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Events

Drive-In Movie on the Bayou
Friday, October 2

Yoga en Français
Tuesday, October 6

Les Mains Guidées
Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 5

**Ghosts on the Bayou
Halloween Party**
Saturday, October 31

Native American Culture Day
Sunday, November 21

Please note that all events are tentative and subject to change or cancellation due to COVID-19.

Live music, including Saturday Jam Sessions and Sunday Dances, will return to Vermilionville soon!

For updates and information, follow us on Facebook
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Questions? communications@bayouvermiliondistrict.org



NEWS / EVENTS / EXHIBITS

Le Raconteur

4th Quarter 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The essential work of ensuring the cleanliness of the bayou continues in spite of the ongoing pandemic. Our bayou crew is on the river just about every day, working hard, picking up trash and clearing debris without missing a lick. I cannot say enough about their dedication and perseverance. We are also about to take our stewardship of the bayou to a new level. If you come visit us at 300 Fisher Road, you will notice a new building going up at the far end of the parking lot near the pond. It will be our new Watershed Lab and Exhibit Building. It will house a water-testing lab designed to identify the impediments to the quality of the water in the bayou and our watershed exhibit. For now, you can visit the exhibit in our festive area to learn about the role of water throughout the solar system right down to the Vermilion watershed. The key to a healthy watershed is educating the public on the ways to create a healthier environment. The new building is scheduled for completion Spring 2021. In the meantime, please enjoy the cooler Fall weather by enjoying a boat ride on the bayou or coming out to visit us in the open air at Vermilionville.

- [Dr. David Cheramie, CEO](#)

Exhibits

This fall Vermilionville hosts a guest-curated exhibit by our curatorial intern, *Madeline LaCour*. This exhibit focuses on natural dyes used primarily throughout the 18th and 19th centuries in Louisiana. The exhibit showcases the ingredients and processes used to make natural dyes from plants and insects, along with the textiles and other objects greatly impacted by these pigments.

Visitor Center Conference Room
October 9th – November 30th



Made by Hand, Built on Tradition:
30 Years at Vermilionville

Join us as we look back on the first 30 years of the Vermilionville Living History Museum and Folklife Park.

Vermilionville's Visitor Center
January 21st - December 28th 2020.

Questions?
curator@bayouvermiliondistrict.org

NEW FAMILY TOUR PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Get your family or homeschool group out of the house for some educational fun!

We are now offering five, new Family Fieldtrip Packages for you to explore Vermilionville. Each package allows your group to learn and participate in the areas of interest that matter most to you. Bring your family in to explore and practice the culinary traditions of South Louisiana, learn the basics of Cajun and Creole music and dance, take a tour of the Bayou Vermilion, experiment with our Environmental Science package, or practice historical crafts.

