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French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

2018 Annual Report of French-American Heritage Foundation



St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis as they looked when first seen by Father Louis Hennepin in 1680.
Picture by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902)



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Mission Statement:
To preserve and promote the French-American Heritage in Minnesota through education and community events.

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The French-American Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization with the primary purpose of promoting and sponsoring French Heritage events in Minnesota. Our Mission Statement:

To promote and cultivate the heritage of French-language cultures.

French-language heritage has played an important role in the history of Minnesota. It is important and proper that this heritage be celebrated and remembered. The French-American Heritage foundation:

- Maintains a website and a Facebook page focused on French-language heritages
- Sponsors educational events focused on French heritage
- Sponsors educational materials and books about French heritage
- Posts Minnesota French-American family history and genealogy to our website
- Provides scholarships for French language and culture studies

Membership Structure

The Membership was structured so that 100% of the membership payment is tax deductible. IRS rules state that membership payments are fully deductible where there are no services given to members. Membership is annual and for the calendar year.

Members may make contributions to the website in the form of articles on French-American heritage, information on their genealogy and family history, and share resources that deal with French-American Heritage. Members are encouraged to volunteer to assist in activities the foundation sponsors, especially the Franco-Fête festival.

2018 Events

- **March 10, 2018-** Midwest Bouille- Virgil Benoit Event at Shoreview Library.
- **March 17, 2018-** FAHF Event-Catholic Influence on French Immigration into North America.” By Charles Coulombe, author of “Puritan’s Empire, a Catholic Perspective on American History.” Presentation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. 2 to 4:30 p.m.
- **March 26, 2018-** FAHF Genealogy Workshop taught by Dick Bernard and Jerry Foley. Nokomis Library in Minneapolis.
- **April 11, 2018** Joint FAHF-Alliance Event: French-Dakota Roots in Southeast MN: Our Mixed-blood beginnings. Presentation by Jane Peck, and Mary Antoine, historian from Prairie du Chien. Event at the Grand Salle Room at the Alliance Francaise.
- **April 21, 2018-** Midwest Bouille- Virgil Benoit Event at Shoreview Library
- **April 21, 2018-** FAHF Genealogy Workshop taught by Dick Bernard and Jerry Foley. Nokomis Library in Minneapolis.
- **May 20, 2018-** Urban Expeditions- Landmark Center event showcasing France, French history, culture and people. Table at event.
- **June 24, 2018-** Fete St. Jean Baptiste event at the Sibley House in Mendota
- **June 29, 2018-** FAHF United Soccer Fundraiser.
- **July 15, 2018-** Bastille Day- July 15, 2018- Table at Event.
- **August 10, 2018-** “Early French influence in Mendota” Presentation by Mark Labine at Sibley House on early French Speaking settlement in St. Pierre/St. Peters/Mendota. Sponsored by Dakota Historical Society.
- **August 15, 2018-** “Scattered to the Winds- The Acadian Deportations, 1755-1764,” presentation by Marty Guidry. Music by New Riverside Ramblers Cajun Band). August 15th is National Acadian Day in Canada.
- **October 5-6 2018-** MGS Annual Conference. Table at event.
- **October 27, 2018.-** Family History Day- Hennepin County Library. Table at Event.

Planned 2019 Events

- **January 14, 2019-** Theo’s Choice, presentation by filmmaker and History Professor Thomas Cauvin about exploring the battle to keep the French language alive in Louisiana.
- **February 16, 2019-** Virgil Benoit and Louisville Foundation presentation at Shoreview Library.
- **April 7, 2019-** “Finding the Real Bottineau”- an event about the life and identifying influences on Pierre Bottineau. Event to be held at the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church at 2 p.m.
- **June 23, 2019-** St. Jean Baptiste day festival at Sibley Historic Site.
- **August, 2019-** date and place to be determined. Presentation on Fur Trade by Greg Cash.
- **October 11, 2019-** George Bonga, Black, White or Ojibwe- a presentation by Mattie Harper, Ph.D, who will tell the Bonga Family’s multigenerational story of living

within structures of empire, slavery and colonialism, and the ways in which their identities lay at the heart of their survival. Event will be held at new headquarters of the Alliance Francaise.

In addition to above event, the French-American Heritage Foundation plans to participate in the Bastille Day event in downtown St. Paul, the MGS Annual Genealogy Conference and the Family History Day at the Hennepin County Library.

