

# LA PAROLE

NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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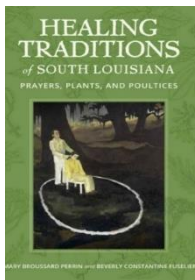
## Christmas Is a Time for Giving



The Acadian Museum has done a lot of work this year supporting Cajun/Creole history and culture, including [French immersion programs](#), our [historic video collection](#), and even publishing this newsletter. But we can only do it with your support. This holiday season, we set up a special GoFundMe for the [New Acadia Project](#), an archeological dig to find the lost campsites and burial grounds of our first Acadian ancestors, including the famed Beausoleil Broussard and 200 others who came to Louisiana in 1765. If your grandpa’s name has a Cajun ring to it, chances are these are your ancestors, too. Take a moment to [click this link](#) and contribute what you can to assist in this important campaign.

Have you enjoyed our newsletter all year long? A lot of work goes into it. You can show your appreciation by making a tax-deductible donation directly to the museum itself. See the details in the left column or just visit our website ([acadianmuseum.com](http://acadianmuseum.com)) and click the Donate button. For any donation of \$100 or more, we can do a PowerPoint talk on [a variety of topics](#) for your group or organization. And thank you. We appreciate your support.

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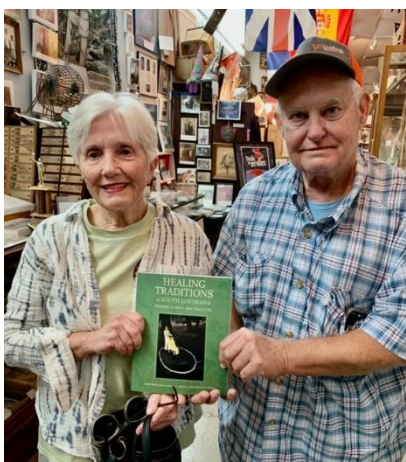
## MUSEUM NEWS

### 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.

- Dec. 8, 11 am, "Cajun Cooking 101: Making a Four-Meat Jambalaya," by Warren Perrin, with free samples for attendees, Perrin Farm, 6805 Hwy. 330 Erath, LA.
- Dec. 19, 6 pm "The Weight of History, the Power of Apology—Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the Munich Olympics," Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, 800 Front Street, Natchitoches, LA
- Jan. 4, 11 am, "Who are the Cajuns?" Warren Perrin and "Healing Traditions of South Louisiana" Mary Perrin, Jean Lafitte Visitor Center, 419 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA
- Apr. 13, 10 am, the New Acadia Project, Warren Perrin, St. Landry Genealogical and Historical Society, Archive Bldg., 306 West Landry St., Opelousas, LA

### Museum Visitors



*A nice couple from Texas visited the museum recently and purchased the book *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana*: Marilyn and Bob Lanser. Marilyn has Duhon ancestry.*



*On January 10, we had two visitors from Detroit, Michigan: Julia Henshaw (her great grandfather John Henshaw settled near Avery Island in 1870) and Judith Moldenhauer (right)*

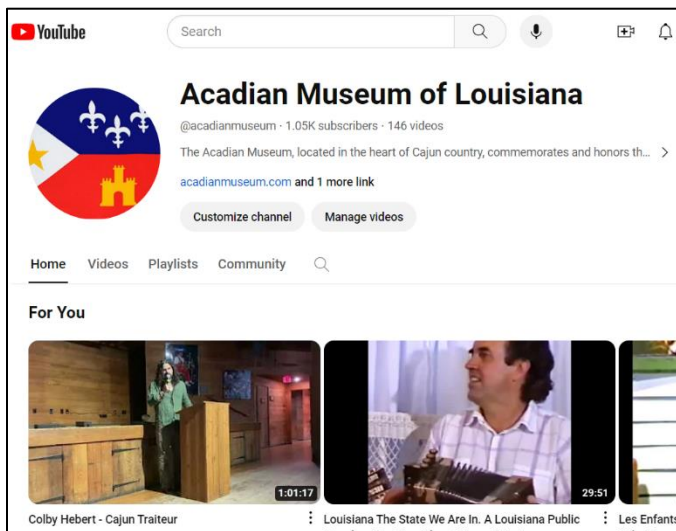
### Inez LeBlanc Featured in *Southern Living Magazine*

This past month, long-time museum volunteer and Living Legend, [Inez LeBlanc Vincent](#), was featured in the December issue of *Southern Living Magazine*. Check it out at your nearest newsstand while the issue is still in print.



