

OUR PURPOSE

"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."



NEWSLETTER ÉCOUTEZ



A PUBLICATION OF THE WEST BATON ROUGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

*Thank You for
your support!
Our millage
passed!*



SAVE THE DATE

The West Baton Rouge Historical Association's annual Christmas in July Card Party fundraiser is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Monday, July 25, 2022, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. The fundraiser will take place at the West Baton Rouge Community Center, right next door to the West Baton Rouge Museum in downtown Port Allen.

In addition to cards, participants can look forward to door prizes, lunch, and even a cocktail. There will also be two separate drawings for those interested in trying their luck. For more information, please look over the entry form insert. For questions, you can call the West Baton Rouge Museum at (225)-336-2422. We look forward to seeing you. As always, thanks for supporting the West Baton Rouge Historical Association!



Angela Gregory Donation

The West Baton Rouge Historical Association recently received a large donation of artwork from Angela Gregory Legacy LLC. These pieces will be added to the WBRHA's permanent collection and some will be highlighted in the exhibition opening July 15th.

**SugarFest is
Sunday,
October 2, 2022**





SUMMER 2022 ÉCOUTEZ letter

Welcome Summer Bienvenue, L'été

WEST BATON ROUGE
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

TOM ACOSTA Board President

First of all, I am especially grateful to all who helped to spearhead the West Baton Rouge Museum tax election campaign to successfully renew our Museum millage on April 30, 2022!! This was the 3rd renewal of the millage originally approved by West Baton Rouge Parish voters in 1994. Public support for our Museum provides the bedrock for this vital public institution which will benefit future generations in our Parish and region. Thanks so very, very much to all who worked to successfully renew the public financial support of our Museum for another 10 years – MERCI BEAUCOUP!!!

On July 25, we will once again be hosting one of our major fundraising events: the “Christmas in July Card Party”, at the WBR Community Center in Port Allen. We are including a card party flyer as an insert in this edition of the Écoutez, so if you know of friends and family who normally participate or are excited about being able to resume participation in social activities, let them know and encourage them to sign up no later than the July 14 registration deadline. Special thanks to all who work hard to prepare for and put on this fun activity... we hope to see you there!

This year, SugarFest in all of its sweet glory is scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 2. Planning is already in the works for our traditional Chicken Dinner fundraiser, as well as the always popular Sweets Booth, Sweets

Contest and so many other SugarFest activities. As a reminder: in early August, WBR Historical Association members will be receiving a letter with six (6) Chicken Dinner fundraiser tickets (20 for WBRHA Board Members) for purchase/sale. Please purchase and/or sell these as soon as you receive them, and return the tickets stubs and funds to Amanda Moak in the envelope provided by the end of August so we can finalize dinner numbers with the caterer. For our WBR Historical Association members and volunteers, this is an “all hands on deck” event, so we hope everyone will consider volunteering in whatever way you can!

Our Ethel Claiborne Dameron lecture will also be held in the fall. Work is currently being done to finalize the lecturer and the date of the lecture.

In the meantime, please keep up the good work, stay safe, join us at Association and Museum events when able, tell friends about us, and help celebrate West Baton Rouge at OUR Museum!

Bonne Sante!

Tom Acosta
WBRHA President



SUMMER 2022 Director's Letter

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
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ANGÉLIQUE BERGERON, PH.D. Executive Director

First and foremost, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your support on April 30th! We are proud of what we have accomplished and will continue to deliver high quality exhibits and programming to further enrich the community that we are so honored to serve.

Summer is here! As I write to you, we're gearing up for our twenty-seventh annual Blast from the Past Summer History Camp. This year's camp theme plays off our *Courting Style* exhibit and will entertain children ages six to twelve with historical pastimes such as croquet, bocce, tennis, and other traditional lawn games. Children will learn the origins of games we play with some traced back to mediaeval France and ancient Greece and Rome.

In July, we will host our annual Teachers' Institute, which will focus this year on our new semi-permanent Angela Gregory exhibit. *Angela Gregory: Doyenne of Louisiana Sculpture* will open with a gala event during our regularly scheduled Historical Happy Hour on Friday, July 15. At this celebration which is free and open to the public, guests will enjoy looking at art and listening to jazz performed by the Michael Foster Quartet.

