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COMING EVENTS:

August 7– Light keeper's Memorial
August 8– Lighthouse Fundraiser
August 27– 6:30 Howard Nichols, "Pontchartrain, The Man and the Lake", Lecture
September 2–6:00pm WBF Poster Unveiling and Signing
September 24– 6:30pm Dr. John Irion, Lecture
September 26–10:00 am *Tentative* Unveiling of WBF Children's T-shirt
October 25– 3:00 pm SLU Fanfare Jazz duet
October 9–Maritime Mania
October 10 &11– 20th Annual Wooden Boat Festival
November 19– 6:30pm Chip McGimsey, "Looking at LA's Archaeological History"
December 17– 6:30pm Ladimore Smith, Nature Conservancy
January 20–LPBMM Annual Members Meeting
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THE 20TH ANNUAL MADISONVILLE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL WILL MAKE A BIG SPLASH

The Museum staff and volunteers are excited to celebrate the 20th year of the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival, sponsored by **Chevron**. Festival tickets will be available in advance at a special 20% discounted price. As a thank you to our loyal festival attendees, tickets may be purchased for \$8 in advance at all Northshore Capital One St. Tammany branch locations from September 3-October 9. Tickets are \$10 at the festival gates.

In addition to approximately one hundred wooden and classic watercraft that are the festival keystone, the weekend of October 10th and 11th is sure to be a rockin' time with the music lineup including local favorites

Rockin' Dopsie Jr., Chris LeBlanc, Blue Meanies, Bottoms Up, and Four Unplugged.

Wonderful art is also a feature of the Festival. Karin Eberhardt's vision for the 2009 WBF poster is sensational. A poster unveiling and signing event will take place from 6:30 p.m.– 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2 at Capital One's Mandeville Branch, located at 3840 Emerald Road (Highway 22). You can purchase the signed posters for \$45 each before the festival and \$55 after. Unsigned posters sell for \$35 before the festival and \$45 after. During the festival the poster will be on sale at the poster artist's booth, the museum merchandise tents, and at the museum.

The Maritime Museum would like to congratulate the young artist Jennifer Fauchaux for winning the Children's Village T-shirt Art Contest. Miss Fauchaux's design will tentatively be unveiled on September 26. The shirt will be on sale after the unveiling and during the Wooden Boat Festival at Children's Village located on the ball field on Main Street. The T-shirts featuring her design will also be on sale.

Other artists wishing to display their fine craft during the festival can conveniently locate all artist applications on the Wooden Boat Festival website at www.woodenboatfest.org. All boat, food and marine vendors can also refer to the site.



LIGHTHOUSE TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH

Lighthouses are symbols of safety, security, and stability. But life at the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse was not always ideal for the keepers and their families. For National Lighthouse Day, the museum offers two special events that mark both the tragedy and

triumph that mark the history of our lighthouse.

On **Friday, August 7**, at 6:00 p.m. the Museum will offer a **Lighthouse Memorial** commemorating sacrifices made by lighthouse keepers and their families. The keynote speaker will be

Captain Edwin Stanton, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans. Formal remarks at the museum will be followed by the dedication of a memorial stone for the Schriber infant that died for lack of easy overland

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access to medical care. Pastor Reid Doster of Bridgewater Church will officiate at the Madisonville Cemetery (northern foot of Main Street). The event is *free* and open to the public.

On **Saturday, August 8**, at 7:00 p.m.

the **“Drive for the Lighthouse” Fundraiser** will be held at the Joel Champagne Car Museum at 1 Bud Place, Madisonville. The event will include great food, music, a benefit auction, and the chance to view for the first time one of America’s best

private collections of eighty-five vintage automobiles dating between 1907 and 1977. Rob Masson from Fox 8 Live WVUE-TV New Orleans will be the celebrity auctioneer. Join us for this extraordinary event. Our thanks to Joel Champagne for his generous support.

‘GOT BOT?’ THE MUSEUM’S FIRST AQUATIC ROBOTICS SUMMER PROGRAM

From July 13-17, the Maritime Museum was overrun by 11 underwater robot builders. Each robot was built during the ‘Got Bot?’ *Aquatic Robotics Program* held at the Maritime Museum. Students from the Northshore and Baton Rouge area spent a week learning how ROVs (Remotely Operated Vehicles) are used and built their very own underwater robot to bring home. The students also visited ROV facilities SeaTrepid and Oceaneering where they were able to get a close look at ROVs used in different industries.

