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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."



John Anderson Describes "Shearwater Pottery and Walter Anderson Art: The History of a Dream" at Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture

John Anderson, son of famed artist Walter Anderson and Anderson family curator, entertained a packed house for the annual Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture on October 30, 2016. The event coincided with a WBR Museum exhibit of Walter Anderson's Fairy Tales, featuring original drawings, block prints, and ceramic works by the famed southern artist. A highlight of the exhibit was Cinderella on Her Way to the Ball, a linoleum block print carved by Walter Anderson and colored by his children in the 1940's. Some years ago, this piece was donated to the Walter Anderson Museum of Art by the West Baton Rouge Historical Association.

John Anderson grew up in the artistic retreat at Shearwater Pottery in Ocean Springs, MS. The youngest son of Walter and Agnes Anderson, he has served as curator or co-curator for twelve exhibits of his father's art. Additionally, he has written about him extensively, and participated in the production of several films on the subject. John Anderson also served as first president of the Board of Directors for the group that built The Walter Anderson Museum of Art.

A reception followed the program. See Page 4 for pictures of the event.

WBRHA Accessions Committee Approves New Items for Collection

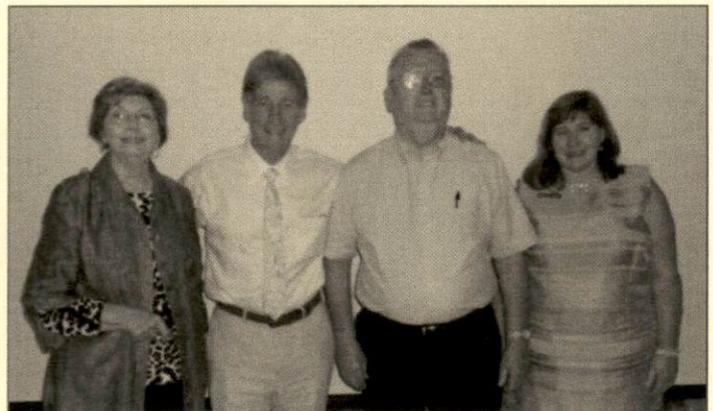
Members of the WBR Historical Association Accessions Committee met at the museum on October 5, 2016 to recommend new items for the collection. Angeliqye Bergeron, Curator, holds "Live Oak Tree, Louisiana Bayou" an oil wash on board painting by Alexander John Drysdale that will be part of our collection. Committee members shown with Bergeron include Wilhemenia DeCuir, Glen DeMourelle, Gary Hart, Ellis Gauthier, Kim Callegan, Evva Wilson and Babs Babin.

Mark Your Calendars



The 49th Annual Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017, at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete the Proxy Form on page 6 and mail to the WBR Historical Association at 845 North Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767.



Pictured above L-R are Evva Wilson, John Anderson, Ellis Gauthier, President, WBR Historical Association and Jeanie Lockett, Education Curator. Wilson and Lockett were co-chairs of the event.



Ellis Gauthier
WBR Historical Association
Board President

FROM OUR PRESIDENT AROUND OUR ASSOCIATION

Season's Greetings to all!



As we approach 2017 we are thankful for our West Baton Rouge Historical Association members and their families who lead, work, or participate in a wide range of activities during the year. Your commitment to furthering the mission of our organization is awesome.

Our two annual fundraisers – the 11th annual Christmas in July Card Party and

Sugar Fest activities in October - both saw an increase in dollars raised and participation levels. Kudos to Lorry Trotter for chairing the Card Party for the fourth straight year, and to HA Board members, card players, volunteers and friends who helped to make this event the most successful ever!

As we moved into autumn, preparations for the Sugar Fest Sweets Booth and Plantation Dinner fundraisers sponsored by the WBR Historical Association began. Thanks to Jane Brou and Debra Salvadoras for chairing the Plantation Dinner again this year and to HA members for selling tickets for the delicious dinner, and to Alice LeBlanc for managing the tickets and money for these activities.

Special thanks to Mary Bennett for chairing the Sweets Booth again and all the volunteers who assisted customers and brought sweets to sell. Our appreciation also to Ruth Stanley and Babs Babin for assisting the Sweets Contest judges during the event.

