Joann E. Quillman prepares for the Acadian Village Festival

Acadian Village Festival Depicts Area Lifestyles

The Acadian Village Festival, a four-day festival beginning Thursday, is one of the opening events marking the beginning of Lafayette's sesquicentennial celebration.

The year-long birthday party began Sunday with the Vermilion River Parade on Sunday, followed by an incontestable service Monday, entertainment all day and a special Downtown Alive!, featuring Zachary Richard.

During the festival, exhibits, demonstrations, and entertainment showing the lifestyles of Acadians past and present will be featured. All activities will be included in the regular village admission price.

A fair-to-go Sunday (from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. will conclude the fest.

Joann E. Quillman, instructor in art at LSU in Baton Rouge, will be one of the featured artists.

Mrs. Quillman's paintings, drawings and pottery have won numerous first place awards in art competitions and have been displayed at many juried exhibitions. Her works are included in university, corporate and private collections.

During the past year, her work has been accepted for the National Small Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, Naples, Fla.; N.Y. State and Pennsylvania; N.Y.; Baton Rouge Arts and Humanities Festivals, Louisiana Women's Caucus for the Arts Competition, Baton Rouge; and Tri-State Art Exhibit, Beaumont, Texas.