

BAYOU TECHE MUSEUM

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Dear Friend,

Culture and the arts are alive in our community! With quality performances through IPAL, downtown art walks, and most recently Symphony Sunday in the Park, we have had amazing opportunities to explore the talents and gifts of those around us. Alongside these efforts, many have been excitedly working to establish the Bayou Teche Museum.

Dreams of the museum first began some 15 years ago when the New Iberia Museum Foundation was established. Since then, many people with the desire to preserve our local history have volunteered countless hours. Now, their hard work, perseverance and financial contributions will be showcased in the museum's grand opening, projected for the beginning of 2009.

The museum will be housed on Main Street, adjacent to the Sliman Theatre, with the two buildings sharing a door on the adjoining wall. The museum will contain artifacts and memorabilia that unfold the story of a growing city centered around the meandering curves of the Bayou Teche, as well as the people who shaped it into what it is today: the city that is so uniquely New Iberia, the city we are proud to call our home.

You are invited to be part of the founding of this museum as a **CHARTER MEMBER** by participating at any level of membership in 2008. Various benefits are offered at each level, with those at \$100 or more being invited to a gala event that will raise funds for the exhibits. These exhibits will include interpretive panels, interactive displays, dioramas, and special children's areas.

New Iberia Museum Foundation and Teche Federal Bank present

"A Night At The Museum"

Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m. – Sliman Theatre

The event will feature delicious food from area restaurants in New Iberia, Lafayette and Abbeville, complimented by spirits and soft drinks. We will conduct a live auction offering amazing items like "Deck Your Halls," a complete Christmas decorating package, and "Dreamscape," which includes comprehensive home landscaping from plans to planting and everything in between. The evening may also feature a sneak peek at the museum and special guests from New Iberia's past.

Another event, a Tapas Party, is being organized for those securing memberships of \$250 or more. It will be held later at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tribbey Thornton, which is the former Patout/Southwell/Elias home.

Become a part of the resurgence of what is so rich and beautiful about our community and the tradition of its 229-year history! Please see the enclosed form for more information, including CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP and other donations levels for FAMILY, INDIVIDUAL, and more. You can even give "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one. Just be sure to ACT NOW! **The deadline is June 6th.**

If you have any questions contact Maria Brodie at 229-4859 or email cmbrodie61@aol.com. We truly thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Larry Hensgens
*The New Iberia Museum
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