Supplement to August 2011 Laffite Society Chronicles

Monthly Programs for the Second Half of 2011

Jack Watson- Program Chairman

First of all I would like to convey a sincere thank you to all of those who contributed their time and energy into creating presentations for the Laffite Society over the first half of 2011. You have made our meetings interesting as well as entertaining. I look forward to more of our membership participating in the future. Please call me if you have ideas.

In February new member Helen Mooty brought us the biography of Jane Long along with all the proper fashion of the time. For April we heard a sobering account of historical records in Texas from Bill Kroger, co-chairman of the Historical Task Force under the Texas Supreme Court. In May Larry Porter, member and officer of the Laffite Society, presented a well researched program on Privateering. In the meeting held in June long time member and former editor of the Laffite Chronicles Don Marler covered the biography of Aaron Burr, a most interesting figure in the times of Laffite. At the July meeting just held, your program chairman made a presentation on the connections between Jean Laffite and Lord Byron. I hope you enjoyed it.

Here’s what’s coming up for the second half of 2011.

August 2011- Did you ever wonder what that sunken concrete ship is all about at Bolivar Roads? Did you ever wonder why anybody ever built a concrete ship? Guest speaker Jim Saye will fill us in on the history of concrete ships and the story of the SS Selma. Part owner of the sunken ship Bill Cox will accompany him and tell us what it’s like to own a sunken concrete ship and the plans are for it’s future.

September 2011- Member Betty Conner will present a talk on the women of Laffite’s time and perhaps the women in Laffite’s life. These are very interesting subjects.

October 2011- Longtime member and contributor Cindy Vallar will travel to Galveston to address the organization on Dominique Youx. I am looking forward to meeting Cindy and hearing her tale of this most interesting character in Laffite’s times.

November 2011- One of the founders of the Laffite Society Dale Olson will make a presentation to the group on the location of the Maison Rouge. Dale needs no introduction. Not only did he participate in the creation of the Laffite Society in 1994, he is a former President and a recognized authority of the life and times of Jean Laffite.

Looking forward to the first half of 2012, Jean Epperson is working on a project and I am talking with Rosenberg Library’s Casey Green, head of special collections at the library to address the Laffite Society in the first quarter. Let me hear from you if you would like to participate. Best regards.