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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, Museum Director; C.C. Lockwood, guest speaker; Tom Acosta, Museum Board Chairman and Lorry Trotter, WBR Historical Association President, visit following the October 29 Ethel Claiborne Dameron lecture.

C.C. Lockwood Discusses His Work in the Atchafalaya Basin at the Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture

There was standing room only for the fascinating talk by famed naturalist C. C. Lockwood, at the October 29 ECD Lecture at the West Baton Rouge Museum. Lockwood has lived and worked in fragile ecosystems whose preservation shapes his artistry. He discussed his work in the Atchafalaya Basin which has won him international acclaim from the Sierra Club as an environmental artist. His work continues to reflect changes and perils in the natural world.

Following the lecture, Lockwood held a book signing for his 12th and newest book: *Louisiana Wild, The Lands Protected and Restored by The Nature Conservancy*. This book portrays the good work the organization is doing on over 280,000 acres of land in our state. "When I started this project I got to visit swamps, lakes, marshes, prairies and oyster reefs from the Arkansas border to the Grand Isle wetlands," he continued.

The lecture series is held annually in memory of Ethel Claiborne Dameron, founder of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association and the West Baton Rouge Museum.

Mark Your Calendars

The 50th Annual Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018, at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen.

Your Annual Meeting notice and proxy form will be mailed to you soon. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please complete and return the form to the WBR Historical Association at 845 North Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767.



New items acquired for WBRHA Permanent Collection - Curator of Collections Elizabeth Brantly and Accessions Committee members Ellis Gauthier and Dr. Evva Wilson pose with an autographed guitar, vintage microphone, and a harmonica played by Raful Neal. These and other items were donated to the WBRHA's permanent collection by members of the Neal family. Additionally, the lovely bookcase in the background was donated by Jo Busse for the WBRHA's permanent collection.



FROM OUR PRESIDENT AROUND OUR ASSOCIATION

It has been an exciting year and I have been proud and privileged to be your West Baton Rouge Historical Association President.



We had a record attendance to our Christmas in July card party. Thank you Evva Wilson for chairing the food committee.

SugarFest was a great success. We had a preview of the WBR Museum "Juke Joint" which will be dedicated in 2018. What a wonderful way to show off our rich heritage of blues music in our parish. Many thanks to the Neal family for making history come to life. This year's dinner and sweets booth did a great job of raising funds for the Historical Association's endeavors. Much thanks to Mary Bennett and her team for making the sweets booth so successful; and

Lorry Trotter
WBR Historical Association
Board President

to Jane Brou and her volunteers for chairing another excellent dinner fundraiser.

Finally, the Ethel Claiborne Dameron lecture had a capacity crowd thanks to our speaker C.C. Lockwood. A special thanks to Evva Wilson and Jeannie Lockett for organizing the event and to Andrea Normand, hospitality chair, for managing the refreshments.

This organization is only a success because of our board, membership, and volunteers tireless dedication. I thank each and every one of you for your contribution this year and hope for your continuous support. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join and volunteer.

My best wishes to you and your family and may you have a blessed new year.

Sincerely,

Lorry Trotter, President

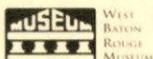
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WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM



From Our Director



Dear friends,

The West Baton Rouge Museum had a busy summer with our Blast from the Past Summer Camp, Teacher's Institute, as well as daily group tours. We are gearing up for new exhibits and celebrated our 22nd successful SugarFest on October 1.

We couldn't do all that we do without our dedicated staff and amazing volunteers. As a way to thank our volunteers and staff and also to develop our interpretation, we will organize periodic field trips to historic sites and other businesses that will help inform the stories that we tell here at the West Baton Rouge Museum. On August 14th we were treated to a behind the scenes tour of Cane Land, a single estate rum distillery, that uses sugarcane processed at Alma Plantation. We learned lots about this booming industry in Louisiana. The current exhibit, *Raw Sugar: Harvest in Black and White* showcases dramatic photographs by Julie Stewart of Alma plantation's process of harvesting sugarcane from the field, to the milling process at the factory, and then to the sugar house which holds

Angélique Bergeron
West Baton Rouge

the raw sugar. Volunteers will be notified soon about our planned tour of the Alma mill during grinding season.

In addition to periodic educational excursions, the WBRM will host regular professional development for staff and volunteers at our monthly "Enrichment Mondays" held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Current volunteers, staff, and interested community members are invited to attend. Each month will feature a different topic that highlights a particular skill or activity the museum wishes to explore. Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. Interested participants should contact Gwenn LaViolette, Museum Educator, for more details at 225.336.2422 ext. 16 or email gwenn.laviolette@gmail.com.

These are exciting times at the museum. We look forward to having you join us!

Sincerely,

Angélique Bergeron, PhD
Director



Sweets Contest Winners Announced

Thanks to all who participated in the West Baton Rouge Historical Association Sweets Contest during SugarFest 2017. Overall grand prize winner was Katie Scalise with her Date Finger Cookies.

