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"The purpose of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association shall be to foster interest in history, particularly that of West Baton Rouge Parish, and to encourage and pursue research, collection and preservation of materials illustrating past or present activities of the parish."



ANGELIQUE BERGERON NAMED DIRECTOR OF WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM

"Dr. Anqelique Bergeron of New Roads has been named Director of the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen," announced Tom Acosta, Museum Board chairman. "Bergeron has served the museum as curator of collections since 2014 and will assume the job as Director on May 1, 2017."

She replaces current Director Julie Rose who will be moving to Baltimore to serve as the director of the Homewood Museum at Johns Hopkins University. Rose began her tenure at the West Baton Rouge Museum in 2006.

Bergeron previously served as Executive Director of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society running the Julien Poydras Museum and Arts Center in downtown New Roads.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in French and minor in African and African American Studies, she completed the Texas Teacher Certification Program in Secondary French, and received her M.A. and Ph.D. in French Studies from Louisiana State University in 2011.

Since Bergeron joined the West Baton Rouge Museum, numerous exhibits have opened to rave reviews, the West Baton Rouge Historical Association's permanent collection has grown, French language tours and the monthly Café Français were instituted, and work on the museum's exhibits in the historical buildings has been expanded. Bergeron has developed strong professional working relationships with LSU, the Historic New Orleans Collection, the Smithsonian, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Library Association through her curatorial work at the museum. She was a co-curator for the award winning exhibition, "Cohn High School: How We Love Thee."

"The West Baton Rouge Museum is nearing its 50th anniversary and has a long history of strong leadership and generous community support. It is a well-oiled machine with an extremely capable staff. Our support of one another resulted in last year's state and national accolades as Louisiana Museum of the Year and the AASLH's Leadership in History Award for our Cohn High exhibit. I am very proud to be a part of this team," Bergeron said.

Bergeron is a member of the American Association of State and Local History, Louisiana Association of Museums, Friends of French Studies at LSU (Secretary), L'Assemblée Française, Les

Creoles de Pointe Coupee, Linguistic Graduate Student Organization (former Vice President and founding member), Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, Pointe Coupee Community Foundation (former Board Member), PC Historical Society.

"The West Baton Rouge Museum is truly a special place. I have been honored to learn from the best here and I look forward to the opportunity to lead the West Baton Rouge Museum into the next phase," Bergeron said.



WEST BATON ROUGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETS ON JANUARY 17, 2017

Members of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association Board of Directors gathered at the West Baton Rouge Museum on January 17, 2017 for their quarterly meeting. Shown above on front row from left are: Babs Babin, Joyce Barbier, Wilhemenia DeCuir, Ruth Stanley, Lorry Trotter, Mary Bennett, Janis Hebert, and Dorene Mayeux. Back row: Ellis Gauthier, Ida Pierre, Andrea Normand, Brian Falcon, Evva Wilson, Drew Maciasz and Glen Daigle. Not pictured are board members Jane Brou, Glen DeMourelle, Garry Hubble, and Janet Simoneaux.



Au revoir, Julie

From the moment you were hired as director of the West Baton Rouge Museum in 2006, you have never ceased to amaze us! You picked up this fledgling Museum, put your stamp on it, and turned it into a showcase for others to emulate!

Starting with the 1st annual Teacher's Institute sponsored by the Museum in 2007 to accreditation of the West Baton Rouge Museum by the American Alliance of Museums in 2009 and the - *continued on page 4*



Lorry Trotter
WBR Historical Association
Board President

FROM OUR PRESIDENT AROUND OUR ASSOCIATION

It is my joy and privilege to serve as your Historical Association president for the 2017 year. We have many exciting things happening this year, the Christmas in July Card Party, SugarFest and the Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture. I look forward to seeing you there.



To let you know a little about myself, I have been a resident of West Baton Rouge Parish for 31 years. I have always had a great interest in history. I minored in it while at LSU. I find West Baton Rouge history the most interesting. What parish or county can say they have a dowry? I have been a member of the WBR Historical Association for 9 years and have loved every minute.

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to the West Baton Rouge Museum Director, Julie Rose. Under her direction, for the past 11 years, the West Baton Rouge Museum has progressed immensely.

We are now an accredited museum. Our campus has grown with the additions of the Reed Cabin, the Arbroth Plantation store and the Exhibit Barn, not to mention concrete and lighted walkways and handicapped entrances to all the buildings just to mention a few.

