Plantation of the Month

Blue Rose Museum, five miles south of Crowley, was named for a variety of rice.

Built before the Civil War by Olivier Blanchet, Blue Rose Museum was constructed with Louisiana cypress, square nails, wooden pegs and handmade brick with mud and moss between downstairs walls.

A good example of early Louisiana-type insulation is shown in a plastered upstairs room.

Originally located between Youngsville and New Iberia, the house was moved 50 miles in 1964 to its present site on Crystal Rice Plantation. It was on this plantation that the late Sol Wright developed the Blue Rose rice variety. The land is still owned by the Wright family.

A recent addition to the house is a dining room and kitchen wing built to replace the dining and cooking area destroyed in a 1926 storm.

The museum is open 9:30 to 5 Monday through Friday and by appointment on weekends. A nominal admission fee is charged.