The Ethel Claiborne Dameron lecture on October 30 featured John Anderson, the son of famed artist Walter Anderson. The event drew a wide audience who enjoyed meeting and hearing John and viewing his father's exhibit on display at the Museum. Thanks to ECD Chairpersons Evva Wilson and Jeannie Lockett. We appreciate the generosity of our ECD Committee for sharing their talents with attendees.

It has been a remarkable 48th year for the West Baton Rouge Historical Association and we look forward to more exciting things to come in 2017!

Please join us for the West Baton Rouge Historical Association's Annual Meeting at 1:30 p.m., on January 9, 2017 at the West Baton Rouge Museum. All members are invited to attend the meeting and join us for refreshments afterward.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ellis

Ellis Gauthier
President

Where history has a name.



WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM



Julie Rose
West Baton Rouge
Museum Director

From Our Director



Every day I cross the Mississippi River and I am reminded that our work at the West Baton Rouge Museum is so closely tied to one of America's most famous and important waterways. How fortunate we are that the history of West Baton Rouge Parish is so rich with America's most important stories. And yet, the stories that especially intrigue out-of-state visitors and students are the stories about the communities and the real people who settled, farmed, governed, fought, built,

taught, and struggled in our parish. Yes! Your stories and the stories of your ancestors are the most valuable threads the museum has to weave the exhibits and the programs that make this museum so meaningful and valuable to our parish and to our nation. The West Baton Rouge Museum has used the phrase, "Where history has a name," in all our promotions in 2016. All of the 2016 exhibits used artifacts from the WBRHA permanent collection to demonstrate that the national stories are also built upon the histories in West Baton Rouge. We thank you for sharing your stories, donating artifacts, and supporting the museum and ask you to continue to love your local history. Bring your photographs, mementoes, yearbooks, and ephemera and help the museum to record your stories in order to preserve our parish's history and the history of our great country. As we close the year, I want to thank you, the members of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association, volunteers, and friends of the West Baton Rouge Museum who have helped to make this year so successful.

This year, the WBRM board has completed a ten-year site plan to expand the museum with more exhibits, walkways, small historical buildings, and gardens in order to expand the scope of local stories that recall challenges and achievements from music, worship, transportation, civil rights and foodways. You are welcome and encouraged to be involved in the history fun. There are so many different ways to be involved. For example, local French speakers have been meeting at the museum on the first Friday of each month for Le Café Français. And just this fourth quarter, thank you to the WBR Garden and Civic Club for decorating the museum's Christmas tree. Thank you to the WBR CVB for their promotion support. Thank you to the WBR Parish Council for helping with the major traveling exhibitions. Thank you to the WBRHA for an outstanding ECD Lecture. Thank you to the WBRP Library for the book club and Halloween event. Thank you to the City of Port Allen for the Centennial Oral History project. The docents and front desk volunteers have enjoyed the local field trip and exhibit trainings. Looking back over this past year, we are so pleased with the growing local participation of the Teachers Institute, summer camp, National History Day, Holiday Open House, Student Art Show, Sugar Fest, Cohn High School Reception, Speakeasy Soiree, Barn Bash, and so many of the lectures, workshops, performances, clubs, films, and tours.

Stay involved and we will see you at the museum!

