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By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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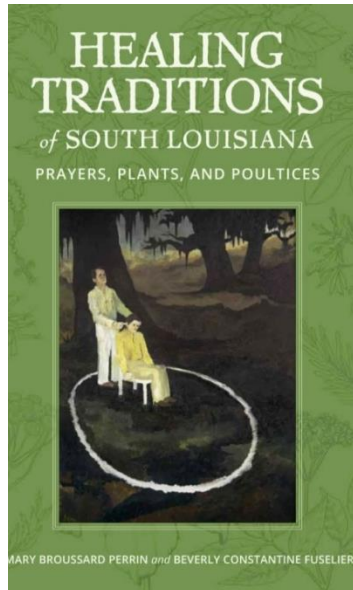
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Book: Healing Traditions of South Louisiana, Prayers, Plants, and Poulitces



Native Americans arriving in South Louisiana found a rich diversity of plants and animals in its 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)

The book sells in US for \$35 plus \$6 shipping (more internationally). To place an order, call (337) 456-7729, or visit our [museum boutique](#).

MUSEUM NEWS

Book Talks/Special Events

The following talks will be presented by Warren and 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.

- Aug. 2, 6:15 pm, *Acadie Then and Now: A People's History*, Rotary After Hours of Vermilion Club at the Acadian Museum 203 S. Broadway St. Erath, LA
- Aug. 4, 5 pm, *Acadie Then and Now: A People's History*, District Kiwanis Club Convention, Doubletree Hilton, Lafayette, LA
- Aug. 14, 8:30 am, Co-authors Mary Perrin and Beverly Fuselier, *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana, Prayers, Plants and Poultices* interviewed on KADN, Channel 15, Lafayette, LA
- Aug. 16, 6pm, Co-authors Mary Perrin and Beverly Fuselier, *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*, Teche Center for the Arts, Breaux Bridge, LA
- Sep. 5, 9am & 9pm, Warren Perrin, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology—Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the Munich Olympics*, interviewed on WWNO and WRKF (NPR).
- Oct. 5, 6 pm, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology*, The Roundtable Club, 6330 St. Charles, New Orleans, LA
- Oct. 10, 7 pm, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology*, Main Library, 16500 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH
- Oct. 19, 6 pm, *New Acadia Project*, Lafayette Genealogical Society, 6101 Johnston, Lafayette, LA

- Oct. 27, noon, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology* plus *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*, Metairie Country Club, 580 Woodvine Ave.
- Oct. 28, TBA, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology* plus *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*, La. Book Festival, Baton Rouge, LA
- Nov. 16, 2:45 pm, *Royal Proclamation*, to UT Lifelong Learning Institute (Austin) members, Acadian Museum, 203 S. Broadway, Erath, LA

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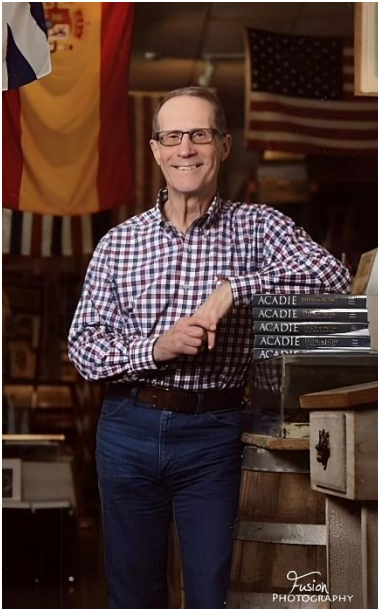
Our YouTube video channel is going gangbusters, with over 800 subscribers and more joining every day. Our goal is to hit the 1,000 mark, so if you haven't joined yet, you can [do it here for free](#).



Meanwhile, [here's one of our latest offerings](#). *Il Faut Les Faire Danser* (You Gotta Make Them Dance) delivers a unique interpretation of Cajun music by a group of young French musicians in the late 1970s and early 80s. Two musicians living in the little Burgundy town of Vermenton, France, tell how their discovery of Cajun music was like a *coup de foudre* (thunderbolt or falling head over heels). Their group, Vermenton Plage, includes fellow Frenchmen Ben Kaczmarek, Bernard Fontana, and Louisiana Cajun Gary Hernandez.

