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Overview of Event & Calendar of Events:

What: Grand Réveil Acadien (GRA) / Great Acadian Awakening, presented by Louisiane-Acadie, Inc., will host celebrations, large gatherings and events in four venues throughout South Louisiana. Grand Réveil aims to revitalize the Acadian culture and focus on maintaining its traditions and passing them on to the next generation.

GRA will close with a huge renewal of pride and tradition on the last day of Festivals Acadiens et Créoles in Lafayette's Girard Park.

When: October 7th - 16th, 2011 with major events in four locations

Where:

New Orleans – October 7th and 8th

Houma – October 9th and 10th

Lake Charles – October 11th and 12th

Lafayette – October 13th through 16th

Why: The GRA event is to awaken those of Acadian descent and in particular our youth, to the realization that Acadians, particularly the Acadians in Louisiana, are losing their French language, culture, and coastal lands. GRA is a means of seeking support, partnerships, solutions and concerted plans of action through forums, youth programs and large gatherings of Acadians from around the world.

More information on Grand Reveil Acadien/The Great Acadian Awakening can be obtained at www.gra2011.org. You can also check with Brenda Comeaux Trahan / 337.288.5914 or Christine Duhon 298.3711.

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GENEALOGY FAIR: The Jefferson Parish Library will host a Genealogy Fair from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the East Bank Regional Library, 4747 W. Napoleon in Metairie, Louisiana. The Genealogy Fair will feature representatives of local, state, and regional genealogy societies who will staff assigned tables and distribute promotional literature describing their organization's

services. Organizations are invited to participate in this event, and there is no charge for this. It will also be free and open to the public.

There are three major goals for this event:

To promote the concept of genealogy and make local people aware of the services available to them

To promote the services of the numerous genealogy societies in the area

To promote genealogy services offered by the Jefferson Parish Library

Deadline for registration is Friday, September 30, 2011. Contact Chris Smith, Genealogy Fair Coordinator, wcsmith@jefferson.lib.la.us. You can also call 504-889-8143 or 504-884-4008.

The library will conduct publicity to promote the event to local media. The library also will create internal publicity with posters, information in the weekly e-newsletter, and note the event on the library website and on the in-house television system.

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GENEALOGICAL GROUPS: Two genealogical society publications continue to present excellent data on early Louisiana records, and they each offer services of interest to researchers. *Les Voyageurs* comes from the German-Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society, and their September issue contains Emory Webre's discussion of St. Michael's Convent students in the 1856 hurricane at Last Island. Susan W. Laurent of Lewisville, Texas also has a continuing listing of descendants of Jean Webre.

The Desnoyer family was included in this current issue by Gerard Montz after he discovered a yellowed-typewritten page with the title "The Denoyer Family." The spelling variation dates to that of Lesin Denoyer, born February 22, 1802 in Edgard, Louisiana, married to Marie Eva Cambre. His father, Jean Baptiste Denoyer, came from Mexico, but his father had come from France.

Also continued in this issue was Wilfred Hellmers Charbonnet's information on Jeanne Marie Josephine Robin de Logny and Bernard Bernoudy.

The next meeting of this society will be on October 25, 2011 – the Oktoberfest Dinner at La Maison Magnolia in Norco. The scheduled speaker is Sand Marillion, grounds and landscape director of Laura Plantation, and the topic will be on 200 years of horticulture at the plantation. More information can be found at www.gachgs.com.

Membership in this society is only \$20 per year, and their address is P.O. Box 3086, LaPlace, LA 70069. *Les Voyageurs* was first published in March of 1980 and some back issues are still available.

The other group of genealogists is La Societe des Cajuns, and their publication is *Les Memories du Bayou Lafourche*. This latest issue contains a memorial tribute to Velton P. Guidry who passed away on May 27, 2011. Guidry was an avid researcher and someone I have known for many years. He was an excellent researcher and served as president of this society for many years. He was also editor of the quarterly.

The publication has been on hold since Guidry's death, but it has been decided that the publication will be continued. Mary Guidry Breaux is the new editor, so if you have any information for inclusion in future issues, contact her at mbreaux@viscom.net, or send this to her at P.O. Box 679, Cut Off, LA 70345. Because of the interruption of service due to Guidry's death, this issue is the combined issues of 1 and 2 with the next one being combined 3 and 4.

Annual dues in this society are \$15 per year, and queries are free and published as space is available. Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the South Lafourche Branch Library in Galliano, Louisiana. This group was organized in 1979 and incorporated as a non-profit group in 1980.

Families discussed in this issue are those of Francois Moise dit Latreille, born perhaps in Arcasson, France, ca1655, who arrived in Acadia by 1681. He was married to Madeleine Vincent at Port-Royal ca1685. He is considered to be the progenitor of the Moise family in Louisiana.

Another family discussed in this issue is that of Ives Crochet, son of Guillaume Crochet and Julienne Durand, born at Megrit in today's Cotes-du-Nord area of Brittany, France, in September 1732. He settled in Louisbourg, the great French fortress on Ile Royale, today's Cape Breton Island, in the 1750s, and he was married to Pelagie Benoit, a daughter of Acadians Claude Benoit and Elisabeth Theriot.

Mary Guidry Breaux is to be congratulated in putting together this information.

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