forme à Île-du-Prince-Édouard



Des émissions produites et animées par des élèves des institutions francophones occuperaient une partie de la programmation.

The following article by Gabrielle Drumond appeared on the Radio-Canada website:

Des membres de la communauté acadienne et francophone de l’Île-du-Prince-Édouard souhaitent mettre sur pied la première station de radio communautaire de langue française de leur province.

Il s’agit d’un projet qui a été discuté à plusieurs reprises à l’île, mais qui ne s’est jamais concrétisé.

Pour Paul D. Gallant, idéateur du projet, cette station diffuserait uniquement sur le web avec un studio temporaire en attendant une licence pour diffusion sur la bande FM.

« Au mois de juin, on a tâté le terrain. On a fait un test, on a fait les premières consultations », explique-t-il. « On a dit : c'est-tu encore pertinent, c'est-tu encore une bonne idée? »

Pour lire plus, [cliquez ici](#).

Group Plans for CMA 2024



Nelwyn Hebert

Nelwyn Hebert from New Iberia is taking a group to the CMA 24 in Nova Scotia this August. Nelwyn, a lifelong resident of Iberia Parish, was an evaluator for the Louisiana Department of Education and a resource coordinator for the Iberia Parish School System, as well as a retired educator. You can contact her via email: nelwyn@cox.net.

CMA Vincent/Léger/Trahan Reunion

Curtis Vincent writes:

A Vincent/Leger/Trahan family reunion is scheduled for August 17 in Yarmouth. All members of these three families are invited to attend along with any guests. It is necessary, however, to coordinate the activities and presentations of these three families so I need to hear from one or more members of the Leger/Lege and the Trahan families who would be willing to serve on a small committee to help organize the details of these reunions. Any assistance is welcome.

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BBQ Season in Canada!



Submitted by Mario Lagacé

You've Seen Turducken? Here's Chobster!



Submitted by Mario Lagacé

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International Francophone Day

On March 20, International Francophone Day, we celebrated the French language—spoken by 300 million (most under age 30) on five continents—and the values it embodies: commitment to the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and equality between men and women. The year’s theme, selected by the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), is “Francophone women, resilient women.”



Lt Governor Billy Nungesser provided the logistics and financial support for Louisiana to obtain OIF observer status.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs’ cooperation and cultural action network,

the *Instituts Français*, and French educational establishments (attended by 370,000 students, including 126,000 French and 244,000 foreign students) have joined forces to stage a series of events throughout the week. In November, the 18th OIF Summit will be held in Djerba, Tunisia.



CODOFIL Executive Director Peggy Feehan was instrumental in obtaining observer status for Louisiana.

The 88 member states will meet to discuss priorities. In 2018,

Louisiana made history as an observing member, the only U.S. state to do so. As President of CODOFIL I had the privilege of representing the US and LA at Francophone summits in Romania, Moncton, Quebec, Vietnam, and Switzerland.

Louisiana Folklore Society’s 66th Annual Meeting: Tragedy on Lake Peigneur

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Louisiana Folklore Society’s 66th annual meeting in Hammond at the Southeastern Louisiana University campus. The Louisiana Folklore Society was founded in 1956 to encourage the study, documentation, and accurate representation of the traditional cultures of Louisiana. Members include university professors, professional folklorists in the public sector, secondary school teachers, museum workers, graduate students, and other individuals interested in Louisiana’s traditions and cultural groups.

At the 66th annual meeting, I was a presenter on a panel with two other speakers. The moderator was UL Asst. Dir. of Programing and Special Projects at the Center for Louisiana Studies Rachel Doherty PhD. The topic was “Geophysical Hauntings” and the speakers were:

- Brian Marks: The BP Oil Spill, a Dispersed Legacy
- John Doucet: Louisiana French Folk Rock
- Warren Perrin: Diamond Crystal Salt Mine Disaster

Forty-four years ago, a catastrophe like no other occurred in Acadiana. The largest manmade whirlpool and tallest waterfall in the state were created when a 14-inch drill bit from a Texaco rig pierced through a shaft in the Diamond Crystal salt mine—emptying a lake into the mine.

Lake Peigneur at Jefferson Island was once a very shallow freshwater lake, but this 40-hour man-made catastrophe turned it into a saltwater lake that is now 200 feet deep. A solitary chimney is the only proof of what used to be there.

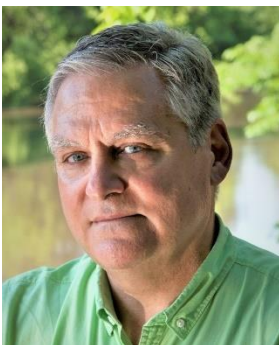
Attorney Weldon Granger and I were hired to represent many of the miners who lost their jobs and suffered damages. After nearly 10 years of litigation against Texaco, the case was settled. Proof indicated that the Texaco team had relied upon a flawed survey and so they drilled into one of the mine's shafts.

Although Texaco never admitted that the catastrophe was their fault, they paid about \$66 million to settle all pending suits, including the case brought by Diamond Crystal for the loss of their mine and to Live Oak Gardens for the loss of the botanical gardens.