A Review of Our Latest Book

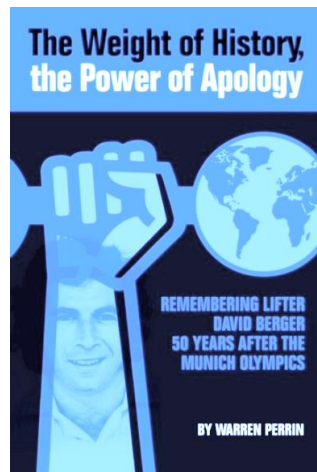
I was recently interviewed by Yitzi Weiner with *Authority Magazine* about my book *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology—Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the Munich Olympics*.



For more information on the genesis of the book on the tragic 1972 Munich Olympics and the murder of 11 Jewish athletes including my friend David Berger click [here](#).

The book (shown below) is a reflection on

history that compares the fate of three weightlifters at USL and Tulane in the late 1960s, including David Berger who became a victim of a terrorist attack as part of the Israeli weightlifting team at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany.



To order the book, call (337) 456-7729 or order online [here](#).

Summer Day Trippin': Acadian Museums

This article by Kristie Hendricks appeared in *The West Side Journal*:



This week's travel article includes two nearby museums centered on Acadian Culture.

The first location is The National Park Service's Acadian Cultural Center. Located at 501 Fisher Rd. in Lafayette, this collection is a must-see. Admission is free, and the hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Displays utilize the distinct Acadian dialect of French, sprinkling terms within the signage to immerse visitors into Cajun culture.

The second stop is the Acadian Museum of Erath. Located at 203 S. Broadway St. in Erath. This second location is about 20 miles south of the National Park Service's center. Warren Perrin and Weldon Granger founded the non-profit Acadian Heritage & Culture Foundation Inc., which owns the Acadian Museum of Erath.

Perrin is known for his involvement in the lawsuit against the Queen of England, which sued not for money but for open admission of wrongdoing to exiled Acadians. The lawsuit brought about the Royal Proclamation where the Queen did administer a formal apology. Warren Perrin is a descendant of Joseph Beausoleil Broussard, an Acadian Freedom Fighter.

Warren Perrin remains an active advocate for the Acadians. He was the keynote speaker at this year's West Baton Rouge Acadian Heritage Celebration happening July 23, 2023, in Brusly.

The Acadian Museum of Erath is open Tuesday-Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers help keep the collection open for visitors to meander through for free. Books are sold within the museum and sales are used to support the museum's operation.

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

LOUISIANA/CAJUN NEWS

La Table Française – Come Speak French

Locals in Southwest Louisiana meet regularly to share their experiences, speaking only in French. This is a great way to brush up on your language skills. CODOFIL now provides a complete schedule for most of the French Table events in the state, which you can find by [clicking here](#).

Meanwhile, here are some of our favorites:

- **Arnaudville:** Last Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30 am at Arnaudville Community Center, 291 Guidroz St. Hosted by Mavis Frugé.
- **Baton Rouge:** 1st Mondays and 3rd Tuesdays, 6pm, La Madeleine, 7707 Bluebonnet Blvd.
- **Broussard:** 2nd Fridays, 8:30 am, at the Valsin Broussard House, 408 W. Main St.
- **Erath:** Every Friday, 11:00 am, Erath City Hall, 115 W. Edwards St.
- **Maurice:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 am, 218 Chief Fred Ave.
- **New Iberia:** Every Thursday, 8:30 am, Cane River Pecan Company, 254 W. Main St.
- **Rayne:** Every Thursday, 9:30 am, Bernard-Bertrand House, 1023 The Blvd. Contact William Thibodeaux wjthibodeaux@yahoo.com.
- **Thibodaux:** Every Tuesday, 5 pm, Jean Lafitte Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 St. Mary St. Contact Marlene Toups mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com.

Speak French or Creole?

Identify as a Cajun or Creole? Live in Lafayette or the surrounding parishes? Then lend your voice to science! Joshua McNeill of the University of Georgia would love to have a casual, audio recorded conversation with you in French or Creole for a research project aimed at better understanding French, Creole, and the people who speak these languages. If interested, contact him at jam87559@uga.edu or call 504-264-2474.

Island Hopping Itinerary

This appeared on iberiatravel.com:



When you live in an area that's made up of 456 square miles of water, there are bound to be some islands. Iberia Parish has its fair share, and some are easily accessible. Experience the beauty of nature while sampling delicious local food, touring tropical gardens, and maybe even catching a few fish.

Day 1: Avery Island – Tabasco Factory and Country Store; Jungle Gardens of Avery Island; Cottages at Rip Van Winkle Gardens.

Day 2: Jefferson Island – Rip Van Winkle Gardens; Lunch at Café Jefferson; Vermilion Bay or Bayou Teche.

