

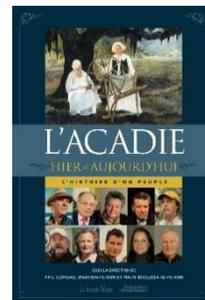
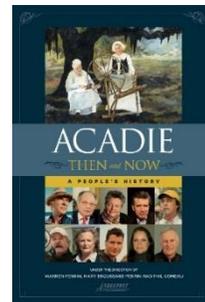
LA PAROLE
Newsletter of the Acadian Museum
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- You are on the museum's email list to receive *La Parole*. If you know of anyone who would like to receive it, please forward their name and email address to my secretary Darylin at: darylinb@plddo.com. If you no longer want to receive future issues, please advise at the email noted above.
- Available locations where the book may be obtained:

Acadie Then and Now: A People's History, and the French version *L'Acadie hier et aujourd'hui: L'histoire d'un peuple*, by Warren Perrin, Mary Broussard Perrin, and Phil Comeau. In the US, either the English or French editions can be ordered from the Acadian Museum, (www.acadianmuseum.com), Perrin, Landry & deLaunay by calling (337) 233-5832 or Andrepont Printing (service@andrepontprinting.com) or calling (337) 942-6385. Books can be purchased from vendors at: The Depot at Magdalen Place in Abbeville, Vermilionville and Champagne's in Lafayette. On the internet, the English edition is available through www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com/ or www.booksamillion.com.

In Canada, the books in French or English editions may be ordered from Jacques Ouellet of *La Grande Marée* at email: jouellet@nbnet.nb.ca, or on the web at www.amazon.ca. The French version is also available in most stores in the Maritime provinces and in Quebec.



Acadie Then and Now: A People's History

by Warren A. Perrin,
Mary Broussard Perrin
and Phil Comeau
Andrepond Publishing
Price: \$30

- ***Acadie Then and Now: A People's History* Upcoming Book Events**

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Louisiana Schedule

- May 20 - Rotary Club, noon, Houma, LA.
- June 9 - Louisiana State Bar Convention, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Sandestin, FL.
- July 18 - Acadian Days at Grand Pré, 2:30 p.m., Nova Scotia, Canada.
- July 20 - Société du Monument Lefebvre, 6:00 p.m., in Memramcook, New Brunswick, Canada
- July 30 - Ascension Parish Library, 6:30 p.m., Donaldsonville, LA.
- Oct. 9 - GRA Conference, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Blues Room, Cajun Dome Convention Center, Lafayette, LA
- Oct. 17 - German-Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society, 11:00 a.m., Ormond Plantation, New Sarpy, LA.
- Oct. 31 - Louisiana State Book Festival, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Nov. 12 - National Social Studies Convention, New Orleans, LA.

- Our book *Acadie Now and Then* won a state award from NFPW in April for the Best Article “Birth of a People (1604 – 1755)” and we will be entered in the national competition and the winner will be announced in Anchorage, Alaska. Here is the link for more information: <http://www.nfpw.org/convergence.cfm>.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Living Legend induction ceremony. Upcoming inductions are: former sheriff Donald Breaux – May 16th; Robert Vincent – June 28th; Shirley & John LeBlanc – July 11th; Steven Cormier – October 3rd.

- A.J. B. Johnston and Ronnie-Gilles LeBlanc, two of the contributors to *Acadie Then and Now and Acadie*, have a new book out on Grand Pré. Its title is *Grand Pré, Landscape for the World* (Nimbus Publishing). The focus is on the many elements that contributed to that site being added in 2012 to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. At this point the book is available only in English (ISBN 9781771082716) for \$15.95. An edition in French is in the works, but its publication date is not yet known.
- Researchers with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's New Acadia Project may have gotten one step closer to finding the remains of Beausoleil Broussard and the progenitors of Cajun culture. During the winter, students involved in the project discovered a cemetery along the bank of Bayou Teche that they believe has potential historical significance. They outlined their findings during a presentation at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve's Acadian Cultural Center on Saturday. Working under the guidance of UL-Lafayette anthropology professor Dr. Mark Rees, the students spent their winter break searching the original plot of the house of Broussard's son, Amand. The house has since been moved to Vermilionville.
- Centenary College of Shreveport, Louisiana announced an award of \$100,000 from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Higher Education and Scholarship in the Humanities program, which will enable the expansion of French and Francophone studies at the College, including enhancements to the distinctive [*Centenary in Paris*](#) program that is the centerpiece of the College's August immersive term for incoming freshmen and underscores efforts to preserve and promote Louisiana's French. "Over the past two years, Centenary has made a transition to a four-hour course model and has introduced innovative hybrid semesters, creating the opportunity for immersive programs like *Centenary in Paris*," said Provost and Dean of the College Jenifer K. Ward.
- Cajun folklorist Dr. Barry Jean Ancelet became the first University of Louisiana at Lafayette faculty member to be honored by an invitation to give a "last lecture." Ancelet spoke at the inaugural installment of the University's Last Lecture Series. The lecture series recognizes retiring faculty member's significant contributions to the University and the community, said Dr. Jim Henderson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. Ancelet's "devotion to teaching, scholarship, and community engagement represents the best of what a faculty member can offer." Ancelet, a native French-