Our summer season will continue to sizzle in August as we celebrate the final weekend of two exhibits, *Women of the Blues and Sugar to Rum*. The Friday, August 19 Historical Happy Hour will welcome Three Roll Estate distillery for a rum talk and tasting by followed by a

screening of *Carol Fran: Tous Les Jours C'est Pas La Même, Every Day Is Not The Same*.

September will bring the much-anticipated *Billie Holiday at Sugar Hill: Photographs by Jerry Dantzicis* exhibit which will open on September 10th. Our September 16 Historical Happy Hour will dazzle museum goers with a performance entitled One Night with Billie & Ella. This spectacular performance starring Kathleen Moore and Chloé Marie Johnson as Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald, backed by a three-piece band is traveling in from the National World War II Museum's BB's Stage Door Canteen.

Be sure to visit our monthly Café Français (1st Fridays), Old Time Jam (2nd Sundays), Historical Happy Hour (3rd Fridays), and Le Jam with the Cajun French Music Association (3rd Sundays) for engaging conversations and live entertainment.

We are reworking our website and revamping our monthly NewsNotes that can once again be delivered straight to you. To subscribe to receive monthly emails on our exhibits and upcoming events, visit our website at www.WestBatonRougeMuseum.org and click the Subscribe button.

WITH ALL THAT WE HAVE GOING ON, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MUSEUM!

Angélique Bergeron, PH.D.
Executive Director

For Immediate Release MORE DATES TO SAVE

Teachers Institute 2022

There are a few spaces left in West Baton Rouge Museum's annual Teachers' Institute set for July 11 - 13. This year's three-day summer professional development series is based on the life and work of New Orleans native Angela Gregory, Louisiana native and a world-renowned sculptor and art professor. Participants will learn how this daughter of a Tulane Engineering professor and a Newcomb artist made her way to Paris to study under a protégée of Rodin to learn to cut stone and return to Louisiana to make monumental strides throughout her career.

The 2022 Teachers' Institute will focus on how Angela Gregory's art can be used in the classroom to connect a wide range of subjects. We will explore her trail-blazing endeavors carving paths for women, and topics such as recording history through art, controversial sculptures, the math involved in making art, the scientific process of art restoration, and more. Planned events include scholarly lectures, studio time to experiment with sculpture making, interactive group activities, a fieldtrip to downtown Baton Rouge to see Angela Gregory's art at the New State Capital and at The Gregory, a restaurant, which is named after her. Teachers Institute will culminate with lab time for the creation of classroom lesson plans.

Teachers Institute is open to in-service K-12 teachers across all subject areas, home school teachers, and informal educators. The museum has offered this professional development program since 2007. Participants will produce a theme-based lesson with the help of museum staff and special guests for use in their classrooms for presentation before departure on the last day. Participants will also receive classroom resource materials, a certificate of participation, and a \$100 stipend upon completion of all institute activities and assignments. Daily lunches are provided.

Space is limited, and participants are accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. For more information, please call André St. Romain at (225) 336-2422. Registration forms may be downloaded from www.westbatonrougemuseum.org or picked up at the museum. Completed forms may be emailed to André St. Romain, at andre@wbmuseum.org, or mailed to the West Baton Rouge Museum, 845 North Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767.

Teachers' Institute is sponsored in part by the West Baton Rouge Historical Association and the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

JULY 15

A Grand Gala Set for July Historical Happy Hour at the West Baton Rouge Museum

Join the West Baton Rouge Museum for its monthly Historical Happy Hour on Friday, July 15, 2022 from 6 - 8 PM. This month's Happy Hour will treat the public to a gala affair in celebration of the Angela Gregory exhibit opening. Festivities will feature gallery tours, a reception and sculpture demonstration, champagne punch provided by the WBRHA and live music by the Michael Foster Project, a Baton Rouge based brass band.