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

Daughter of French WWII POW Seeks Top Honor for Louisiana Veterans

This article by Claire Taylor appeared in *The Acadian Advocate*:



Photo: Claire Taylor

Pascale Lozano, 62, a native of Paris and resident of Lafayette, is on a mission to ensure that American veterans of WWII who helped liberate her home country are honored and remembered for their sacrifices. Her father, Pascal, joined the French Navy in 1942 and was taken prisoner in Dortmund, Germany, until his liberation by American troops on May 5, 1945. "This is my humble way of saying 'Thank you,'" she said.

Lozano is searching for WWII veterans and helping them apply for the French National Order of the Legion of Honor, the highest military and civilian decoration awarded in France.

In Louisiana, Lozano turned to historian, New Iberia native and Houston resident Jason Theriot, who interviewed South Louisiana WWII veterans for a three-volume series titled, "To Honor Our Veterans: An Oral History of World War II Veterans from the Bayou Country." Theriot provided Lozano with a list of Louisiana veterans to start her mission.

Advocate subscribers can read more [here](#). To submit the name of a veteran for the honor, email us info@acadianmuseum.com.

A California Cajun Returns to the Bayou



This article by Noah Arceneaux appeared in *Culture Honey*:

My project is a history of French-language radio in southern Louisiana. Much of whatever I end up writing will include a good bit of history, though there are a few diehard advocates of Louisiana French who still use the airwaves to promote this language. As a professor of media studies at San Diego State University, this whole topic aligns perfectly with my area of research and the topics of my classes.

But being in Louisiana, with the buzzing insects, the slam of the screen door and the familiar

smells wafting from the kitchen, I'm surprised at how comfortable this all feels. I slipped back into old behaviors like second nature, such as frequent use of "yes, ma'am", "thank you much," and other exceedingly polite phrases. I went to a cousin's house one of my first days back in Louisiana and, in full honesty, the bottle of Tabasco and Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning on the kitchen table made me relax. In the 1970s, when I was quite young, the presence of these items at someone's house made me think that they must be relatives (and I was generally correct).

With this change of perspective, now favoring the first part of the "insider/outsider" identity, my Cajun radio project has changed a bit. This project is now about more than simply documenting a fading practice, the use of French on the radio in Louisiana, but about celebrating and championing it. Does this kind of overt subjectivity weaken my academic research? I honestly don't think it does... but even if it did, I'm proud to be Cajun and I'm not going to whitewash my roots.

You can read the rest of the article [here](#).

La Famille Breaux du Monde Association

The Breaux Newsletter featured this information in its July issue:

GREAT ACADIAN AWAKENING is planned for Oct. 11-19, 2025. This 9-day event celebrating Acadian/Cajun culture and history will take place at various venues around the Acadiana region. Produced by *Louisiane-Acadie*, which partners with different parish and state agencies, the event will feature speakers, music, Cajun cuisine and more. Families are encouraged to invite their

northern cousins down and organize family reunions during this time.

To become a member:

Breaux du Monde Membership: Dues are \$10 per family due only on joining. There are no annual dues at present. Checks should be made payable to "*Breaux du Monde Association*" and mailed to Gayle Breaux Smith, 212-I Brickell Way, Lafayette, LA 70508-6768.

Carencro Center Celebrates Rich Heritage

This article appeared in *developinglafayette.com*



Located in the heart of Carencro at 409 Veterans Dr., the Welcome Center is believed to be the oldest standing building in the area, dating back to the period between 1790 and 1850.

Formerly situated on the Babineaux and Richard land claim in section 119, the Acadian cottage building has witnessed the growth and development of Carencro, formerly *St. Pierre*, long before the city's establishment.

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

French Family Hosted by Perrins

On July 13, we hosted a Cajun/style supper for the French family from Paris that will be teaching French at LeBlanc Elementary in Erath ...they will be living at our farmhouse until they can find a place to stay.



Mary Perrin, Mario Charest, Madeline DeHart, Seif, Johan Prieur, Aida Larfi, Rym and Warren Perrin.



Janell Duhon, Nelis Dugas, Coby Cox, Joey Hebert, Mona LeBlanc and Connie Hebert.

A Yearlong Party for ULL's 125th Birthday

This article by Ken Stickney appeared in *The Advocate*:



Brianna Steadman served ice cream to kick off the 125th birthday celebration for UL Lafayette on Friday, July 14 (Advocate staff photo: Leslie Westbrook).

Gov. Murphy J. Foster had plenty of good reasons on July 14, 1898, to sign into law the legislation that created what is now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Foster noted that Mrs. Maxim E. Girard and her son had donated 25 acres at the edge of Lafayette worth \$2,500. He noted, as well, that Lafayette citizens and the Police Jury added another \$3,000 to locate the new school in Lafayette rather than in New Iberia or Scott.

