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**Louisiana Folklife Commission Meeting**  
**Friday, January 6, 2022 – 1 p.m.**  
**State Library of Louisiana**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes  
Teresa Parker
- III. Reports
  - A. Chair Report  
Teresa Parker
  - B. LDOA Budget Report  
Susannah Johannsen
  - C. Director, Folklife Program  
Maida Owens
- IV. Business
  - A. Folklife Month 2022, 2023  
Teresa Parker
  - B. Louisiana Folklore Society / Bayou Culture Collaborative  
Maida Owens
  - C. Special Meetings Committee  
Teresa Parker
  - D. Set date for next Commission meeting  
Maida Owens
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjourn

## **Folklife Program Director's Report – January 6, 2023. Maida Owens**

### **Folklife Commission Changes**

Rachel Ornelas is filling the vacant CRT nominee position on the commission.

**Folklife Month 2022:** Six Folklife Ambassadors participated in 2022.

- Tommy Ike Hailey honored Mary Alice Vanderwaters, Rapides Parish
- Shane Rasmussen honored Rhonda Gauthier, Natchitoches
- John Pudd Sharp and Herman Fuselier honored Alton Armstrong, Lafayette
- Jim Hogg honored Butch Cooksey, music promoter
- Mona Lisa Saloy honored Chef Andrew Miller, New Orleans
- Jonathan Foret honored Nelson Harris, African and African American drumming

Details are posted online at [http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles\\_Essays/FM2022.html](http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/FM2022.html)

The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities supported Folklife Month by funding the artist honoraria and included it in *64 Parishes* in Fall 2022. <https://64parishes.org/october-is-folklife-month-2>

### **Bayou Culture Collaborative / Folklife Program**

**Passing It On workshops**, Summer and Fall, 2022.

- August 20 and 27, Filipino foodways, Philippine American Women's Association<sup>29</sup> (PAWAL)
- September 17, Sabina Miller, making crepe paper flowers

Owens spoke to these organizations about cultural issues and climate change. Summer and Fall, 2022

- September 14, Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Initiative, with Mike Saunders
- September 17, Louisiana Studies Conference
- September 21, Folk & Traditional Arts Managers, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies preconference.
- September 24, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies conference
- October 14, American Folklore Society with Shana Walton and Mike Saunders
- November 3 - Creative Placemaking Conference with Kelsea McCrary
- November 30, Goucher College class
- December 6, American Society of Adaptation Professionals Migration and Retreat group, with Traci Birch
- November 2, PastForward National Historic Preservation conference

LSU School of Landscape Architecture (Traci Burch) received LSU Sea Grant funds for food insecurity research. Owens assisted the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center train youth to interview families about foodways.

### **Bayou Culture Collaborative / Louisiana Folklore Society**

The monthly Bayou Culture Gatherings continued through December, 2022. They collaboratively wrote the position statement and commissioners are invited to sign-on. See the position statement at [http://www.louisianafolklore.org/?page\\_id=1215](http://www.louisianafolklore.org/?page_id=1215). And the Louisiana Folklore Miscellany will include a report on BCC in 2022. The BCC Management Team includes Jonathan Foret, Gary LaFleur, Carolyn Ware, and Maida Owens. Commissioners interested in participating are encouraged to join LFS and/or participate in the Bayou Culture Collaborative.

Chancelier “xero” Skidmore was commissioned to write a spoken word poem in response to BCC Gatherings in 2022. His poem was presented at the December Gathering and is available on the BCC/LFS YouTube channel. David Rabalais created a montage of the 2022 Gatherings, which is also available online.

Four BCC working groups are active. See details, how to join, and upcoming meetings at [www.louisianafolklife.org](http://www.louisianafolklife.org).

- Louisiana French Curriculum and/or Preservation
- Culture and Coastal Planning
- Artists, Tradition Bearers, and Coastal Issues
- Preparing Receiving Communities

### **Annual Ethics Training**

Commissioners are reminded that they must take the one-hour Louisiana ethics training each year by Dec 31. If you have not registered, start at this page: <https://eap.ethics.la.gov/SeminarRegistration/> If you have registered previously, go to this page. <https://laethics.net/EthicsTraining/login.aspx>. Folklife Commissioners are not required to submit the financial disclosure form.