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The Isle Madame Historical Society's mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit artifacts and documents relating to the social, cultural and natural history of Isle Madame for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

From the Desk of the Editor: S. Marchand - Terrio

Greetings to our members near and far! Spring has sprung even on Isle Madame. The signs of spring are visible, the daffodils are breaking ground and the song birds are returning, but it could be a little warmer for me! The spring season is always a busy time for the Historical Society. Plans for the coming summer and fall are completed and will be shared in another section of the newsletter. Maintenance projects are being planned, and the preparation has begun for opening our office, book sale and archives on May 7th and the Museum June 4. As always, we look forward to welcoming visitors back to LeNoir Landing!

We have had a rather exciting winter, we have received a special One Time Museum grant from the Department of Community, Culture, Tourism and Heritage which will allowed us to do some needed repairs at LeNoir Landing, install new gutters, and build shelving for a new display on the General Stores of Isle Madame. We have also been admitted to the Community Museum Assistance Program which will assist us financially by cover a portion of our operational costs. This has been a goal that the IMHS Board has been working toward for a very long time and we are very excited to see how being admitted to this provincially funded program will support our organization.

Plans are also moving forward for our major fundraiser of 2024 our Biannual Art Auction which is held online. The auction will open for public viewing at the Lorenzo Building on Thursday Oct. 24th and will go live online Friday Oct. 25th at 10:00 am, biding ends Sunday Oct. 27 at 9:00 pm. Auction items, rules and procedures will be found on our Facebook Page: *Isle Madame Historical Society - LeNoir Landing* prior to the Auction in October. If you have art items that you would like to donate please contact us by email. We will issue a donation receipt for all auction items.



Little Anse 1968
IMHS-LAO- 054



Babin's Hill , IMHS-AO-051.1



Arichat, IMHS-AO-037



Photos: IMHS Archives

Summer Events

Sat. May 11 - Mother's Day Vintage Cup & Saucer Sale - Lorenzo Building 11:00 to 3:00

Sat. June 8 - Annual Used Book Sale 10:00 - 2:00

Sun. June 9 - Volunteer Appreciation Tea 2:00 pm

Summer Learning Series:

Saturday June 22 - "In Deed: Who Lived Where & When" Join us as we look at property records, and other documents that tell us about the history of the land we live on. Workshop presented by Anne Leavitt. 2:00 pm, **pre-registration is required**. Cost: $20.00

Sunday July 14 - Exhibit Opening " The Work of a Potter" a tribute to work of local artist Jack Ouellette. 2:00 pm *Admission by donation.*

Sunday July 21 - "The Truth Is In The Words" a book talk and signing with Ginette Therrien, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. *Admission by donation, light refreshments served. Books will be available for purchase*

Saturday Aug. 10 - "An Introduction to Needle Felting" with Sarah Nettleton 1:00 pm. Needle felting is a quick and fun way to create fibre art pieces. **Pre-registration required**. Cost $45.00 materials included.

Saturday Sept. 14 - "An Introduction to Rag Rug Weaving" with Paulette Boudreau, 1:00 pm. Recycle linens and clothing to create rustic additions for your home. **Pre-registration required.** Cost $45.00 materials included.

Kids Day at the Museum:

Friday mornings 10:30 - 12:00, July 5 to Aug. 2, Cost: $5.00 per child, family rates available.

Friday July 5 - "We Can Build It" Join us for a workshop that is all about building. Bring your curiosity and imagination and we will provide the materials! Ages 4 - 8,

Friday July 12 - "Pirates Ahoy" Spend the morning and live like a pirate, play pirate games, do a craft and hunt for treasure! Ages 4 - 8,

Friday July 19 - "Artful Antics" This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore a variety of art making activities. It's all about creating, exploring and dreaming! Ages 5 - 10,

Friday July 26 - "LeNoir Landing Olympic Games" Join us for action packed morning which will include games, races and lots of activity! Ages 5-10

Friday Aug. 2 - "Future Chefs" We are taking out the measuring spoons and mixing bowls! In this hands-on workshop everyone will create with food! Ages 6 - 12 10:30 - 12:30

Blacksmithing:

Demonstrations - Tuesday & Thursday afternoons July & August 2:00 - 4:00. (Free)