At the end of the week, the students took a trip to Southeastern Louisiana University’s Kinesiology Pool to test out the robots before their maiden voyage in the Tchefuncte River. The program was a great success and interest in next year’s has already begun developing. The museum would like to thank the sponsors of the 2009 *Aquatic Robotics Program* and the staff and volunteers who kept the program running. If you have any questions about the program please call Kristen, the Education Coordinator at (985) 845-2000.



EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

The numbers of children who have visited the museum each year continue to rise. This last school year was no exception. Area summer camps are also bringing their campers to enjoy the day. Many children who came with their school groups are coming back with their family members. They act as tour guides, showing their parents and grandparents what they saw earlier at the museum. Next year is promising to be even busier with groups coming. We already have a group of home

schooled children from Harvey, Louisiana, scheduled to come in January 2010.

The volunteers who have given their time to teach and entertain the children have been so faithful to the museum. Their expertise in various fields is a joy to watch.

Many thanks go out to: Ken Milstead, Bert Murray, Don Lynch, Bob Doolittle, Bill Dietrich, Lynn Haas, Reed and Mary Jane McClintock, Donna Chaisson, Pam Keating,

Stephanie Bernard, Ashley Herrmann, Nick Chronis, George Trousdale, Carol Bell, Doug Brooks, Dinah Maygarden and Heather Eggar (from University of New Orleans), Barney Knoess, Jimmy Blossman, George Janssen and Dane Bono (from New Orleans Steamboat Company).

We’re always looking for new people to join our Field Trip volunteers. If you know of anyone who would like to help, please have them call the museum at 985-845-9200.

A LIBRARY FOR MADISONVILLE

REK-Sizeler has signed a contract with the St. Tammany Public Library to build the new Madisonville Branch. The Madisonville library will be located in the green space directly north of the museum parking lot. At a projected 15,000 square feet, the new

state-of-the-art library promises to be a great community resource and a fantastic educational partner for the museum.

Start of construction is not anticipated until after the 2009 Madisonville Wooden Boat

Festival and the library has graciously allowed the museum to use the site for free festival parking. Many thanks to our new partner—the St. Tammany Public Library—for this courtesy. For more information, visit www.sttammany.lib.la.us.

THANKS TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



Thanks to our amazing volunteers for all that you do for the Museum all year round. On the left, the volunteers were part of an Ecotour filmed by a NBC 33 (Baton Rouge) television news crew. On the right, some of the gang enjoy our spring volunteer picnic. Unique volunteer activities currently available to volunteers include participation in archaeology at the lighthouse and unique field trips.



ON THE WEB

Look for the Maritime Museum on the World Wide Web. Our new web site www.lpbmm.org is receiving an unprecedented amount of traffic. The new site includes many new features. At www.lpbmm.org/get-involved/wish-list/ you

can find a list of items that the museum needs. At www.lpbmm.org/whats-new there are frequent postings of upcoming events and opportunities.

Watch for news about the 20th Annual

Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival at www.woodenboatfest.org.

Sites for both the Maritime Museum and the Wooden Boat Festival are available on [Facebook](#).

LAST MINUTE RENTALS, SPECIAL RATES

The Maritime Museum is offering a new “last minute rentals” program for its unique rental venue. For events renting the facility three months or less in advance, there is a substantial new discount.

The event space totals 3500 square feet and can accommodate up to 350 people. The facility is available for rental seven days a week, is fully handicap accessible,

and comes with catering facilities, including a full-size convection oven, stove and conventional oven, ice maker, and refrigerator.

The special rates are as follows:

Showers—Weekend Days (Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.) \$350.

Weekend Evenings- (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 4:00 p.m.-11 p.m.) \$1200.00.

Other rules and deposits are still in effect. Holiday rentals are excluded from this offer. This program is offered for a limited time only.

For more information, visit our web site at <http://lpbmm.org/facility-rental/>.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

I would like to introduce myself, Sharon Street, as the new manager of the Maritime Museum gift shop. My family and I have lived in Covington for the last eighteen years and we have always enjoyed the scenic beauty of Madisonville and the rich maritime history of the area.

