Welcome to the Fall Dewey Balfa Cajun and Creole Heritage Week

November 2-8, 2003
Chicot State Park

Louisiana Folk Roots: It's coming to Chicot Park

By CAROLINE HERBERT

Local residents have a great opportunity right in their back yard with the first Fall Dewey Balfa Cajun/Creole Heritage Week at Chicot State Park, November 2-8.

Residents can discover their heritage by attending either a portion of the day camps, nightly dances or the Roots Heritage Day on Saturday, November 8. There are several reasons why this week will be appealing to local residents.

They include learning more about their heritage, having an opportunity to share a part of yourself with your children and grandchildren, and it will provide an avenue for one to experience the heritage through the eyes of a visitor.

Louisiana Folk Roots is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, encouraging, sharing and preserving traditional Louisiana folk culture, with an emphasis on Cajun and Creole culture, through music, dance and various types of related educational activities. This fall event is being brought to visitors from Sweden, Holland, Canada, Germany and several points in the United States including Alaska, Illinois, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, California, Washington, and California. Many visitors from several communities in Louisiana also will be attending the event.

Think about it. If you've never traveled or lived outside of Louisiana, you have a knowledge of how special this culture is to others. Louisianians natives have often heard the phrases, "they something again, I love the way you talk," or "Is it true you eat anything?"

Like her father, Christine Balfa Powell, Louisiana Folk Roots executive director, she has a goal that involves preserving the rich culture here in Louisiana as well as sharing it with others. Powell's father, the renowned Cajun fiddler Dewey Balfa, was often described as this state's fiddler and cultural ambassador. He once said, "See Louisiana, Page 2A"

Christine Balfa Powell

Masters of Cajun and Creole prepare to share their knowledge

Along with receiving beginning to advanced intensive instruction, students have ample opportunity for dancing with daily featured artists selected not only for their skill but also for their diverse interpretations of traditional dance forms. Both state parks, Chicot and Lake Fausse, are listed in the state park system sites, and participants are housed in cabins equipped with a full kitchen. There are also many sides availables camping in tents or trailers, complete with water and electricity. Primitive group campsites are also available.

The Dewey Balfa Cajun and Creole Heritage Week culminated in a full day of dances with music provided by local bands and a range of workshops in Cajun Creole music, crafts and culture.

At Chicot State Park, Saturday, November 8, these activities are open to the public and include a youth program, offering a taste of the week-long event to locals and visitors of all ages. At the Dewey Balfa Cajun and Creole Heritage Week, education, creativity, friendship, inspiration and old-fashioned good times combine to create a powerful and unforgettable experience. Please make plans to join us today!

The Masters

Members of the full time staff at this fall program include a full- time fiddler or accordion player. Frey will be teaching beginning accordion as well as playing for the Wednesday night dance and teaching an afternoon intermediate accordion workshop. Besides the accordion, Frey is a great fiddler.

At the start of the 21st century, Frey decided to collaborate with Travis Matte on a CD that takes listeners back to a style of front porch playing which relies on the natural beauty of Cajun music. The work of Frey and Matte has not gone unrecognized. The CD received the Cajun French Music Association's Le Cajun Award at the 1999 Best First Recording of the Year for 2000 and was also nominated for the 2000 Acadiana Music Award. Frey, who previously played fiddle with Kenneth Thibodeaux and Cajun Dance on an award-winning CD, received a nomination as an Accordionist of the Year. Frey's first step toward "(Below It's Too Late)", a song written by Matte and Frey and performed on the CD, was nominated for the "Song of the Year Award." Other original songs on the CD by Matte and Frey include "Tu apporte ma vision" and "La vie de la rive de la Crowley." Frey also wrote an instrumental, "Two Step de Rouge" which was recorded. Frey was also teaching Zydeco accordion and performing with Zydeco Band.

Terry and the Zydeco

In a, young, first-time, because he was a perfectionist, learning under the guidance of French teachers to sing in Balfe's style, he hurt his good style. He then took the fiddle. Schwartz will be teaching fiddle from scratch, fiddles, beginning fiddle workshop and conducting Saturday Balfe's Blues workshop.

In 1984, at the age of 18, Schwartz was apprenticed to see Masters, Page 8A
Roots Heritage Day's schedule gives events for Saturday, public is welcome to join in festivities.

Several events will be taking place at the fall-themed Roots Heritage Day event at Chest Park.

On Saturday, November 8, the day when the public is invited to attend, the heritage event will feature hands-on activities.

"From 9 to 11 a.m., "Wine & Food," with Wine & Food Creations by John Brewer, will be held at the Belvedere Estates. The event will feature wine tasting, food pairings, and live music.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "Music in the Park," with live entertainment by local musicians, will be held at Chest Park.

