Local artist slated for show at Abbeville tourist center

Robert Dufford wanted his series on Le Grande Derangement, the expulsion of the Acadians from New Scotia, to be realistic and accurate.

Historical society, discuss plans for an exhibit of Dufford's works at the Vermilion Tourist Center. The society is sponsoring the event. ( Mentioned Staff Photo)

Robert Dufford, right, displays a print from a series titled, 'Le Grande Derangement,' a pictorial history of the expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia, center. Una Evans and Gary Theall, right, representing the Vermilion Historical Society, discuss plans for an exhibit of Dufford's works at the Vermilion Tourist Center. The society is sponsoring the event. ( Mentioned Staff Photo)

So he travelled to Nova Scotia, to Maryland, to New England, every place the Acadians had touched until they finally resettled here in south Louisiana.

And his powerful acrylics reflect the care and research that Dufford has done to create them.

The works of Dufford will be on exhibit at the Vermilion Parish Tourist Center and Museum from 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, through Friday, December 12. The exhibit is sponsored by the Vermilion Historical Society.

"Since the migration of many of the residents of Vermilion Parish were part of Le Grande Derangement, I felt that this would be an ideal place to showcase the public reaction to my works," Dufford said.

"And the Vermilion Parish Historical Society is an obvious choice in preserving the history of the parish. It seemed to be the logical venue to approach," he added.

"And Robert's series on Le Grande Derangement fits in perfectly with our work in preserving the history of the parish for future generations," Theall added.

The exhibit will kick off with a wine and cheese reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Tourist Center, located on Highway 19.

The reception is open to the public. Dufford will be on hand at the reception to discuss his works. Dufford will also be on hand the three days following the reception.

Color prints of Dufford's works will also be available for purchase at the Center.

Dufford's works are currently on display in Canada and the U.S., in England, France, Spain, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan.