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Join us April 1st to Celebrate Vermilionville's 30-Year Anniversary

On Wednesday, April 1, Vermilionville will celebrate 30 years of preserving and representing the cultural resources of the Acadians, Native Americans, Creoles, and peoples of African descent, while working to beautify, conserve and manage sites along the Vermilion River ensuring the preservation and enhancement of the natural and cultural resources for the citizens of Lafayette Parish.

Le Grande Soirée will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour and silent auction. It will consist of 3 bands and a 5-course meal. The event will conclude at 9:00 p.m.

Dress is business casual, a coat is required. Please visit our Facebook page to learn more and to purchase tickets.

PERKS OF VERMILIONVILLE MEMBERSHIP:

- Free museum admission for you plus a guest
- Vermilionville special event discounts
- Gift Shop: La Boutique discounts
- Restaurant: La Cuisine de Maman discounts
- Quarterly Newsletter: La Raconteur

AMI LEVEL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

BECOME A MEMBER

Thank you for your continued loyalty!

New membership perks will be available April 1, 2020, which is also our anniversary, celebrating 30 years of culture and conservation. For more information about membership, please contact the Membership Department at 337.233.4077x.207 or outreach@bayouvermiliondistrict.org



2020 DRINK SPECIAL THE VERMILION \$6.00

Tequila based drink with hints of grapefruit



Saturdays & Sundays

* Available at the bar only



LES MAINS GUIDÉES

APRIL 4TH TRADITIONAL EGG DYING

Join us April 4th at 10:00 as artisan *Em Lemieux* shares techniques our ancestors might have used to color eggs. The fee for the workshop is \$30, and is limited to 12 guests.

MAY 2ND EDIBLE WILD PLANTS

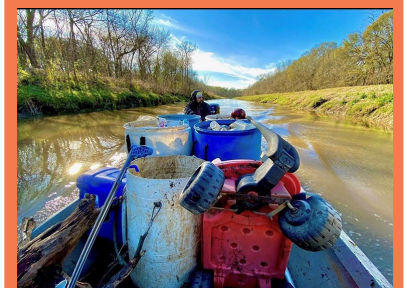
Join us for our sixth annual Edible Wild Plants workshop with guest artisan *Mark Suter of Primitive Texas!* For this Les Mains Guidées (Guided Hands) workshop on May 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., the cost of the workshop is \$30.

ville@bayouvermiliondistrict.org



DON'T POLLUTE THE BOOT

Our Bayou Operations team, an invaluable division of the Bayou Vermilion District, recovers over 2,000 barrels of debris and trash from the Vermilion River each year.



Sundays*

1-4 p.m.
\$10 Admission

*Free for Members

Le Bal du Dimanche



Dance the afternoon away every Sunday at Vermilionville's Performance Center. Refreshments will be available for these family-oriented, smoke-free shows for all ages. Visit the events calendar at vermilionville.org for more info on the performers.

April

April 5
Vermilionville's Birthday Party!
Filé

April 12
Terry & the Zydeco Bad Boys

April 19
EARTH DAY
T'Monde 10:30am-1pm
Celjun 1:30pm-4pm

April 26
Lil' Pooky and the Zydeco
Sensations

May

May 3
Bobby Page and the Swamp Pop
Express

May 10
Corey Ledet and his Zydeco
Band

May 17
Quatre Coin Throwdown

May 24
The Legendary Ils Sont Parti
featuring Buckwheat Jr.

May 31
Brett Denais & T-Rouge

June

June 7
Dikki Du and The Zydeco Crew

June 14
Carl Hollier and the Crowley
Playboys

June 21
CREOLE CULTURE DAY
Bands: TBD

June 28
Jamie Berzas & Cajun Tradition



Bayou Vermilion District: Department of Water Quality



Bayou Vermilion District's Department of Water Quality has proudly been awarded another contract by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and commenced their Onsite Sewage Disposal System (OSDS) inspection program for the year 2020. They perform free educational inspections of individual aerobic treatment units (ATU's) on properties in Lafayette Parish's Coulee Mine watershed. The LDEQ identified the Coulee Mine Watershed as a hotspot for bacterial contamination, and this program aims to educate homeowners on the proper function and maintenance of those systems with the goal of bringing the Vermilion river back into primary contact recreation standards, therefore allowing the citizens of Lafayette to recreate in the river freely. The previous inspection program made great progress on the impairment, yet there is still more work to be done. Homeowners with ATU's can help BVD reach this goal by making sure that their aerators are running, that their sump pumps are working (if they have one) and by getting their systems pumped out by a licensed maintenance provider every three to five years. We at Bayou Vermilion District take pride in our natural resources, our culture, and our people and we hope that you will help us in this effort to clean our river and keep our residents and environment healthy.

