



Family Logo



Etoile Acadienne / Acadian Star



Chene Evangeline / Evangeline Oak

L'Association de la Famille Boudreaux / Boudreau / Boudrot / Boudreault Mini Etoile

A Boudrot Family Newsletter/ Le Bulletin de la Famille Boudrot

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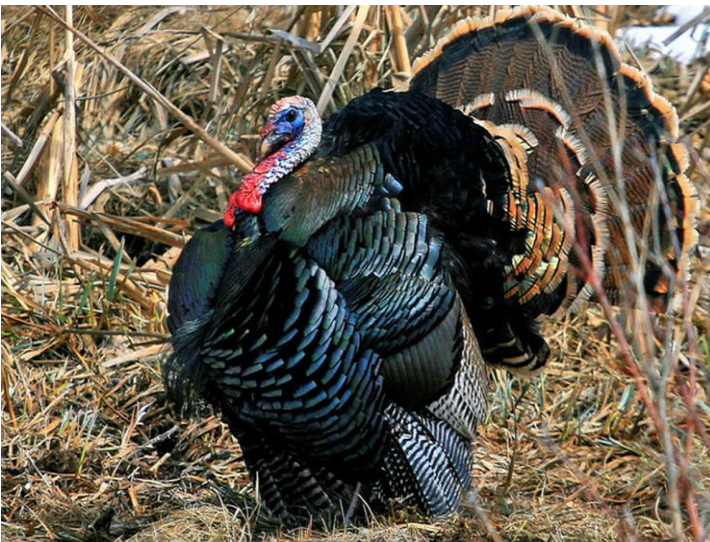


What's happening in Acadiana . . .



The Boudreaux Family Association sends you best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving Day; that this special day be filled with joy and happiness for you and your family.

L'Association de la Famille Boudreaux vous envoie nos meilleurs vœux sur le Jour de Remerciement que cette journée soit pleine de joie et bonheur pour vous et votre famille.



The first Thanksgiving Day is usually associated with the Pilgrim colonists of New England who gave thanks for their first harvest. But the Acadians have their own version of the first Thanksgiving. The **Order of Good Cheer (L'Ordre de Bon Temps)**, was originally a French Colonial Order founded by Samuel de Champlain upon arriving in Acadia. L'Ordre Du Bon-Temps, or in English, the Order of Good Cheer, was founded at Port-Royal during the winter of 1606-1607 at the suggestion of Samuel de Champlain and was chartered under the Royal auspices of the Baron de Poutrincourt and Pierre du Gua, Sieur de Monts. The Order's practices were established by the first Chief Steward Marc Lescarbot. The meats provided by hunters from the countryside around Port Royal were geese, partridge, moose, caribou, beaver, otter, bear, rabbit, wildcat and raccoon as well as fresh water fish and fish from the sea.

L'Ordre de Bon Temps est instauré par Samuel de Champlain durant l'hiver 1606-1607 et dont le but premier était de créer de la vie et de l'activité dans l'Habitation de Port-Royal. Il s'agissait surtout de faire profiter les *hivernants* de Port Royal des plaisirs de la table. Il est considéré comme le premier club social et gastronomique de l'Amérique. Les viandes cuisinées provenaient de la chasse au gibier dans les alentours de Port-Royal, à savoir oie, perdrix, orignal, caribou, castor, loutre, ours, lapin, char sauvage, et raton laveur aussi que fruits de mer. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

For the past seven years the Acadian Memorial in St.Martinville, Louisiana, has held its Acadian Memorial Festival and honored two families as founding Acadian families of Louisiana. President Don Boudreaux of the Boudreaux Family Association recently received this letter from Acadian Memorial Foundation President R. Martin Guidry. The members of the Boudreaux Family Association are honored to participate in the reenactment ceremonies. Thank you Acadian Memorial for inviting us to your celebration.

October 29, 2010

Mr. Don Boudreaux
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Mr. Boudreaux,

Each year the Acadian Memorial Foundation hosts the Acadian Memorial Festival in St. Martinville, Louisiana, near the centuries-old Evangeline Oak. The highlight of each festival is reenacting the arrival of the Acadians in the Attakapas County. During the special ceremony members of the two Acadian families dressed in period garb paddle a short distance down Bayou Teche and are greeted under the Evangeline Oak by the Attakapas Commandant, who welcomes them to the Attakapas region and offers his support in their resettlement. The local priest then blesses each family.

For the 7th annual Acadian Festival on 19 March 2011, the foundation proudly announces that the Boudreaux Family and the Guillot Family are being honored as tow of the founding Acadian families in Louisiana. The Boudreaux and the Guillot families will reenact the arrival of the Acadians in the Attakapas region.

We look forward to visiting with your family at the Acadian Festival and having members of your family participate in the reenactment ceremony.

Early next year we will contact you with additional information of the Festival and reenactment ceremony. Typically two to four persons from each family ride in the pirogues. Additionally, an expert boatman aids in paddling each pirogue so family members so not need any paddling skills.