Best Wishes for a joy filled holiday,

Julie

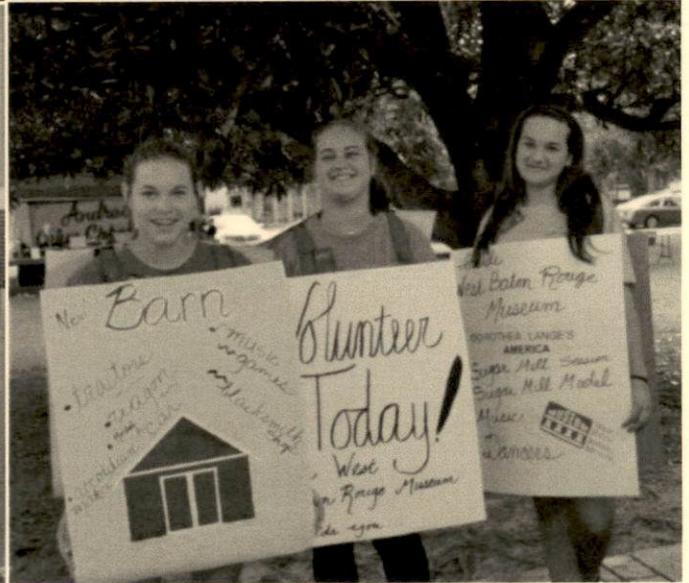
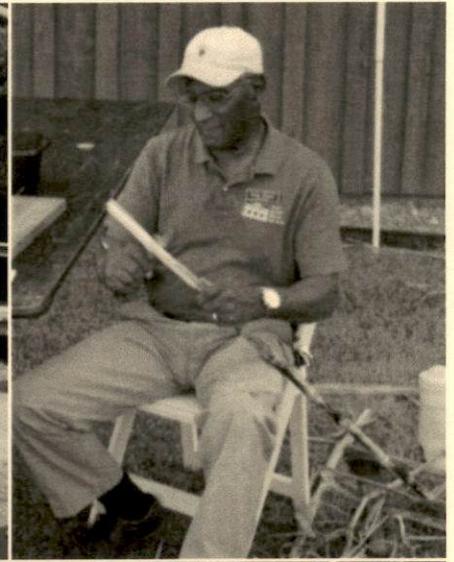
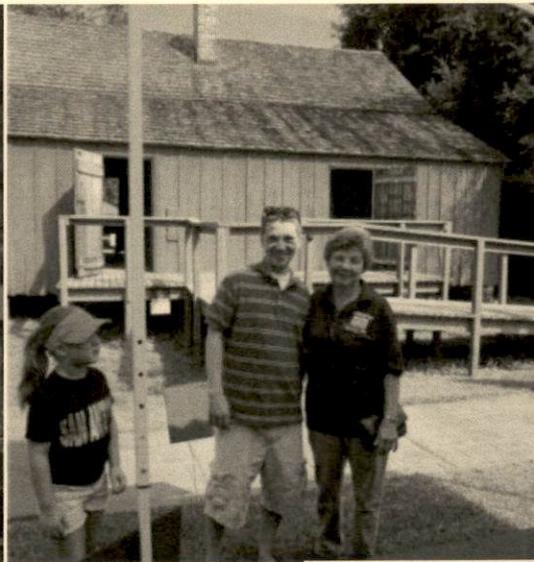
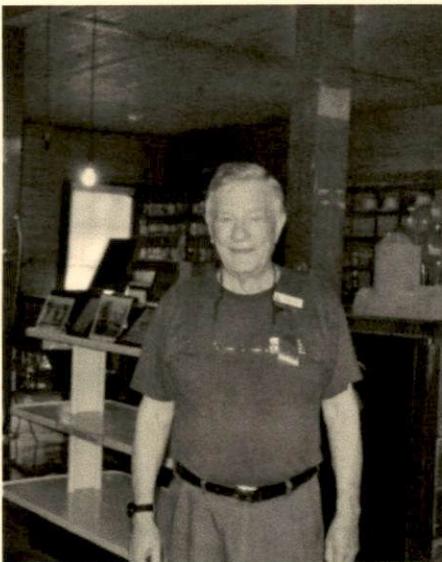
Julie Rose, PhD
Director





SUGARFEST 2016

October 2, 2016



Sweets Contest Winners Announced

Thanks to all who participated in the West Baton Rouge Historical Association Sweets Contest during Sugar Fest 2016. Overall Grand Prize Winner was Mary Acosta with her fig preserve cake. She is pictured 2nd for left on top row. Other winners are shown in no particular order.

Cookies: 1st place, Mary Bennett, raspberry French macarons; 2nd place, Braden Larpenter, PB&J oatmeal cookies; 3rd place, Toni Brantley, strawberry oatmeal bars.

Pies: 1st place, Gene Cullen, pecan M&M fudge pie; 2nd place, Dorene Mayeux, chocolate pie; 3rd place, Sarah Stickley, pecan pie bread pudding.

