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In Your Own Backyard: A Free Lecture Series Unearthing Local Cultural and Environmental Knowledge

Lafayette, Louisiana—The Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism at UL-Lafayette continues its free monthly series focusing on cultural and environmental traditions and knowledge in the Acadiana area. Held the second Tuesday of every month at Vermilionville's Performance Center from 6:30-8:00, the presentations range from informal workshops to question-and-answer forums to interactive presentations. Each month features a different topic for discussion, led by a qualified facilitator. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The project is co-sponsored by CCET and the Vermilionville Foundation, with support from the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission.

The series brings a wide range of topics to a larger audience and a broader forum in order to provide an educational opportunity to the Lafayette community and offer new perspectives on established traditions and perceptions. In our own backyard, we still fall prey to preconceived notions and commodification of our culture. CCET's lecture series bridges this gap between academia and the general public, and this linkage is fundamental to a better understanding of cultural and historical authenticity and constructively addressing stereotypes.

July 14

Aichafalaya Culture: Living and Surviving in the Basin
Jim Delahoussaye

August 11

Creole Music: Its Roots and Modern Manifestations
Herman Fuselier and Joe Hall

September 8

Congrès Mondial Acadien Wrap-Up
CMA Ambassadors
Valerie Broussard, Lucius Fontenot, Michael Vincent, Rachel Decuir, Erin Stickney, Rocky McKeon

October 13

Farming Methods in Old Acadie and Acadiana
Dr. Whitney Broussard
EarthShare Gardens

November 10

Steel Guitar Traditions
Dr. John Troutman, Benjamin Joe Rogers, Murnel Babineaux,
and Richard Comeaux

December 8

KBON: The Cajun Radio Experience
Derek Landry

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The Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism, one of the six Centers of Excellence at UL-Lafayette, is located on the third floor of Edith Garland Dupré Library. The center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and by appointment. Please call 337.482.1320 for further information.

Vermilionville is located near the Lafayette Regional Airport at 300 Fisher Road. Vermilionville authentically portrays a way of life preserved with a distinctly French accent. Situated on the banks of the Bayou Vermilion, this Cajun/Creole heritage and folklife park recreates life in the Acadiana area between 1765 and 1890. The park is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except for federal holidays. For more information, please call 337.233.4077 or 866.992.2968, or email vermil@vermilionville.org.