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COMING EVENTS:

August 7– National Lighthouse Day

August 20– LWCCG Wood Carvers Decoy Show and Sale, at the Maritime Museum, 10am-6pm

August 27– Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, 6pm-12am

October 1– Girl Scout “Engineering Everything Day”

October 14– Maritime Mania Party!

October 15 & 16, 2011– 22nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival

October 25– Maritime Museum booth at Fairview State Park for “Wetland Exploration Day”

Call (985)845-9200 or visit www.lpbmm.org for details on events.

NEW EXHIBITS PLANNED FOR THE MARITIME MUSEUM: WATERWAYS TO RAILWAYS & JAHNCKE PHOTOGRAPHS

The LPB Maritime Museum is excited to announce a new exhibit and a returning one coming to the museum. In celebration of Madisonville’s Bicentennial, some of the Jahncke Collection photographs, which haven’t been on display for several years, will be on display again. The Jahncke photos are part of the Center for Southeast Studies Collection at Southeastern Louisiana University and depict scenes from the Jahncke family and Jahncke Shipyard that was in Madisonville right about where the museum sits today.

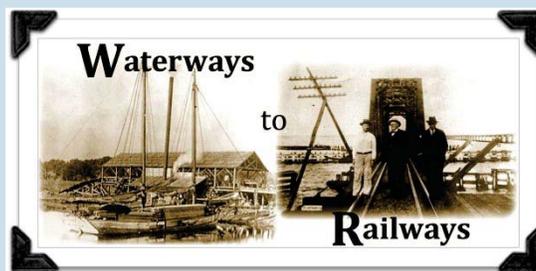
The exhibition and documentary, "Waterways to Railways" was produced by the Olde Towne Arts Center (OTAC) of Slidell in collaboration with the Guardians of Slidell History (GOSH), and with assistance from the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

While Slidell is known for its historical origins as a railroad town, the project brought an outpouring from the community of stories that documented its past as an important waterway.

The images and stories were gathered by conducting two "Preserve Our History" days at the GOSH Museum that resulted in more than 20 hours of oral history and hundreds of archival images that were digitized and many were restored for the exhibition.

The "Waterways to Railways" exhibit was shown at the GOSH Museum in Slidell last fall as part of the opening celebration of the Bicentennial of St. Tammany Parish. The oral history interviews were edited into a 1 hour documentary and had one showing at the GOSH Museum. There are plans to show the hour long documentary at the Maritime Museum, but it will be shortened to under 20 minutes for the planned exhibit installation.

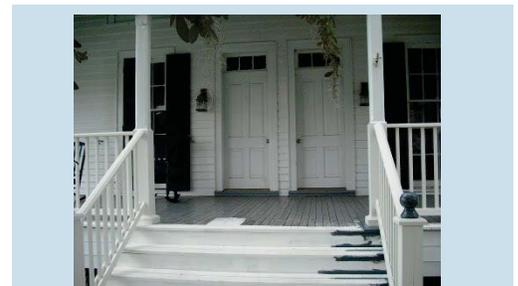
Sharon Edwards of the Olde Towne Arts Center said, “We think the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum in Madisonville will help bring this story of east St. Tammany waterways to a new audience.” We think so too!



Coming soon to the Maritime Museum, The “Waterways to Railways” Exhibit was produced by the Olde Towne Arts Center (OTAC) of Slidell in collaboration with the Guardians of Slidell History (GOSH), and with assistance from the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

COTTAGE EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS NEAR COMPLETE

Thanks to the St. Tammany Wood Workers Guild, the construction part of the renovations on the exterior of the historic Tchefuncte River Light Keeper’s Cottage is complete. Painting of the new steps and railings is almost complete as well. It truly looks beautiful. If you haven’t seen it yet in person, stop by the museum today. The Light Keeper’s Cottage would make a lovely back drop for a photo shoot or a wedding! Go to www.lpbmm.org or call us for more information about our wedding packages.



Light Keeper’s Cottage front porch, near complete.



NEW APPOINTMENT FOR ROY BLACKWOOD, WILL CONTINUE AS SLU LIAISON TO MARITIME MUSEUM



Southeastern Louisiana University visual arts faculty member C. Roy Blackwood has been appointed interim director of the university's annual fall Fanfare Festival and the downtown Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts. He is credited as one of the co-founders of Fanfare, Southeastern's fall festival of the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Blackwood was also involved with the development of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum from the very beginning as supervisor of underwater archeologist and then faculty member, Alan Saltus. Roy has also been Southeastern's liaison to the Museum since July of 2001. He will continue to serve in this capacity for the foreseeable future.

