

# The Heritage Gazette



*Preserve the Past, Honor the Present, Shape the Future*

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## Message from the President . . .

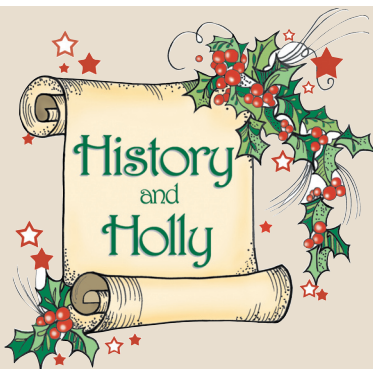


For literally centuries, Covington has been attracting people with its promises of clean air and healing waters. Covington has been a peaceful place of natural beauty where every direction is the “scenic route” and where people have put down the roots of family trees which have grown for generations. Although through the decades, some faces have changed and some businesses have come and gone, a few very important things have stayed the same. Covington’s *culture, character* and sense of *community* has remained untainted by the passage of time.

The Covington Heritage Foundation’s mission is to preserve Covington’s *culture, character* and *community* for the generations to come. In an effort to further our mission, the CHF presents fun, informative and FREE events throughout the year to either teach or remind Covingtonians of all of the wonderful attributes of our special city. The events are designed to walk attendants back in time to appreciate the foundations that contribute to our quality of life here in Covington today.

To those families who have been lucky enough to have been walking the tree-lined streets of Covington for generations and to those families who have been smart enough to move here where big city culture meets small town charm, please join the Covington Heritage Foundation in celebrating and supporting our *CULTURE, CHARACTER* and *COMMUNITY* by joining us at an upcoming event!

—Gina Hayes



## History and Holly Home Tour

—Contributed by Alice Couvillon

When it’s this hot outside, the only thing that cools me off a bit is thinking about Christmas. And, when I think about Christmas, I think about the History and Holly Tour, when CHF showcases historical and beautiful homes all dressed in their Christmas finery. This year, four homes and two churches on Jefferson, 19th and 20th avenues will be on tour. We’ll have strolling carolers along the way, a harpist in one of the homes, and, new this year, a Choral concert in one of the churches.

New ornaments and Christmas cards will be offered for sale, refreshments will be served, and transportation by our own Covington trolley will be provided.



243 S. Jefferson Avenue



223 W. 19th Avenue



323 W. 19th Avenue



507 W. 20th Avenue

The date of the tour is Sunday, December 8 from 2-5 pm. Tickets will be available online and in a few local stores for \$20. The money raised helps us give free and interesting programs on Covington’s unique heritage throughout the year. The History and Holly Tour is one of the most anticipated events during the Christmas season, so please join us on December 8.

## History and Mystery of New Hampshire Street

–Article by Kelli Moore and Photos by Ron Barthet

Tales of watching classic movies in the Star Theater, opening the pages of the St. Tammany Farmer to catch up on high school sports, and capping off the work week with a drink at Tugy's were among many recollections shared at the CHF's History and Mystery Program on Sunday, May 5.

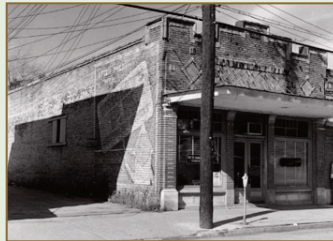
This free and informative cultural event featured iconic buildings in the 300 block of North New Hampshire Street in downtown Covington.

Guest speakers included Brenda Willis and Ron Barthet for The St. Tammany Farmer; Michael LaFrance for the Star Theater; Miro Lago for the Southern Hotel; and St. Tammany Parish official Dexter Accardo, who oversees the Emergency Operations Center inside the old 22nd Judicial District courthouse. In addition, St. Tammany Bureau Chief for The Advocate Sarah Pagonos opened up the former St. Tammany Farmer offices for tours.

Farm-to-table refreshments were prepared and served by Jerry and Cindy Mendow.



North New Hampshire Street looking at Boston Street. Note the oak trees on left.



Farmer office before the exterior renovations done in the 1960's.



Star Theater in the late 1940's.

## Christmas Gala



Our Annual Meeting and Party for Covington Heritage Foundation members will be Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm. Please join us for a buffet dinner, wine, and entertainment by Covington High School Talented Musicians. We will be selling our new History and Holly Tour ornaments by artist Jax Frey and new Christmas cards by our own CHF member, Suzanne King. Brush up on your local history because, this year, we're playing St. Tammany Trivia after the short meeting! Alice Couvillon will lead pictorial questions on some interesting facets about where we call home. Lots of prizes, too! You can also purchase your ticket for the History and Holly Tour. Remember, this meeting is for members only and you must pay your yearly dues before the party. You will be able to order your tickets online. For more information, call (985) 892-1873 or email [covingtonheritagefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:covingtonheritagefoundation@gmail.com).