Contact Information:
Department of Water Quality
337-769-7283 ext. 2
BayouVermilionDistrict.org

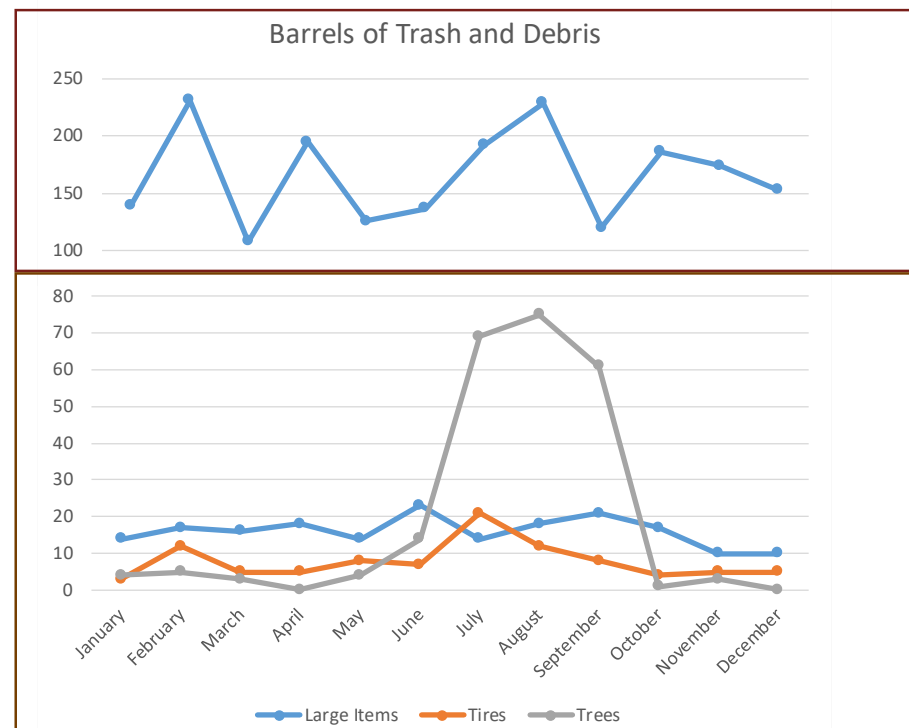
Meet Wesley

Wesley Davis is Bayou Vermilion District's new **Director of Education & Recreation**.

In this role he is responsible for facilitating environmental science educational experiences and promoting recreation on the Vermilion River to Lafayette Parish citizens and visitors alike. He serves on the Atchafalaya Trace Commission as the Lafayette Parish representative and is pursuing a Master's degree in Geology. His first major projects are the addition of new biological aquatic features in the Watershed Exhibit, the annual Earth Day Celebration on April 19th, and the development of the District's parks along the river.

You can reach Wesley at environmental@bayouvermiliondistrict.org

Bayou Operations Debris & Waste Removal



2019 data provided by Tom Melancon, Bayou Operations Foreman

Events

Sunday, April 5

Vermilionville's Birthday Party!

1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Vermilionville turns 30! Join us Sunday, April 5, as we celebrate with cake, live music by Filé. This is a family-friendly event. Stay tuned to our website and social media for more details!

facebook.com/vermilionville
bayouvermiliondistrict.org

Saturday, April 4

MUSEUM DAY

All Day Event
For Museum Day 2020, Vermilionville will showcase the "Watershed Exhibit" which introduces the dynamic interconnections of planetary heat distribution due to the seasons, seasonal weather phenomenon, the water cycle, the life cycle of plants and animals, the physics of watersheds, the effects of water on humanity, and the effects of humanity on water. The "Bayou Vermilion River" exhibit will be on display in the Visitor's Center focusing on how the Bayou Vermilion District works to keep the bayou clean and what you can do to help. Vermilionville will also host a free walk-in guided tour of the historical village (1-2:30pm) focusing on the traditional culinary and healing gardens found on site as well as all-day interpretation throughout the museum focusing on Earth Optimism!

Sunday, April 19

EARTH DAY

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Enjoy environmentally friendly kids' crafts & activities, a yoga class, an aquatic creature touch pool, Fix-It Café, canoeing, mystery native plant give-a-ways, and live music by T'Monde & Celjun.

This is a FREE event sponsored by Cox.