**A LASTING LEGACY**  
As a home economics teacher in South Louisiana, Inez LeBlanc Vincent spent 60 years sharing the art of Cajun cooking with generations of students.

## Our Video Channel Tops 1,000 Subscribers



Thanks to all of you, the [Acadian Museum Video Channel](#) has reached its original goal of 1,000 subscribers. Since we first announced the site a year ago, we've had over 80,000 visitors, resulting in 8,500 hours of video aired. Our three most popular videos have been viewed more than 55,000 times. The channel has grown from a dozen videos to where we now have nearly 150, with many more on the way. People all over the world--from across the Acadian diaspora--have found a new home on the web where we can all watch TV together!

Above all, we'd like to thank Kermit Bouillion for all his hard work cataloging, assessing, and cleaning up nearly 200 old videos. Special thanks also to Phil Comeau, Charles Larroque, and others who gave permission to republish videos that appeared in other media. We truly have a historic collection coming together. If you haven't subscribed yet, don't miss out. It's free and you can do it [right here!](#)

## 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 Saturday, 9:30 am, at Arnaudville Community Center. Contact [navisfruge@aol.com](mailto:navisfruge@aol.com).
- **Baton Rouge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 6pm, La Madeleine, 7707 Bluebonnet Blvd.
- **Broussard:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, 8:30 am, at the Valsin Broussard House, 408 W. Main St. (337) 445-3478.
- **Erath:** Meetings resume Dec. 8 and every Friday after that, 11:00 am, Erath City Hall (337) 254-8522.
- **Maurice:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10 am, 218 Chief Fred Ave. (337) 652-0166.
- **Metairie:** Wednesdays, 6 pm, *Parlons Café*, 1001 Metairie Road, (504) 982-0800.
- **New Iberia:** Every Thursday, 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](mailto:wjthibodeaux@yahoo.com).
- **Thibodaux:** Every Tuesday, 5 pm, Jean Lafitte Center, 314 St. Mary St. [mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com](mailto:mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com).

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## Honoring Cajun French-Speaking Veterans

This article by Christina Mondragon appeared on the *KATC TV 3* website, talking about our friend Jason Theriot and his WWII-related project.



On Veterans Day, *Cité des Arts* honored the Cajun French veterans for their bravery and language skills. It was all about remembering the "Frenchies."

Veterans from South Louisiana that spoke Cajun French and became an asset during the nation's most difficult times.

Jason Theriot is a local historian who has been interviewing Cajun veterans and how their linguistic skills gave them advantages during the war.

"The Frenchies of the great World War II generation were the last generation to grow speaking French as their first language," says Theriot. "There's not that many left and so it's important for us to document their stories and share that with everyone else but also celebrate the great accomplishments that they had and the role they had played in, not only defending our freedom but preserving our culture."

To read the article, click [here](#). If you know of a French-speaking WWII veteran who could be interviewed by Jason, please let us know.

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## Duplantis Pole-Vaulting Film Debuts

This article appeared in *The Acadiana Advocate*:



*Filmmaker Brennan Robideaux is pictured in his home studio Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, in Maurice, La. Robideaux has been working on a documentary about Armand Duplantis, the world-record pole vault champion from Lafayette. Staff Photo by Leslie Westbrook*

A documentary about Armand "Mondo" Duplantis, the world champion pole vaulter from Lafayette, [made] its Louisiana debut at film festivals [last] month.

Aside from the documentary itself, a talking point at the festival was a decal attached to the theater where the film premiered. It was placed at 6.23 meters — or 20 feet, 5¼ inches — high, which is the current world record for pole vaulting held by Duplantis. Lafayette filmmaker Peter deHart came up with the idea of putting the decal outside at the theater to illustrate just how high Duplantis has jumped. Robideaux said his legs were shaking on the ladder as he put the decal in place with help from a pole vaulting club in Austin.

