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**NEXT MEETING      JUNE 27, 2026      1:00 PM**  
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**OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE ON THE SECOND FLOOR  
IN THE D.E. ROOM.**



Attorney Warren Perrin was our speaker last month. He has a wealth of information. Too much for this newsletter. In 1988, he first began studying how to seek a formal apology from Queen Elizabeth II for the Deportation of the Acadians. The 2003 Royal Proclamation issued by the Queen acknowledged the historical wrongs committed by the British Crown during the 1755 deportation of the Acadian People (known as the *Grand Derangement*). An original, official copy of the Queen's Proclamation is permanently displayed at the Acadian Museum located in Erath, LA. You may contact Acadian Museum Chairman Warren A. Perrin at [www.acadianmuseum.com](http://www.acadianmuseum.com). Thank you Mr. Perrin for your outstanding presentation.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Donovan Garcia is a native of Jeanerette and has lived in St. Mary Parish since 1977. He retired from CLECO in 2013. Some say Donovan was born to paddle. At age 12, he explored the bayous in a pirogue built by his grandfather which he still has. His love of paddling has continued throughout his lifetime, and he eventually tried different types of boats, settling in recent years on kayaking. He has designed all the Cajun Coast paddling trails and Bayou Teche National Wildlife paddling trails. In 2004, he became a founding member of the Friends of Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge and is still a current board member. He designed most of the hiking trails on the refuge, one of which was nationally recognized. In 2022, Donovan was asked to help with the expansion of the Bayou Teche Wildlife Refuge. This project became known as the Wildflower Energy Project. He is currently documenting flowering plants on the refuge and has found some rare plants. His talk will include the history of the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, the

Wildflower Energy Project and transforming the pipelines and rights-of-way on the refuge to benefit wildlife.

## EVENTS

**The Genealogy Club** hosted by Kevn Allemand will meet on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 9:00AM at the Lockport Library in Lockport, LA.

**Books + Beer**, Wednesday, June 24, 2026, German Coast Beer Company, Luling, LA at 6:00PM. GACHGS President Jay Schexnayder will present a history presentation about the Troxler – Trosclair - Troxclair family.

The **48<sup>th</sup> Annual LHS Seminar** will be held Saturday, August 8, 2026, registration deadline is Friday, July 24, 2026. The Seminar will be held at the Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center at 726 N. Acadia Rd. (5th Floor), Thibodaux, LA Doors open at 8:30AM – Program begins at 9:00AM. Price \$40.00 per person. Registration forms are online to download and mail your payment, or you can click to register and pay online. See their website [www.lafourcheheritagesociety.com](http://www.lafourcheheritagesociety.com). Speakers will be:

**Elaine Bourque** – *L'Amour de Maman – A Mother's Love. La Tradition Acadienne du Tissage en Louisiana*. She will speak about a 250-year-old tradition carried out by the Acadian Women of Southwest Louisiana, the tradition of weaving with coton juane – brown cotton. These same techniques were passed down generation from France to Canada to Louisiana. Upon arrive in Louisiana, the Acadian women had to learn coton jaune which was used in clothing, blankets and all household textiles.

**Judy Riffel** – *The Louisiana Plantations of the GU272. The Batey & Thibodaux Plantation*. Six Louisiana plantations scattered along the rivers and bayous of South Louisiana from the setting of the story of the GU272, a group of enslaved people sold by the Maryland Jesuits to two Louisiana plantation owners in 1838. The Batey & Thibodaux plantation, located along Bayou Terrebonne was one of those plantations. This presentation will cover the history of the plantation, its owners, and the GU272, who were enslaved there.

**Dr. Christopher Cenac** – *The Bowie Brothers and Bayou Buffalco (DuLarge)*. He will speak the saga of one of the most rural and rustic regions of coastal Louisiana – Bayou DuLarge. In a story that has its origin centuries ago, Volume II, with its thousands of photos, maps, and images, traces a legacy of perseverance and faith by the notable people who carved out an existence along the winding path of a waterway show on maps as early as 1804 as Bayou Buffalo. These pioneers, who tamed a wilderness of swamp and prairie, reaped a great bounty from the very environment they often had to battle. The book documents the Bowies' entrepreneurial entrance into the State of Louisiana and the parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche. These notorious brothers were farmers, politicians, and soldiers as well as contemporaries of the infamous pirate, Jean Lafitte. Amongst their numerous and controversial pursuits, they made a fortune in the illicit slave trade.

**Dr. Renee' Naquin & Katie Richard** – *Sweeten Your Day with Katie & Renee'. The Louisiana Sugar Cane Industry*. Sugarcane production is a vital component of agriculture in South Louisiana,

supporting local economies and rural communities across the region. It is grown by hundreds of farmers managing large acreages in multiple parishes. As a perennial crop, sugarcane is planted once and harvested over several years through regrowth cycles known as plant cane and stubble crops. This presentation provides an overview of the industry, guiding you through the history, planting, harvesting, processing, and refining of sugarcane, while highlighting the many factors involved in transforming the crop from field to finished product. Overall, the industry relies on strong coordination amount farmers, mills, and processors to efficiently move sugar from the field to the marketplace.

**AMERICA 250**

As the nation celebrates its 250 years as free nation, do you know how your family contributed to the country’s history. Many Americans have roots stretching back to the earliest settlers or the Revolutionary War. Exploring you family’s ties to American history is more accessible than ever before. This is the perfect time to trace your lineage. If need help, contact us or attend one of our meetings for help. If you have already searched your lineage, please consider sharing it with us to publish in our Terrebonne Life Lines.

**REDESIGN OUR LOGO**

We are looking to redesign our logo, which is at the top left cover of this newsletter. We are asking for designs and if you would like to submit a logo for consideration. Please send it to [wmoore1048@aol.com](mailto:wmoore1048@aol.com) and we will vote on the best design. Thank you for your consideration.

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<b>2026 MEETING SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ROOM/FLOOR</b>	<b>BOARD</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>
6-27-2026	Main Branch	D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl		1:00 PM
7-25-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
8-29-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl		1:00 PM
9-26-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
10-31-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
<i>No Meeting in November</i>				
12-12-2026	Main Branch	D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl		Noon

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*HAPPY FATHER’S DAY*