



## Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University *Celebrating Our Silver Jubilee in 2023*

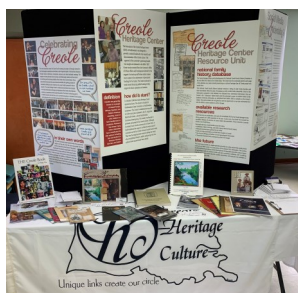
An update of activities at the CHC for April 2023

### Recent CHC Events

The Center braved a still chilly February 25th morning with our NSU colleagues to welcome 450 prospective NSU students and their families to campus. Individuals of all ages perused information about the Center and its resources alongside the other academic programs and student organizations available to students at NSU. We hope some of these students will work at the Center or utilize its resources for course assignments in the future, helping to expand knowledge and appreciation of Louisiana Creoles!

In mid-March our Director, Dr. Peacock, spoke at the [Louisiana Historical Association's](#) 2023 Annual Meeting in Alexandria, LA to a full room of professional historians and other history lovers about the beginnings of the Center, its mission, and its resources. Such promotion helped improve the Center's professional standing and will draw new researchers to it!

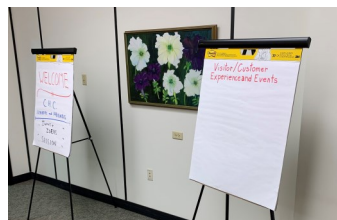
On Saturday March 25th, the Center was on hand at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Isle Brevelle, LA to welcome over 170 visitors from the [Southern Garden History Society](#). The visitors from across the nation learned about the Creole history and culture of Isle Brevelle from the Center's traveling exhibit, perused the Center's publications, and enjoyed a true meat pie meal! The Center especially thanks Ms. Gail Jones and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at St. Augustine Catholic Church for inviting us to promote the Center.



CHC Table at lunch for the Southern Garden History Society at St. Augustine Catholic Church (Isle Brevelle, LA)

### NSU Honors Gail Metoyer Jones

On April 19th, NSU will honor long-time friend and current employee of the CHC Gail Metoyer Jones by naming NSU's Center for Inclusion and Diversity after her. The CHC applauds this wonderful and well-deserved recognition of Ms. Metoyer Jones' years of commitment and genuine compassion to NSU and the greater Natchitoches community. For additional details [click here](#) and to RSVP for the ceremony [click here](#).



Prepared for community input on March 9, 2023!

### Save the Dates!

Join the CHC at these upcoming events by the CHC or our friends!

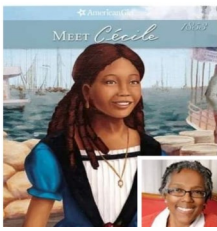
- **April 29:** Cochon de Lait (for the [Louisiana History Museum in Alexandria, LA](#))
- **June 11:** Creole Culture Day at [Vermilionville Historic Village](#) (Lafayette, LA)
- **July 22:** Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival (with [Louisiana Folklife Center](#))
  - Featuring the music of Rusty Metoyer & The Zydeco Krush!
- **September-October TBA:** Creole-inspired Art Exhibit at NSU's Orville J. Hanchey Gallery
- **October TBA:** CHC 25th Anniversary Celebration Event
- **October 13-15:** St. Augustine Catholic Church's Creole Festival (Isle Brevelle, LA)

Be on the lookout in your email and mailboxes for more details on these and additional events!

### CHC Strategic Plan Update

This is an incredibly exciting time for the Center as it moves ever closer to a new strategic plan to guide it towards concrete goals for the future. We have two energetic and veteran consultants working with the Center's Advisory Council and staff to develop the plan. On March 9th 24 individuals, including long-time supporters, local business and political leaders, and cultural heritage partners, met in focus groups with the consultants, the Center's Director, and Advisory Council Chairman to share their input on the purpose and possibilities for the Center. This past weekend, the Center's Advisory Council met to hear all the input we have received so far and recommit the Center to a mission, vision, and core values that accurately reflect the current wants and needs of Louisiana Creoles and their friends. We look forward to sharing the final results with everyone later this year!

### The CHC Celebrates African American & Women's History Months



Throughout February and March, CHC Clerk Ms. Markita Small commemorated African American and Women's History Months via the Center's social media. Posts enlightened us on persons from NBA great Joe Dumars to American Girl series writer Denise Lewis Patrick. Check out these posts on the Center's social media to increase your knowledge on what Creoles past and present have added to the United States!

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### Why support the Creole Heritage Center?

- Get a membership card to show off your commitment to the preservation & promotion of Louisiana Creoles & culture!
- Guarantees you receive information about the CHC's resources & 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations!
- Donations are tax deductible!
- The CHC relies on your support to achieve its mission!

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