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

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## 2024 French Immersion Scholarship

The Acadian Centre Acadien and the Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance jointly announce the availability of the Russell Gaspard French Immersion Scholarship to be awarded to Vermilion Parish high school students, for the 2024 summer French immersion study program in Nova Scotia, Canada.

A scholarship will be awarded for study at the Université Sainte-Anne, located in Church Point (*Pointe-de-L'Église*), Nova Scotia (*Nouvelle-Écosse*), Canada. Applications are open to all Vermilion Parish resident high school students and will be for the 2024 summer five-week French immersion session, from June 30 to Aug. 3, 2024. The scholarship covers tuition, books, room, board, and transportation (a \$4,500+ value). Students must be at least age 15 at the time of attending the program and will be required to speak French throughout their attendance in the program.

Since 2007 the scholarship program has sent 22 students to study French in Nova Scotia. Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance President, Lloyd Doré III, says that for 17 years these scholarships have provided a unique experience and helped expand the student's understanding of their Acadian heritage. Applications can be submitted by contacting Lloyd Doré III at 337/893-5400 or [L3Dore@doretax.com](mailto:L3Dore@doretax.com). Completed applications are due by Dec. 29.

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## Santons de Provence Workshop

We received this from Vermilionville:

Come enjoy some family holiday fun at the *Santons de Provence* Workshop, this Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10am to 3pm. \$55 includes all supplies and instruction by artist Kate Ferry. Make fun Sculpy figurines for your Nativity scene, or just to make your holidays brighter!

Attendees must register for the workshop beforehand to assure proper inventory of supplies and tools.

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

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## Prairie Acadian Cultural Center's 2023 Youth Art Showcase

This appeared on *KRVS Radio Acadie*:



The Acadian Prairie Cultural Center is holding their 2023 Youth Art Showcase, an art contest for students in grades 6-12 in 14 Louisiana parishes. The theme of this year's showcase is "Waterways of the Atchafalaya Area". For information on submissions and more, visit [nps.gov/jela/learn/kidsyouth/youth-art-showcase.htm](https://nps.gov/jela/learn/kidsyouth/youth-art-showcase.htm) For information on Cultural Center events, visit [nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/calendar.htm](https://nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/calendar.htm)

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## Abbeville Red Iris Planting & Celebration

We received this information from Gary Salathe:



The Abbeville Red Iris Planting will be held at Palmetto Island State Park on Dec. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm.



The response has been really strong for this iris planting event. It is very important that everyone that will be attending either as a volunteer or a guest preregister for the event as soon as possible:

[licisaveirises@gmail.com](mailto:licisaveirises@gmail.com). Please let us know if you are volunteering to plant irises or will be attending as a guest.

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## Jeanne d'Arc Visits in January

We received this info from Gayle Dellinger about some happenings in New Orleans in January:

French visitors will arrive January 3 and depart the 9th with Clarvie Quesne as Jeanne d'Arc 2023. Our Joan of Arc, Emmeline Meyer, visited Orléans in the summer and had a marvelous stay with the Rotarians. She saw the numerous Joan of Arc statues, stained glass and markers celebrating the life of Joan of Arc. The two young pages to the Maid made close friendships with Emmeline during her visit and pleaded to come to New Orleans too. So we will welcome not only the Maid but also the two young boys and

Madame Baranger, the Pres. of the *Jeanne d'Arc* Assoc. and her husband.

I am currently planning their visit which will include an opening talk by Warren and Mary Perrin at 11:00 am at the Jean Lafitte Visitor Center at 419 Decatur, then later Laura Plantation, St Joan of Arc Church in LaPlace, lunch at Nobels Restaurant then the Krewe of Joan of Arc banquet on Friday evening. Saturday evening they will walk in the parade through the French Quarter beginning at 7 pm.



*St. Louis Cathedral overlooking Jackson Square in New Orleans, LA*

Other activities are being planned to include St Louis Cathedral, Jazz Museum, Historic New Orleans Collection, a swamp tour and reception with the mayor. *L'Union Francaise* invited the group for

Cajun music Sunday afternoon. Everyone is invited to join us for these activities. I have a pack of four notecards which are based on artwork created for the Restoration Battalion in the parade. They are beautiful and very high quality paper with envelopes included. We are selling them for \$20 per pack.

