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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."



The WBR Historical Association Card Party is scheduled for Monday, July 31, at the West Baton Rouge Community Center in Port Allen. The Card Party Committee is picture above: Front row from left is: Joyce Barbier, Alice LeBlanc, Ruth Stanley and Babs Babin. Back row from left is: Lorry Trotter, General Chairman, Dorene Mayeux and Evva Wilson, Food Chairman. Other committee members not pictured are Andrea Normand and Janet Simoneaux.

"Christmas in July" Card Party Set for July 31

"Try your luck at bridge, hand and foot canasta, Shanghai rummy, pokeno, bouree and other games at the 12th annual "Christmas in July" Card Party sponsored by the West Baton Rouge Historical Association on Monday, July 31, 2017," invited Lorry Trotter, Card Party chairman.

The fundraiser event includes lunch and runs from 10 am to 3 pm at the West Baton Rouge Community Center, 749 North Jefferson in Port Allen. A donation of \$30.00 per person benefits the West Baton Rouge Historical Association.

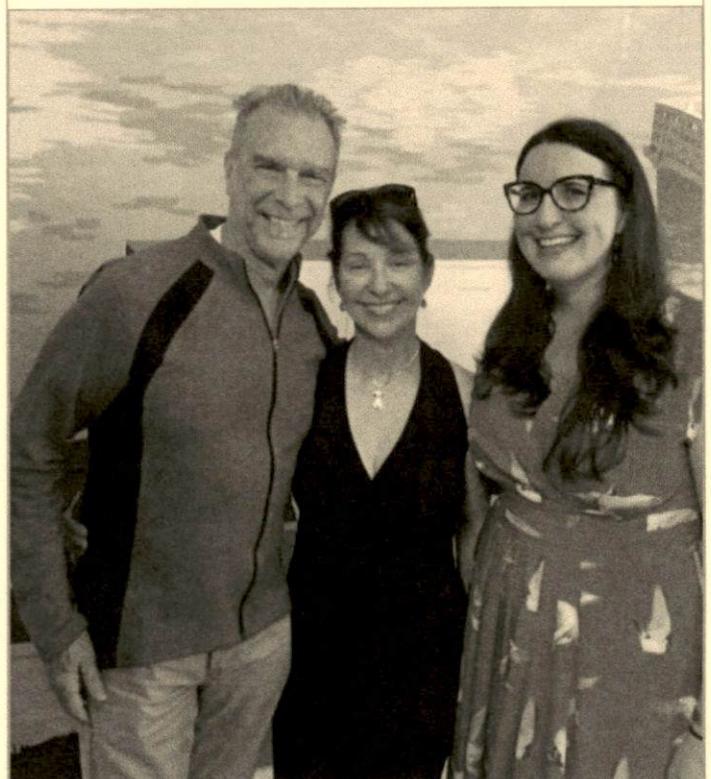
Come and join us for a day of fun, fellowship, good food, door prizes and more! Bring you entire group or register individually to play cards or other parlor games and celebrate "Christmas in July" with us!

Reservations are required. Registration deadline is July 21. Call Alice LeBlanc at 336-2422, Ext.10 to register or for additional information.

Save the Date

**WBR Historical Association's Annual
Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture Series
featuring famed nature & wildlife
photographer C.C. Lockwood
October 29, 2017**

**Welcome Reception for New Museum
Director, Angélique Bergeron
June 9, 2017**





Lorry Trotter
WBR Historical Association
Board President

FROM OUR PRESIDENT AROUND OUR ASSOCIATION



Wow it's been a very busy spring of 2017! We said goodbye to Julie Rose the West Baton Rouge Museum Director for 11 years and congratulated Angélique Bergeron on her promotion from curator to museum director. Now I wish to welcome Elizabeth Brantley and Kathe Hambrick as our new museum curators. Please join me in wishing them well.

There are many wonderful things coming up on the Historical Association's calendar. On July 31, we have the annual "Christmas

in July Card Party" fundraiser. Games that will be offered are everything from bridge to rummy and much more. There will be lots of door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A delicious lunch and snacks will be served. There is a great time to be had for all, so register early by calling Alice Leblanc at 336-2422 ext. 10.

This year's Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture series will feature renowned photographer, C.C. Lockwood. Don't forget SugarFest on October 1. Bring the family. Tickets for the dinners will go on sale in September and don't forget to pick up dessert at the sweets table. There is a great time waiting for us all.