–By Alice Couvillon

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## The Characters of Covington

This was a memorable and lovely event on Thursday, July 18. Wonderful stories were shared by and about these "Characters of Covington" along with some visual presentations. Much reminiscing and recollections going on that night. Due to the success of this event, we will continue with this program and make it a yearly event. You don't want to miss the next one!

*The Characters of Covington:*  
1st row - Carolyn Talley Pearce, Murray James, Mary Pratt Lobdell and Ida James (representing Reverend Peter S. Atkins)  
2nd row - CHF President Gina Hayes and Mayor Mark Johnson



## Field Trip to Historic Covington Cemetery No. 1



Back by popular demand is the Covington Cemetery #1 Historical Research experience on Thursday, July 18. This is an interactive event will give participants an opportunity to learn or rediscover interest in this historic cemetery, which dates back to Covington's founding in 1813.

This historical research experience is modeled after a popular assignment developed by Mark Johnson, an 8th grade student from St. Peter's School to the cemetery every year to learn about local burials.

Cemetery No. 1 is located across the street from the Covington Police Department, 609 North Main Street. Participation is limited, so please register as soon as you can online at [www.bontempstix.com/event](http://www.bontempstix.com/event).

# Covington Heritage FOUNDATION

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## New CHF Movie at Covington Trailhead Museum

The CHF is proud to announce the completion of an animated video for children of all ages. Ox Lot's Whimsical History of Covington's Storied Past, by Wallace and Guy Fauchaux. The video 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. Check out this movie as well as the pictorial history of Covington and enjoy!

TRAILHEAD MUSEUM OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
MUSEUM HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY -  
10 AM TO 2 PM; SATURDAY - 10 AM TO 4 PM;  
AND SUNDAY - NOON TO 4 PM.

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

✿ Patricia Fuhrmann Clanton ✿

-Contributed by Alice Couvillon

on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 5 pm.  
interesting facts about our beautiful and unique

Maher, a retired schoolteacher, who led her  
burial traditions and customs.

North Columbia Street. The event is free, but  
m/events/CHF-Field-Trip. Refreshments will

## Another Success for Antiques and Uniques Festival



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 last spring. 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 Aimee Fauchaux.

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 18-19 at the Covington Trailhead. We hope to see you there!

-By Kelli Moore

## Veterans Appreciation Reception

-Article by Kelli Moore  
and Photos by Bobby Gilbo

U.S. military veterans and their families were honored at a Veterans Appreciation Reception on May 27 in the Bogue Falaya Hall at the Greater Covington Center. Hosted by the Covington Heritage Foundation and City of Covington, the annual event was free and open to all U.S. veterans and their families.



Many CHF board members showed up to lend their support. Board President Gina Hayes welcomed guests, followed by Alice Couvillon with the blessing and Patrick Fulton with the Pledge of Allegiance. Covington Mayor and CHF Ex-Officio Mark Johnson greeted attendees, along with board members Cindy Mendow, Lester Richoux, and Mary Pratt Lobdell.



Guests enjoyed chicken, jambalaya, crab cakes, sandwiches, fruit trays, cheese trays and cake for dessert. Music was provided by Covington High School Talented Musicians.

"We are honored to offer this reception as a small token of appreciation for our veterans and their families" said Covington Heritage Foundation President Gina Hayes, "We appreciate the many sacrifices they have made for our country, and can never thank them enough."



Local sponsors who helped make the event possible included Coastal Environmental Services, Zoe's Bakery, Gallagher's Restaurant and CJ's Florist.

## WANTED . . . Turn-of-the-20th Century Homeowners



Help preserve and celebrate Covington's architectural history by displaying a CHF Historic Home Plaque. Historic designation is determined by age as calculated using courthouse records and maps, and a visual survey of the home's condition, design and integrity. So get your orders in now so we can start the research and add you to our list of Covington Historic Homeowners. Research and hand-made plaques made by Nicholas Hasslock can be ordered for \$200 by emailing us at [CovingtonHistoricHomes@gmail.com](mailto:CovingtonHistoricHomes@gmail.com).



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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

*Field Trip to Cemetery #1*

600 Block of Columbia Street • 5 pm



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

*Christmas Gala*

Southern Hotel Ballroom • 6 pm



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

*History & Holly Holiday Home Tour*

2 pm to 5 pm



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY, APRIL 18 & 19, 2020**

*Covington Antiques & Uniques Festival*

Covington Trailhead

10 am to 5 pm Both Days