For information, contact Gayle at [GBDell@aol.com](mailto:GBDell@aol.com); 504-884-9367

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## FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

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### Phil Comeau Honored in Home Province

Phil Comeau is a well-known Acadian filmmaker who collaborated with us on our 2014 book *Acadie Then and Now: A People's History*. Phil also holds the official Guinness world record for most awards by a documentary short film, for his 2019 documentary *Belle-Île en Acadie*.



This past month, in recognition of his years of outstanding work as a director and filmmaker, Phil was honored by his home province, as documented in this article from *Radio-Canada*.

After being distinguished by Canada, New Brunswick and even France as a *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*, Phil Comeau received the recognition of his native province.

« I'm super happy, I'm the 6th Acadian to receive the recognition in 20 years. It's extraordinary to be able to receive this in the province where I came into the world, where I learned how to make films,” said the artist, accompanied for the occasion by members of his family.

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

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### Thérapie en Acadie

In the spirit of Christmas, we decided to offer this interesting gift idea: a shirt emblazoned with the Acadian flag and the slogan: '*Je n'ai pas besoin de thérapie. J'ai juste besoin d'aller en Acadie.*' (I don't need therapy; I just need to go to Acadie.)



Thanks for the gift suggestion from our friend and collaborator Maio Lagacé. To order the shirt, click [here](#).

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## King Charles Expresses “Deepest Regret” for Kenyan Colonial Wrongdoings

Editor’s Note: In 2003, King Charles’ mother, Queen Elizabeth II, apologized for the Acadian Deportation in her Royal Proclamation. Mario Lagacé sent this article from *Reuters* about a similar response from the British royal family:

King Charles said on Tuesday he felt the "greatest sorrow and deepest regret" for atrocities suffered by Kenyans during their struggle for independence from British colonial rule.

But in a speech at the start of a four-day state visit to Kenya, he stopped short of making a full apology called for by survivors of that period and local rights groups who are pressing for reparations from the British government.

"The wrongdoings of the past are a cause of the greatest sorrow and the deepest regret," Charles said during a state banquet.

"There were abhorrent and unjustifiable acts of violence committed against Kenyans as they waged... a painful struggle for independence and sovereignty – and for that, there can be no excuse."

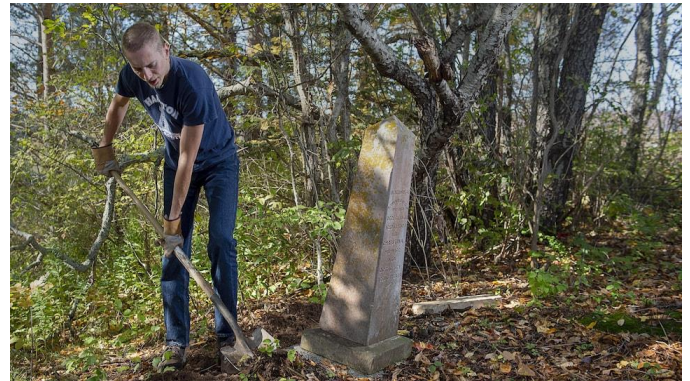
Many citizens of former British colonies, including leaders of Kenya's Nandi people, want Charles to directly apologise and endorse reparations for [colonial-era abuses](#), including torture, killings and expropriation of land, much of which remains in British hands.

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

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## The Search for Pre-Deportation Acadian Cemeteries in Nova Scotia

This appeared in *Ohdio*, a publication of Radio-Canada:



Steve Skafté of Bridgetown, NS, catalogs forgotten headstones. Photo: Canadian Press/Andrew Vaughan

As a child, Maurice Basque was fascinated by the cemeteries of his native region and the stories hidden there. The historian and chronicler took advantage of Nov. 2, the Day of the Dead in the Catholic tradition, to discuss lost cemeteries.