Julie will be leaving in May to join her husband who has accepted a position at the University of Maryland. She has accepted, as of June 1, the position of director at the Homewood Museum which is part of John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. We are sad to see her go, but wish her well in her future endeavors. A search committee comprised of members of the West Baton Rouge Museum Board and West Baton Rouge Historical Association Board interviewed candidates for her replacement and selected Angelique Bergeron for the position.

Next year the West Baton Rouge Historical Association will celebrate our 50th anniversary. What a remarkable history we have had. Please remember we could not have achieved what we have without your help, so volunteer...volunteer...volunteer!

Sincerely,

Lorry

Where history has a name.



WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM



Julie Rose
West Baton Rouge
Museum Director

From Our Director



Greetings,

In all the states I have ever lived in, I have lived the longest and most treasure my 20 years in Louisiana. My family and I are moving to Annapolis, Maryland this spring where we look forward to a new chapter. Kenny has accepted a position with the University of Maryland and I will be the new director/curator at Homewood Museum at Johns Hopkins University. As I begin my studies about Maryland

Museum is a wonderful place because the community of West Baton Rouge Parish truly values history.

Thank you for supporting the West Baton Rouge Museum, where history has a name!

See you at the museum!

Julie

Julie Rose, PhD
Director



history, I am learning about the many historical and cultural connections between Louisiana and Maryland.

In my parting letter in this issue of the Ecoutez, (my 40th letter for this membership newsletter), I want to express my sincere thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and history lovers who helped to make my years as director at the West Baton Rouge Museum so rewarding. I am indebted to the museum's staff that is, without question, the most dedicated and creative team any museum could imagine. The staff over the past ten years has doubled in number, and each employee has given his and her all to achieve the museum's outstanding reputation. In our first strategic planning meeting, ten years ago, we strategized how to grow the museum's audience, campus, reputation, services, exhibits, programs and impact. I will always remember the boards' and staff's ambitious plans and thank them all for following through and generating a plan for the next ten years! The West Baton Rouge

2017 Historical Association Board of Directors

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		Glen Daigle

WBR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS 49TH ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association gathered at the WBR Museum on January 9, 2017 for the 49th Annual Meeting of the organization. Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed refreshments and conversation.



Bill Trotter, Jane Brou, Andrea Normand and Mary Bennett share fundraising ideas.



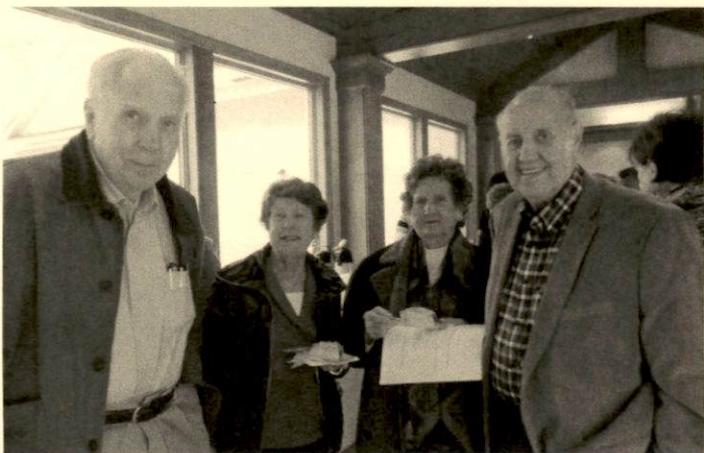
Ida Pierre, Ellis Gauthier, Andrea Normand, and Wilhemenia DeCuir visit following the meeting.



Joey Normand, L. J. Cavaliere, and Drew Maciasz visit following the annual meeting.



Janice Hebert, Mary Bennett, and Lorry Trotter discuss plans for 2017.



George Hill, Joyce Barbier, Mary Helen and Jim Charleville enjoy refreshments.



Evva Wilson and Ruth Stanley discuss plans for the upcoming year.



Andrea Normand WBR Historical Association Volunteer

Although a first-time board member of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association, Andrea Normand is not new to service in the parish. After graduation from Our Lady of the Lake School of Nursing in 1970, she worked on a medical floor for a short period, but found she loved the excitement of the ER, so for the last 46 years she has worked in either the Adult or the Pediatric ER. A native of Plaquemine, she loves the atmosphere of a small town, and Brusly met all those needs.

