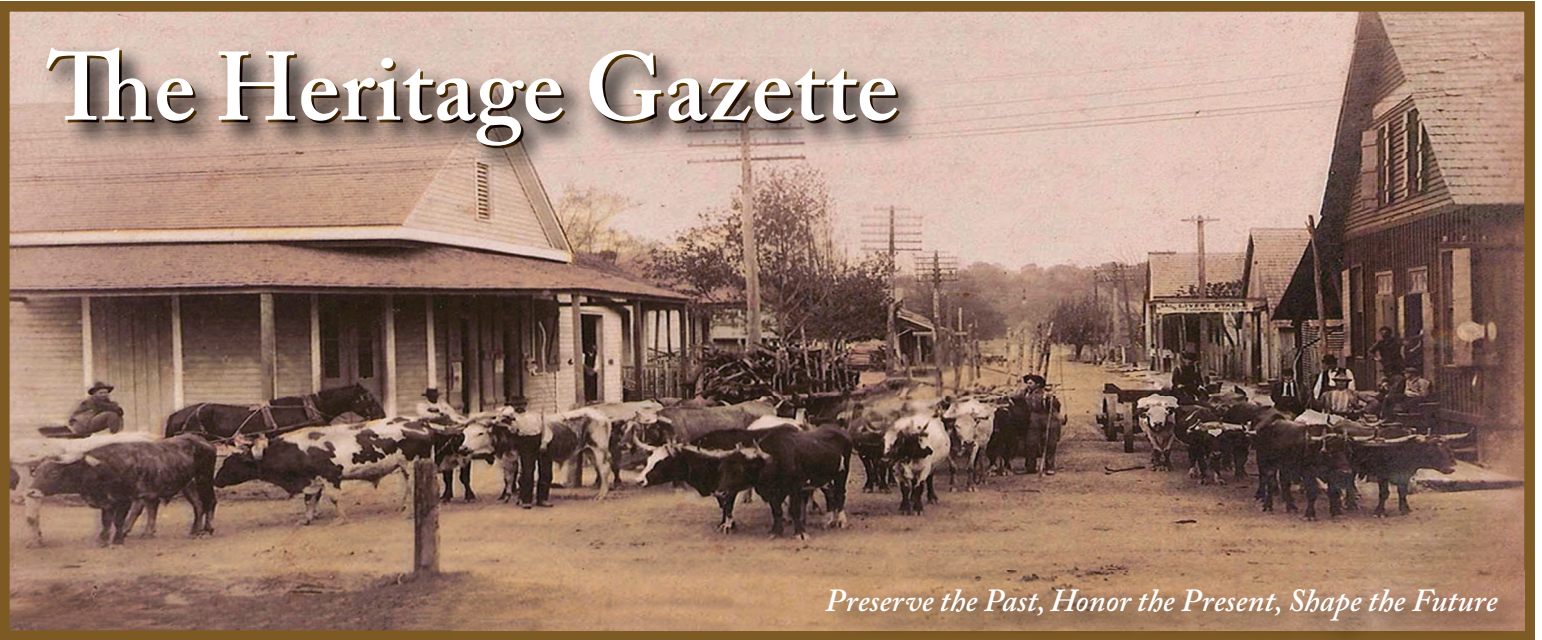


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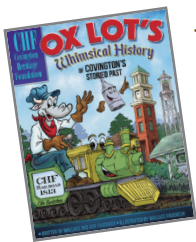
## Message from the President . . .



### Preserving the City's Culture, Character and Community

The mission of the Covington Heritage Foundation (CHF) is to preserve the City's culture, character and community . . . and what a fun task it is! Last year, with the help of the City, your CHF hosted native American folklorist and musician Grayhawk Perkins, honored our Veterans with a reception, organized the Antiques and Uniques Festival in downtown, took an interactive field trip to Cemetery #1, hosted a crawfish boil at the Covington Brewhouse, enjoyed some beautiful homes in the History and Holly tour and celebrated the Evelyn and Red Talley family history at our year-end

Gala. This year we have enjoyed Dr. Bill Robison's presentation on the Battle of New Orleans, learned how to preserve oral histories by recording or videotaping conversations with family members, celebrated our Veterans again, eaten more crawfish and explored the History and Mystery of Columbia Street. We have a delightful and fattening culture, the character of some 200 years plus, and a community full of old friends, new friends and family. I hope you can join us this fall at one of our upcoming events. Having fun never gets old!