UL Lafayette President E. Joseph Savoie, in launching the institution's 125th anniversary year at an ice cream social Friday, cited local citizens' erstwhile efforts to land the new school in what was then a tightly packed population center of 3,500 people. Come August, Savoie said, UL Lafayette will welcome a freshmen class of some 3,500.

Advocate subscribers can read the whole story [here](#).

Acadian Odyssey Monument Fundraiser Needs Your Help



A scene from the monument unveiling, April 27, 2023.

Loreauville recently installed an international monument honoring the Acadian Odyssey of Beausoleil Broussard and 200 other Acadians who settled on the banks of Bayou Teche in 1765-66. The monument sits on the shores of the Teche just inside the city limits next to the bridge. Now they are hosting a fundraiser to improve the park, as they say "brick-by-brick" that will let families memorialize their heritage.

Help Build Our Park...Brick By Brick!

Join us in building a park that features and celebrates the first settlement of the Acadians upon being exiled by the British from Canada! This is your opportunity to memorialize your name, your family's name, your relatives (living or deceased), your graduation class, or anyone or almost anything you would like. Each brick is only \$150.00 and all proceeds will go to build the park and visitors center. You are welcome to buy as many bricks as you would like. THANK YOU in advance for your consideration and support!

Click [here](#) to donate and reserve a brick!

Landry Family Honored

Over 200 people attended the third annual West Baton Rouge Acadian Heritage Celebration, which honored the Landry family. The event, headed by Billy Hebert, was held at the St. John the Baptist Church Activity Center in Brusly, LA.



Warren Perrin addresses the group.



Shown during the event are (L-R) keynote speaker Warren Perrin, Pat Landry Veazey, and Marty Guidry, president of the Guédry and Petitpas Families.

What's New at SoFAB

We received this from the Southern Food and Beverage Museum:



It's not just new exhibits we're working on at the Southern Food and Beverage Museum! This past week, the team moved our Louisiana exhibit a bit to achieve two things. Not only have we reorganized the space to increase visibility and readability, but the new changes give us more room to host events, dinners, and parties! Come by and check out our new and improved Louisiana gallery. Although I can't give more details yet, I CAN tell you that this is just the start of a new, beautiful New Orleans exhibit! (also, when it's done, it'll knock your socks off ;)

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

2023 Crescent City Blues & BBQ Festival

We received this news release:

The Crescent City Blues & BBQ Festival returns to Lafayette Square Park (602 St. Charles Ave.) in New Orleans — October 13-15, 2023.

Samantha Fish, Tab Benoit, and Shemekia Copeland will headline the festival, which is

presented by the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation, the nonprofit that owns Jazz Fest. Admission to the festival is free and open to the public.

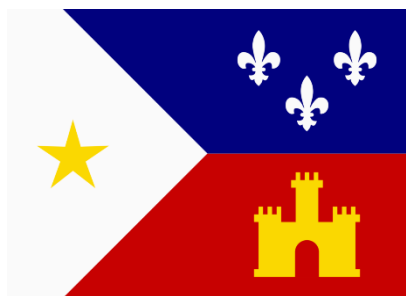
The Crescent City Blues & BBQ Festival is an award-winning event, featuring two stages of music, a large selection of the best barbecue vendors in the region and a local arts market.

The festival will be held on Friday, October 13 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, and Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 from 11:00am to 8:30pm.

For more information, visit crescentcitybluesfest.com

Acadian Culture Day at Vermilionville

We were sent this by the Bayou Vermilion District's Vermilionville:



Come celebrate Acadian culture at Vermilionville on Aug. 13. There'll be wonderful food, music,

demonstrations, genealogy, art, storytelling and so much more.

FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

Join ULL at the Next *Congrès mondial*



The Acadian Museum is partnering with ULL Alumni Association (represented by Jean-Claude Arceneaux) for a tour group to attend the next *Congrès mondial acadien* August 10–18, 2024. To join us, email info@acadianmuseum.com.