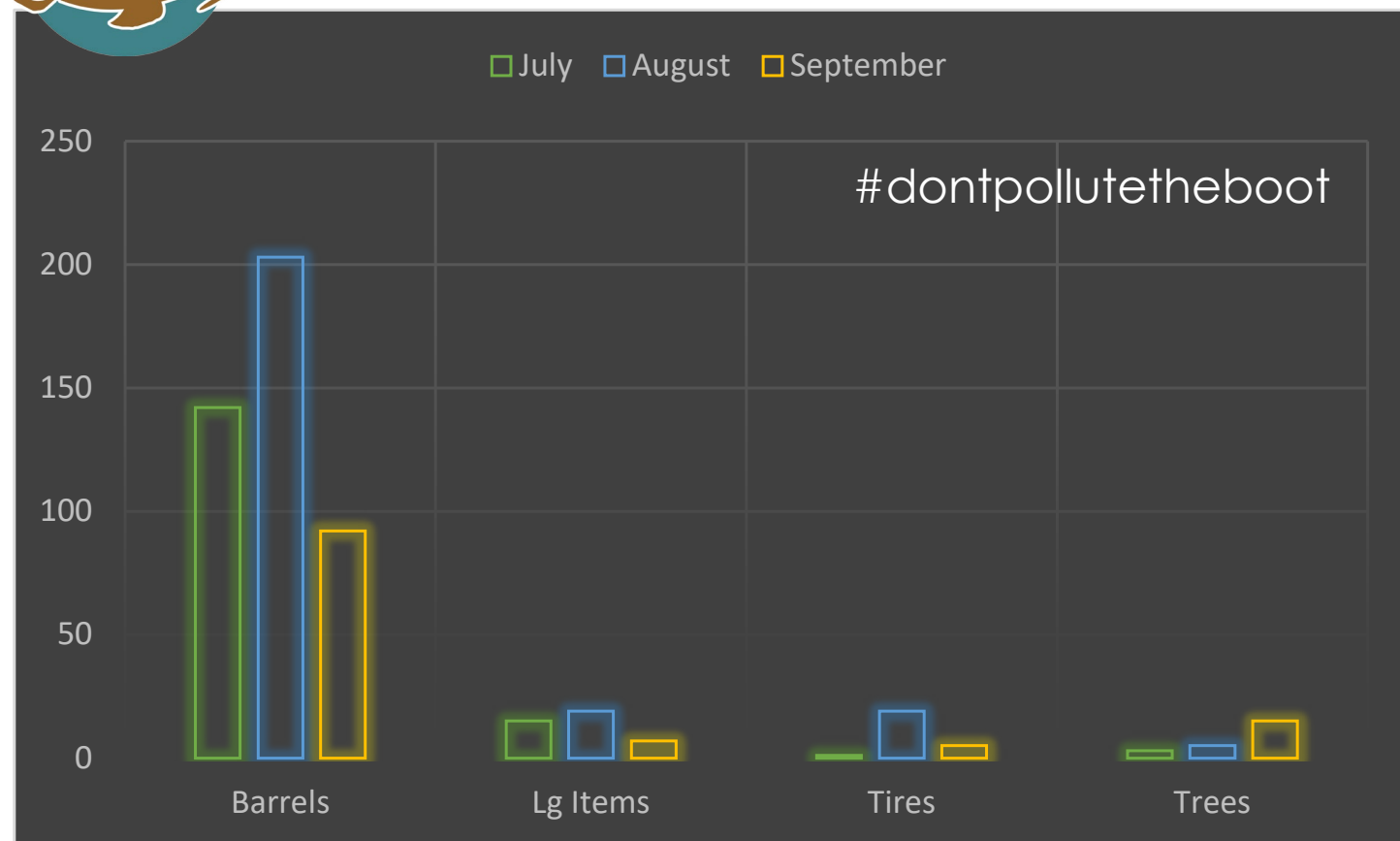
Each package includes admission to the village and lunch at La Cuisine de Maman. For details about our New Family Fieldtrip Packages, and to choose the adventure that is right for you, contact our Tour Coordinator, Melissa Bastien, : tours@bayouvermiliondistrict.org

COOK | DANCE | TOUR
CRAFT | EXPERIMENT



Bayou Operations Debris & Waste Removal

July 1 - September 21



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Curatorial Corner

Gros Rouge, sometimes called Brun d' Espagnol, comes from a natural iron – oxide pigment combined with a neutral paste. The color can also be derived from brick dust and lime wash. Maison Buller was built near Bayou Joe Marcel outside of present day Ville Platte ca 1800. When the donor purchased the structure in 1984, the ceiling was painted "gros rouge," and he kept it that way when he moved it to New Iberia and turned it into a Bed and Breakfast. He donated the structure to Vermilionville in 1989.

Vermilionville Receives Highest National Recognition, Awarded Accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums

Lafayette, LA (07/10/2020) – Vermilionville achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the highest national recognition afforded the nation's museums. Accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, to governments, funders, outside agencies, and to the museum-going public. Alliance Accreditation brings national recognition to a museum for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards and continued institutional improvement. Developed and sustained by museum professionals for over 45 years, the Alliance's museum accreditation program is the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation and public accountability. It strengthens the museum profession by promoting practices that enable leaders to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and remain financially and ethically accountable in order to provide the best possible service to the public.

Of the nation's estimated 33,000 museums, over 1070 are currently accredited. Vermilionville is one of only 22 museums accredited in Louisiana, and the first accredited in Lafayette Parish.

"Accredited museums are a community of institutions that have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to excellence," said Laura L. Lott, Alliance president and CEO. "Accreditation is clearly a significant achievement, of which both the institutions and the communities they serve can be extremely proud."



Ongoing Programs

First Friday French Table
First Friday of Every Month
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Join us on the first Friday of each month to converse in French in an immersive environment where we learn from one another. We begin with light conversation, 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. Join us for a chance to enhance or develop your French!

Questions?
tours@bayouvermiliondistrict.org

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 suggested donation of \$5 per person is appreciated in support of historic museum and folklife park.

Register at:
curator@bayouvermiliondistrict.org

MEMBERSHIPS SAVINGS

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