Weldon Granger received his undergraduate degree from the University of Louisiana and his Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law. He has practiced in the FELA field since law school. His law firm of Jones Grange now marks 45+ years of service to railroad union employees.

Cité Des Arts Fundraiser



Dr. David Cheramie

On March 11, we had a successful fundraising event at *Cité des arts* for Dr. David Cheramie. For eight years David was the executive director of CODOFIL when I was president, so we worked closely together and became very good friends. We had terrific experiences expanding the French Immersion programs and attending World

Francophone Summits in Hanoi, Vietnam, Quebec City, Moncton, New Brunswick and Bucharest, Romania. Later, he became director of Vermilionville and served for 10 years as a member of the NAP steering committee. The day after Christmas he suffered a massive heart attack. David's condition has improved. His wife Marianne has said that they have a lot of work ahead of them. Continued prayers and good thoughts for his recovery are requested and appreciated. Donations can be made to his Go Fund Me Fund, [linked here](#).

Dedication of the Broussard Room at Center for Louisiana Studies



Photographed behind the family heirloom saddle are Broussard brothers Richard, Alan, and Hal.

On March 9, in a wonderfully moving ceremony, the UL Center for Louisiana

Studies unveiled the newly-dedicated Broussard Conference Room in the beautiful Roy House. The Acadian Museum loaned many artifacts which are now displayed in the room. A major financial donation had been made by Alan and Brenda Broussard, who were honored for their support of the university's cultural programs.

St. Martinville Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival

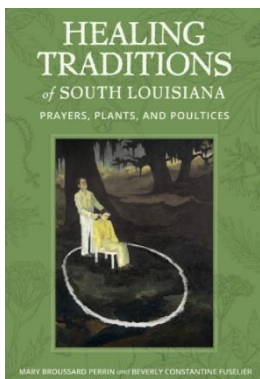
On March 8, the Acadian Museum of Erath was well-represented at the Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival in St. Martinville. On Friday, the festival opened with a reception at the Acadian Memorial Museum, honoring two Acadian Cajun families, Dupuis and Cormier. Special guest was Lafayette artist Ceci O'Keefe Neustrom, who displayed 2024 paintings from her Acadian Heritage Series. A brief presentation was given of the origin and history of the series of life-size portraits depict living descendants of the following Acadian families: St. Julien, Boudreaux, Arceneaux, Poirier, and Thibodeaux. This was the first public exhibit of her latest portraits.

Neustrom is an Ambassador of Art for the Acadian Museum of Erath and has been developing the series over the last ten years. The models are dressed in clothing appropriate to the late 1700s century and are posed in compositions reflecting the customs, background, dignity and endurance of Louisiana's Acadian history. The family name and crest are included in the compositions at the bottom of the portraits.

Also, on Saturday morning Mary Perrin did a talk on her popular book "Healing Traditions of South

Louisiana" co-authored by Master Gardener and *traiteuse* Beverly Fuselier.

"Healing Traditions of South Louisiana" can be ordered from visit the [Acadian Museum web store](#), or email perrin@plddo.com



Turkey Island Expedition for the Red Iris



This photo was taken a year ago, while the irises were blooming. Now, their numbers are reduced by 30-40%.

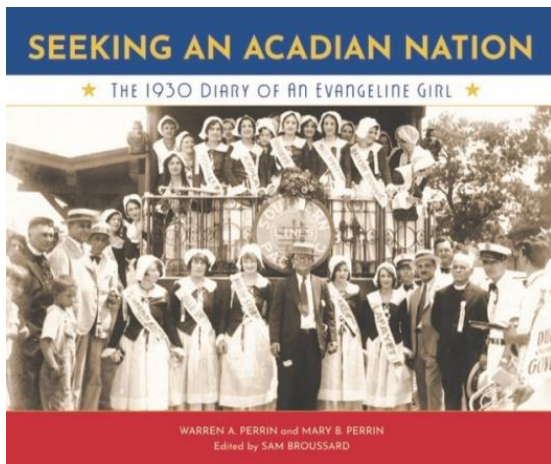
On March 3, four of us took a boat tour of my family's property at Turkey Island (Vermilion Parish) to assess the possible damage to our Abbeville Red Iris plants caused by the drought and resulting saltwater intrusion. Despite a possible 30-40% loss, project leader Gary Salathe reports that, "Scooter (our hydrology expert) thinks keeping saltwater out and regulating the water level in the swamp is very doable. He even has a rough idea how to accomplish this and possible sources of funding."

Perrin Appointed to CODOFIL Board

My appointment by the governor as his representative on the CODOFIL board is now official. Interestingly, during the last 30 years I have been appointed by six consecutive governors—three Democrats and three Republicans—so call me apolitical! 😊

CODOFIL, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, supports Louisiana's francophone communities through scholarships, French immersion and various other community and language skill-building programs.

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, edited by Warren Perrin, Phil Comeau, and Mary Perrin
- [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 USL National Championship Weightlifting Teams](#) by Warren Perrin
- Histories of Vermilion, Iberia, and St. Landry parishes by Warren Perrin
- T-shirts, posters, and reproductions.

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.

- 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