A story told in photographs: St. Martinville

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St. Martinville, established in the late 1700s, is the sixth oldest city in Louisiana, and it is best known for its significance to the Acadians. In this city rests a statue of Evangeline, the Acadian woman immortalized in Henry Waldsworth Longfellow’s poem; the St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, the oldest church parish in southwest Louisiana that was founded when the early Acadians settled in Louisiana; and the Eternal Flame, a monument that never dies, its glowing significance a reminder of the hardships and fierce determination for survival among the Acadians.

Besides the ample history and intriguing architecture found in St. Martinville is the beauty of nature. From the Evangeline Oak to Lake Martin, a swamp filled with live oak ridges and extensive tracts of bottomland hardwood forest and home to a large number of herons, egrets, and ibis, St. Martinville is unique.

Please join Acadian photographer Meagan Weber-Andrepont with a photo tour of this amazing community.