More at BayouVermilionDistrict.org



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Saturday, May 9

ACADIANA BREW HA-HA

All Day Event
Join us at Vermilionville for a celebration of the history and culture of beer in Acadiana! Throughout the festive area, we'll have taste stations from local breweries, as well as micro and nano breweries. Brewers will conduct panel discussions, explain their practices, influences and history. There will be both modern and historical demonstrations of brewing along with great music and an exhibit. Whether you like history, beer, or both, this is a day not to be missed!

Saturday, May 23

A SOLDIER'S STORY

All Day Event
On Memorial Day weekend, come out and meet with the men and women of Louisiana that fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the American Civil War, and more. Learn from historical reenactors and interpreters about their weapons, their equipment, how they fought, and what they ate away from home. In homes throughout the village, Vermilionville interpreters and artisans will tell the stories of those on the home-front, as well as share the ways they supported those fighting away from home.

Saturday, June 21

CREOLE CULTURE DAY

All Day Event
On this day we recognize and honor our region's Creole heritage. So much of our food, traditions, and music comes to us from the Creole culture, and on this day we both demonstrate and celebrate its many contributions to our contemporary folklore. This year's theme is Fraternal Folklore, exploring and celebrating men found in Creole culture, historically and contemporarily, along with live music, great food and a plethora of cultural exchange throughout the village, throughout the day. The event is a family-oriented, FREE event for all ages. Keep an eye out for more information as the event develops!

Curatorial Corner



Introducing our newest acquisition for the Trapper's Cabin. The gun was a common household item in the 1800s, like this mid-nineteenth century side by side, double barrel, wood and metal shotgun. This shotgun (formerly called a fowling piece) is muzzle loaded, or loaded from the opening at the end, the muzzle. It is designed to be fired from the shoulder, and two rounds can be fired before reloading with twelve gauge of lead balls. A "gauge" is a measurement of a barrel determined by how many lead balls you can make out of a pound of lead. For example, the smaller the gauge number, the wider the barrel, making a four gauge shotgun larger than a twelve gauge shotgun. The smaller the barrel diameter, the shooter feels less recoil. A gun like this would have been used to hunt, but also for aggression or self-defense. At 56 inches long, it is also a work of technology and art. The dark wood stock has a checkered design carved into it, and several of the metal components include engravings.

Ongoing Programs

First Friday French Table

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a light breakfast and to converse in French in an immersive environment where we learn from one another. We begin with light conversation while we eat the delicious food prepared for us by La Cuisine de Maman, followed by a game of Pictionary en français. The vocabulary has a new theme every month, so you will always learn something new!

This French table is FREE to everyone and is for all levels and dialects of French speakers. Set your alarm and join us for a chance to enhance or develop your French! 4/3, 5/1, 6/5

Yoga en Français

First Tuesday of Every Month

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Wind down after work with 75 minutes of Hatha Yoga en Français with Anissa Galloubi in Vermilionville's Performance Center. You don't need to speak French, but you'll surely learn a little while you're here! A suggest donation of \$5 per person is appreciated to support of historic museum. Don't forget to grab a t-shirt of tank top in the gift shop representing your yoga session. April 7, May 5, June 2.

Cajun Jam Sessions

Every Saturday, 1–3:30 p.m.

This FREE TO THE PUBLIC jam is held in the Performance Center and is open to all skill levels—beginner to professional. Special thanks to the Cajun French Music Association for sponsoring our weekly jams!

Paddle Trips

Beginner (\$12): 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 9/12, 10/10

9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Intermediate (\$18): 4/25, 5/30, 6/27, 7/27, 8/29, 10/31, 11/28, 12/12

8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Price includes insurance fee to American Canoe Association Questions? Call 233-4077x22-215

Exhibits

Vermilionville's 30th Anniversary

Join us as we look back on the first 30 years of Vermilionville Living History Museum Foundation, and envision what the next 30 years will look like.

Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

Ages 5 - 12 (English & French Sessions)

Week 1: English, Ages 5-8 – June 22-26

Week 2: English, Ages 9-12 – June 29-July 3

Week 3: French, Ages 5-8 – July 6-10

Week 4: French, Ages 9-12 – July 13-17

Details & Registration at bayouvermiliondistrict.org

Donate Today

Consider Making a Donation Online

The Vermilionville Living History Museum Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to support & enhance Vermilionville's mission. Call 337.233.4077 x.207 for specifics.

Want to Volunteer?

Flexible Time Schedules

This is an excellent way to network, take part in events, and serve your community. If you are interested in volunteering for a few or all of our events, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 337.233.4077x.207 or outreach@bayouvermiliondistrict.org