Cake winners included: 1st place – Brooke Harlan, 2nd place – Tammy David, and 3rd Place – Bridgette Larpenfer.

Candy winners were: 1st place – Maggie Wrenn. No second or third place winners.

Cookies winners included: 1st place – Katie Scalise; 2nd place – Maggie Wrenn; 3rd place – Tammy David.

Pie winners included: 1st place – Evva Wilson, 2nd place – Mary Bennett, and 3rd place – Gene Cullens.



SUGARFEST 2017

October 1, 2017



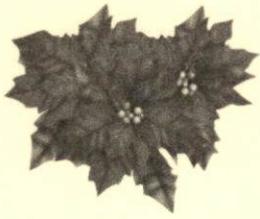


2017 ETHEL CLAIBORNE DAMERON LECTURE SERIES

C. C. Lockwood – Guest Speaker

October 29, 2017





HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 3, 2017





LORRY TROTTER WBR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER

The current president of the 450-member West Baton Rouge Historical Association, Lorry Trotter, is one busy lady! For the past five years, she has chaired the WBRHA Card Party Fundraiser increasing the profit each year with new ideas like the 50/50 raffle and gift basket raffle. The 2017 Card Party was the largest to date drawing 147 players and netting over \$4,756! Lorry has been a member of the WBR Historical Association for 11 years.

Originally from Norfolk, VA, Lorry is the daughter of a Navy petty officer from Louisiana and her mother who was from Brooklyn, NY. The family moved frequently as her father was transferred from place to place. Trotter has a BA in Business Administration from LSU.

Lorry's career with the State of Louisiana spanned 32 years beginning with the Department of Labor for 4 years and then moving to Louisiana State University for 28 years. At LSU she began as a loan officer in Student Aid, then moved to business manager of the LSU Library, Director of Development Services for the LSU Foundation, and retired as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor of the LSU Law Center.

While at LSU Lorry served as president of the Staff Senate for 2 years and Chairman of the LSU Staff Advisory Council to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

A very active volunteer, Trotter served on the Louisiana State Employee Retirement Board for the past 11 years; a trustee for the \$12 billion Pension System and served as Chairman of the Board in 2009. Additionally she worked as a part-time tour guide at the West Baton Rouge Museum for 3 years.

Lorry and her husband, Bill, have been married for 31 years and are the parents of four children, including two who are deceased. They reside in Erwinville and both are active in various community organizations. Lorry is in the LSU Faculty and Staff Retirees Club, West Baton Rouge Garden & Civic Club, West Side Women's Club, LSU Campus Club and they are members of West Baton Rouge Senior Spirit. They enjoy playing bridge, having cookouts and traveling. They have 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 10-18.

Lorry's secret desire was to be a writer but judging from how active she is, there doesn't seem to be any time left to try her hand at something new!



Elizabeth Brantley
Curator of Collections

Curators' Corner

As we wrap up 2017 and head into the new year, the museum's curatorial department has been busy planning exciting new exhibits that will engage visitors and educate them about the rich cultural history found in our parish.

Visitors are currently enjoying *Over Here & Over There: Americans at Home and Abroad during WWI*, which was curated by the National Archives and supplemented with objects from the Historical Association collection. Prior to this exhibit, a call for artifacts was issued and our supporters came through with loans and donations of WWI objects that filled a void in our collection holdings. Another area where we would like to grow our collection is Vietnam-era objects. In November 2018 we will be hosting another National Archives exhibit, *Picturing Nam*, and we will be in need of objects that share the local perspective on this war and its effects at home. **If you have anything related to the Vietnam War that you would like to share, please contact Curator of Collections Elizabeth Brantley at 225-336-2422 x12.** We hope you will consider donating objects that will help us document this chapter of our local history for future generations.

Creoles du Monde - An exhibition February 1 to May 5, 2018
There is no better way to open the carnival season than with an exhibit that celebrates creole cultures from around the world. The exhibit, *Creoles du Monde* opens on February 1, 2018 with an evening *Rum Revelry* featuring Brazilian dancers, rum tasting and conversation with the Haitian artist Ulrick Jean-Pierre. Diane Gumbomarie Honore will demonstrate her craft of tying *tignons* which were colorful head wraps worn by the Creole women of New Orleans. Creole culture is not unique to Louisiana, but there is a common bond... sugarcane. In the regions where sugarcane was cultivated, diverse populations of people evolved from African, Indian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese heritage. The *Creoles du Monde* exhibit includes costumes, paintings, rare books, documents, videos and photography from south Louisiana, the Caribbean, Central and South Amer-

Creoles du Monde - An exhibition February 1 to May 5, 2018

ica. Cigar makers are invited to participate in the *cigar parlor*. If you have a personal contact who is a cigar maker and historian, **please contact the Director of Education, Jeannie Luckett at 225-336-2422 x14 for more information.**

