50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA  
AUGUST 18, 2018  
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Sweets Booth & Contest Featured at SugarFest

A favorite place to shop at SugarFest on Sunday, October 7 is the Sweets Booth sponsored by the West Baton Rouge Historical Association. It will be open for business from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. under the tent near the Arbroth Store on the West Baton Rouge Museum grounds. Chairperson Mary Bennett invites everyone to stop by to purchase their favorite cake, candy, cookies, or pie.

A Sweets Contest will be held in the morning for the best cake, candy, cookies, or pie. A full cake or pie, at least two dozen cookies, or two dozen candy samples must be submitted. The items must be delivered to the Sweets Booth between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Contest forms are available at the WBR Museum or may be picked up at the Sweets Booth on October 7.

If you’d like to donate sweets to sell at the Sweets Booth, they may be dropped off in a non-returnable container at the sweets booth on Sunday, October 7 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Cookies, cupcakes, and candy should be individually wrapped for sale in plastic wrap or bags. Cakes and pies may be delivered whole. Please do not bring items that need refrigeration. To assist the volunteers, please label your sweet item. If you are unable to bring your item on Sunday, someone at the Museum will be happy to receive any donation on Friday or Saturday afternoon before the event.

For more information or questions, call Mary Bennett at 485-4213.

Plantation Dinner Set for October 7

The West Baton Rouge Historical Association will sell an old-fashioned plantation dinner from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. during the West Baton Rouge Museum’s SugarFest celebration on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018. Danny’s Cajun Catering prepares a delicious dinner which includes ½ smoked chicken, rice dressing, beans and roll for only $8.00. Visit the dinner booth located near the Arbroth Store on the grounds of the West Baton Rouge Museum, 845 N. Jefferson, Port Allen. Tickets may be purchased prior to the event from any WBR Historical Association member. Michelle Owens is chairing the fundraiser.

Malaika Favorite to Speak at Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture Series

Malaika Favorite, famed American visual artist and writer, will be the guest speaker for the West Baton Rouge Historical Association’s annual Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture Series at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018, at the WBR Museum in Port Allen. A reception will follow her presentation.

This lecture series is held each year in memory of Ethel Claiborne Dameron, founder of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association and West Baton Rouge Museum. The program is free and open to the public.

The program coincides with the opening day of the West Baton Rouge Museum’s Malaika Favorite: Washboard City exhibit. A noted artist, Favorite experiments using different surfaces and shapes and is not confined by the structure of rectangular canvas. She is also known for her creative interpretations of history. In this latest series, washboards are used as a... - continued on Page 3
FROM OUR PRESIDENT
AROUND OUR ASSOCIATION

As we near the end of summer, it’s always an exciting time as we look forward to cooler temperatures, crisp mornings of Fall, and a bountiful harvest season. Agriculture has begun, and continues to be, one of the critical economic drivers in our region. Not only that, agriculture is a main staple woven into the message of our Museum and Historical Association.

When Fall comes around, harvest season is such a pivotal time in our parish, region, and state, generating a multitude of jobs, additional sales in our stores, and providing a living to a whole host of families who work the land. Certainly one of the most special experiences during our parish’s history has been the sights, sounds, and smells that have been generated by the various sugarcane farming operations that span West Baton Rouge from one end to the other. Day or night, good weather and bad, our parish’s farmers work tirelessly, demonstrating a labor of love to provide the food and fabric we all enjoy.

The sugar industry continues to be West Baton Rouge’s most prolific commodity and for all it does for our parish is well worth celebrating. On Sunday, October 7th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., the annual SugarFest will once again grace the grounds of the West Baton Rouge Museum and celebrate the sugar industry and what it provides for our community. From the plantation style chicken dinners to the many demonstrations, there will certainly be enough food, fun and activities for everyone to enjoy. We hope this is our most successful year ever and hope to see you there!

Over the last few months, the Historical Association had been working hard to plan a fantastic Gala to celebrate its 50th Golden Anniversary on August 18th, and man.... it didn’t disappoint! The Gala turned out to be a wonderful success, and it was awesome to see all our volunteers’ hard work and dedication make such a profound statement. Many friends, old and new, joined in the celebration. It was a reunion for some, but a joyous event for all. Many thanks to the Museum staff for setting up a fantastic exhibit, which is still on display until October 28th.

In addition, I give a special thanks to the members of our Gala Committee, whose detailed planning gave us a special memory to certainly last for another 50 years.

As always, please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us in the Historical Association. We want everyone to come see the excitement, experience the wonders of the Museum, and participate in our events. Please call Alice LeBlanc at the WBR Museum, (225) 336-2422 or email leblanc@wbrmuseum.org for more information. See you at SugarFest!

