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# BOUDROT EXPRESS



## The 2009 Gathering

The 4th Congrès Mondial Acadien (World Acadian Congress) will take place in 2009 in New Brunswick's Acadian Peninsula and the Boudreau Family is organizing a Grand Gathering.

It will be held on August 19th and 20th in Tracadie-Sheila. Most activities will occur at the Curling Club while the music concert will be held at the Arena.

The Organizing Committee Chairperson is Anita Boudreau-Duguay. Her phone number is (506) 395-6843. Her Co-chair is Jeannine Boudreau. Her phone number is (506) 336-1197. The email address is [family-boudreau2009@live.com](mailto:family-boudreau2009@live.com).

### PROGRAM

#### August 19

- 8:00am Registration
- 11:00am Brunch
- 11:30am Opening Ceremony, display of Genealogy Charts, etc...
- 7:00pm Music Concert

#### August 20

- 9:00am Golf Tournament
- 12:00pm Exhibits
- 5:00pm Dinner

Visit our site web au <http://boudreau.fafa-acadie.org> for more details on the Gathering.

Where is Tracadie-Sheila? The town is located in Northeastern New Brunswick.

Visit the town's web site at <http://www.tracadie-sheila.ca>

## Launching of BOUDROT EXPRESS

This is the first Volume of our new digital Newsletter for the Association des Boudreau called 'BOUDROT EXPRESS'.

It will be published four times a year and will inform you of events affecting of the Boudrot, ault,

eau, eaux and will tell stories about Family members.

This first edition is being sent to all those in our Contacts list. Those that follow will be sent to Association members only.

On page 2, there is information on how to become a member.

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### Your stories and photos

*We would like to tell your stories and publish your photos in future editions. Send them to [donaldb@rogers.com](mailto:donaldb@rogers.com) or by mail to the following address:*

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## Message from the President



In this ever changing world, the family remains an important anchor for many people who must face increasingly complex challenges in life.

For this reason our Association must also continue to evolve in order to fulfill the needs of the Boudrot, ault, eau, eaux Family members.

We want to be the focal point for all great events that involve this Family. We also want to tell your stories and those of your ancestors.

I must confess that the Association has been relatively inactive for the last while.

It's now time to undertake a renewal and get things going and that's the challenge I readily accept.

My vision is to see the Association become the meeting place for all descendants of Michel Boudrot and Michelle Aucoin no matter where they live. I see the Association as an indispensable tool to promote this great Acadian Family.

To perform this function in today's world, we must give ourselves the means to do so. The next item will show how limited our financial resources are. That's why we're launching a membership drive to recruit as many members as possible.

In the age of the Internet, it's a given that electronic communications should be favoured to reach Family members. I

invite you to send a copy of this Newsletter to your friends and relatives so they can have a chance to become members and tell their stories.

Together we can build an organization we can all be proud of and that is able to awaken our sense of belonging and community.

Donald Boudreau

President—Association des Boudreau

## Our Financial Situation

As you can see, our Association isn't very rich in funds. These numbers (Cdn dollars) give you an indication of our revenues and expenses incurred since January 2004.

The biggest expense was our History Book which cost \$6,202.87 to produce and publish and for which sales have amounted to \$4,903.27.

Balance in account Dec. 31 2003 **\$1,740.72**

### Revenues

Sale of History Book	\$4,903.27
Sale of Coat of Arms	1,132.02
Sale of lapel pins	823.36
Membership cards	790.68
Sale of Genealogy charts	600.00
Donations and other revenue	<u>147.49</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$8,396.82</b>

### Expenses

Development of History Book	\$2,227.50
Publication of History Book	3,975.37
Printing of charts	1,403.91
Copies of Coat of Arms	579.46
Purchase of lapel pins	437.61
Dues to FAFA *	400.00
Administratives expenses	329.41
Purchase of Boudreau CD	<u>40.00</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$9,393.26</b>

Balance in account October 31 2008 **\$744.28**

\* **Fédération des Associations de Familles Acadiennes**

## Membership drive

A family association needs members to survive and undertake projects. It's been several years since we've had members renew their cards. The launching of BOUDROT EXPRESS provides us the opportunity to launch a membership drive amongst Boudrot, ault, eau, eaux Family members.

Annual Membership Fee:

Individual \$10 (Cdn or US)

Family \$15 (Cdn or US)

How to become a member?

Visit our web site at <http://boudreau.fafa-acadie.org/Anglais/Membership.htm>.