speaking Cajun, was born in Church Point, La., and raised in Lafayette. He joined the University in 1977.”

- Congratulations to Mavis Arnaud Frugé. It is a considerable honor that the government of France has bestowed in awarding her its *l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques*, recognizing her work on the preservation and advancement of French language and culture in Arnaudville. It is one of the highest honors to noncitizens of France. The consul-general of France, Grégor Trumel, presented Frugé with the award at the 2015 Louisiana Culture Awards hosted by Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne.
- Art projects are sometimes like puzzle pieces, waiting for someone to see the big picture and put the puzzle together. Such was the case of Sharon Gordon Donnan, of Los Angeles, and Suzanne Chaillot Breaux, of Lafayette, when they discovered a hand-woven Acadian blanket made from brown cotton in a Washington antique store and ended up creating a documentary on Acadian weaving titled “*Coton jaune — Acadian Brown Cotton: A Love Story*.” Cinema on the Bayou Film Society will present the film at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Vermilionville, in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Acadians in Louisiana. The program will begin with an introduction and presentation by filmmaker Pat Mire on the arrival of the Acadians and the significant role women played in keeping the culture alive.
- This appeared in the Opinion section of the *Acadiana Advocate*: “Five years ago today, an oil rig operated on behalf of the BP oil company exploded off Louisiana’s coast, killing 11 workers and creating a leak that dumped millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico over 87 days. Today’s anniversary is an occasion to hope that the BP tragedy won’t be forgotten, but the painful truth is that for much of the country — and even for many people in Louisiana — the accident is already a dim presence, if it even registers at all. But some lessons of history should remain indelible. The abiding legacy of the BP disaster should be a clear and enduring awareness that the coastal ecology of Louisiana is fragile, its viability vulnerable to the hand of man. That vulnerability was vividly documented five years ago, as hundreds of journalists from around the world gathered to tell millions of readers, listeners and viewers about the oil-blackened Gulf.. Coastal erosion, a complicated result of bad development policies and environmental abuses by industry, is a huge problem that doesn’t grab much attention beyond Louisiana because its workings are so gradual. On this fifth anniversary of the BP explosion, we should

recommit ourselves not only to saving the coast from future spills but keeping the coast itself from oblivion.”

- Local musician and environmental activist Drew Landry is recovering from a serious automobile accident involving an 18-wheeler in Houma. The truck Landry was driving was completely demolished and Landry sustained major injuries, including several bones. His documentary, “The Restoration,” was scheduled to run on April 19th in observance of the anniversary of the BP oil spill. It was to be shown during a free event celebrating Earth Day at Vermilionville. Its premiere will be re-scheduled. Donations may be made to defray his medical expense by sending to <http://www.gofundme.com/s5z5nwc>.
- According to CODOFIL’s President William Arceneaux, CODOFIL Day at the Louisiana Legislature is set for May 26. On that date, CODOFIL and the Louisiana Farm Bureau will co-host a luncheon. I hope that as many of you as possible can attend the legislative session and lobby your legislator to support CODOFIL and hopefully get our funding restored in the budget.
- *Festivals Acadiens et Créoles*, Lafayette's premier Cajun and Creole heritage festival, was voted a Top Ten Cultural Festival by readers of USA Today and 10Best. Each October, Lafayette celebrates its unique heritage and culture during the three-day *Festivals Acadiens et Créoles*, which is actually a combination of festivals. *Festival de Musique Acadienne* showcases top Cajun and Zydeco bands; aspiring musicians can even play alongside pros in the Jam Tent. The Bayou Food Festival immerses attendees in the flavors of Cajun and Creole cooking, while the Louisiana Craft Fair hosts traditional and fine artists from around the state. "The organizers have always felt that the festival has been part of the cultural landscape of Louisiana but apparently we have gotten on the cultural radar of the USA! It's an impressive variety of culturally significant festivals and we are happy to make the list," said Chef Patrick Mould, Vice President of Programming and Development for *Festivals Acadiens et Créoles*. For information on *Festivals Acadiens et Créoles*, Oct. 9-11, 2015, and other events in the Lafayette area, go to <http://www.Lafayettetravel.com>.
- Once again, we are donating a crawfish boil to a group that bid upon it to support the Fr. Glen Meaux's Catholic mission in Haiti – see his website. Master boiler Glenn Viltz of Delcambre will be in charge of cooking crawfish. Ross Hebert will provide the choice crawfish and supplies to be provided by Champagnes of Erath. The event will take place

at our farm in Henry on May 23 at 4 PM. We will invite Dale Broussard to tell his "true" stories and Pat, Nat Bo - *Trio Cadien* - to provide their fabulous music. Two-time Grammy winner D. L. Menard will sing some of his classic songs. If anyone would like to donate a special appetizer or dessert, please let me know. The event will be covered by the food editor for *The Advocate* Cherie Sonnier. <http://solthaitimission.org/>

- *Les Étoiles d'Immersion avec Zachary Richard et ses Amis* delighted an opening night French Immersion crowd. The young students from Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Iberia and New Orleans have studied in immersion programs and are working to improve their fluency. They have also produced their own CD, "*J'ai une Chanson dans mon Couer.*" With the guidance of Richard and others, the group performed beautifully.
- Peggy Feehan, language education specialist for the Council for Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), spent April 1-21 working out of Paris and Brussels to recruit teachers for French language education in Louisiana. Feehan, along with a colleague representing the Louisiana Department of Education, interviewed 105 teachers in France and 35 in Belgium. Approximately 50 will be recruited as French teachers in Louisiana public schools for the 2015 – 16 school year. Louisiana K-8 schools are seeking 35 French immersion teachers and 15 French as second language teachers. Every year, CODOFIL grants working visas to Foreign Associates Teachers from France and Belgium as well as Canada.
- Herman Fuselier wrote: "The only things busier than the front door at the Brazos Huval School of Music are the young hands and fingers playing the tunes inside. The door never rests from the constant stream of moms in Suburbans loading and dropping off children for half-hour lessons with "Mr. Braz." Inside is a beehive of activity; chunks of live music blaring from five rooms of what may have been an old, quiet house near the Bayou Teche in its former life. The elementary- and junior high-age musicians inside are not practicing Bach, Beethoven or Beyoncé. Their soundtrack is from D. L. Menard, Iry LeJeune and Cleoma Falcon. Huval, bass player for Cajun icons Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, has been preparing his young students for the rigors of the stage. That includes little, unexpected things, like applause. Huval shares his addiction with his fellow Mamou Playboys, Sam Broussard, who teaches guitar and Kevin Dugas, the band's drummer. Callie Guidry of the all-female trio Sweet Cecilia is expected help teach vocals in the fall.

- The 2015 Summer Wine Fest benefitting the French American Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast will be held on June 6, 2015 at The Shops at Cana Place, 333 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. For more information, email info@facc-gc.com.
- Please mark your calendar for Monday, May 11, 2015, (second Monday of the Month) for the program "Yes, I Remember it Well." The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. This month we will talk about mysterious circular ponds that Judge Wakeman W. Edwards of Vermilion Parish wrote about shortly after the turn of the twentieth century. These nearly perfect ponds were scattered about in no certain order in part of Vermilion and Iberia Parishes. And equally mysterious are some circular mounds that Judge Wakeman also wrote about. The mounds appeared in only part of Vermilion Parish and like the ponds, no one knows of their origin. The program will be held in the conference room at Hospice of Acadiana located at 2600 Johnston Street in Lafayette. It's free and open to the public, and everyone is invited.
- Sushi on the Mississippi an FACC-GC Networking Cocktail is to be held on May 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Tsunami, 1000 Lafayette Street, 6th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Assistant Director for Programming and Special Projects, Jennifer Ritter Guidry, is exploring the evolution of Mardi Gras beads, or "throws," from treasured glass necklaces made in Czechoslovakia to mass-marketed plastic trinkets doled out by the handful. If you have held on to such Mardi Gras mementos, grew up in New Orleans catching glass beads (or getting smacked in the face by a necklace), please contact Jennifer to set up an interview.
- Houston - May 2, 2015 - The Ragin Cajun restaurant - and owner Luke Mandola - was the host of the Houston UL Alumni Chapter's annual crawfish boil on Saturday, May 2 from 11 am to 4 pm. The very well-attended event was organized by Adam Pisani.