“When the Acadians were expelled and the churches were burned, the cemeteries were abandoned. Gradually, there may have been people who built themselves on these places, plants and trees grew, they [Acadian cemeteries] became difficult to identify. “

Two historians from the Maritime provinces, Ronnie-Gilles LeBlanc and Sally Ross, have devoted a great deal of time to researching these former Acadian cemeteries from before the deportation.

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

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## A 78-Year-Old Cyclist Inspires Others

This article appeared in *ICI Nova Scotia*



*The women of Pedaleuses en cadence on their weekly ride. (Photo: Radio-Canada / Janique Leblanc)*

When Rose Comeau retired more than 20 years ago, she wanted to find friends to ride her bike. She placed an ad on the radio and, initially, only a few women seemed interested.



*Rose Comeau (Photo: Radio-Canada / Janique Leblanc)*

But then, all of a sudden, one would come and she'd say, 'Well, is it OK if I bring one of my friends?' and then, of course, it gets bigger," she says. "Today, I think there are 38 of us on the list. We're never 38 together, but we're up to 20 times."

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

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## Nova Scotia, Quebec Sign Co-operation Agreement

This appeared in *Nova Scotia*:

The governments of Nova Scotia and Quebec have renewed their co-operation and exchange agreement, which strengthens ties between the two provinces by promoting intergovernmental collaboration and joint project funding.

Colton LeBlanc, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, and Jean-François Roberge, Quebec's Minister of the French Language and Minister responsible for Canadian Relations and the Canadian Francophonie, signed the new five-year agreement on Monday, November 6, in Halifax.

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

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## Mummer's Parade

Mario Lagacé explains a Canadian tradition:

They have a tradition in Newfoundland called "mummers," with a mummers' parade taking place in Saint-John's on Dec. 9. With strange costumes and anonymity (oh yeah, and drinking) it is a bit like *Courir de mardi gras*, except it occurs before Xmas.



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## **Turducken en français?**

Mario, who is an expert in the French language, also sent this interesting note:

How do you say turducken *en français*? You are stumped, eh? I let my fingers do the searching and came up with "*dinde gigogne*." *Gigogne* refers to an object that sits inside a larger object. Thus, "Russian dolls" are translated as "*Poupées gigognes*" in French. In both cases, I have to admit, there is something that is lost in the translation, but the essential idea is there. Maybe "*la dinde gigogne de la Louisiane*" should be on the menu somewhere during the CMA next summer, eh? What do you think?

He also sent this article on *Explore Louisiana* about the origins of turducken. Click [here](#) to read it.

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## **Guédry et Petitpas réunion**

We received this information from R. Martin Guidry:

Our Guédry et Petitpas Réunion organizing committee met again this week and are progressing very well. Our Réunion will be part of the *Congrès mondial acadien 2024*, taking place in the Argyle and Clare Regions of Nova Scotia, Aug. 10-18, 2024.

Friday, Aug. 16, will be a day that everyone can mingle and get to renew old friendships and meet new cousins. There will be a meal—perhaps lobster boil or some other fare—with Acadian/Cajun music. There is no charge for the event, but folks will need to pay for their meal.

On Saturday Aug. 17, we will have our Réunion at the St. Alphonse Church Hall beginning about 9:30 am. At 8:00 am, prior to the Réunion, we are planning a French Mass across the street at St.

Alphonse Catholic Church for those that wish to attend. At the Réunion we will have artisans and authors displaying/selling their works, a family sales table, and historic displays/posters.

More details can be found in "[Generations](#)," the newsletter of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur.

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## **Funding for French Legal Services in Nova Scotia**

This appeared in Radio-Canada:



*Justice Minister Arif Virani (center) pictured in Halifax while renewing financial support for the association. (Photo: Radio-Canada / Julie Sicot)*

It's fantastic," says the president of the *Association des juristes d'expression française de la Nouvelle-Écosse (AJEFNE)* Thomas Cayter. This will ensure that we have the opportunity to deliver services to the Acadians of Nova Scotia and also to the francophone population.

The funding of just over \$1 million over five years allows the organization to continue its free program, *Accès Justice Access*, which provides legal information services to residents of the province.

The AJEFNE conducts more than 1,200 such appointments each year with the province's Francophone community.