Tour organizer Richard Laurin, our man in Nova Scotia, invites everyone with this message:

To all Cajuns who always wished to return to the land of their Acadian forefathers, here is that chance! With 25 years experience guiding people into the cradle of the Acadian culture, Novacadie Tours Inc. (www.novacadie.ca) is calling all potential travelers to come spend eight exceptional days in Nova Scotia during the next *Congrès mondial acadien*. *Viens voir le pays des ancêtres et la grande famille réunie!*

The *Congrès* is held in Canada every five years as a way for people from around the world to meet and celebrate their Acadian ancestry. The 2024 logo combines iconic Acadian symbols such as the flag and its official colors with elements such as three waves representing *l'Acadie*. Next year's festival will be held in southern Nova Scotia around the towns of Clare and Argyle. For details visit cma2024.ca and [sign up for their newsletter](#). Sally Kenney is in charge of family reunions and can be reached via familles@cma2024.ca

A First Novel for Zachary Richard

This article appeared on *ici.radio-canada*:



Singer-songwriter Zachary Richard will soon add a new title to his name, that of novelist. The Acadian from Louisiana will present his book *Les rafales du carême* in October.

Based on characters who actually existed, the book transports the reader to post-Civil War Louisiana where he discovers the relationships between whites and blacks as well as the realities of women at that time. The novel *The Lenten Gusts* will be published on October 25.

Click [here](#) for the article and a podcast.

I'm an Acadian Canadian, Eh

This article appeared in *The Intelligencer*:



Val Carey Photo

Jeanette Arsenault spent more than 30 years as singer-songwriter and is excited to bring Acadian culture to school children so they can step inside history and

learn through the arts.

Arsenault is passionate about making sure the world learns about Acadian culture. She was inspired after releasing her song "I'm an Acadian Canadian, Eh." People would come up to her and

ask her about being Acadian, they didn't realize Acadians are real.

Arsenault has partnered with Evva Massey to bring Acadian history to schools. Evva believes that Young Imaginations needs to partner with leaders in the cultures in order to more effectively communicate with students.

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

Acadian Day Festivities in Truro, NS



Acadian Day organizers hold two Acadian flags outside Centre Communautaire francophone de Truro. From left are Jillian Ford-King, Farida Gabbani, Marshall Feit, Jocelyne Hovey and Yvette Saulnier. Brendyn Creamer.

This article by Brendyn Creamer appeared in *Saltwire*:

For Jillian Ford-King, the upcoming Acadian Day festivities are more than just some fun on a warm August weekend – it's a way to show pride in her heritage. "It's personal. I want my kids to see I'm proud to be an Acadian," said Ford-King, who is helping plan the festivities. "I want them to be proud to be Acadian." Francophone heritage and culture will be celebrated Aug. 11-13 during Acadian Day festivities in Truro, N.S.

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

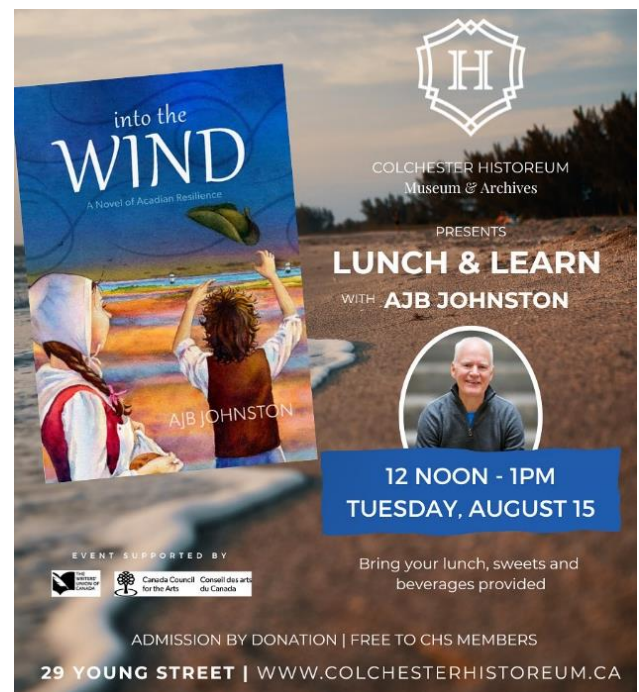
Annual Lobster Dinner in Shediac

Despite its tragic history as an Acadian outpost during the British incursions of the mid-1700s, Shediac, NB, now calls itself the “Lobster Capital of the World.” As you can see from the photo below, the town holds an annual lobster dinner at what has to be “the longest table in the world.” Here, 400 guests are pictured eating lobster this past July.



A.J.B. Johnston’s New Book: *Into the Wind*

Nova Scotia historian and novelist A. J. B. Johnston (ajbjohnston@gmail.com) informs us that he will be marking National Acadian Day this year by giving a talk about his new novel, *Into the Wind*, at noon on August 15 at the Colchester Historeum in Truro, NS. Johnston had self-published the story on Amazon but it is now available through a Canadian publisher, Acorn Press of PEI.