French-American Heritage Foundation Projects

The French-American Heritage Foundation is currently working on three projects. The first is a fundraiser to raise funds to ensure the continued viability of our Foundation. This fundraising project is called the “100 Associates.” See more info on this project below.

The second project is a Heritage Brochure. FAHF seeks to publish an illustrative, foldout map brochure of 24 French and French-Canadian heritage sites in Minnesota. This will be paired with an interactive map with links to reading and resources on the FAHF website. This project proposal is approved by FAHF's Board of Directors in support of its mission. Our web site is fahfminn.org. Our purpose is to promote multidisciplinary on-site visitation & remote learning in a way that expands public awareness and understanding. This proposal builds on and complements the Historic Adventures MNHS map in a way that is in-depth, interactive and culture-specific. The project will include new, original illustrations and descriptions of the 24 statewide sites listed and their significance to French heritage in Minnesota, pooled into 4 categories. All featured sites are publicly accessible.

The third project is the publication of a book titled “Where the Waters Meet.” This book is the story about how the State of Minnesota had its beginnings in the area known as “Mdote” by the Dakota (aka Bdote) which literally means ”the place where the waters meet.” The State’s beginnings involved an interesting cast of characters including French explorers and fur traders with names such as: Pierre Le Sueur, Nicolas Perrot, Alexis Bailly, Jean Baptiste and Alexander Faribault, Joseph Rolette, and Joseph LaFramboise. This book is story of that place, its role in our State’s beginning, and a focus on the French-speaking people who were part of the transformation from Dakota Nation to a member of the United States.

Donations

The French-American Heritage Foundation needs donations in order to survive. We need those interested in preserving and promoting French-American Heritage in Minnesota to donate to our Foundation. All donations are tax deductible. As a way to assist the Foundation to raise donations, rack cards have been printed that provide prospective members with information about our foundation. Copies of these rack cards are shown below.

For donations or to show your support, simply write a check made payable to the French-American Heritage Foundation and mail to either Jerry Foley, Treasurer, 4736 Coffey Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55406, or to the French-American Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 25384, Woodbury, MN 55125. Donations can also be made by credit card thru PayPal on the French-American Heritage Foundation website at www.fahfminn.org.

100 Associates

In recognition of the rich and long history of French presence in this state, a group of people interested in history, heritage and culture formed the French-American Heritage Foundation (FAHF) in 2013 with the purpose of promoting and sponsoring educational events, seminars and classes on French Heritage in Minnesota. Most other ethnic groups in Minnesota have organizations that promote and preserve their heritage, and it is appropriate that Minnesota also have an organization that helps to preserve its French-Canadian and French heritage.



In the spring of 1660, Pierre-Esprit Radisson and his brother-in-law, Medard Chouart, Sieur des Groseilliers explored the area around the Great Lakes region which included Minnesota. Thus began the beginning of the French presence in Minnesota. In fact, "They Spoke French" in Minnesota for almost 200 years before Minnesota became a State in 1858.



100 ASSOCIATES



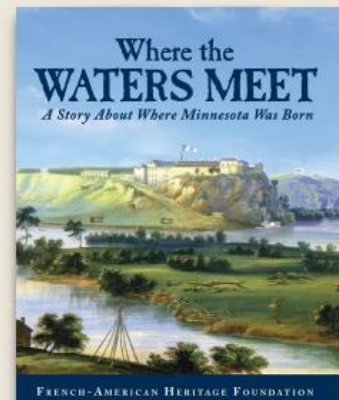
Goal: Raise \$100,000 through one hundred donations from individuals, groups of individuals, families, organizations and others of \$1,000 each.

Endowment Fund: All funds will be deposited into an Endowment fund managed by the St. Paul Foundation. This will be a perpetual fund and only the income from the fund will be disbursed for qualified projects as determined by the Board of Directors of the French-American Heritage Foundation, or designated successor organization.

Purpose of Funds: To fund programs and grants for educational events, entertainment, projects and classes that embrace or feature French Heritage in Minnesota and the Midwest.

FRENCH-AMERICAN HERITAGE
FOUNDATION
P.O. Box 25884
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WHERE THE WATERS MEET



Modern Minnesota's beginnings began at the "Place where Waters Meet" in Mendota by French Speaking fur traders who lived with and formed close familial associations with the Dakota. The term "Mdote" or "Bdote" literally means "Where the Waters Meet" in the Dakota language.