Sincerely,

Lorry

Lorry Trotter

Where history has a name.



WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM



Angélique Bergeron
West Baton Rouge
Museum Director

From Our Director



Merci mille fois (Thanks a million) for the warm welcome at our last Café Français! It was great to see so many of you and to be serenaded by Zachary Richard... Wow! Y'all sure know how to make a gal feel welcomed!

This is an exciting time for the West Baton Rouge Museum and the West Baton Rouge Historical Association as we approach our 50th anniversary next year. It has been nearly a half of a

century of strong leadership and even stronger community support. The West Baton Rouge Museum truly is a special place and I look forward to leading this amazing team into the next era.

We have just hired two new curators, Elizabeth Brantley and Kathe Hambrick, in order to develop our permanent and ambitious temporary exhibits, as well as care for the WBRHA's growing permanent collection and archival holdings. Read all about them in the Curator's Corner and stop by to meet them.

This summer is already off to an active start. In addition to our Blast from the Past Summer Camp, we opened two new exhibits in June both with a water theme. Our feature exhibit *Water Trails of the Atchafalaya* sadly has turned into a tribute to Greg Guirard photographer, writer, social and environmental activist who passed away in early June. The exhibit showcases Guirard's photography as well as that of C.C. Lockwood and Justin Patin. The exhibit also features original works by Louisiana native artists including Melissa Bonin, Rigsby Frederick, Keith Felder, Kenny Greig, and Shane Seneca. For this exhibit we worked with the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area and The Nature Conservancy. Both have partnered with the WBRM/WBRHA for our annual Teachers' Institute. In our Brick Gallery, *The River Rises: Historical Floods of West Baton Rouge* features photographs and artifacts from the WBRHA's permanent collection and was guest

co-curated by Brian Costello, archivist and historian at the Pointe Coupee Parish Library. Brian will be at the WBRM for a lunch-time lecture on August 25 to share his research into the floods that have affected our parish.

Be sure to check out the calendar for all the interesting programs coming this summer to the West Baton Rouge Museum.

See you at the museum!

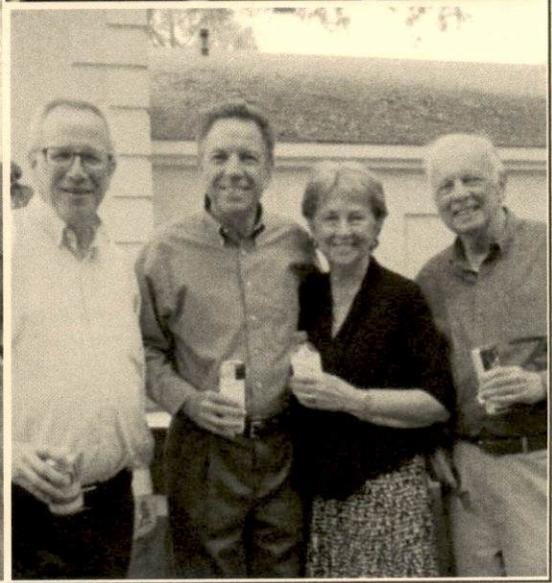
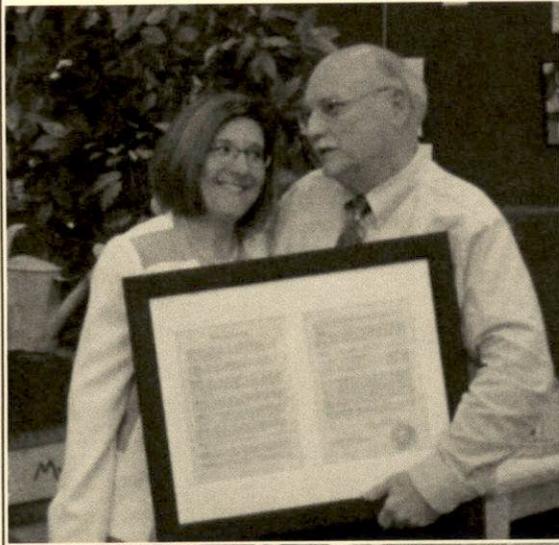
Angélique