Congratulations Roy!!! We are all very proud and happy for you.

MUSEUM ACQUIRED TWO BOATS, MORGAN 41' SAILBOAT FOR SALE

The Maritime Museum has acquired two boats in recent weeks by generous donations. One is a reproduction of a nineteenth century wooden river raft. Stay tuned for updates with more information and about how to view this interesting boat.

The second donated boat is the *Bonnie Scot*, a beautiful 41' Morgan sailboat. In keeping with the donor's wishes, the museum is selling the boat to raise funds for programming. Please contact the museum at 985-845-9200 for more information about the *Bonnie Scot*.



Reproduction nineteenth century wooden raft now calls the Maritime Museum home.



FOR SALE: The *Bonnie Scot*, 41' Morgan sailboat

LWCCG DUCK DECROY SHOW & SALE, AUGUST 20

On Saturday, August 20, 2011, the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum will host the Louisiana Wildfowl Carvers & Collectors Guild (LWCCG) Decoy Show and Sale, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. LWCCG will have decoys on display and will present demonstrations in carving and finishing. Several decoys will also be for sale and concessions will be available during the event. Admission will be \$4.00 for 12 to 65 years old and \$2.00 for museum members and seniors over 65, under 12 are FREE.

The LWCCG is a non-profit organization dedicated not only to the tradition of decoy carving, which is part of the culture of Southern Louisiana, but also preservation of Louisiana wetlands. Decoy carving is one of the first truly American art forms & Louisiana has always been at the heart of this tradition. The LWCCG, now 40 years old, was the second organization in the country dedicated to this art form. There are more world champions and master decoy carvers from Louisiana than any other state. This is a wonderful tradition to celebrate and carry-on for future generations.

Both the LWCCG decoys and the boats built in the Maritime Museum's traditional boat building class are works of art as well as functional history of our past.





TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT, AUGUST 27



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Present

On August 27, 2011 the Maritime Museum will host its 5th Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament. Come show your poker skills and make it to the final table. Doors will open at 5 PM; tournament play begins at 6 PM until 12 AM.

The tournament is open to the first 150 players that register and pay. Initial buy-in is \$50.00, re-buys and add-ons are optional at \$50.00

each. **Players that register and pay before August 27, will receive 1 free concession meal.** All donations to the Museum are tax deductible. Poker Productions LLC will conduct the tournament game play.

Visa gift cards will be awarded to the top 5 places in amounts based on a percentage of the initial buy in, 40% for 1st place, 20% for 2nd place, 15% for 3rd place, 10% for 4th place, and 5% for 5th place. Gift baskets will be awarded to the 6th, 7th and 8th place winners.

A concession stand and cash bar will be available. There will be Door Prizes and a 50/50 Raffle. Register early to guarantee your spot in the tournament. To register, players can stop by the museum or go to What's New on the museum's website, www.lpbmm.org, to download the registration form.

Help the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum continue to provide educational services in the form of field trips, science camps and many other unique hands-on educational programs that bring the story of Louisiana's heritage to life. For additional information call the Maritime Museum at (985) 845-9200 or visit the website at www.lpbmm.org.

WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL UPDATE

The countdown is on to the Wooden Boat Festival which takes place on October 15th and 16th. **Some of our favorite events will be coming back to the Festival again this year as well as some fun new things.** Applications are coming in for the beautiful wooden boats which we so greatly admire. Spots are quickly filling up for the Quick'n Dirty boat building contest which will have a local celebrity couple as the King and Queen so stayed tuned to find out who that might be.

We have some of our regular food vendors returning as well as some new ones. **We will have Oysters La Louzianne straight from Louie & the Red Headed Lady and featured on the popular TV show Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.** Fried green tomatoes, Zydeco shrimp, blackened crab cakes with crawfish Pontchartrain, and crawfish beignets are just a few of the great dishes that will be at this year's festival.

Lots of great art, new jewelry designers, and pottery will be for sale along the waterfront. Just in time for some early Christmas shopping! Also along the water, the St. Tammany Wood Worker's Guild will be back bringing boats for the children to assemble for free.

Come to the festival to see Colors, a sixteen foot pirogue, and hear tales from her travels around all the major lakes and rivers in the state of Louisiana. She travels with Cliff Dodge at the oars, and brings awareness of the Kids Wanna Help Organization and the Lemonade Brigade. You can make your mark on Colors by signing her in your favorite color. There is lots for the whole family to do with a gaming van, rock climbing wall and other fun activities geared for all ages.