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

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## ***Into the Wind: A Novel of Acadian Resilience***

A. J. B. Johnston sent this information about his latest book:

Two French-language newspapers in the Maritimes recently published a nice story about my latest book, *Into the Wind: A Novel of Acadian Resilience* (Acorn Press, distributed by Nimbus Publishing). The story, written by Jacinthe Laforest, first appeared in *La Voix acadienne* of PEI, and then was reprinted in *Le Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse*.

Click [here](#) for the link.

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## **Where Are Nova Scotia's Best Beaches?**

This article appeared on *CBC*.



*Camilo Botero, a visiting scholar at Dalhousie University's Rowe School of Business, has spent the last six months visiting 149 of Nova Scotia's beaches. (Camilo Botero)*

Have you ever wanted to walk the white sandy beaches of the Caribbean? Or swim in the clear blue waters off Southeast Asia?

Well, according to new information by a Colombian researcher who specializes in coastal management, Nova Scotians can skip the travel and just stay close to home.

"This should be on a slogan — you don't need to travel ... to visit awesome beaches," Camilo Botero told CBC Radio's Information Morning Halifax. "You have here in Nova Scotia these awesome beaches. Maybe the water is cold, but all the other things are great."

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

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## **French Heritage Language Program**

We learned this about a new French Heritage Language Program from Jacques Baran of the Consulate General of France in New Orleans:

The French Heritage Language Program (FHLP) is part of President Emmanuel Macron's "French for All" fund. Launched in 2022, this program aims to enhance French language education and bilingualism in the U.S., from kindergarten through higher education.

It focuses on supporting young Americans with francophone heritage, helping them preserve their linguistic and cultural identities. The FHLP defines a French heritage language speaker as someone raised in a home where French is spoken, often having a personal or familial connection to the language.

For the 2023-2024 annual grant cycle, the FHLP is inviting proposals for K-12 programs that assist students in developing their French language skills, with a focus on AP coursework, college prep, and arts programs, in French

The deadline for proposal submissions to the French Heritage Language Program (FHLP) for the 2023-2024 annual grant cycle is December 15, 2023.

More details can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The application form is [here](#).

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## Acadian House Roof Issues in Nova Scotia

Thanks to Mike Hebert for forwarding this email from Trish Fry, Manager of the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens in Nova Scotia:



Our Acadian House—in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia—is a treasure, but at the same time it is more complex in terms of maintenance than most buildings. Once the thatch started to let go, it unfortunately became a visible issue with no quick fix. We are moving forward with plans to re-roof in the spring in time for the *Congrès mondial acadien*.

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## Breaux and Hebert Family Reunions

The *Congrès mondial acadien* will be held on Aug. 10-18, 2024 in southern Nova Scotia in the municipalities of Clare and Argyle. The theme will be “Come live your Acadie.” For details visit: <https://www.cma2024.ca/> and sign up for their newsletter.

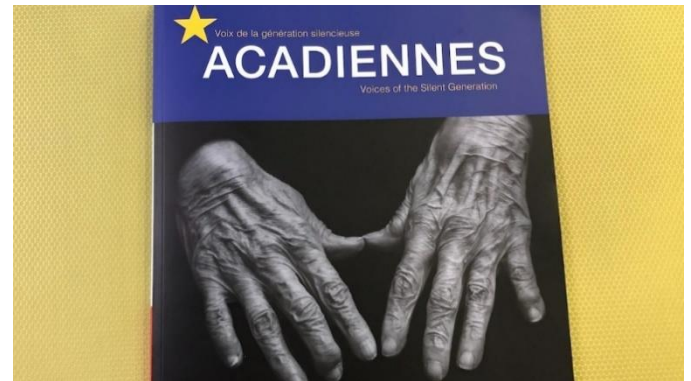
On Sunday, Aug. 11, the Breaux & Hebert families will gather for a reunion. Participants are encouraged to attend the 11 :15 a.m. mass at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 65 Green Street, in Yarmouth, NS. After mass, they will gather for a Dutch treat lunch at the Rodd Grand Yarmouth Hotel, 417 Main St.,

Breau/Breaux family members can RSVP to [gaylebreauxsmith@gmail.com](mailto:gaylebreauxsmith@gmail.com) or phone 337/534-4107 or cell 225/772-6173. Hebert families can RSVP to [nelwyn@cox.net](mailto:nelwyn@cox.net) or phone 337/967-2018.