The Angela Gregory Doyenne of Louisiana Sculpture exhibit traces the story of the famed New Orleans native and showcases her art that spans almost the entirety of her career. Attendees of Historical Happy Hour will see pieces donated from Angela Gregory's work from Angela Gregory Legacy LLC in addition to pieces already in the West Baton Rouge Historical Association's permanent collection and works on loan from other institutions.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

OCTOBER 2

Chicken Dinner and Sweets Booth fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2, 2022. Not only is that the date for the West Baton Rouge Museum's annual Sugar Festival, it is also the date for the Historical Association's annual Chicken Dinner and Sweets Booth fundraiser. Feed your family and get your sweet tooth fix all at the same place! Dinners will consist of smoked chicken and a variety of sides. As usual, the Sweets Booth will have cookies, cakes, brownies, pralines, and a multitude of other sugary confections.

SugarFest is one of our favorite events, and we love providing festival goers with something to eat. Be sure to get your tickets before they run out! For more information, please call (225)-336-2422.

JULY 11 - 13, 2022



TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Art of Angela Gregory:

Girl Sculptor Making History and Breaking Barriers

July 11-13, 2022

\$100 stipend upon completion

Registration online at www.WestBatonRougeMuseum.org

BILLIE HOLIDAY HOLIDAY



AT SUGAR HILL
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JERRY DANTZIC



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A vivid and intimate photographic portrait of one of the 20th century's most iconic artists: the consummate jazz and blues singer Billie Holiday (1915 -1959).

September 10, 2022 - January 7, 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

ANGELA GREGORY:
Opens July 15

COURTING STYLE:
Through August 14

SUGAR TO RUM:
Through August 21

WOMEN OF THE BLUES:
Through August 21

BILLIE HOLIDAY AT SUGAR HILL:
Opens September 10

Curators' Corner

Angela Gregory: Doyenne of Louisiana Sculpture Opens July 15th

Over the last ten years, the museum has amassed a growing collection of Gregory's work spanning the entirety of her career. The recently donated works, other Gregory pieces from the permanent collection, as well as Gregory sculptures on loan from other institutions, will appear in our gallery in a three-year exhibition titled, Angela Gregory: Doyenne of Louisiana Sculpture. Angela Gregory was the first female sculptor in Louisiana to receive national and international acclaim. This exhibition chronicles Angela's inspiring story and provides insight into the life and legacy of this important Louisiana artist. The exhibit will open with a gala soirée on Friday, July 15, 2022.



FERIN JONES



LAUREN HAWTHORNE

Angela Gregory: Doyenne of Louisiana Sculpture

EXHIBIT OPENING
Friday, July 15
6 - 8 PM

with The Michael Foster Project



Billie Holiday at Sugar Hill: Opens Sept 10th

Need some Blues in your life?

On September 10th, the West Baton Rouge Museum will open Billie Holiday at Sugar Hill: Photographs by Jerry Dantzig, an intimate and compelling photographic portrait of Billie Holiday, the consummate jazz and blues singer and one of 20th century music's most iconic figures. The photographs were taken in April 1957, at a significant moment in her life and just two years before her death at the age of 44.

Beautifully captured through the lens of photographer Jerry Dantzig, the exhibition provides a rare glimpse into Billie Holiday's public and private life through pigment prints with labels, curated panels, ephemera, projected video, and vinyl excerpts from the work of renowned writer and author, Zadie Smith.

Billie Holiday at Sugar Hill: Photographs by Jerry Dantzig is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Jerry Dantzig Archives.

“ Beautifully captured through the lens of photographer JERRY DANTZIC, the exhibition provides a rare glimpse into BILLIE HOLIDAY's public and private life. ”

PICS FROM THE PARISH

Historical Happy Hours

Spring was rocking with Blues, Jazz, and authentic Music of Mexico. WBRM welcomed Louisiana Legend Chris Thomas King, The Florida Street Blowhards, the LSU Jazz Lab, and Los Norteños del Sur for the monthly Historical Happy Hour - free opportunities to enjoy culturally enriching live entertainment.

“Spring was rocking”



The big red barn at the WBR Museum Barn Demonstration Day

The big red barn at the West Baton Rouge Museum was the backdrop for a day long event celebrating the art of the trade featuring speaker, Mr. Jonn Hankins, the Executive Director of the New Orleans Master Crafts Guild, blacksmithing, fiber arts, and wood working demonstrations, farm themed games and chores, and an old-fashioned barn dance with music performed by the Cane Grinders.