Drew Maciasz

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WBR Historical Association Board President

Where history has a name.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM

From Our Director

Dear friends,

We spent a wonderful night celebrating 50 years of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association and Museum. A big thank you to all who made the gala and exhibition golden! If you haven’t already, stop by to see the Golden Anniversary: Treasures of the Collection exhibit, which will be on display through October 28th. Be sure to pick up a copy of the beautiful gallery guide that accompanies the exhibition. (Thanks to the Historical Association for making that happen.)

On September 30th, Country Roads will host their Supper Club in our Juke Joint. They’re calling the evening Baton Rouge Blues on the Gold Coast, and a few tickets are still available through Bon-TempsTix.com. Chef David Crews, creator of Cleveland, Mississippi’s nationally recognized Delta Supper Club, will be at the stove, while local blues duo Smokehouse Porter and Ms. Mamie will play classic Baton Rouge blues during cocktail hour.

The blues will carry us through the following weekend because it’s that time of year.... SugarFest! We are gearing up for a sweet time celebrating the music, food, traditions, and history of our region. Festivalgoers will be entertained by renowned musicians including Kenny Neal, Lil Ray Neal, Storyville Stompers, Cajun Roots, Cane Grinders, Choupique, Fabulous Bagasse Boyz, Henry Turner & Flavor, Judy Whitney Davis, Lagniappe Dulcimer Society, Kitchen Session, Les Bons Sons, Dorothy LeBlanc, Kent Louque, and Claudette Purnell & the All Parish Children’s Choir. We hope to see everyone for the 23rd annual SugarFest on October 7th at the West Baton Rouge Museum.

Look for more great things to come later this fall with Malaika Favorite’s Washboard City exhibit and talk on October 21st for the Ethel Claborn Dameron Lecture Series. And on November 4th, we are honored to host the Veterans’ Day reception again this year. Port Allen’s Veterans’ on Parade coincides with the opening of Picturing Nam a traveling photographic exhibit that you won’t want to miss from the National Archives.

With so much going on around here, we hope to see you at the museum!

Angélique Bergeron

Angélique Bergeron, PhD
West Baton Rouge Museum Director
MUSIC SCHEDULE FOR SUGARFEST 2018

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
The Choupique Band, accompanied by dance troupe, Le Danseurs de la Capitale de Baton Rouge - Arbroth Plantation Store stage

Dorothy LeBlanc - Juke Joint Side Stage
The Louisiana Vintage Dancers - Brick Gallery

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Henry Turner - Juke Joint
The Fabulous Bagasse Boys - Aillet House front porch
Kent Louque - Brick Gallery

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Cajun Roots - Arbroth Plantation Store stage
The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society - Brick Gallery

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Lil' Ray Neal - Juke Joint

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
The Storyville Stompers - Aillet House front porch
The Cane Grinders - Brick Gallery

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm
The West Baton Rouge All-Parish Choir - Juke Joint Side Stage

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Kenny Neal - Juke Joint
Les Bon Sons - Arbroth Plantation Store stage
Kitchen Session - Brick Gallery
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
of the
WEST BATON ROUGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
1968 - 2018
Christmas in July Card Party Nets $3,437.77

Thanks for the wonderful show of support from the WBRHA Card Party Committee, HA board members, card players, volunteers, and friends in making the 13th annual Christmas in July Card Party so successful! The fund raiser netted $3,437.77 for the West Baton Rouge Historical Association. Over 100 card players gathered at the West Baton Rouge Community Center in Port Allen on July 30, 2018 to enjoy a day of cards, win door prizes, monetary and basket raffles, and share an excellent meal. Attendees played bridge, hand and foot canasta, regular canasta, Shanghi rummy, bourse, sequence, and other games. Special thanks to event chairperson Lorry Trotter, lunch chairperson Evva Wilson, and committee members Babs Babin, Joyce Barbier, Kim Callegan, Alice LeBlanc, Ida Pierre, Janet Simoneaux, and Ruth Stanley.
Fall 2018

Washboard City is a series of paintings on washboards created by the Louisiana born artist, Malaika Favorite, who uses the archaic tools to artistically tell the story of her life growing up in Geismar where her grandparents worked in the sugar cane fields. Twelve of her colorfully crafted assemblages will be on display at the West Baton Rouge Museum from October 20th, 2018 to January 12th, 2019. A 1973 graduate from LSU’s School of Fine Art, Malaika is an accomplished artist and author of three books of poetry.

On November 4th, 2018, the city of Port Allen will gather along its streets for the annual Veteran’s Day Parade. Following the parade, the public is invited to a reception at the West Baton Rouge Museum, where the National Archives exhibit Picturing Nam: U.S. Military Photography of the Vietnam War is on view.