Juke Joint Grand Opening Planned for April 6th
The West Baton Rouge Museum is reclaiming its blues history with the grand opening of the WBRM Juke Joint. The performances of Lil Ray Neal and Lil Jimmy Reed in 2017 have sparked a lot of excitement about this new exhibit. A Friday Night Fish Fry is planned for the grand opening on April 6th, with a special musical tribute to our very own blues legend, Slim Harpo who is from Mulatto Bend. This event will also honor our volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. The public is invited to tour the Juke Joint which features posters, juke joint memorabilia and photographs of nationally recognized blues musicians like Ernie K-Doe (Ernest Kador, Jr.), Slim Harpo (James Moore), Buddy Guy, Silas Hogan, and the Rafal Neal Family. **We are still looking for juke joint related items: records, posters, albums, photos, posters and furniture. If you have anything that you would like to share, please contact Exhibits Curator Kathe Hambrick at 225-336-2422 x11.**

Juke Joint Grand Opening Planned for April 6th

The Golden Anniversary: Treasures from the Collection
2018 will be an exciting year for exhibits as we work to focus on in-house research and spotlight items from the Historical Association collection. The West Baton Rouge Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018 and we will note the occasion with an exhibit of epic proportions. *The Golden Anniversary: Treasures from the Collection* will open in August and highlights objects gathered from 50 years of collecting, some of which have never been displayed before. The exhibit opens with a gala celebration and an exhibit catalog is being produced for sale in the museum's gift shop. It's not too late to contribute an object to the collection, so if you have a "treasure" that you have been considering donating to the Historical Association, now is the perfect time to do so. We look forward to sharing our treasures with you!

The Golden Anniversary: Treasures from the Collection

Kathe Hambrick Exhibits Curator



Kathe Hambrick
Exhibits Curator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6 – February 25 – Exhibit *3-D Beads: A Mardi Gras Art Celebration* - Local artists Marcus Ciko and Stephan Wanger display their unique artwork fashioned from recycled Mardi Gras beads.

January 6 – Bus Trip to A Jeweled Christmas at The Towers of Natchez - Join the museum for a dazzling day trip to explore a c. 1798 historic house adorned from floor to ceiling in thousands of sparkling pieces of vintage costume jewelry. Seating is limited and advanced, paid registration (\$55) is required.

January 8 – WBRHA Annual Meeting

January 15 – Open as a place of reflection for MLK Day

January 22 - 12:30 p.m. – Enrichment Monday trip to Whitney Plantation

February 1 – May 6 – Exhibit *Creoles du Monde* - The exhibit, opens with an evening *Rum Revelry* featuring Brazilian dancers, rum tasting and conversations with collectors and artists. The *Creoles du Monde* exhibit includes costumes, paintings, rare books, documents, videos and photography from south Louisiana, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

February 1 – 6 p.m. - Rum Revelry exhibit opening for *Creoles du Monde* - Revelers ages twenty-one and over will enjoy a masquerade gala event in the heart of carnival season featuring a live performance by Casa Samba, New Orleans leader in Brazilian entertainment, a tignon salon featuring head dress tying demonstrations presented by Dianne Honore, a cigar station hosted by Cigar Factory New Orleans, and rum tastings made from Louisiana sugar cane hosted by Cane Land Distilling Company. FREE

February 3 – Mask-making Family Workshop – Families of all ages are invited to find their way to making amazing wearable masterpieces to keep after following a scavenger hunt stocked with surprise activities. For more information, call 225-336-2422. FREE

February 7 – Luncheon lecture with Jeremy Simien, *Collecting Creole* – Mr. Simien will discuss his Creole heritage and the rich culture of the Creole world as depicted in his colorful collection of fine painting, lithographs, sketches, daguerreotypes, and miniatures. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch. FREE

February 8 – Manship Theatre screening of *Black Orpheus* – This 1959 film made in Brazil is an adaptation of the Greek legend of the Orpheus and Eurydice myth set during Carnaval in Rio de Janeiro. For ticket information, visit <http://www.manshiptheatre.org>.

February 21 – Luncheon lecture with Brian Costello, "Sold into Enslavement: The tribulation and vindication of the Olivo Family of False River" - This presentation is a wrenching account of the abduction and sale into enslavement of the Olivo family in the 1850s. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch. FREE

February 23 – Manship Theatre reception for *Water Trails of the Atchafalaya*

March 3 – August 5 – Exhibit *Fait à la main: Acadian Handicrafts* This exhibit will showcase the hand-made crafts that were purchased and marketed throughout the state as well as show how local artisans are keeping Acadian craft traditions alive today.

March 3 – Greater Baton Rouge Regional National History Day Contest - Student and judges' registration is now open at www.louisianahistoryday.org for this competition that will be held at West Baton Rouge Museum.

March 8-10 – Dulcimer Fête

April 6 – Juke Joint Grand Opening & Volunteer Appreciation Party The West Baton Rouge Museum is reclaiming its blues history with the grand opening of the WBRM Juke Joint.

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2018 Membership Dues Are Now Due

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See Membership form on the last page for dues amount.



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