I have been working for the last thirty years in the retail industry, primarily in jewelry. I hope to bring this experience to benefit the

success of our growing gift shop.

In the short time that I have been here, I have had the privilege of working with a truly dedicated staff and an amazing group of volunteers, without whom the gift shop would not exist. I am specially looking forward to the 2009 Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival and the opportunity to be a part of a very successful 20th anniversary event.



Sharon Street, Gift Shop Manager

SOUTHEASTERN CORNER

Many cooperative educational ventures with Southeastern Louisiana University have borne fruit this year. Working with The Nature Conservancy, the acquisition of 800 acres of marshland to be managed by Southeastern was followed by a student project to develop a preliminary draft management plan, using the Maritime Museum's nine acres as the focus.

For the first time our Wooden Boat Festival poster artist is from the Southeastern Louisiana University faculty. Ms. Karin Eberhardt--Assistant Professor of Graphic Design--completed the poster art that is slated to be unveiled on September 2.

Out of our past "Playful Learning" Grant chaired by Dr. Raj Pandian--Associate Professor Department of Computer Science and Industrial Technology--grew our ROV Summer Camp through which students ages built their own underwater robots, tested them in the Southeastern's Kinesiology Pool, then looked at shipwrecks in the Tchefuncte River using the *Pelican*, a Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station vessel. Southeastern buses took participants on field trips to partnering ROV companies Oceaneering (Morgan City) and SeaTrepid (Robert).

Ecotours continue to be a popular activity in cooperation with Turtle Cove and faculty from Biological Sciences (Robert Moreau, Michealyn Broussard, and Fred Stouder), Cultural Resource Management (Roy Blackwood), and History (Jay Martin). Several Southeastern speakers have addressed audiences at the Maritime Museum, including Al Dranguet and Charles Elliot (History), Roy Blackwood (Cultural Resource Management), and Fred Stouder (Biological Sciences).

The Cultural Resource Management Program sent senior classman Ashley Hermann to the Museum for her summer internship. Ms. Hermann focused on collections management. Students from the Cultural Resource Management Program and the Department of History will participate in preliminary archaeological investigations at the lighthouse in August.

The Maritime Museum supported the Chef's Evening Fundraiser for the Southeastern Louisiana University Foundation and currently has on sale in the Gift Shop Turtle Cove t-shirts and sweat shirts.

We're proud of our close relationship with Southeastern Louisiana University and the many things we have been able to achieve cooperatively.

Go Lions!

Ashley Hermann, senior Southeastern Cultural Resource Management student and Maritime Museum intern



MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

The next few weeks hold many exciting events at the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum. Here is a brief list:

August--Archaeology at the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse for select Museum members and Southeastern Louisiana University students by special arrangement with the Executive Director.

August 7--Light Keepers Memorial commemorating the service of Lighthouse Keepers and US Coast Guard Personnel. Program starts at the Museum, 6pm. *Free*

August 8--National Lighthouse Day "Drive for the Lighthouse" Fundraiser at the Joel Champagne Car Museum, One Bud Place, Madisonville, 7pm. Tickets are \$250 each. Rob Masson from WVUE Fox Channel 8 will be our celebrity auctioneer!

September 2--2009 Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival Poster Unveiling and Signing at Capital One, 3840 Highway 22, Mandeville, 6:30 pm. *Free*

October 9--Maritime Mania

October 10-11--20th Anniversary Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival

Notice! Special Non-Profit Opportunity

The 2009 Wooden Boat Festival offers a special partnership opportunity for qualified non-profits. The addition of one or more beer booths allow the Maritime Museum to invite partnering non-profits from St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes to earn additional revenue. Non-profits interested in this opportunity to staff a beer booth may submit to Jill Stoltz a simple application form and a copy of their IRS non-profit determination letter by 4:00 p.m. on August 28. All qualified applicants will be placed into a pool for random selection. For information, call (985)845-9200.



The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum (a 501 (c)(3) non-profit) collects, preserves, and interprets the unique maritime history and culture of Lake Pontchartrain, the lower Mississippi River, and the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

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