Acadian Festival at D-Day’s Juno Beach

Did you know there is an Acadian festival in France related to the D-Day landings? This appeared on *Semaineacdienn.net*:

On June 6, 1944, tens of thousands of soldiers rushed to attack the Normandy beaches. Among them were Americans, English, French, Belgians, Dutch, and Canadians. Each nationality was assigned specific areas whose names are now part of history. For Canadians, it was Juno Beach.

For the vast majority of these soldiers, it was to end Nazi tyranny. But for some of them, there was something more, very deep and very strong, going back more than three centuries: the return to the land of their ancestors.

Such was the case with the Acadian soldiers who landed that day. Young people barely 20 years old from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, descendants of those French who crossed the Atlantic in the 17th century to settle on this land that became known as "Acadia." It is therefore to pay tribute to these Acadian soldiers, unfortunately so often forgotten by history, that the festival "La Semaine acadienne" was created in 2006.

The complete article can be read in French [here](#).

Acadian Ambassadors Merit a Sculpture



(photo: Acadie-Nouvelles)

We received an email from Phil Comeau saying:

Donald Doiron is on the front page of *Acadie-Nouvelle* today talking about five "Acadian Ambassadors" for whom he created a statuette: [including] Zachary Richard, Antonine Maillet, Phil Comeau, Warren Perrin, and André-Carl Vachon.

Acadie-Nouvelles subscribers can read it [here](#).

Confederation Bridge

Mario Lagacé sent us this stunning photo of Confederation Bridge stretching from the shores of New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island, both provinces that hosted many of the events at the *Congrès mondial acadien* in 2019. According to [this article](#) in Radio-Canada, the island is home to more than 5,500 Acadian descendants with more than 20,000 French speakers.



The Confederation Bridge stretching from mainland New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island.

The Oldest Acadian Festival in Clare, NS



This article appeared in *Radio-Canada*:

Le plus ancien festival acadien au monde offre une programmation qui s'étend du 29 juillet au 6 août en plus d'une journée de célébration le 15 août pour la fête des Acadiens. Le Festival acadien de Clare, qui a vu le jour en 1955, a bien changé au cours des années, mais le but pour la 68^e édition reste le même, célébrer la culture et le patrimoine acadien.

Cette année, le Festival propose des spectacles d'artistes de tout genre. Les enfants pourront danser au rythme cajun d'Art Richard et les plus grands pourront swinger sur la musique du groupe Louisianais The Revelers.

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

Annapolis Royal Honors Its Acadian Roots

This article appeared in *Radio-Canada*:

Des Acadiens de la région autour d'Annapolis Royal organisent la première cérémonie officielle de commémoration de la déportation des Acadiens au quai de la Reine du fort Anne.

Robert Surette a fait la recherche généalogique pour se rendre compte que ses ancêtres demeuraient dans la région, et Jeanne Pellerin,

qui était l'épouse de Pierre Surette – un de ses patriarches –, a même été déportée sur le bateau nommé Pembroke. Ce lien de sang avec la déportation l'a motivé à organiser une commémoration.

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

Historic Church Preserves Acadian Heritage

This article appeared in Ici-Nouvelle Ecosse:



Photo : Vernon Ramesar/CBC

L'organisme Nation Prospère Acadie et la société Héritage Saint-Bernard ont acheté l'ancienne église Saint-Bernard, dans la Baie Sainte-Marie, en Nouvelle-Écosse. L'entente a été ratifiée par l'archidiocèse d'Halifax-Yarmouth le jour de la commémoration de la déportation des Acadiens.

"Pour des années, le futur de l'Acadie était dans les mains de l'Église, et là, ce sont les Acadiens qui prennent leur futur dans leurs mains", dit le président de la société Héritage Saint-Bernard, Jean Le Blanc.