Andrea has always loved caring for children; 15 years ago she opened and directed the Pediatric ER at the Children's Hospital at Our Lady of the Lake. This was the first ER in the Baton Rouge area to provide specialized care for the Pediatric population. She then served as the Wellness Director for a program called "Healthy Lives" sponsored by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady. Healthy Lives developed health and wellness programs for the staff and their families at Our Lady of the Lake and their affiliates to assist them to live a healthier lifestyle. Currently she works part time as the Nurse Educator for the Pediatric Emergency Room at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge, where she is responsible planning and providing education to the nursing and tech staff.

A 40-year resident of Brusly she and her husband, Joey Normand, past Mayor of Brusly, have been married for 35 years. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 2 grandchildren with the angels. They love to travel and enjoy seeing and visiting new places. She also enjoys gardening and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Currently she is working to develop her life after retirement and supports the philosophy that "our history makes our future."

Andrea is an active member of the Brusly Lions Club, West Side Women's Club, West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club, West Baton Rouge Senior Spirit, and the Emergency Nurses Association. This is one busy lady!



Angelique Bergeron
Curator of Collections

Curator's Corner

As summer draws near, the curatorial team at the WBRM is gearing up for our biggest exhibition yet. *Water Trails of the Atchafalaya* will open on June 17 and run through October 29. This long-running exhibit explores the Atchafalaya Basin's swamps, bayous, and marshes in search of history, culture, language, natural resources, geology,

and plant and animal life. The exhibit has inspired the theme for this year's Blast from the Past Summer Camp (Tales from the Bayou) and our annual Teachers' Institute (The Academics of the Atchafalaya).

Artifacts from the WBR Historical Association's permanent collection will highlight the display, but please contact curator Angelique Bergeron at bergeron@wbrmuseum.org or 225-336-2422 x 11 if you are willing to loan any items for the exhibit. We are currently looking for cypress knees, hooks, nets, traps, taxidermy animals, and small boats such as a dugout or pirogue.

Teachers' Institute – *The Academics of the Atchafalaya*
This summer will be the 11th year the museum is offering this professional development program, which is sponsored by the WBR Historical Association and the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board. The three-day summer professional development series is designed for in-service K-12 teachers across all subject areas. Participants work with museum staff, scholars, and special guests to develop lessons for use in their classrooms.

Due to the longer run of the *Water Trails of the Atchafalaya* exhibit, teachers attending this year's Teachers' Institute will have the opportunity to schedule school tours of the exhibit and utilize the lesson plans provided by our education team.

We are excited to explore "America's Foreign Country" - as the Atchafalaya is known - with our visitors this year!

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opening of a new permanent exhibit: **In the Interest of Our Parish: Three Hundred Years of History in West Baton Rouge** that same year, you had our attention!

You encouraged local companies to assist us and gently nudged us in the right direction while never taking "no" for an answer. You were willing to try new ideas to promote our parish through a new updated history book: **The History of West Baton Rouge Parish, People, Places, Progress** sponsored by the West Baton Rouge Historical Association in celebration of their 40th anniversary in 2012.

Your vision to develop the museum and its grounds by adding new buildings or old buildings that recognize the history of the parish makes the West Baton Rouge Museum the envy of other history museums. The latest addition to the campus is the "Juke Joint" that arrived this month! In 2008 West Baton Rouge Parish had thirteen sites on the National Register of Historic Places and today we have 25 which shows what encouragement can do.

Thanks for a job well done, Julie. We appreciate your support and wish you well as director of Homewood Museum at John Hopkins University in Maryland!

Your friends and supporters of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association