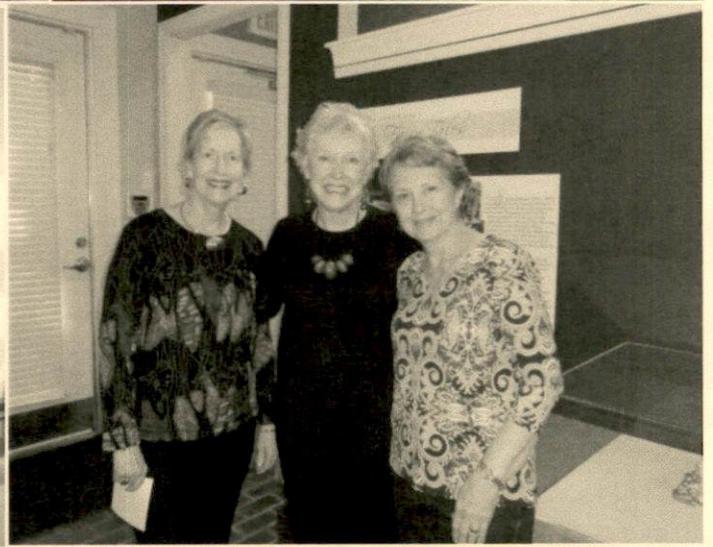
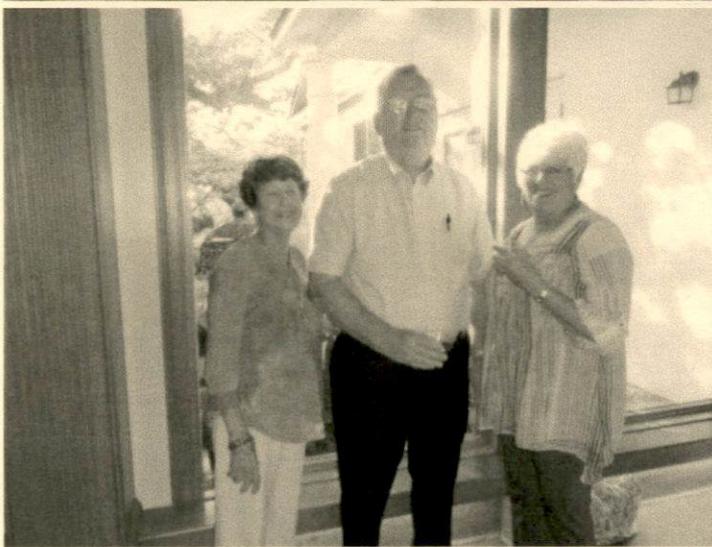
Candy: 1st place, Lisa Dickinson, butter finger bites, 2nd place, Linda Hess/Vickie Kerstetter, peanut butter fudge.



2016 ETHEL CLAIBORNE DAMERON LECTURE SERIES

"Art by Walter Anderson"