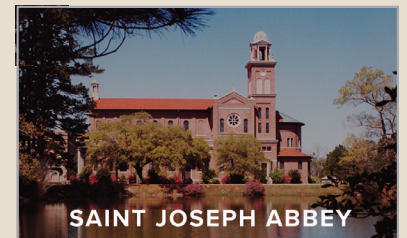
### ANNOUNCEMENT

*The CHF is proud to announce the completion of an animated video for children. Ox Lot's Whimsical History of Covington's Storied Past, by Wallace and Guy Faucheux, takes viewers on a train journey through the history of Covington, as told through the eyes of a lovable bovine named Ox Lot, along with his best friends Switcher and Earl, and an exciting cast of characters. The story is told in video and book formats, and will be available for purchase in limited quantities later this year.*

—Mark Johnson

## Abbey Tour

For more than 125 years, the Benedictine monks of St. Joseph Abbey have lived quiet lives balancing prayer and work at their monastery on River Road north of Covington. Their monastic lifestyle along with the beauty and serenity of the monastery itself has fascinated visitors for generations. To learn more about the monks and their home, join docents Alice Couvillon and Mary Pratt Lobdell in October on a guided tour of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. Visitors will enjoy an in-depth, behind-the-scenes viewing of the Abbey Church and monks' refectory, two structures that were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. The buildings are remarkable for their striking, larger-than-life murals painted on the walls and ceilings by artist Dom Gregory De Wit, a Benedictine monk from the Netherlands who lived at St. Joseph Abbey from 1946 to 1954. The tour will be scheduled on a Saturday from 9 to 11 am. Stay tuned for more details . . .



SAINT JOSEPH ABBEY

## History and Mystery of Columbia Street

–Article by Ron Barthet, adapted from [Tammanyfamily.blogspot.com](http://Tammanyfamily.blogspot.com)

–Photos by Ron Barthet and Susan Sheehan

The Covington Heritage Foundation took center stage in the 300 block of Columbia St. in Covington Sunday afternoon, with a variety of presentations aimed at unlocking the mysteries of the legendary main thoroughfare. Approximately 100 persons attended the informative event.



Carolyn Talley Pearce shares memories of shopping at Haik Department Store

Several historical talks were given, showcasing the history of the St. Tammany Art Association building (formerly Nichols Toy Store), the Haik Department store, Dependable Glass, and City Drugs (the current location of Roy's Knife and Archery Shop).



Mayor Mike Cooper was on hand with Lanell and Lynn Theriot to join in discussions

Mayor Mike Cooper was on hand to join in the discussions, and people in the audience offered their own remembrances of the businesses that populated the busy street. H. J. Smith's Sons General Merchandise opened the doors to its museum.

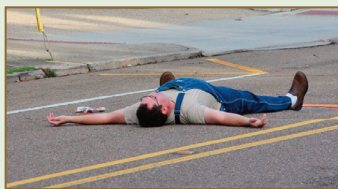
Speakers included historian C. Howard Nichols and CHF president Mark Johnson, along with others connected with the stores such as Lanell and Lynn Theriot whose family operated City Drugs.



Gina Hayes and Cindy Mendow serve fresh watermelon salad to guests

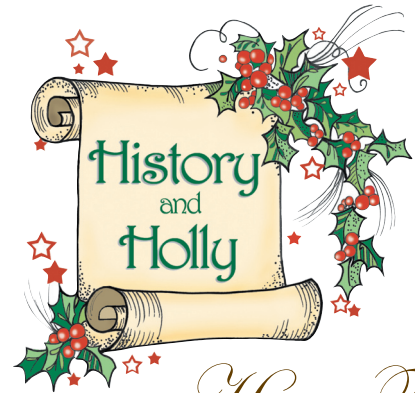


The CHF gave a showing of a new animated video, *Ox Lot's Whimsical History of Covington's Storied Past*, at the Art Association house. Written by Wallace and Guy Faucheux, and illustrated by Wallace Faucheux, the video was sponsored by the CHF to preserve and share the history of Covington with younger generations.



Mark Johnson and Jacob Mendow re-enact the infamous Bossier-Bradley feud of 1899

A "live shoot-out" was billed to represent the Bossier-Bradley feud of 1899. Refreshments were served courtesy of Jerry and Cindy Mendow.



## Home Tour

The CHF will present the annual History and Holly Home Tour on Sunday, December 9 from 2:30-5:30 pm. This popular CHF fundraiser will usher in the holiday season featuring some of Covington's most beautiful and historic homes. There will be refreshments, music and Covington-themed Christmas ornaments for sale, designed by a local artist. Look for an email to announce the start date of ticket sales. For more information call (985) 892-1873 or email [covingtonheritagefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:covingtonheritagefoundation@gmail.com).

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## Crawfish Boil Brings Community Together –Article by Mark Johnson and Photos by Susan Sheehan

Covington Heritage Foundation members enjoyed an evening of good food, drink and entertainment at their annual membership crawfish boil, held on Brewhouse. The crowd dined on crawfish from Acquistapace's while enjoying music by "A Coastal Gentleman," David Broadbridge, who delivered a m guitar music. A favorite selection was his original piece, "Covington, My Hometown."