Blacksmithing Class - Produce a handmade metal project that teaches basic blacksmithing techniques. All materials and safety equipment is provided. Cost: $75. Adult, $35. Youth (8 - 14) Pre-registration is required. Email: islemadamehistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 902 226 9364 *Participants must wear long pants and closed toed shoes. Classes available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

Tea in the Museum:

Join us for tea or coffee, treats and conversation. Every **Wednesday** afternoon starting July 3 to Aug. 28 at 2:00 pm. Cost: $7 per person, $6 for IMHS members

August is Living History Month:

Join us on Friday Afternoons 2:00 - 4:00 - Aug. 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd as **community interpreters bring different areas of the museum to life.** Visit 4 displays each set in a different time period, listen to the stories and experiences of island residents and learn about our island history. *Admission by donation.*

Sunday Sept. 22 - *"Celebrating Musical Roots"* a new exhibit celebrating musicians of Isle Madame will open at 2:00 pm. This exhibit for this year will focus on Robert Bouchard & Cornelia Boucher who have had long and rewarding musical careers.

Friday Oct. 25 - The IMHS Biannual Art Auction goes live online on our Facebook Page Isle *Madame Historical Society - LeNoir Landing*

"IN OUR DAY" - Is a project in partnership with Telile Community Television. Local seniors were invited to discuss a number of topics and share their views on Isle Madame's past. The "In Our Day" series 2024 is available on the Telile You Tube Channel.

Blacksmithing Class : LeNoir Forge Museum *(IMHS)*





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Become a volunteer with IMHS:
* You are needed.
* You love history.
* You want to see the Isle Madame Historical Society offer great exhibits that tell our visitors the story of Isle Madame.

Volunteer opportunities are available in many areas.If you are interested in a volunteer position please contact our office 902 226 9364 or 902 226 2880







"Celebrating Musical Roots"

In March of this year we were informed that our application for funding from the Dept. of Community, Culture, Tourism and Heritage was approved! We are so excited to be working with our partner Telile Community Television towards completion of a new exhibit which will highlight the music careers of two artists from our community that have attained notoriety in our province, other areas of the country, as well as internationally.

Robert Bouchard has had a long and successful career in the country genre of music, making appearances on national television on the Tommy Hunter Show as well as The Ian Tyson Show. He has opened for Nashville Headliners such as Gene Watson, Earl Thomas Conley and the Gatlin Brothers. He has preformed at festivals both large and small and has toured across Canada. He spent time working in Nashville and in 2014 was inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.

Cornelia Boucher has been preforming both as a solo artist in both English and French since 1969 as well as with her band. She has won both the Canadian and North American College Music Championships in the "Pop Category". She and her band represented Nova Scotia in the Canadian contingent at the International Tourism Fair in Berlin for 15 consecutive years. She received the "Stompin' Tom Connors Award in 2010" at the East Coast Music Awards. This particular award recognizes artists who have made long term commitments to music. Both these artists have recorded several albums which were well received.

The exhibit will include photos, memorabilia, awards, sound bites and visual recordings of them performing live. It will also highlight their early careers and their development as musicians. These two individuals deserve to be celebrated in their home region. Although the community has always thought of them as belonging to us, no formal recognition has ever taken place. The Isle Madame Historical Society seeks to right that wrong by creating a formal permanent exhibit in their honour. This new exhibit will be a source of community pride and an inspiration to those young people following in their footsteps.

The exhibit will open to the public on Sunday Sept. 22 and will be followed with a number of community events featuring the artists. More information will be available throughout the summer and early fall

Celebrating Musical Roots

Photos:

Top Left: Promo Shot "Cornelia & Billy"

Middle: Hometown Performance - Robert & Cornelia

Top Right: Robert Bouchard





Stores of Isle Madame

Top Left: A.D. Samson's Store IMHS-AO-035

Top Right: Interior A.D. Samson's Store IMHS-AO-036

Middle: Mouchet's Store later owned by Capt. LeBlanc IMHS WAO-002

Bottom Left: J.V. Boudreau's 5¢ to a $1.00 IMHS-AO-038

Bottom Middle: A.A. LeBrun's Store D'Escousse IMHS-DOL-062

Bottom Left: Boudreauville 1927 IMHS-JAMC-263