Angélique Bergeron, PhD
Director



Farewell to Julie Rose

May 23, 2017

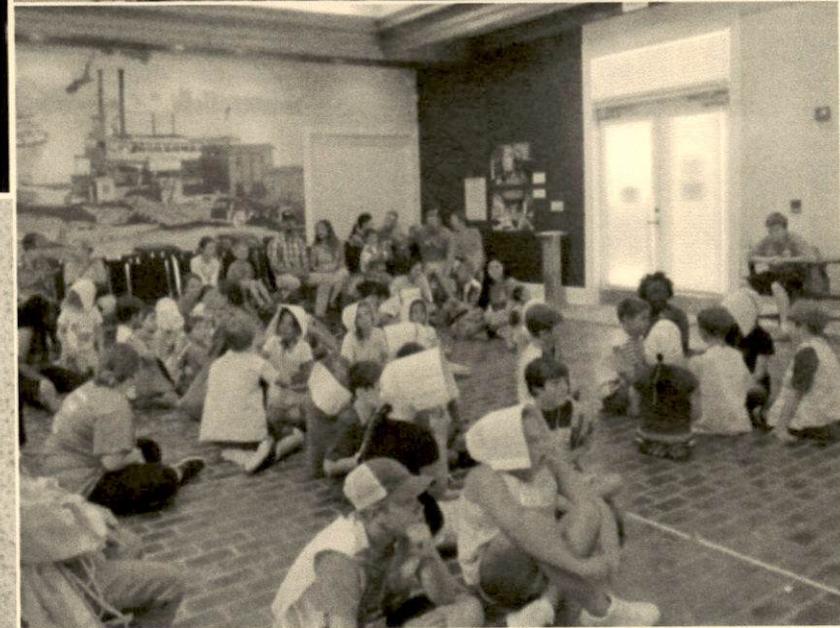


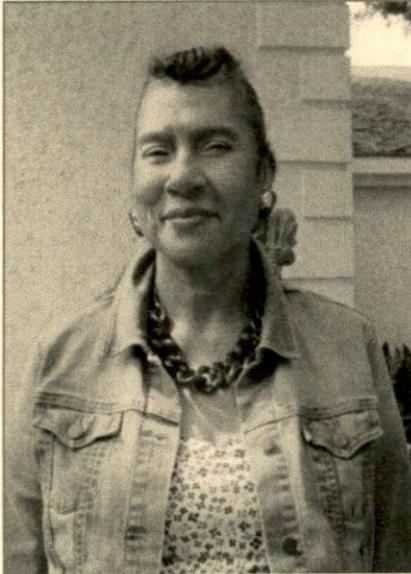
Blast from the Past Summer Camp

Tales from the Bayou

The West Baton Rouge Museum's 2017 Blast from the Past Summer History Camp brought this year's theme, "Tales from the Bayou" to life with many special guests who left our campers smiling! Guest presenters helped our happy campers learn many things about our exotic south Louisiana landscape and those who inhabit it. They learned about Native American culture, language, and storytelling from a visitor from the Tunica Biloxi Tribe. They learned about the arrival of the Acadians through language, songs, stories and crafts. No tale from the bayou would be complete without critters that swim, crawl, slither, and fly. Campers enjoyed meeting a real alligator hunter who brought along his little friends and other hands-on activities presented by Wildlife and Fisheries and camp staff. They even got to work with a textile expert, a Cajun musician, Louisiana craftsmen, an environmental scientist, and a hurricane hunter. Many thanks to all of our special guests and volunteers who helped our campers once again have a blast from the past!







Ida Pierre WBR Historical Association Volunteer

A long time native of West Baton Rouge Parish and resident of Lobdell, Ida Pierre recently joined the board of directors of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association. She is a graduate of Cohn High School and Louisiana Technical College finishing in culinary arts. Currently Ida serves as a personal chef and goes into various homes to prepare delicious meals for the residents.

She formerly worked in sales for about 10 years at various area stores and also served as a substitute teacher in the West Baton Rouge Parish School System. Additionally, Ida was proud to serve as a tour guide for the West Baton Rouge Museum for several years. She was also a member of the Lobdell Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and assisted with their barbecue chicken dinners.

"I have been blessed to be the mother of identical twin girls, Jackie and Frankie, who kept me busy during their younger years," Pierre said. The girls and I enjoy spending time together doing things like laughing, shopping, cooking, and going to the movies.