From 1-3 p.m., "Children's Activities," with activities designed for children of all ages, will be held at Chest Park.

From 3-5 p.m., "Food Trucks," with a variety of food trucks serving up delicious meals, will be held at Chest Park.

From 5-7 p.m., "Dance in the Park," with dance performances by local dancers, will be held at Chest Park.

From 7-9 p.m., "Volunteer Appreciation," with a special presentation honoring local volunteers, will be held at Chest Park.

There will be a raffle at 1 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Chest Park office at (555) 555-5555.

The event is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage of the area and the vibrant community that makes it so special.

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There is still time to register for the Fall DeWeyse Cajun and Creole Heritage Week. If you want to know more about the event, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Louisiana history is an integral part of our heritage and we are proud to celebrate it.

This event will be held at the Louisiana History Museum on Saturday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.louisianahistorymuseum.org or call 555-555-5555.

Join us for a week at The DeWeyse Cajun & Creole Heritage Week.

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The event will feature a variety of activities, including a parade, a quilt show, a museum tour, and more.

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Louisiana Heritage.
lof to right, Kevin Winimer, Peter Schwartz and Carlos Granger are performing together.

Winimer, who led him to works of some of the most successful groups in the United States in the Bluegrass and Swing genres as well. He is internationally recognized as one of the finest traditional fiddlers to have emerged in recent years.

Hudley Castle will also be teaching Advanced Fiddle Style Fiddle and performing with Hudley Castle and the Sharecroppers Band.

Born and raised in St. Landry Parish, Castle learned to play the fiddle as a young teen from his Uncle Cyril Castille. He learned to play the fiddle as a young teen from his Uncle Cyril Castille. He has played with Hudley Castle and the Sharecroppers Band.

His father is Hudley Castille, who is a well-known fiddler in the band. He writes songs and he also co-writes with Hudley. He also plays with the Lucky Playboys.

Sam Broussard will be teaching advanced guitar, performing with Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, and conducting an advanced guitar workshop on Saturday.

A singer-songwriter with roots in Cajun, Creole, Jazz and Cajun, multi-instrumentalist Broussard is a brilliant songwriter and performs and on stage. His repertoire of Cajun songs.

He also performs with the vocal ensemble VoceFete. The group performs acapella songs that come from a time when singers sang story songs without instrumental accompaniment at social gatherings and family.

Geraldine K Robertson will be teaching basket weaving and a traditional Cornshuck Flowers craft class.

Robertson, a resident of Lafayette Parish, has been certified as a master craftsperson by the Smithsonian Institute. She also works in that capacity at Vermilionville: Cajun/Creole Heritage and Cultural Park.

Since 1970, she has been demonstrating the creation of folk art and crafts at numerous cultural events.

Robertson's folk life arts and crafts demonstrations include split white oak baskets, corn husk dolls and other crafts, broom dolls, rag dolls, clothpin dolls, corn husk rugs, corn husk hats, pine needle baskets, corn husk flowers, corn husk bookmarks and chair weaving of cane, rust, white oak and pine cones. In 1970, her work was part of the Folk Life Exhibit at the World Fair in Washington, D.C.

A 1995 recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant, to teach white oak basket weaving, Robertson today also serves as a Bright New World artist with the Louisiana State Arts Council for the St. Landry, Lafayette and St. Martin Parish School Boards.

JASON and Crystal Montgomery will be teaching the Cowboy dancing style of Cajun Dance.

Rodney

Bienvenue, Les Amis to Louisiana Folk Roots

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Marc and Ann Savoy will be performing

Don Fontenot and Les Amis de la Louisiane, left, will take the stage. On the right, a participant in the spring program learns to play the triangle.

LOOK WHO'S COMING TO CHICOT PARK - Monte Ardon, Jeff, and Gero Delaforce, right, will be at this year’s event.

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Louisiana. He is related to members of the classic group, The Lawtell Playboys, who maintained a traditional and rhythmically captivating style during an era when others began to slick up the style. As a result, he learned, as Mona did, to stick to the basics before you get "fancy." After the time it took to get the dance into his system, Joely increased his dance moves, and he quickly became known as one of the best dancers in the area. Since that time, he and Mona have gone on to teach Zydeco dance around the country. Their classes have always met rave reviews and students have learned the real thing as a result of their efforts.

GUITAR TO BE RAFFLED - Christine Baie, Powell, left, and Gilbert "Winky" Aucoin, right, hold a guitar which will be raffled off during the Louisiana Folk Fete special at Chicot Park. For a chance to win this guitar call Winky at 363- 2153. (Gazette photo by Carissa Heiber)