We look forward to honoring the Boudreaux family at the 7th Annual Acadian Memorial Festival.

Sincerely,

R. Martin Guidry, President
Acadian Memorial Foundation



R. Martin Guidry



The Acadian Memorial, St.Martinville, Louisiana, and at right the Eternal Flame in honor of all Acadians who lost their lives during the Deportation.



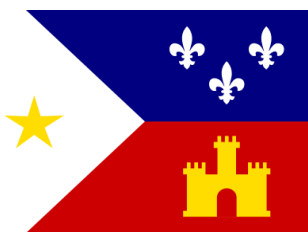
Members of the Boudreaux Family Association visit the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden (fall of 2005): From left to right: Charles & Dot Boudreaux, Kingwood, Texas, Brenda Boudreaux O'Connell, St. Amant, Louisiana; Helene Boudreaux, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, Don & Joan Boudreaux with grandson Ryan of Lafayette, Louisiana; Inez Barras, Lafayette, Louisiana; and Sonny Boudreaux, Covington, Louisiana. In the foreground and in front of a replica of the original Deportation Cross of Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, are some of the 37 Acadian families coat of arms, crests and logos. The Boudreaux logo (top row, second from right) was designed for the Boudreaux/Boudreau Family Reunion of Le Congrès Mondial Acadian 1999 by Charles Boudreaux and his daughter Nicole Boudreaux of Kingwood, Texas. The design was chosen by the Boudreaux Family Association as its logo in 1998.

The Boudreaux/Boudreau family crest is divided into four parts by a gold cross in the center which represents our Catholic and Christian faith. The two flags represented are the Acadian flags of Louisiana and Canada. The Acadian flag of Louisiana is a tricolor flag with three fleur de lys on a blue field which represents France, the maternal country of our ancestors; the gold star on a white represents our patroness, *Notre Dames des Acadiens*, Our Lady of the Assumption, who guided the exiled people spiritually through their dreadful ordeal and remains eternally dear to our hearts; and the gold castle on a red field represents the country of Spain who came to the aid of the Acadians living in France after their deportation and gave them passage back to America in 1785. (Louisiana had come under Spanish rule after the Seven Years War ended in 1763 and remained part of the Spanish empire until it was ceded back to France in 1800.)

The Acadian flag of Canada, principally of the Acadians of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia; Prince Edward Island & Québec is a tricolor flag similar to the French flag but with a gold star on the blue field. Again this gold star represents Our Lady of the Assumption whose feast day falls on August 15, the day chosen as Acadian Day. The two flags symbolizes the unity and special bond between the Acadians of Louisiana and the Acadians of Canada.

The two other quarters of the logo have symbols of Acadiana. The Evangeline Oak in the upper right quarter represents the strength of the Acadians and their determination to survive the terrible ordeal of exile inflicted upon them by the British.

The magnolia flower represents the peaceful ways and gentleness of our people.



L'Acadie Toujours!



Correction: In our October 2010 issue of L'Etoile Acadienne, the article entitled "**All in Good Cheer: L'Ordre Du Bon Temps**" was written by **Suzu Bridwell**, editor of "Calling all Cajuns", newsletter of the Acadian Memorial. We apologize for the omission.

A must read for all members of the Boudreaux Family Association is the Fall issue of "**Calling all Cajuns**" by editor **Ms. Suzu Bridwell**. She does a marvelous job with the Acadian Memorial newsletter. Do continue the great work! Visit the internet site of the Acadian Memorial at acadianmemorial.org.

Patates Nouvelles ~ Les nouvelles de CODOFIL – novembre 2010

North Lewis Elementary School vous invite à la Foire aux Livres en Français du 29 novembre au 3 décembre de 10:15 a.m. à 2:10 p.m. Une soirée Noël pour la famille aura lieu le 30 novembre de 5 à 6:30 p.m. . L'école se trouve au 604 North Lewis Street à la Nouvelle-Ibérie. Venez vous joindre à nous pour acheter des beaux livres en français et pour participer dans quelques activités amusantes et éducationnelles. (337) 369-6132

North Lewis Elementary School invites you to its French Book Fair which will take place between November 29th and December 3rd 2010 from 10:15 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. We also invite you to the Christmas Family Event, on Tuesday November 30th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The school is located at 604 North Lewis Street in New Iberia. Come join us to buy some wonderful books in French and to take part in some fun and educational activities. (337) 369-6132.

