



GREAT LAKES

**FRENCH
CANADIAN
&
FRENCH MÉTIS
HERITAGE**

**PROGRAMMING
RESOURCE GUIDE**

see also: <http://voyageurheritage.wordpress.com/>

KEY DATES:

MICHIGAN FRENCH CANADIAN HERITAGE WEEK SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 2, 2016

- **MARDI GRAS**
- **MARCHE du NAIN ROUGE (DETROIT, MID-MARCH)**
- **MAPLE SUGARING TIME, LATE WINTER/SPRING**
- **SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE DAY (JUNE 24)**
- **FEAST OF SAINT ANNE (JULY 26)**
- **RENDEZVOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT SPRING-SUMMER-FALL**

Event Ideas

- Demonstration of historical life and skills, guided historical tour
- Exhibits/speakers on regional French Canadian history, folklore, or traditions
- Fundraising event for a conservation club or historical society
- Luncheon including glissants, tourtiere, and other traditional foods
- Performance of French Canadian and Métis folk music
- Storytelling hour at a local library or school, school theme day

Signature Event Recommendations (General North American French)

- Cirque Alfonse "*Timber*" (Lumbering theme circus act)
<http://www.cirquealfonse.com/en>
- Feufollet, (Contemporary Cajun Music) <http://feufollet.net/>
- Genot Picor (Michigan) musician, storyteller
evoyageur@aol.com <http://genotpicor.com/>
- Le Vent du Nord, (Quebécois Folk Music) <http://www.leventdunord.com/en>
- Le Père Garneau et Les Rats d'Swompe, (Franco-Ontarian Folk group),
<http://www.peregarneau.com>
contact: Martin Rocheleau martin.rocheleau@rci.rogers.com
- Stéphane Paquette (Ontario), folk musician, comedian
stef@unitz.ca
- Daniel Richer (Ontario) storyteller, raconteur
<http://www.danielricher.com/ENGLISH.htm>
<http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/directory/daniel-richer.aspx>
- Dennis Stroughmatt, Creole Fiddle,
<http://www.creolefiddle.com/creolefiddle.com/Home.html>

Artisans, Craft Demonstrations, Living History Re-enactors

- Belletre: French and Indian War French Marines harryburgess@sbcglobal.net,
<http://belletredetroit.wix.com/belletre>

- LaCroix Company <http://www.lacroix-coy.com>
- Jim Miller *Willow Winds* <http://jmwillowwinds.com/>
- David Rent, Les Compagnies du Détroit, Detroit/Hamtramck Assembly Office
313-972-6566 (no voicemail) ATT Mobile 313-421-3892 Email
david.rent@gm.com
- Saginaw Voyageurs, contact Sherri Greene at 989-752-2861, ext. 303 for more information
- David Schmid *Into the Past* <http://www.intothepast.net/>
- Charlie Shelton, Lake Saint Clair Metropark, Voyageur Reenactor
586-463-4332 (office), 586-855-7126 (cell)

Musicians, Performers, Storytellers, Writers

- Nancy Beaudette (Ontario) storyteller <http://nancybeaudette.com/>
- David Bezotte (Upper Peninsula, Michigan), musician
dbezotte@yahoo.com
- Marie Bilodeau (Ontario) storyteller
<http://mariebilodeau.blogspot.ca/p/storytelling.html>
- Linda Breitag (Minnesota) musician, traditional French Canadian music
lbreitag@gmail.com
- Bruce Carmody (Ontario) storyteller
<http://www.thestoryteller.ca/>
<http://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca/directory-pages/carmody-bruce.html>
brucecarmody@rogers.com
- Christopher Chagnon (Michigan) author, *The Dregs of Presque Isle*
christopherjchagnon@aol.com
- La Compagnie Musical Dance Troupe (Michigan) dance music
<http://www.lacompagniemdt.com/>
- Suzanne Desrochers, author *Bride of New France*
416-551-2860, sue_desrochers@yahoo.ca
- Brian Ellis (Illinois) storyteller
<http://foxtalesint.com/contact-fox>
- Phillipe Gelinas (Quebec) musician <http://www.acmimusique.org/contact/>
- Judith Kukowski (Michigan) storytelling, mythology
23618 Cottrell, Clinton Township, MI 48035 586-741-1544
- Vivian LeMay (Michigan) writer, *The Last Lord of Paradise*
lemay.vivian95@gmail.com
- Jeff Lemire (Ontario) graphic novelist, *Essex Country Trilogy*
<http://jefflemire.blogspot.fr/>
- Beverly Matherne, writer, poet
Northern Michigan University, bmathern@nmu.edu
- Louis Mercier (Ontario) storytelling, music, crafts
<http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/directory/louis-mercier.aspx>
- Abby Paige, performer *When We Were French*
<http://abbypaige.com/>

- Robert Paquette (Ontario) musician
<http://www.robertpaquette.ca/news.php>
- Marylyn Peringer (Ontario), storyteller
<http://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca/directory-pages/peringer-marylyn.html>
applesfromheaven@hotmail.com 416-465-4327
- Prairie Folklore Theatre, *Canoe Song: A Voyageur's Tale* (Minnesota)
<http://www.prairiefolkloretheater.com/?n=Performances.BlueCanoeSongAVoyagerSTale>
- Dave Rogers (Bay City, Michigan) storyteller
<http://www.hsmichigan.org/resources/storytellers-speakers-musicians/dave-rogers-michigan-history-tours-and-presentations/>
dlauncerogers@gmail.com 989-686-5544
- Bob Soulliere, traditional music, Windsor area, 519-966-6400,
music2@mnsi.net
- Dave Stanaway and Susan Askwith (Michigan, Upper Peninsula) musicians,
for trade songs
<http://borderlandrecords.com/dssa/index.html>
- Natalie Vachon (Ontario) storyteller, artist
<http://www.nathalievachon.com/>

Scholars, Researchers

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lamarre-j@rmc.ca

- James Leary, University of Wisconsin (*Folk Songs of Another America: Field Recordings from the Upper Midwest, 1937–1946*) 608 437 4816
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- Nicole St-Onge, University of Ottawa (Fur trade, Michilimackinac)
nstone@uOttawa.ca
- Guillaume Teasdale, University of Windsor (*French and Indians in the Heart of North America*) gteasdal@uwindsor.ca

Film Screenings

- Black Robe <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101465/>
- Medicine Fiddle <http://www.folkstreams.net/film,178>
- Mon Oncle Antoine
- Reveil: Waking up French <http://www.wakingupfrench.com/>
- The Widow of St. Pierre
- Un rêve américain <https://www.facebook.com/UnReveAmericain>

This 'Resource Guide' is comprised of individuals who have done previous work related to the French Canadian and Métis histories and cultures of the Great Lakes region. Entries are for informational purposes only and do not constitute endorsement. Please contact individuals to arrange events for your organization. Most listings reflect acts or speakers with facility in English and French.

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