Attendees also heard from CHF President Mark Johnson, who shared a short story on Covington founder John Wharton Collins. The story included tidbits such as why Collins's last name changed from Wharton to Collins, why Gibson Street is named Gibson Street, and why Covington's name was changed from Wharton. Music, crawfish, beverages and history added up to a good time for all.

Don't miss out on next year's event! Join the CHF to gain access to exclusive member benefits while helping to preserve and cultivate Covington's culture, character and community. Visit [www.covingtonheritagefoundation.com](http://www.covingtonheritagefoundation.com) for more information.



Mary and Jimmy Rogers



Gayle Campbell and  
Bonnie Poirier

# Covington Heritage FOUNDATION

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## Christmas Gala

To celebrate a year's worth of cultural activities and usher in the Christmas season, join us at the annual Christmas Gala Tuesday, December 4. Starting at 6 pm, the Southern Hotel will be awash with glad tidings and holiday cheer as members enjoy refreshments in a lovely holiday setting. The party is for members only, so if you haven't done so, renew your yearly membership dues of \$25 for individuals or \$40 for couples online at [www.covingtonheritage-foundation.com](http://www.covingtonheritage-foundation.com). Event ticket information will also be posted on the website.

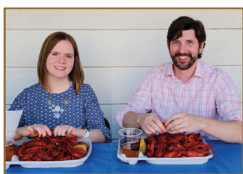
*"The Foot Paths of the Future  
are guided by the  
Footprints of the Past."*

✿ Patricia Fuhrmann Clanton ✿

May 3 at the Covington  
redley of casual acoustic



"A Coastal Gentleman"  
David Broadbridge



Devan and Lester Richoux

## Antiques and Uniques Fest Keeps on Growing

From old fashioned iron skillets and farming tools to vintage jewelry and elegant home décor, the Antiques and Uniques Festival offered something for just about everyone's taste and budget this year. Since its inception in 2015, the springtime event has increased in size from 48 to more than 70 vendor booths, and is becoming established as a regional tourist attraction.



"We've observed increased name recognition of the event among vendors and the public. We were pleased to note this year that most vendors approached us to request applications, whereas in previous years we had to solicit vendors personally and invite them to participate," said Cultural Arts and Events Director Aimée Fauchoux.

Produced by the Covington Heritage Foundation with support from the City of Covington, the festival is open to vendors of antiques and vintage furnishings and collectibles, as well as fine arts and crafts that possess a vintage theme or reflect local and regional culture. Next year's festival will be on April 27-28 at the Covington Trailhead. We hope to see you there!

-By Kelli Moore

## Veterans Appreciation Reception

-Article and Photos by Susan Sheehan

U.S. military veterans and their families were honored guests at the May 28 Veterans Appreciation Reception, where patriotism was on full display.



Board Members Gina Rowbatham,  
Alice Couvillon, Mary Pratt Lobdell

Hosted by the City of Covington and the Covington Heritage Foundation (CHF), the reception was staged at Bogue Falaya Hall immediately following a Memorial Day service at the St. Tammany Parish Justice Center. The 6th annual event was free and open to veterans and their families, although many people stopped by simply to acknowledge the veterans' service to their country.



Guests sang Happy Birthday to Ralph Menetre,  
who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Pastor Rodney Barney of Abundant Life Missionary Baptist Church blessed the meal, and Covington City Councilman John Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests enjoyed a fried fish dinner served by CHF and Covington Kiwanis Club volunteers and entertainment by members of Covington High School's Talented Music program. Members of the Robert H. Burns American Legion Post 16 presented a certificate of appreciation for Mayor Mike Cooper.

The event was made possible through the support of Waste Connections, CJ's Florist, Braswell Drugs, Gallagher's Restaurant, Zoë's Bakery and Champagne Beverage.



Audrey Cooper - Mayor Mike Cooper's mother  
and wife of the late Mayor Ernest Cooper reciting  
the Pledge of Allegiance

"We are thankful for American Legion Post 16 for the Memorial Day Ceremony they execute prior to the reception, and we are honored to offer this reception as a small token of the community's appreciation for our veterans," said Covington Heritage Foundation President Mark Johnson. "We can never thank them enough."



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**SATURDAY, TBD IN THE FALL**  
*The Abbey Tour*  
St. Joseph Abbey • 9 am to 11 am



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
*Christmas Gala*  
Southern Hotel Ballroom • 6 pm



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
*History & Holly Holiday Home Tour*  
2:30 pm to 5:30 pm



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY, APRIL 27 & 28**  
*Covington Antiques & Uniques Festival*  
Covington Trailhead  
10 am to 5 pm Both Days