Venez passer du bon temps dans le jardin samedi le 4 décembre à 2 p.m. au 145 Coolidge St. à la Nouvelle-Orléans. Restez après pour la musique. C'est une fête pour les francophones. Apportez à boire ou à manger, vos souliers de danse ou votre instrument de musique! Les enfants sont les bienvenus. C'est l'occasion de rencontrer les résidents et les nouveaux arrivés. Laisser les bons temps rouler chez Vicki! Pour des renseignements tel 337-356-4069... ou 504 483-8517 vicappel@yahoo.com

Come pass a good time in the garden Saturday, December 4 at 2 p.m. at 145 Cooidge St. in New Orleans. Stay awhile for the music. It's a Francophone celebration. Bring something to eat and drink, your dancing shoes and your musical instruments! Children are welcome. It's an opportunity for residents and newcomers to meet each other. Let the good times roll at Vicky's house! For more information, call 337-356-4069 or 504-483-8517 or write to vicappel@yahoo.com.

La Fédération Acadienne de la Nouvelle Écosse lance son site Portail du patrimoine acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse, son plus récent outil d'information communautaire. Le Portail réunit sur un même site Internet, tous les renseignements portant sur le secteur du patrimoine acadien en Nouvelle-Écosse. <http://www.patrimoineacadiendelanouvelleecosse.ca>

The Acadian Federation of Nova Scotia (FANE) launched its site for Acadian heritage of Nova Scotia, its most recent community information tool. On one internet site, you will find all of the information related to Acadian heritage in Nova Scotia. <http://www.patrimoineacadiendelanouvelleecosse.ca>

Le CODOFIL est bien fier d'annoncer son Programme de Bourses et d'Échanges 2011 pour les étudiants de français en Louisiane et les profs louisianais de français. Il faut être citoyen américain ou résident permanent. Vous pouvez accéder toutes les informations en ligne (le livret et la fiche de demande) au <http://www.codofil.org/francais/scholarships.html>. Merci à nos partenaires qui offrent toutes les bourses: la Fondation Louisiane, la Communauté française de Belgique, la France, l'Université Ste-Anne et l'École Suisse. Contactez-nous au CODOFIL avec vos questions. 337-262-5810, dcheramie@crt.state.la.us, eclement@crt.state.la.us

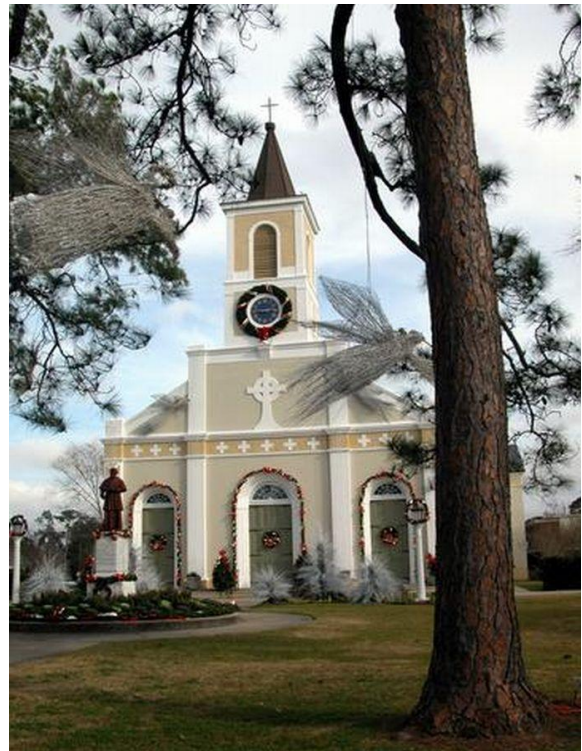
CODOFIL is proud to announce its 2011 Scholarship and Exchange Program for students of French in Louisiana and Louisiana teachers of French. You must be an American citizen or permanent resident. You can access all of the information on line (booklet and application) at <http://www.codofil.org/francais/scholarships.html>. Thanks to our partners who offer all of the scholarships: Fondation Louisiane, French Community of Belgium, Université Ste-Anne and École Suisse. Contact s at CODOFIL with your questions. 337-262-5810.

La bibliothèque Sud de Lafayette se propose de mettre en place des activités en français pour les enfants (lectures, histoires, danses..) quatre fois par mois (2 mercredi soirs et 2 samedi matins par mois). Contactez Florence Klein au kleinflorence@yahoo.fr si ça vous intéresse. Bravo Florence pour le bon travail!

The southside Lafayette library is proposing activities in French for children (reading, stories, dances...) 4 times per month (twice on Wednesday evenings, as well as twice on Saturday mornings). Contact Florence Klein at kleinflorence@yahoo.fr if you are interested. Bravo Florence for the wonderful work!

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Thank you Elaine for providing us with great news in French and in English.



Top left: A statue of Evangéline — fictional heroine of the poem *Evangeline* by Longfellow at St.Martinville, Louisiana. The statue was donated by actress Delores del Rio (who also posed for it), who portrayed Evangéline in a 1929 silent film by director Edwin Carewe. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Top right: St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church is the fourth oldest church in the State of Louisiana. Built in 1836 on the site of a previous church, it is the "mother church" of the Acadians. Attached to the church is a cemetery containing the statue of "Evangeline".

Visit the BoudreauxFamily Association web site at: boudreauxfamilies.org
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