Photographs are a powerful part of our collective memory of the Vietnam War. This exhibit features images taken by military photographers stationed in Vietnam. Their assignments took them everywhere from the jungles and swamps to hospital ships, rivers, and air bases. Unsanitized and uncensored, these indelible images give an intimate and ground up view of the war and those who fought it. This exhibit runs through January 6, 2019.

To honor local Vietnam veterans, we need your help. Contact Kathe Hambric at 225-336-2422 x 207, if you have any items you would like to loan for the exhibit.

The Brick Gallery will soon be transformed into the River Gallery. Beginning in January 2019, this space will feature a rotating schedule of permanent collection artifacts focusing on the rivers and waterways that have shaped our history. If you have any river related items or photographs that you would be willing to donate, please contact Curator of Collections, Elizabeth Brantley at 225-336-2422 x 206.

West Baton Rouge Parish President, Riley "PeeWee" Berthelot received the Public Official of the Year Award from the Louisiana Association of Museums at the annual meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018. This award recognizes an elected or appointed official who has demonstrated special or sustained, significant support of Louisiana’s museums and historic sites.

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NEW PHONE EXTENSIONS FOR THE MUSEUM

The WBR Museum recently had to replace the phone system. As a result, all employees have new three-digit extensions. For your convenience, they are:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7 – SugarFest - 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - An annual sweet celebration of the sugar cane harvest with folk life demonstrations, live music, a sweets contest, and sugary treats. FREE.

*This month’s Café Français will be a French Table at SugarFest. Look for the signs to parler avec nous and maybe even catch a game of Bourré: Gratuit.

October 19 – Annual Halloween Event, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Trick or treat at historic houses, play vintage games, enjoy hauntingly good live music, and more. Come see for yourself what the West Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Museum have in store. FREE.

October 20 – January 20 – Malaika Favorite: Washboard City – Louisiana folk artist Malaika Favorite is known for her creative interpretations of history. In her latest series, Washboard City, scrub-boards are used as a symbol of the hard work, discipline, and determination of black women in the south.

October 21 – Annual Ethel Claiborne Dameron Lecture Series with Malaika Favorite, 2:30 p.m. - This annual lecture series honors the memory of Ethel Claiborne Dameron, founder of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association and West Baton Rouge Museum. Reception to follow. FREE.

October 25, Clay Sculpture Workshop with West Baton Rouge artist, Mary Guarisco – 9 a.m. – Noon. Make your own miniature masterpiece under the guidance of West Baton Rouge artist, Mary Guarisco, known for her painting, life casting, and sculpture. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. This workshop is offered in conjunction with the exhibit, Golden Anniversary: Treasures from the Collection, 1968 - 2018. Space is limited. Advanced registration is required by calling 225-336-2422 Ext. 200. FREE.

November 2 – Café Français, 1:00 p.m. – Gratuit.

November 3 – January 6 - Picturing Nam - This exhibit, curated by the National Archives, features some of the hundreds of thousands of photographs that military photographers stationed in Vietnam took to document American Armed Forces activities.

November 3, 10, and 17, Book Club - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Presented jointly with the West Baton Rouge Parish Library to accompany the Picturing Nam exhibit, this book club will cover The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien, Everything We Had by Al Santoli, and Nam by Mark Baker. Space is limited. To register and check out loan copies of the reading material, call the WBRP Library at 225-342-7920. FREE.

November 4 – Annual West Baton Rouge “Veterans on Parade” – 1:30 p.m. - The parade will roll past and conclude in front of the West Baton Rouge Museum with a Veteran’s Memorial Ceremony that will take place honoring all veterans and the grand marshals of the parade. Immediately following the ceremony, the West Baton Rouge Museum will be open free of charge for veterans, their families, parade goers, and the general public to enjoy a reception and tours of the Picturing Nam exhibit.

December 2 – Holiday Open House, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Enjoy an afternoon at the museum featuring holiday music, warm cider and gingerbread, craft making, a visit from Papa Noel, and everyone’s favorite campus wide game, “Find the Elves”! FREE.

December 7 - Café Français, 1:00 p.m. – Gratuit.

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**WBR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL DONATION FORM**

Please fill out the form, enclose your donation made payable to the West Baton Rouge Historical Association in an envelope and mail to: West Baton Rouge Historical Association, 845 N. Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767. Only one acknowledgment card will be sent per donation. Thank you.

FROM: __________________________

IN MEMORY OF: __________________________

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NOTE: Place an (X) next to the Memorial Fund to which you wish to send your donation.

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**Membership Form – 2018**

Name: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Email Address: __________________________

Telephone: __________________________

Please check the membership category you wish to join.

**Student** $10.00  ______  **Friends** $100.00  ______  **(businesses/individuals)**

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