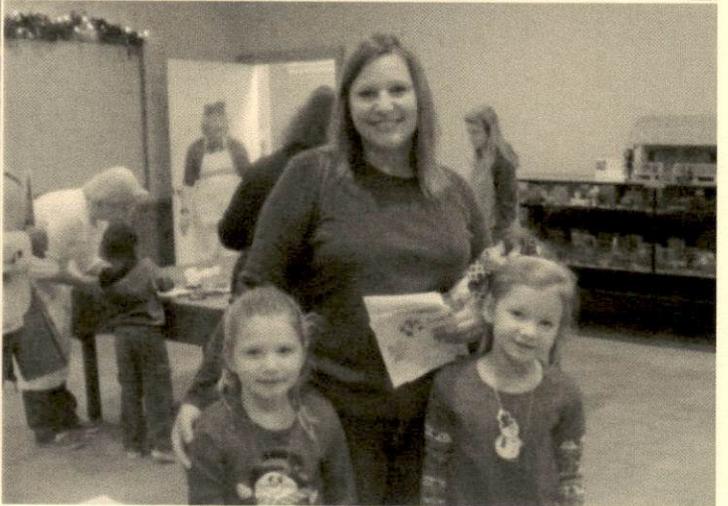
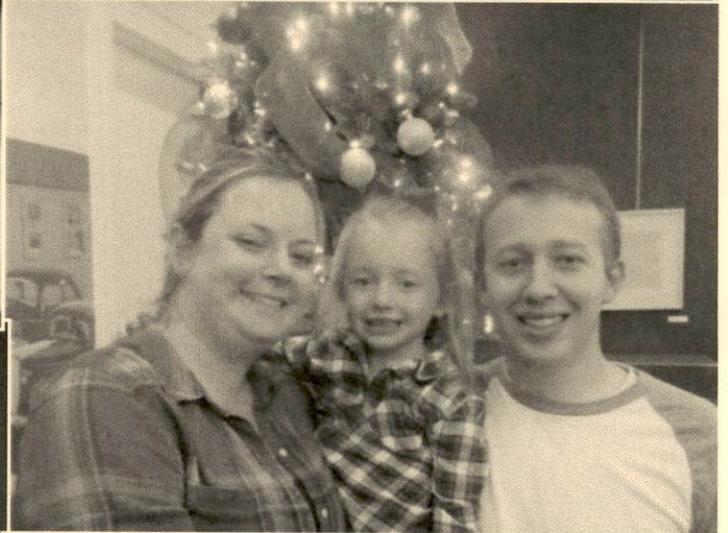
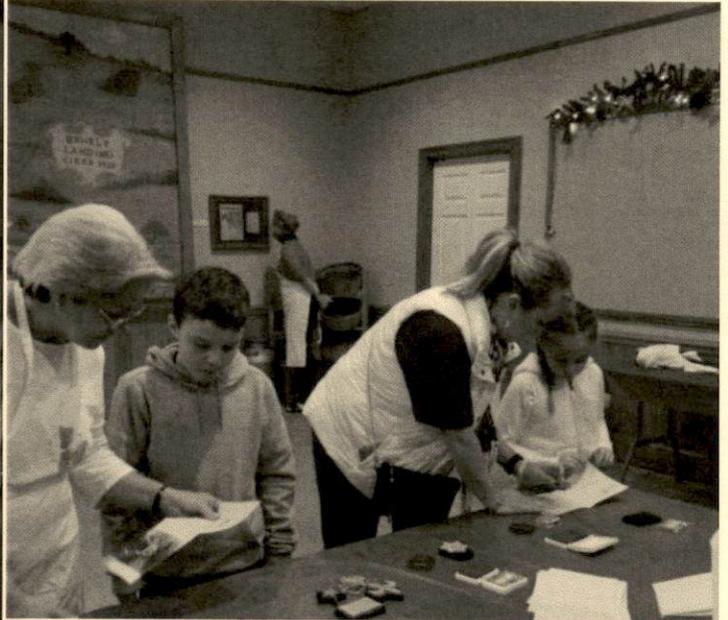
Presented by John Anderson





HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 4, 2016





Angelique Bergeron
Curator of Collections

Curator's Corner

Collecting History

The West Baton Rouge Historical Association owns an impressive collection of over 6,000 artifacts and photographs which help to interpret the history of our parish and people. In addition to the numerous items on permanent display in the Aillet House and museum main building, approximately 500 artifacts from the WBRHA permanent collection were displayed in the 10 rotating exhibits over the past year.

Do you know how our collection grows?

Items are either donated or purchased with funds from the WBRHA Memorial Acquisitions Fund. This year we accessioned 130 items into the permanent collection, including several items purchased at auction. One new addition from the auction is an iconic oil wash on board painting of a live oak tree by Alexander John Drysdale, now on view near the front desk. In the Aillet

House we have added an American Mahogany tall case clock c. 1790 – 1810 also purchased at auction.

Funds for acquisitions are only available as memorial donations are made. *Please consider remembering family and friends with a memorial donation to the WBRHA Acquisitions Fund.* Donations are tax-deductible and donation forms are available at the museum or online at www.westbatonrougemuseum.com. Acknowledgment is sent to the family following your donation.

