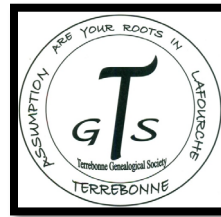




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TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND BAYOU HISTORY CENTER - TERREBONNE 200 EXHIBIT AND PRESENTATION – Good Earth Gumbo: A Blending of Cultures (Part 2)

HOUMA, Louisiana – The People & Culture Subcommittee of the Terrebonne 200 Committee, sponsored by the Terrebonne Parish Government and Parish President Hon. Gordon E. Dove, are pleased to announce that because of the importance of this specific topic there will be a second event held to commemorate the various groups of people whose cultures have blended together to form the unique essence of Terrebonne.

Part 2 of this event will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at the Main Branch of the Terrebonne Parish Library at 151 Library Drive, Houma, LA 70360. Doors open at 10 a.m., and the program will be held from 10:30am until 5pm.

Besides displays, exhibits, costumes, handouts and food, there will be an impressive lineup of presentations, including: A *“Smudging Ceremony”* by Elder Chief Shirell Parfait-Dardar of the Grand Caillou-Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw; *“A Gumbo of Cultures”* by Patty Whitney, Executive Director of Bayou History Center and President of the Terrebonne Genealogical Society; *“The Last Acadian Coast”* by Dr. John Doucet, Dean of Sciences & Technology, Nicholls State University, and organizer of the Thibodaux *Le Grand Réveil Acadien 2022*; *“Canary Islanders”* by Stephen Estopinol from the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana; *“Robert Ruffin Barrow in Terrebonne Parish”* by Jason Bilello, Tour Manager for Residence Plantation & Volumnia Farm and Archival Technician for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Archives; *“Finding Our Roots”* by Margie Scoby, the Founder and Executive Director of the Finding Our Roots African-American Museum; *“An Indian Drums Musical Presentation”* by the Miracle Drums team and Elder Chief Albert Naquin of the Isle de Jean Charles Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw; and *“The Importance of Indigenous Peoples to Terrebonne Parish History”* by Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, of

the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe, a Clinical Professor of Law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. There will also be a small Genealogy How-To Workshop, with tours of the library's Genealogy Department.

Hosting Part 2 will be the Terrebonne Genealogical Society (celebrating their 40th Anniversary) and Bayou History Center, with special thanks to the Terrebonne Parish Library for their assistance and use of the facility.

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