Gerald Hebert, Mike Patin and Warren Perrin

Attendees from the university included, VP John Blohm, AD Scott Farmer, Alumni Director Liz Landry, ADD Gerald Hebert, and Coach "Hud." Since this is the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana, an exhibit on the event was set up and a talk made about the following book: An international team of 55



Mary Perrin, football Coach "Hud" and Warren Perrin

historians and authors from four different nations produced the book *Acadie, Then and Now: A People's History*, which is a collection of 65 essays - half written by UL graduates or professors - about the history and contemporary culture of the Acadian people who still live in places like Texas, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Quebec, Maryland, Nova Scotia, Michigan, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and France. The book was published in two languages (French and English) and profits have been donated to support dozens of Acadian museums in the U.S., France and Canada. The book's co-editors, Warren Perrin and Mary Broussard Perrin, both UL graduates in 1969, made a presentation on their book and made it available for purchase. Warren Perrin is the person who got the Queen of England to issue a Royal Proclamation in 2003 apologizing for the expulsion of the Acadians in the 18th century. Since the book was published last summer, the Perrins have appeared at dozens of venues across the U.S., Canada, and France. Copies of the book may be purchased from the Acadian Museum website acadianmuseum.com, perrin@plddo.com or 337-233-5832.

- Monday, June 22- Friday, June 26 | “On Voyage Dans le Temps à Vermilionville: It Takes a Village” Summer Camp Week 1 : Ages 5-6 | 8 :30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Vermilionville is hosting its third annual summer camp on four separate weeks during June and July. Campers will experience the total Vermilionville package and learn about all the things that make Acadiana so unique. The first two days they will learn about the earth, plants, the bayou and natural resources. The following days will focus on this area's three unique cultures: the Acadians, Creoles and Native Americans. Each day, campers will partake in hands-on projects that they will take home, such as fishing poles, seedling packets, bousillage sculptures, etc., and they will record their activities in their own handmade journal. Campers will receive a small breakfast, snacks throughout the day, and lunch. Cost is \$200 for the week, and registration is available at Vermilionville.org.
- Acadian jockey Ron Turcotte who successfully rode champion horse Secretariat to the Triple Crown win in 1973, will have a life-size bronze statue of him riding Secretariat, on Broadway Boulevard in Grand-Sault, New Brunswick. The monument commemorating one of the greatest moments in sports history, is the fourth monument in the world. It will be revealed this summer on July 19, date of the 50th wedding anniversary of Ron Turcotte. The life-size bronze sculpture is created by Acadian artist Yves Thériault of

Caraquet, New Brunswick. The feature film "Secretariat's jockey, Ron Turcotte" by Acadian director Phil Comeau was the opening night film of the 9th Cinema on the Bayou in Lafayette in 2014, and went on to win the Jury Director Award. The film has since won awards in Canada and in Europe.

- Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve's Prairie Acadian Cultural Center invites the public to participate in free workshops sponsored by the Cajun French Music Association Acadiana Chapter in Eunice. The workshops will feature free accordion, fiddle, and dance lessons. For more information, call 337-457-8499 or visit www.nps.gov/jela. The Prairie Acadian Cultural Center is located at 250 West Park Avenue in Eunice. Workshops will be led by local talents who have been honing their skills for years. The Cajun French Music Association dance troop will lead dance instruction. Accordion lessons will be at two levels: one for beginners and the other for more advanced players. Workshops are scheduled for 7:00-8:00 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from Tuesday, June 2, through Thursday, June 18. Participants may attend as many or as few sessions as they like; no advance registration is needed.