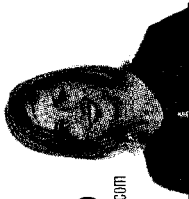


# Local collector shares Marquis memorabilia

The overlooked legacy of the Marquis de La Fayette is on display this year at the Acadian Museum in Erath, thanks in part to the generosity of Lafayette collector **Al Lippman**.

"He is a world class collector of not only La Fayette artifacts, but of all kinds of historical things," said **Warren Perrin**, chairman of the board and founder of the Acadian Museum.

Perrin recently hosted a reception celebrating the exhibition opening, as well as the selection of the Acadian Museum by the History Channel as a recipient of a \$3,500 donation and publicity on the network to show the museum's recovery from Hurricane Rita.



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### More online

Find more about the exhibit at [acadianmuseum.com](http://acadianmuseum.com).

"The History Channel was focusing on small, community-supported museums, and that's what we are. The Acadian Museum is a totally nonprofit, local museum," Perrin said.

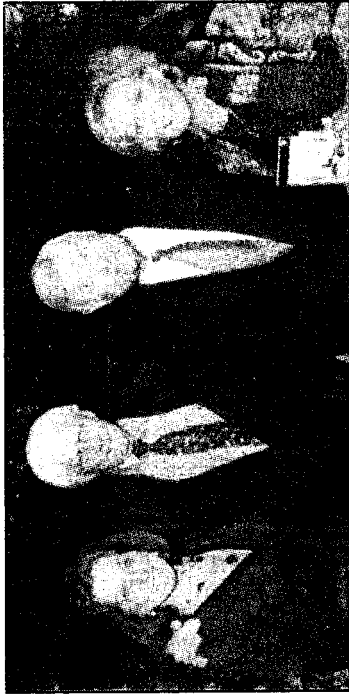
The money will be used to purchase dehumidifiers and materials to replace shelves and display cases destroyed in

the storm, he said.

Despite the ongoing recovery effort, the museum is proud to present several rare La Fayette relics as part of the yearlong celebration honoring his 250th birthday.

Lippman's "La Fayette dollar" is one of the articles in the exhibit that highlights the Marquis' role in American history, especially the Louisiana Purchase. The rare silver dollar was minted in 1900 and features an image of La Fayette on a horse and is printed with the words "La Fayette dollar."

Also on display are Lippman's original Brevet Commission signed by La Fayette on Feb. 10, 1790, when he was serving with George Washington, and La Fayette's personal copy of his biogra-



Submitted photo

**Jeanie and Warren "Pete" Rush with Al and Gale Lippman**

phy published in 1825.

As the year of the Marquis continues, be on the lookout for appearances by him (courtesy of Bob Lafayette) and his Marquises at educational and social events throughout the year, including the upcoming

Bishop's Charity Gala, set for April 21 at the Cajundome Convention Center.

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