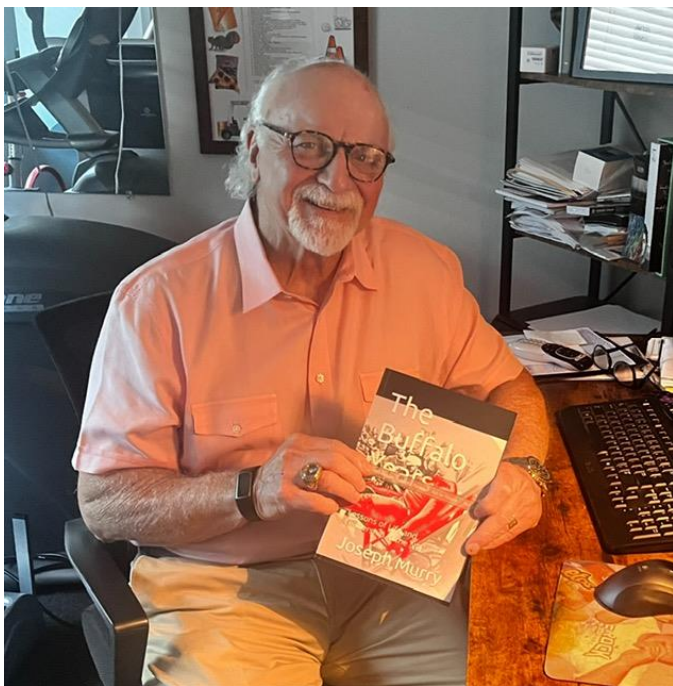
To read the entire article, [click here](#).

LAGNIAPPE

Lessons of Life and Leadership in the NFL

We received this from friend and strength training Dr. Joe Murry about this new book.

Hey Sports Fans. Just published my book about my journey with the Buffalo Bills back in the 70s. It chronicles the rise to glory and the fall from Grace.



According to the book description on Amazon, the book is:

"An inside look at the NFL through the eyes of one of the first strength coaches in the league during the early 70's. Dr. Murry takes you into the locker room and onto the field as the Buffalo Bills and O. J. Simpson broke records and fought for a place in the playoffs. It also chronicles the fall from grace as the team fought the forces of internal and external circumstances.

To order the book, click [here](#).

Collection of Artifacts for Sale

Long-time Acadian Museum supporter Andy Reaux has amassed a fantastic collection of Louisiana paintings, bottles, Acadian blankets, campaign posters, signs, religious artifacts, and photographs etc. which he has decided to begin selling. Some of the objects are shown below. He is available to show the collection—which fills two buildings—to anyone who is seriously interested in acquiring Louisiana cultural artifacts. He is located on a beautiful tract of land on Spanish Lake near Cade, Louisiana. Interested persons can contact Andy at (337) 207-5256 or Andyreaux@outlook.com.



Military Museum Receives Major Donor

We received this information from Elista Istre at the [Louisiana Military Museum](https://www.louisianamilitarymuseum.org).

Last fall, we were invited to represent the Louisiana Military Museum at the Greater New Orleans Militaria Show. While there, we made lots of new friends and met new supporters. One was a collector from Pennsylvania who learned about our mission and was inspired to help, even though he has never visited our museum! Wishing to remain anonymous, he told us, "I gave so that your museum visitors can see and learn from these artifacts for generations to come." Check out our Special Report to learn what he donated to us, as well as some of the ways you can help us honor his generosity.



Items from the collection.



The Mission

Honoring our Veterans. Remembering their Stories.

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SPECIAL REPORT

ARTIFACT ALERT... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's Christmas in July!
We just received an incredible Louisiana collection from a donor in Pennsylvania who is not a veteran and who has not visited our museum- yet! Why did he spend thousands of dollars to purchase and donate this unique collection to the Louisiana Military Museum? *"Because these items are priceless and should be kept in Louisiana where they belong. The Louisiana Military Museum is the perfect home!"*

Wait, WHAT???
It costs museums about \$30 per year per item to document, clean, number, and create a storage container for each item added to the collection. There is also the cost of preservation materials like acid free boxes, tissue, and foam. Once part of the collection, expenses include monitoring for pests and humidity, maintaining climate control systems, utility expenses, and general cleaning and upkeep of the facility. This does not include staff time or expenses to address equipment failure, replacing storage containers that have become acidic, or cleaning and maintaining exhibit cases. **It costs \$75,000 per year just to protect and preserve the THOUSANDS of artifacts entrusted to our care, not including staffing. Can you help?**



New artifacts include an 1883 Washington Artillery Officer's Coat with Louisiana buttons tailored by the Godchaux family in New Orleans.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

To designate funds to protect and preserve our Artifact collection, please make checks payable to "Louisiana Military Museum" and write "Artifacts" on the memo line. To become a Museum Member, please complete and return the membership form with payment.

CRITICAL NEEDS

Heavy duty clothes storage rack - 2 @ \$250 each
Heavy duty coat hangers - 6 packs @ \$50 each
Zippered garment bags - 3 packs @ \$150 each
Artifact preservation supplies - \$500
Portable clothes rack- \$75
Part-time Curator - \$10,000



ABOUT US:

The Louisiana Military Museum is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit that relies on annual tax-deductible memberships and donations to fund its ongoing efforts "to honor our Veterans and remember their stories," c. 1700-present.