Call for Artifacts

The West Baton Rouge Museum is always looking for artifacts, documentary material, and photos that reflect the history of our parish. Currently we are seeking photographs and artifacts for several 2017 exhibits including: local arts and crafts style furnishing and home decor, Water Trails of the Atchafalaya, and World War I. If you have any items you wish to share for these exhibits or if you have something you would like to add to the Historical Association's Permanent Collection, please contact Angelique Bergeron, Curator, at 225-336-2422x11 or Bergeron@wbrmuseum.org.

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2017 DUES INVOICE

West Baton Rouge Historical Association
845 N. Jefferson Avenue
Port Allen, LA 70767

2017 Membership Invoice Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please check the membership category you wish to join.

Student \$10.00 _____ Friends \$100.00 _____
(children and college students) (business/individuals)

Member \$20.00 _____ Patrons \$35.00 _____
(individuals) (families/individuals)

The West Baton Rouge Historical Association is a 501 (c) (3) organization. We sincerely appreciate your continued support. If you are a LIFE member or have already paid your 2017 dues, please disregard this notice. Thank you.



VOTING PROXY FORM

January 9, 2017

Annual Meeting

West Baton Rouge Historical Association

I, _____, a current member of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association do hereby nominate and appoint _____ to vote in my place at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association to be held Monday, January 9, 2017, at 1:30 pm.

Please mail to West Baton Rouge Historical Association, 845 N. Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767 to be received before January 9, 2017. You may also fax the form to 225-336-2448 or e-mail to: leblanc@wbrmuseum.org.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8, 2:00 p.m. - Family Movie Matinee, 42, see Warner Brother's powerful story of Jackie Robinson, PG-13 (2 Hours 8 minutes) and enjoy baseball themed activities.

January 14, Noon -For All the World to See, Lecture, Dr. Angela A. Allen-Bell will explain why restorative justice is a tool we can use locally and nationally to work towards fulfilling Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and civic rights agenda.

January 16, 10 :00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, The West Baton Rouge Museum will be OPEN with FREE admission on Monday, January 16, 2017

January 28 – March 12, an exhibition, **Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation 1863 and the March on Washington 1963.**

January 29, 2:00 - 4 :00 p.m. - Fairy Tale Fest, This free family program marks the closing of the Walter Anderson's Fairy Tales exhibit. The children's program will feature fairy tale fun for the whole family including storytelling from a book of fairy tales the artist illustrated, a special performance from Opera Louisiane, short fairy tale film screenings, cookie decorating, and royal craft making fit for young princes and princesses.

February 17 – March 31, an exhibition, **Purchased Lives,** exhibition from the Historic New Orleans Collection with support from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. From the colonial period and into statehood, slavery was a ubiquitous element of everyday life in New Orleans and Louisiana—affecting all parts of the local community, economy, and culture.

February 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Opening reception for Purchased Lives with performances by **Bamboula 2000** presenting **African Drumming demonstrations** and a one-woman show, **"Mrs. Catherine Cornelius from Smithfield Plantation: An Ex-slave Narrative"** portrayed by **Judy Whitney Davis** .

February 21, Noon - Lunchtime Lecture, "Taking on the Tough Stuff of History: New Orleans and the Domestic Slave Trade" with Erin Greenwald, Historic New Orleans Collection's curator and historian will discuss the research behind the "Purchased Lives" exhibition

March 7, Noon – In Their Own Voices: Student Demonstrators Who Changed History, a lunchtime panel discussion led by Dr. Rachel Emanuel. Southern University students in the 1960s were part of a movement that changed history.

March 9, 10, & 11- Lagniappe Dulcimer Society's Annual Dulcimer Fete

2017 Membership Dues Are Now Due

Make check payable to: WBRHA

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845 North Jefferson, Port Allen, LA 70767

See Membership form on the last page for dues amount.

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Welcome New Members

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Helen Thibodeaux – West Side Women’s Club
Christy Trotter Williams – Babs Babin

Ethel Claiborne Dameron Memorial Fund

Charles Haywood Dameron – Mrs. Ethel D. Manard

Frank Carruth III Children’s Fund

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General Memorial Fund

Museum Memorial Fund

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Membership Form - 2017

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