Easter

The Easter Eggstravaganza is an annual community event jointly hosted by West Baton Rouge Museum and the West Baton Rouge Parish Library. Families enjoyed spring weather on the museum grounds and festivities complete with old fashioned egg hunts, a petting zoo, games, music, and more.



Student Art Shows

This spring the WBRM hosted two student art shows: Student Art from Tara West's 3rd Grade Class at Caneview K-8 created under the guidance of resident artist, Jennifer Carwile and the return of West Baton Rouge Talented Art, a showcase of works from kindergarten through twelfth grade students in the local public school system's Talented Art program.



Celebrating 2022 Volunteers

WBRHA Volunteer of the Quarter

The West Baton Rouge Historical Association would like to congratulate Volunteer of the Quarter, Andrea Normand! Although she is retired from nursing, Andrea is working as hard as ever. She is an active volunteer in the West Baton Rouge Parish community. She spends several mornings a week working with the Zippers thrift store, and is always on the run between Brusly and Baton Rouge. Even within our own organization, Andrea chairs several committees, and tackles challenges head-on and with gusto.

During the recent renewal of the museum tax millage, Andrea was instrumental in getting the parish out to vote! She was a special guest in front of many groups, speaking on the importance of having a museum in our community. She was even kind enough to show up to museum events with the specific purpose of talking about the millage vote. This was especially apparent at our annual Easter Event, where she worked at the Information Booth and talked to all the patrons walking by. The tax renewal would not have been possible without her, and we would like everyone to join us in giving her a heartfelt thanks.



ANDREA NORMAND

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- Karla Argrave
- Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Arst
- Babs Babin and Family
- Joyce and Kenneth Barbier
- Gordon and Lorraine Bergeron
- Angelique Bergeron and Family
- Riley L. Berthelot
- Sid and Sue Blanchard
- Beth and Keith Bonanno
- Carol Bourgeois
- Joanne Bourgeois ☐
- Sidney Bowden ☐
- J. Bowen and Linda Bres
- Barry and Susan Brewer
- Caster Brown, Sr.*
- Jackie Brown*
- Steele Wilkinson Buckholtz ☐
- Joanne Busse ☐
- Kim and Kerry Callegan
- Tony and Kym Cashiola
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- Jane Chenevert ☐
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- Beverly B. Coates
- Ashley Coco
- David Couvillon
- Cou-Yon's BBQ
- Amey Crousillac ☐
- Darlene Currie
- Glen Daigle
- Russell and Peggy Daigle
- Aimee English ☐
- Linda L. Erley
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Favrot
- Deborah Fuller
- Ellis Gauthier and Family
- Mark and Julie Graffeo
- Lee and Michelle Hart
- Lauren and Trippe Hawthorne
- Mark and Connie Hebert ☐
- George Hill ☐
- Gary and Lisa Hubble
- Hughes Mechanical Contractors
- George Jenne
- Dash and Blythe Johnson*
- Ken and Cindy Kahao
- Mrs. H. Scott Kane, III ☐
- Randall and Judy Kolb
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- LA Farm Bureau Federation
- Lagniappe Dulcimer Society
- Alvin Landry
- Lucy Peavy Landry ☐
- Mim and Najma Landry
- Anna Laws ☐
- Harry L. Laws & Co.
- Jeannie Luckett and Family
- Drew Maciasz
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- Mrs. E. Dameron Manard ☐
- Dorene and Dale Mayeaux
- Mary Emily McKee ☐
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- Debi Odom ☐
- Philip and Monica Padgett
- Al and Brenda Parker
- Brandon Gerard Parlange ☐
- Rawlston D. Phillips ☐
- Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Pirie
- Placid Refining Company
- Butch and Peggy Plauche
- Port Allen Rotary Club
- Alyssa Prejean
- Brian Prejean
- Mrs. Rod Prejean
- Skip and Laura Rhorer
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- James and Theresa Rizzuto
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- Bob and Connie Smith
- Ruth Stanley
- Eleanor and Mike Stevens
- Clay Stewart
- Charles and Carolyn Stutts
- Debra Jones Tarter
- Mike and Ellen Tauzin
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- Jim Thibodeaux ☐
- Mr. Drew Tessier
- (Union Pacific Railroad) ☐