West Baton Rouge Historical Association

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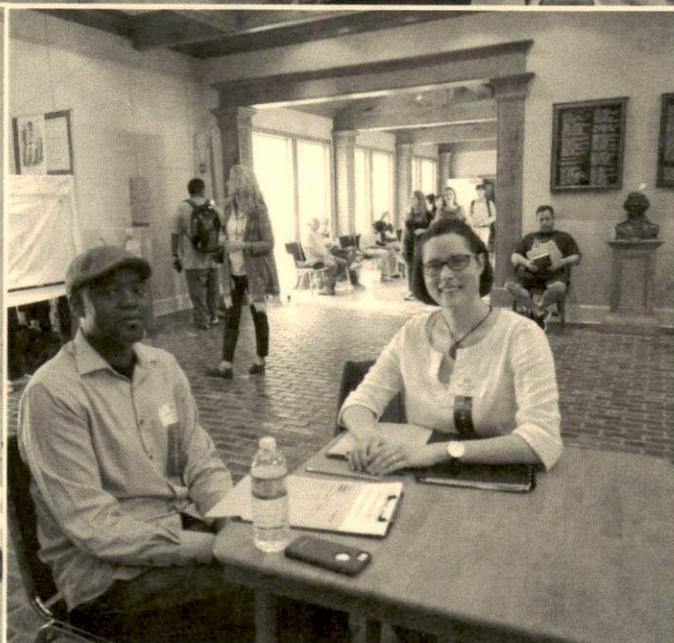
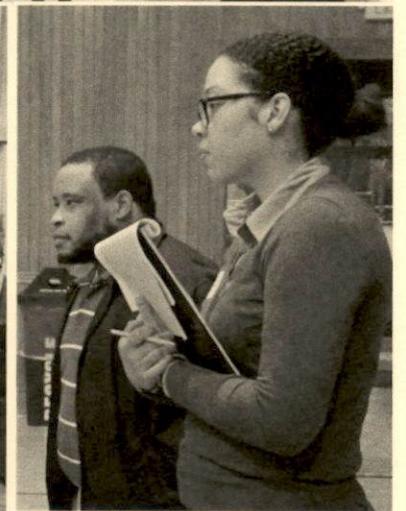
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MARCH 25, 2017



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MARCH 25
TO
JUNE 4, 2017

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March 4, 2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25 – June 4, an exhibition, Frank Lloyd Wright: Architecture of the Interior, an exhibition of high-quality reproduction drawings of interiors, furnishings, and household objects offers a view into Frank Lloyd Wright's creative conception of the interior spaces of his houses. Added to this exhibition will be an addition of Louisiana Arts and Crafts: Newcomb Pottery and Ford Thomas furniture.

March 25 – June 4, Stained Glass by Sam Corso on display.

April 6, noon Lunchtime Lecture "Frank Lloyd Wright Interior Design." Local Baton Rouge designer Steven Diniz will discuss his collection of Frank Lloyd Wright materials and his interpretation of Wright's furniture design. Stained Glass artist Sam Corso will be on hand to answer questions about his glass designs.

April 7, 1:00 p.m. Café Francias. Join us for coffee and French immersion conversation.

April 8 – May 21- West Baton Rouge Talented Student Art Show. At the April 8 opening reception, guests are invited to try their hand at Frank Lloyd Wright inspired craft making. Frank Lloyd Wright Stained Glass Pendants family workshop.

April 13, noon Lunchtime Lecture. Living Room Conversation with Dr. Michael Desmond, LSU professor and architectural historian. Dr. Desmond will discuss Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture designs and history.

April 20, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Wine and Wright: An Evening Workshop - Join AIA Louisiana and Louisiana Architectural Foundation for an evening at the WBR Museum to try some of the hand-drafting tools much like Frank Lloyd Wright used to design interior furnishings and to draw architectural elements. This FREE program is offered in conjunction with the traveling exhibit, Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture of the Interiors. Space is limited, advanced reservations are required by calling 225-336-2422 Ext. 15. Refreshments served.

May 5, 1:00 p.m. Café Francias. Join us for coffee and French immersion conversation.

May 11, 7:00 p.m. Film Screening at Manship Theatre, *Masterpieces: The Most Extraordinary Buildings Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright*, offered in conjunction with WBR Museum's traveling exhibit. Filmmaker Michael Miner will be present to conduct a short Q&A following the film. Tickets can be purchased at www.manship-theatre.org or by calling the box office at 225-344-0334.

May 12, noon Lunchtime Lecture with filmmaker Michael Miner. He has devoted his career entirely to the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, documenting the master architect's buildings in such films as "Sacred Spaces", "A Child of the Sun", and "Romanza", which covers the California work of Mr. Wright.

June 3 – August 27 – A Tale of Two Floods, a photography exhibit marking the one year anniversary of the historic flood of 2016 in Baton Rouge and the 90th anniversary of the 1927 Flood.

June 17 – October 29 – Atchafalaya Water Trails, an exhibition.

June Blast from the Past History Camp "Tales from the Bayou"

Session One - June 19-23

Session Two - June 26-30

Advanced Paid Registration required. Ages 6-12.

July 18, 19, 20, Annual Teachers Institute, Atchafalaya heritage themes. Advanced registration required, (225) 336-2422 x 15.

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