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## A Photo Tribute to the Acadian Women of the Silent Generation

This came from *Radio-Canada*:



*Stella d'Entremont met with 36 Acadian women from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Louisiana. Photo: Radio-Canada / Emmanuelle Robinson*

Thirty-six Acadian and Cajun women born between 1925 and 1945 are featured in a new book. In *Acadiennes: Voices of the Silent Generation*, author Stella d'Entremont tells their story through words and photos, showing images of these women's faces and hands.

To read more about the book, [click here](#). To listen to a 16-min French podcast, click [here](#).

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## Acadian History in P.E.I.

We received this email from Earle Lockerby, responding to Lisa Daggett's question in our last issue about the 1758 deportations of Acadians from Île Saint-Jean (now Prince Edward Island):

I enjoyed reading, as usual, the latest issue of *La Parole* [and] noted Lisa Daggett's question [about] the deportation of Acadians from Île Saint-Jean. In fact, the Acadians of Île Saint-Jean were deported in 1758, three years after the main deportation triggered by Nova Scotia Gov. Charles Lawrence. It was General Jeffrey Amherst who ordered the deportation of the Acadians of Île Saint-Jean, along with the French military, French civilians, and Acadians that were living on Île Royale (Cape Breton Island).

This expulsion occurred in the midst of an officially declared war between France and Great Britain during which Louisbourg and Île Royale were captured by the British. Those expelled were sent to France, unlike the Acadians of peninsular Nova Scotia who in 1755 were deported to the American colonies of Great Britain.

Another difference is that the deportation of 1755 resulted in small numbers of Acadian lives lost, compared with the 1758 deportations from Île Saint-Jean. The latter was by far the deadliest deportation event – roughly half of the approximately 3,000 Acadians deported died as a result of disease and drowning.

Two books on the subject: *Deportation of the Prince Edward Island Acadians*, published by Nimbus in 2008, and a French translation, *La Déportation des Acadiens de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard*, published by Éditions au Carré in 2010.

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## LAGNIAPPE

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### Our Film *Ragin '13* Won Multiple Honors

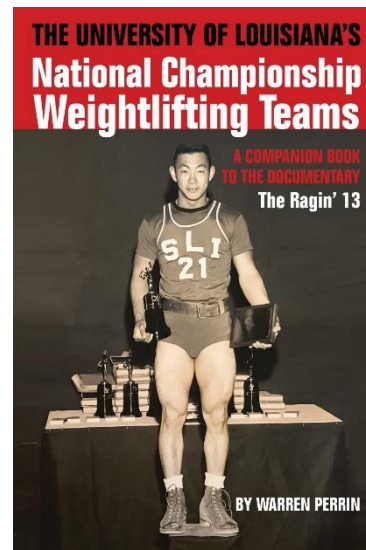
We received this wonderful news from producer Nicholas Campbell about awards being won for our documentary *Ragin '13*, which covers the UL Weightlifting team from 1957-1972, a time when it won 13 national titles. Awards include:

Audience Favorite Award at the 2023 Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival, Lafayette, LA

Selected for 43rd Annual Paladino D'oro Sport Film Festival, Palermo, Italy

Best Documentary (Diamond Award) – Mindfield Film Festival, Albuquerque, NM

The film will also be featured at the Santa Clarita Film Festival near Los Angeles Dec. 7-10.



The companion book (pictured here) tells the whole story. To order the book (\$30 plus shipping), visit the Acadian Museum's boutique [here](#) or by calling (337) 456-7729.

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## Boston Tea Party: The Acadian Connection

December 16 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, one of the first acts of rebellion by the British colonists leading to the American Revolution. Would you ever guess that there was an Acadian connection? Some historians now say that the Acadian Deportation set the stage for the American Revolution by forcing an increase in taxes to cover the expenses of the relocation and necessities of the Acadians. And many Acadians later participated in the revolution by helping the Spanish government capture British forts along the Mississippi River and the Gulf Coast.