- Bill and Lorry Trotter
- Al and Cathy Troy
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- Susan Leocadie Mora Van Orden ☐
- Pam and Richard Walsh
- Upper Delta Soil and Water Conservation
- West Baton Rouge CVB
- West Baton Rouge Garden and Civics Club
- Ann Wilkinson ☐
- Mr. and Mrs. T. Barry Wilkinson ☐
- Mrs. Suzanne Zaunbrecher ☐

NEW MEMBERS
 Chris and Laura Alvarez

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Monthly Programs

- 1ST FRIDAYS, 1PM:** *Le Café Français*. GRATUIT
- 2ND SUNDAYS, 3PM:** *Old Time Country Music Jam*. FREE
- 3RD FRIDAYS, 6PM:** *Historical Happy Hour*. FREE
- 3RD SUNDAYS, 3PM:** *CFMA Cajun Jam*. FREE
- LAST TUESDAYS, 6PM:** *Yoga*. FREE

Donations were received for the following Memorial Funds

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Calendar of Events July – September, 2022



JULY 8: 1 PM Le Café Français. A gathering of French speakers. Gratuit

JULY 10: 3-5PM Old Time Jam. a monthly acoustic open jam, usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month. The public is invited to sit in to listen or play and enjoy Old Country, Bluegrass, Cajun and folk music. FREE

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JULY 15: 6-8PM Historical Happy Hour. This month, the public is invited to a gala affair in celebration of the Angela Gregory exhibit opening. Festivities will feature gallery tours, a sculpture demonstration, and live music by the Michael Foster Project. FREE

JULY 17: 3–5PM - Le Jam with the Cajun French Music Association. Bring your instruments and join us for this open jam usually on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Spectators are welcome too! FREE

JULY 20: 6 – 8:30 PM Express Your Own Style Chapeaux Party. Join us for an evening of fancy and festive fascinators with Chapeaux! Recently profiled by The Advocate and In Register, Chapeaux founders, Karla and Jenn, will guide you through the process of creating a unique headpiece that expresses a style all your own. Royal

watchers, you will love this style of Chapeaux! Or choose to create something that reflects a bit more of our Louisiana vibe. With this party, each guest can choose to make a more formal or a more festive fascinator. This party includes 2.5 hours of fun with step-by-step guidance to make your own Chapeaux fascinator. All materials and equipment provided, plus photo props to add to the fun! We're pleased to offer a special group rate of \$50 to the West Baton Rouge Museum community. Class limited to 20 participants. Reserve your space by July 10 by texting 225-229-5456 or email to chapeauxparty@gmail.com. Advance payment is required.

JULY 25: 10AM-3PM WBRHA Christmas in July Card Party. Join the WBRHA at the Community Center to play bridge, dominos, hand & foot canasta, pokeno, bourée, and other games. Registration required, 225.336.2422

JULY 26: 6 – 7 PM Yoga class on the LAST Tuesday of the month with Elena Keegan. FREE

AUGUST 5: 1 PM Le Café Français. A gathering of French speakers. Gratuit

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and cultural anthropologist, Becky Schexnayder who is the owner/operator of Coulée Productions will be present to introduce the film and conduct Q&A following. FREE

AUGUST 21: Le Jam with the Cajun French Music Association. Bring your instruments and join us for this open jam usually on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Spectators are welcome too! FREE

AUGUST 26: 12 – 1 PM Lunchtime Lecture and Book Signing. Who Is Indigenous? Perspectives on Indigeneity, Identity, Dispossession, and Transition. Editor E. Barrett Ristroph, Ph.D., J.D. will lead a book conversation featuring a reading by Louisiana author and photographer Rachael Billiot-Bruleigh. The book explores what it means to be indigenous in an academic, legal, and personal sense through the voices of residents from Russia and Alaska as well as Louisiana. FREE

AUGUST 30: 6 – 7 PM Yoga class on the LAST Tuesday of the month with Elena Keegan. FREE

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SAVE THE DATE:
October 2: 11 AM – 4 PM SUGARFEST. West Baton Rouge Museum's annual sweet celebration of the sugar cane harvest complete with traditional folk-art demonstrations, live music, a sweets contest, and sugary treats. FREE