"There's never a quiet moment with them around," she continued.

Ida Pierre is also an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church Parish in Port Allen.

"It is an honor to have been selected to serve as a member of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association Board of Directors," Pierre said.

Curator's Corner

The West Baton Rouge Museum is pleased to announce the addition of two new curators. Kathe Hambrick is the museum's new Exhibits Curator and Elizabeth Brantley is the new Curator of Collections. Ms. Hambrick and Ms. Brantley will begin their duties at the West Baton Rouge Museum in July.

Kathe Hambrick holds a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Southern University of New Orleans. Prior to joining the



professional staff at the West Baton Rouge Museum, Ms. Hambrick founded the River Road African American Museum in Donaldsonville, where she has served as executive director since 1994. She has received state and national accolades, including the Lt. Governor's Passion for Culture Award, the Louisiana State Legislature's Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award, the Rural Tourism Success Story Award from the Office of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, as well as the Leadership in History Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for her work as guest co-curator for the West Baton Rouge Museum's 2016 exhibit, Cohn High School How We Love Thee.

Elizabeth Brantley, a native of Port Allen, holds a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Southern University of New Orleans, where she received the Dr. Leetta Allen-Haynes Award for Academic Excellence. She also holds a Master of Science



from LSU in Human Ecology with a concentration on Historic Costumes and Textiles. Prior to joining the professional staff at the West Baton Rouge Museum, Ms. Brantley has served as the director/curator at the Iberville Museum in Plaquemine since 2013. She spent ten years as curator at the National Scouting Museum, Boy Scouts of America, as well as curator/registrar at Magnolia Mound Plantation. Ms. Brantley

has also completed internships in conservation at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution.

Please join us in welcoming these ladies to our team!

2017 Historical Association

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7, 1:00 p.m. – Le Café Français

July 18, 19, 20, Annual Teachers Institute *The Academics of the Atchafalaya* sponsored in part by the WBRHA

July 12, noon– Lunchtime Lecture, "FOOTSTEPS IN TIME: France to the New World" with genealogist, Gayle Breaux Smith who traces the journey of her Breaux ancestors over 360 years from France, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, and, of course, Louisiana where they settled in the area currently known as Breaux Bridge. FREE. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

July 18, noon – Lunchtime lecture C.E. Richard and screening of "In The Mind of the Maker" Filmmaker C.E. Richard of University of Louisiana at Lafayette will discuss some of the boats that evolved in the Basin for living, working, and playing by and for the people who made the wilds of the Atchafalaya Basin their home.

August 4, 1:00 p.m. – Le Café Français

August 10, noon – Lunchtime Lecture "Mississippi River and its Tributaries: Managing the Mighty Mississippi" Ricky Boyett, Chief of Public Affairs with the United States Army Corps of Engineers examines the Corps approach to river flood management that is unique to South Louisiana.

August 13 – Atchafalaya Basin Swamp Tour

August 18, noon – Lunchtime Lecture and Film Screening, "King Crawfish" with filmmaker, Conni Castille of University of Louisiana at Lafayette who documents the Cajun spirit as it is poured out on a communal table, even as the wild harvest is diminishing. The film traces the crustacean from the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival to its natural habitat, the Atchafalaya Basin and finds fishermen fighting to retain their way of life in one small fishing community.

August 25, noon – Lunchtime Lecture "The Menacing Mississippi: A Review of Floods in West Baton Rouge Parish" Historian Brian Costello shares images illustrating the inundation of WBR and adjacent parishes wrought by the Mississippi River levee failures between 1780 and 1949.

September 1, 1:00 p.m. – Le Café Français

September 2 – December 31 – Alma: An exhibition of photography by Julie Stewart

September 15, noon – Lunchtime Lecture "The Atchafalaya River Basin, An Ecological and Personal Perspective" Join Dr. Bryan P. Piazza, author of *The Atchafalaya River Basin – History and Ecology of an American Wetland* as he explores the ecological history, current status, and future trajectory of the Atchafalaya River Basin, a landscape that has shaped him as much as it has defined Louisiana.

October 1 – SugarFest, Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The 22nd annual festival.

October 29 - West Baton Rouge Historical Association's Annual Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture Series featuring famed nature and wildlife photographer C.C. Lockwood

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