Another related and interesting fact: The grandsons of the Pilgrims promoted and arranged the Deportations. The leader of the Grand Pré deportation was Col. John Winslow, great-grandson of Pilgrim leader Edward Winslow.

The 250<sup>th</sup> Boston Tea Party anniversary will feature reenactments and some tea will be dumped into Boston Harbor. For more details, see <https://www.bostontepartyship.com/>

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## Book Notes – When Bayous Speak

Melissa Bonin sent this about her new book:



*When Bayous Speak, Lorsque les bayous parlent*, is a breathtakingly beautiful ekphrastic collection of paintings and bilingual poetry, in French and English, both painted and written by the author herself. It is a first book of its kind in francophone Louisiana history.

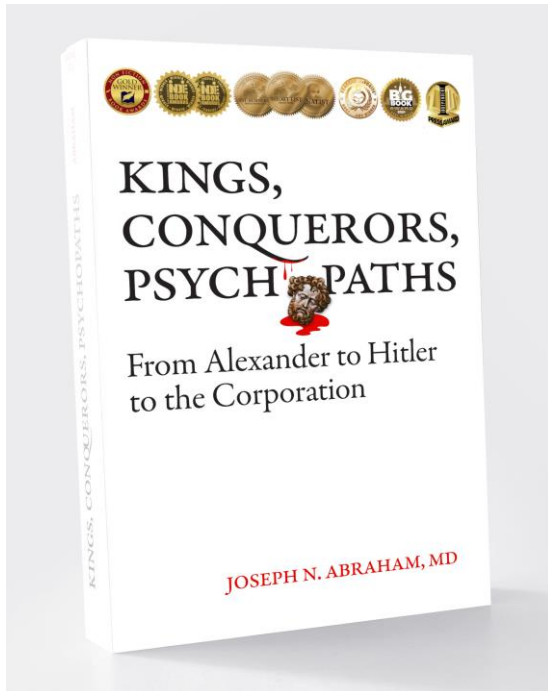
This limited edition, collectable 160-page hardcover coffee table art book includes 40 varnished color plates on highest quality art paper. The publication is an historical first for a Louisiana author, making it important for collectors of art, French and English poetry, history, nature, landscapes and Louisiana.

Scheduled events: Readings and book signings  
Thurs., Dec. 7, 5:30-7 pm Schexnayder Gallery, New Iberia  
Fri., Dec. 8, 11-2pm Renaissance Market Lafayette  
Sat., Dec. 9, 2-4 pm Books Along the Teche, New Iberia  
Tues., Apr. 2, 2024 6:30pm Alliance Française, New Orleans

## Book Notes – Kings, Conquerors & Psychos

This book tip comes from a long-time friend and supporter:

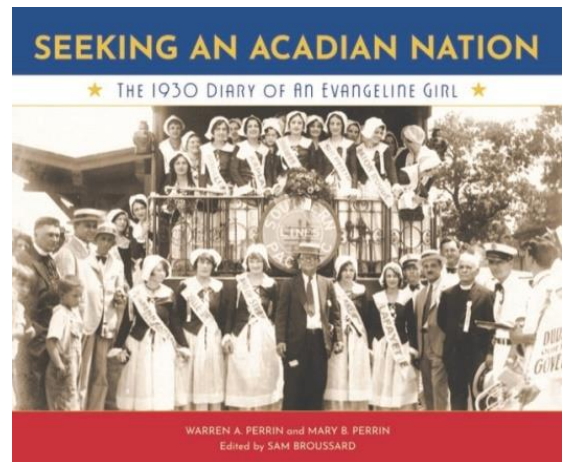
Kings, Conquerors, Psychopaths: From Alexander to Hitler to the Corporation



Conquest is grand-scale murder and theft: Conquerors are not great men, they are serial killers who victimize nations. Upon victory, they become kings, deploying wide-scale extortion ('taxes'), terror (executions, torture, dungeons), and systemic graft by redistributing the nation's land and wealth to the 'noble' classes. The only effective antidote is a better-educated and more-active electorate, who defend democratic ideals.

You can read more and order from either [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org) or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

## 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.

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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



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Acadian Museum**

