The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana - Almost There!

Robert Dafford's mural depicting the exiled Acadians arriving in Louisiana is in print for the first time on the new Acadian Memorial poster. The mural is 60% complete and the poster is one means of getting the funds to take it all the way!

The poster was officially unveiled at the recent Acadian World Congress in a presentation to Roland Beaulieu, Minister of Internal General Affairs of the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, by Patricia Resweber, co-chair of the Acadian Memorial Committee. Patricia assisted Mayor Eric Martin of St. Martinville in this formal presentation and afterwards when posters were presented at the Grand-Pre National Historic Site in Nova Scotia and at two sites on Prince Edward Island, namely, the Acadian Village at Mont Carmel and the Acadian Museum in Miscouche.

Designed by graphic artist Glen Gauthier, the poster describes the four elements of the Memorial with a French translation contributed by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. The focus of the poster is the first printed reproduction of Dafford's mural for the Memorial in its most recent stage. Featured is a close-up of two of the Acadian figures, Marguerite Martin and Oliver Benoit as they appear on the painting along with photographs of their descendants, Dolores Guidry Reesey and John Benoit, who represented them on the

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**ACADIAN MEMORIAL POSTER**

*Pause Friend, Read My Name and Remember.*

*Arrête-Toi, Mon Ami, Lis Mon Nom et Souviens-Toi de Moi.*

The new poster describes the four elements of the Memorial with a French translation by Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. Its focus is the first printed reproduction of Robert Dafford's mural for the Memorial in its most recent stage, printed in sepia ink on heavy, cross-colored paper. It is a beautiful reminder of the Acadian Memorial.

Mural squares are still available for a tax-deductible donation of $50 each 8" x 8" square - your permanent memorial to a loved one or to an Acadian ancestor.

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**THE FRENCH CONNECTION**

* A MEMORIAL PLAQUE GOES TO FRANCE

Janie Ballard and Teddie Bastin hold the bronze plaque that will be placed on the soil next to the Acadian mural in Nantes, France, to commemorate the twinning of that artwork with the mural being painted for the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, Louisiana. Both paintings are by Robert Dafford. From left are Gese and Edith Guesn, McClendon of New Orleans, who traveled to Nantes in November 1983 with a St. Martinville delegation for the inauguration of the French mural. Ballard, co-chair of the Acadian Memorial committee, Bastin, representing St. Martin Land and the Kiwanis Club in St. Martinville, chair of the Kiwanis Club, Peter Broussard, president of Beta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and Peggy Hulin, chairman of the St. Martinville Tourism Commission, a sponsor of the 1983 trip to France. The plaque was purchased with donations from St. Martin Bank, Troxle Bank, Beta Rho, Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Club and will be received in Nantes by M. Gerard Baud, president of Association Régionale de l'Ouest des Amis Acadiens, sponsor of the French mural.

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**ACADIAN SIGNATURES ON POSTER**

Jacqueline Milanaux  
Pierre Chaisson  
Pierre Bougueson  
Mr. Michael  
Dr. Broussard  
Gilles le Blanc  
Joseph Ardoin  
Julie Sommier  
Louis Guidard  
Hester Tead  
Paul Broussard  
Bills Bourgeois  
John放射  
Jean Guilbeau

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**MEMORIAL DONATION**

St. Martin Land Company became the first corporate donor to the Acadian Memorial Fund when Harold J. Martin (right) of Lafayette, Louisiana, vice-president of St. Martin Land Co., presented a $1,000 check to Patricia Beauford and Jane Boudreaux, co-chairs of the Memorial Committee. Looking on at left is St. Martinville Mayor Eric Martin. At the presentation, it was noted that it was fitting that the corporate donor drive begins with a company so closely tied to Acadian (Cajun) Louisiana. St. Martin Land Co. is a land management company with extensive holdings in the Atchafalaya Basin, an area also destined to produce resources that contributed significantly to the survival of the Acadian refugees who settled there.
ACADIAN MEMORIAL
MEMORIALS, GIFTS, MURAL SQUARE DONORS & GENERAL DONATIONS
Received Through 11/30/94

MEMORIALS

Daisy Breau Baraschet
by Deryl B. Patin
Jarreau, LA

Fidian Patin
Lafayette, LA and
Mrs. Anthony J. Roy Sr.
Marksville, LA

Barthelomy Bergeron D’Ambroise
Pier Godin de Chatillon
by Joseph Bergeron D’Ambroise
East Gorton, NH

Joseph Prejean of St. James Parish
by Edward J. Prejean DDS
Kempville, TX

Michael Desanet Breaux
by Ben & Palcy Breaux
St. Martinville, LA

Wade J. Menard
by Socie M. Broussard
New Iberia, LA

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Noelie Angelle
Rene Guidry
Laurnia Duplant
Marguerite Martin
Claude Guidry
by Roland & Dolores G. Heuppee
Port Arthur, TX

Charles Durand
Pierre Godin
by Ria R. Terrebon
New Iberia, LA

Elizabe Broussard
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Antoine Joseph Tihan
Francis Broussard
Palagia Landry
by Michael E. Conner
Lafayette, LA

Louise Dreyer Bullard
by Joan Williams
Lafayette, LA and
by Ed Bullard
St. Martinville, LA

Benjamin Dreyer Bullard
by Ed Bullard
St. Martinville, LA

Dalton Hebert Sr.
by Dalton Hebert Family
St. Martinville, LA

Earl H. "Mac" Willis
Kathy Doreen Willis
by Kathleen D. Willis
St. Martinville, LA

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Landry
by Earl J. Landry
Houston, TX

Brad Michael Durand
by Pat Durand
Lafayette, LA

Richard Armentrout
Des Richard de Parbou
Amelia, LA

Joel Roy Guillot & wife
Donnie Catherine Stagg
by Michael Stagg Guillot
Mandeville, LA

Carel Guillot
Wilson Guidry
Bend Barany Landry
by Elizabeth Guidry Gauthier
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Armand Broussard
by Mary B. Dicks Brown
New Iberia, LA

Louise Reinhart Broussard
Sedon Joseph Broussard
Lee Sonnier
Oswin Blanchard Sonnier
Yvonna Lynn Dupre
by Austin & Harold Max B
Abren Jr.
Lake Arthur, LA

Maria Anne Tihan Laste
by Dorothy E. Meyer
Victoria, TX

Cecile Arline Richard
by Dennis M. Gufhle
Houston, TX
The names listed here are a permanent part of the Acadian Memorial. They represent the donations that made the start of the Memorial a reality by funding one of its elements, the mural. With an historic event as its theme, "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana", it will forever capture an important moment in Louisiana history. Squares of the mural are still available to help with its completion. 1994 ends with a fundraising plan in place to commence in January 1995 with a goal of completing the Acadian Memorial. Thank you again for your generous support and kind words of encouragement. Merci!