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Guédry and Petitpas Newsletter

We received this from R. Martin Guidry:

In 2003 Queen Elizabeth II signed the Petition and set July 28th as "A Day of Commemoration of the *Grand Dérangement*." It was on 28 July 1755 when Lt. Gov. Charles Lawrence signed the Order to deport the Acadians from all of Nova Scotia. As we reflect on the turbulent and difficult times that our ancestors endured and their resilience and strength to not let their Acadian culture and nation die, we search for visible signs of their lives still existing.

In this issue of our newsletter, David Broussard brings us one such structure: the Old St. Gabriel Catholic Church in St. Gabriel, LA. Acadians deported from Grand-Pré to the Baltimore, Maryland area in 1755 eventually came to Louisiana in 1767 and were forced to settle near Fort St. Gabriel on the Mississippi River. Here they built a church and presbytère. The Saint Gabriel Catholic Church was completed in July 1776 and still stands today. Read about its fascinating construction, architecture and existence.

Click [here](#) to read their newsletter.

Wanted: Cajun or French Orphan (1939)

Our friend and frequent collaborator Jason Theriot spotted this advertisement in a June 1939 issue of the Lafayette *Daily Advertiser*:

WANTED—Healthy country orphan boy (Cajun or French preferred) who would appreciate good home, educational advantages, age 13 to 16 years Write Box OB, care of Advertiser.

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park

We received this from Gary Salathe:



The Louisiana Iris Conservation Initiative (LICI) has a restoration project underway with their partners, Friends of the Palmetto Island State Park, at the boardwalk in the state park near Abbeville, LA. One of the project's goals is to increase the number of *I. nelsonii* species growing there. The common name for the iris is the Abbeville Red Iris.

The project began in 2011 with an idea by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LW&F) that some rare Abbeville red irises could be displayed for the public in a protected location. These irises are only found in the wild within the privately owned Abbeville swamp, a few miles from the park. The Friends group purchased Abbeville red irises for a planting along the park's boardwalk. LW&F supplied the iris expertise and volunteers of the Friends group did the planting.

An important part of LICI's involvement was their being able to increase the number of Abbeville red irises in the planting. Kent Bento, a LICI volunteer and Louisiana iris grower, had hundreds of Abbeville red iris seedlings that he germinated from seeds created by using pollen from some of the Abbeville red irises at the boardwalk planting. He offered to donate them for LICI to grow out at its New Orleans iris nursery to plant at boardwalk this fall.

Unfortunately, a late freeze killed many of the irises at Kent's nursery after he had pollinated them. We then approached Warren Perrin, a landowner of the Abbeville swamp, to get permission to collect seeds and have more irises

available for planting in the fall of 2024. We collected 60 seed pods with almost 1,400 seeds.

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc. has created a page [here](#) about their iris project.

Cameron Fontenot: A Tribute to the Fiddling Greats (Independent)



This article by Dan Willging appeared in *Offbeat*.

Hats off to Cameron Fontenot for releasing a different kind of debut album. Where most debut albums symbolize the arrival of new talent, the Cajun fiddler opted for something different by dedicating each tune to a particular fiddler. On nine tracks, Fontenot duets with a fellow fiddler known for a specific repertoire, style, or personal connection to the honoree.

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

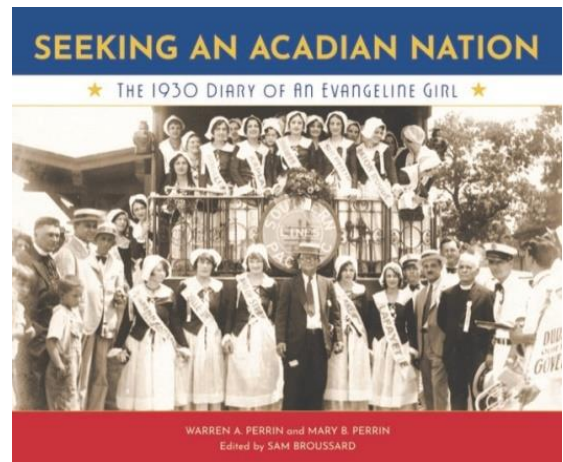
President Biden Announces *Acadia* Ship

The vessel *The Acadia* is mentioned in this article by Dan Snyder appeared in *CBS News Philadelphia*:

President Joe Biden was in Philadelphia Thursday afternoon with a push for clean energy and a project for city workers.... President Biden announced the Philly Shipyard will build a first-of-its-kind ship – *The Acadia* – to support offshore wind generation.

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

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.

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