Western USA
Creole
Family
History
Convention

May 20-22
Las Vegas
Nevada

University of Nevada Las Vegas
Why is this culture different? Where did the music and traditions come from? How many different nationalities have influenced the cuisine? Do you know your family’s history? Where are the Creole colonies? What part has the Creole people played in America’s history? How can you help preserve the Creole legacy and history? Who are the Creole historical figures? What books and other references are available about the Creole culture?

After years of relative neglect, Louisiana Creole people and culture are the subjects of increasing scholarly and popular interest. The body of scholarship on Creole history, language, literature, and music has expanded considerably in the last two decades, and the public’s fascination with things Creole shows no signs of declining. At the same time of these developments, people who claim Creole heritage are asserting their Creole identity more vocally than ever before, and those who are part of what has been called the Creole migration are exploring their Louisiana roots with renewed enthusiasm.

Considering the fact that Las Vegas has come to represent perhaps one of the largest melting pots of worldwide cultures today, it is most fitting that the multicultural heritage of the Creole history be presented here.

An opportunity to learn about the unique and often misrepresented Louisiana Creole culture will be presented at the UNLV campus in May, 2004. This event will host various cultural experts and researchers. The 2004 convention is sponsored by the Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern University of Natchitoches, Louisiana and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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Please fill out the attached card and mail in ASAP. Parts of this information will be used to develop special package deals for accommodations in Las Vegas and possible bus transportation from the California area. The additional information requested will assist us in developing the final agenda and provide as much of your family links as possible.

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Associated Events
Creole Family Reunion & Zydeco Dance