Click on the 'Membership' button on the menu. You'll find a membership form that you can fill out and send to our address.

Note: Those who purchased memberships from November 2008 don't have to renew it at this time.

## Profile on ... H el ene Boudreau

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H el ene Boudreau is an Acadian writer and artist. A native of Isle Madame, Nova Scotia, she writes fiction and non-fiction for children and young adults from her home in Markham, Ontario. Her writing has appeared in various

Canadian publications and her Maritime-themed art has been exhibited by the Toronto Public Library. Her debut middle-grade novel ACADIAN STAR is now available in bookstores across Canada.

About ACADIAN STAR:

The Acadian Star competition is the biggest thing to ever happen in Meg Galant's small Cape Breton town. Meg dreams of performing onstage with her best friend N eve. If they're lucky, they might even make it to the finals in Halifax. But Meg's weird old aunt, Tante Perle, has been acting stranger and stranger-and just before the finale of the competition, she whisks Meg away from everything she knows. Meg suddenly finds herself trapped in the time of the tragic Acadian Deportation-and she has to choose between escaping to her own time and saving a girl who looks remarkably like N eve. Why is she trapped in the eighteenth century? Will she be able to save this stranger, so quickly be-

coming a friend? And where does Tante Perle fit in with all this?

This remarkable book for middle readers introduces us to contemporary Acadian characters, and also offers a young girl's perspective on the Acadian Deportation.

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## Saguenay region

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The Boudrault from the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region of Qu ebec formed an association called "Association Boudreau-It-x Boudrot". Its' leaders have been in contact with our association for several years already. There was a large gathering in la Baie in 1997 as well as in August 2007 and representatives of your association were there. We continue to maintain a close relationship and plan to collaborate on a number of projects.

Recent developments:

- Their association currently has 365 members
- It continues to organize brunches in the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region every six weeks
- Some of its' members participated in the Tintamarre du ring the 400th anniversary of Qu ebec

Visit their web site at:

<http://www.associationboudreau-It-x.com/>

## In Louisiana

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The Boudreaux of Louisiana formed an association following the Grand Reunion in New Iberia during the 1999 Congr es Mondial Acadien.

You can visit their web site at <http://www.boudreauxfamily.org>

On Saturday, June 28, 2008, members of the Boudreaux /Boudreaux Family Association gathered for a reunion in Abbeville, Louisiana, elected new officers and raised needed funds for the organization's continuing efforts in promoting and safeguarding their Acadian heritage, culture and beloved French language.

The new President is Don Boudreaux of Lafayette.



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*"To the fidelity and valor of our  
ancestors"*

## Association des Boudreau Inc.

The 'Association des Boudreau Inc. Began its' activities in the late 1980's by organizing family gatherings in the Shediac Region, in South Eastern New Brunswick. These gatherings consisted of a supper followed by music. This allowed family members who participated to get to know one another. Also, thanks to the research by Lévi Boudreau (see our web site), many were able to discover their family history.

The organizers of those gatherings formed the nucleus of the team that organized the first International Gathering of the descendants of Michel Boudrot during the first World Acadian Congress of 1994. Over 2,000 members of the family gathered at the Shediac Arena on August 14th.

The Association was established for the purpose of promoting genealogical research relevant to the descendants of Michel Boudrot who arrived in Acadie around 1639. The Association also has as a goal the improvement of communications between Boudreau descendants through the organizing of get-togethers and family reunions such as the Grand Reunion that occurred in Shediac, the Congrès Mondial Acadien of 1999 in Louisiana, the Congrès Mondial Acadien of 2004 in Nova Scotia and the gathering of the Boudrot, eau, eaux, ault in Saguenay in August, 2007.

**We're on the Web**

<http://boudreau.fafa-acadie.org>

## Produits souvenirs

The Boudreau Association sells the following souvenir products:



This new pin is in the shape of the emblem of the official Coat of Arms of the Boudreau family. It has the original "Boudrot" name as well as the motto "To the fidelity and valor of our ancestors".

Price: \$5.00 Cdn (\$4.00 US)



Comprised of two pages of 8 1/2 x 11 one of which contains the Boudreau emblem and the other page a description of the Coat of Arms

Price: \$8.00 Cdn (\$7.00 US)



This book, authored by Stephen A. White of the l'Université de Moncton describes the Boudrot Families between 1641 and 1780.

Price: \$30.00 Cdn (\$26.00 US)

Visit our web site at <http://boudreau.fafa-acadie.org/Anglais/Homepage.html> and click on the 'Products' button on the menu for an order form.