We have an exciting line up of bands to enjoy this year. **We are very proud to have, straight from Nashville, Karen Waldrup, who was a finalist on the Bravo Channel's Platinum Hits show.** Karen is from Mandeville and has an incredible voice as well as a great stage presence. Opening for her will be Ashlee Thomas from Nashville. Together these ladies will keep you entertained. **Local Bands such as**

Rockin' Doopsie, Soul Revival, Bottom's Up and Category Six will rock us into the evening. The boats, chefs, and bands look forward to seeing you at our festival!!!



This year's music lineup will feature Karen Waldrup of Mandeville. She was a finalist on the Bravo Channel's Platinum Hits Show and has since been touring the country playing shows and festivals. Her music is a combination of folk, rock, and country tunes.



IN THE NEWS

Several travel writers came to visit the Maritime Museum and other popular Northshore landmarks. One writer was all the way from Long Island. Here is an excerpt from the article that appeared in Long Island Pulse Magazine titled "New Orleans' Outer Boroughs":

"Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum: Imagine an authentic boatbuilding school beneath a maritime museum showcasing the important maritime history of the area dating back more than two centuries. The Civil War history in this area alone could support a museum, but this modern facility is a feast for any maritime mind. A nearby landmark is the restored Madisonville Lighthouse, built in 1837. The museum is planning to offer public boat rides to the lighthouse, now accessible only by water. They also host a very popular Wooden Boat Fest each fall. 133 Mabel Drive, Madisonville. (985) 845-9200, http://www.lpbmm.org."

The rest of the article can be seen online at: <http://www.lipulse.com/blog/article/new-orleans-outer-boroughs/>

EDUCATION NEWS, FIELD TRIP & AQUATIC ROBOTICS CAMP SEASON A SUCCESS

This school year and summer have been quite busy for the Field Trip Volunteers. We've had schools from Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Slidell and of course from our own area of St. Tammany. When the Field Trip year was over, we counted almost 1800 students, parents, and teachers, who came from 17 different schools and summer camps. Thanks so much to all those volunteers who helped this year. Another successful summer of Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp has come to a close! Thank you to the Aquatic Robotics sponsors, partners, and volunteers for their assistance with program. We had a great time, built robots with the campers, and educated the campers on the world of underwater ROVs (Remote Operated Vehicles). Are you ready to do it again next year? With several newspapers writing some wonderful articles about the camp, the phone has already been ringing off the hook for next year's camp!

THE GIFT SHOP SHELF

The Maritime Museum's Gift Shop now has reproduction Charles Morgan deck prisms available for sale. They are a beautiful decorative element, or that missing piece for your wooden boat! A deck prism is a prismatic glass set into a ship's deck, to let natural light below. They are especially useful when an open flame would be hazardous, such as with a cargo of coal or gunpowder. In normal usage, The prism hangs below the ceiling and disperses the light sideways; the top is flat and installed flush with the deck, becoming part of the deck. A plain flat glass would just form a single bright spot below- not very useful general illumination- hence the prismatic shape. The earliest deck prisms with provenance are from the 1840s. Presumably they were used earlier, but how much earlier is unknown; the origin of the idea is lost, and glass is difficult to date. Very few original specimens remain. The Charles W. Morgan (1841), last surviving American wooden whaler and National Historic Landmark, had a single deck prism left. The ship is now restored and resides in Mystic Seaport. The original deck prism has been reproduced and is widely available. This idea was later borrowed for use in urban sidewalks, to light underground spaces. In that application, they are called "vault lights" or "sidewalk lights". Deck prisms are alive and well today. They are still being made, some in the original form, and some in a newer tank-periscope-like rectangular design.



Deck Prisms, available in original green & cobalt
LARGE PRISM \$24.95
SMALL PRISM \$14.95

Museum Members Only Secret Sale: Take an extra 20% off of your existing 20% membership discount on shirts in the Gift Shop during the month of August. What a deal!

Chevron logo, NASA logo, and a photo of a child working with a robot in a pool. Text: The gracious sponsors and partners of the 2011 Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp were Chevron, NASA & Naval Research Lab at Stennis Office of Education, Laitram, C-Innovation, SeaTrepid, Northshore Parents Magazine, and Macaroni Kid.

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. Staff list including Executive Director Don Lynch, Education Coordinator Stephanie Bernard Imel, etc.

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