In the short time this Foundation has been in existence, it has become clear that the people of Minnesota appreciate the efforts and contributions that this Foundation has made to provide historical information and educational materials to the public. There will always be a need and desire to learn about our State's history. The French heritage in this state is part of our history, and should be remembered and be available to everyone. It is the intent of the F-AHF to fulfill that need.



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In recognition of the rich and long French presence in the midwest, a group of people interested in history, heritage and culture formed the French-American Heritage Foundation (FAHF) in 2013 with the purpose of promoting and sponsoring educational events, seminars and classes on French Heritage in Minnesota. Most other ethnic groups in Minnesota have organizations that promote and preserve their heritage, and it is appropriate that Minnesota also have an organization that helps to preserve its French-Canadian and French heritage. The French heritage in this state is part of our history, and should be remembered and be available to everyone. It is the intent of the F-AHF to fulfill that need.

FRENCH HERITAGE IN THE MIDWEST

There will always be a need and desire to learn more about our state's past. The French Heritage in the midwest is part of our history, and should be remembered and be available to everyone. It is the intent of the F-AHF to fulfill that need. These efforts take time and money, and to ensure that this Foundation survives, it must have funds to ensure that its mission will be able to continue long into the future



FRENCH-AMERICAN HERITAGE EVENTS:

The French-American Heritage Foundation has sponsored many events since its conception in 2013, including speakers on French-Heritage, a Heritage Storytelling event, genealogy workshops, community education classes titled: Minnesota has a French Accent, a Fete St. Jean Baptiste, and tours of French Heritage sites in Minnesota, and Wisconsin.



St. Paul Chapel

They Spoke French

FRENCH-AMERICAN HERITAGE PROJECTS:

In accordance with it's' mission statement the French-American Heritage Foundation has sponsored a number of Heritage Projects, including writing books on French Heritage in Minnesota, publication of Chez Nous Newsletters on French-Canadian Heritage, and creating a French Heritage brochure highlighting French Heritage sites in Minnesota.



Chez Nous Books

Acadian Event

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Our mission to sponsor educational events and classes requires funds to rent venue sites, pay speaker fees, and to pay for the infrastructure required to keep a non-profit organization running. Setting up an endowment fund will ensure that the Mission of the French-American Heritage Foundation will remain viable for future generations.



Charles Coulombe Event

Heritage Storytelling

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Financial Report

Below is the 2018 financial report for the Foundation.

1. 2018 Income		
Sponsors		500.00
Sustaining Members		1,269.48
Supporting Members		575.00
Events		1,310.00
Book Sales		840.84
French Heritage Classes		241.00
	Total	\$4,736.32
2. 2018 Expenses		
Vistaprint (flyers)		109.28
Events		1,290.66
Postage		468.65
Post Office Box		41.00
Book Costs		398.55
Website		220.50
Misc. expenses		546.37
	Total	\$3,075.01

In addition to above, there was \$8,181.53 in receipts for 100 Associates.

3. Cash Flow				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fund at Beginning of Year	\$3,012.54	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.86	9,418.72
Income	\$3,828.68	\$10,066.66	\$7,213.43	\$4,736.42
100 Associates Receipts				\$8,181.53
Expenses	-1,865.91	-\$9,790.11	-\$3,146.48	-\$3,075.01
Net Cash Flow (loss)	\$1,962.77	\$276.55	\$4,066.95	\$9,842.94
Funds at End of Year	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.86	\$9,418.72	\$19,261.66

4. Assets				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
PayPal	387.00	227.84	\$1,001.78	\$1,089.66
Associated Bank	4588.31	4,937.53	\$8,416.94	\$9,980.59
Kindle Publishing		86.40	0	\$9.88
100 Associates				\$8,181.53
Current Asset Value	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.77	\$9,418.72	\$19,261.66



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May 18, 2019
Noon

Prairie du Chien Heritage Tour

On Saturday, May 18, join historian Mary Elinor as a historic heritage tour of Prairie du Chien. Meet at noon at First Lutheran Church for lunch and then enjoy an afternoon tour of the historic buildings located at Prairie du Chien, an early French Colonial outpost and one of the earliest settlements in the region. There is a stop at the historic site of the town in regular stop at the Prairie du Chien Heritage Home at 11th and Main. Cost for tour and lunch will be \$20.

French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

af Theo's Choice
Le Choix de Théo

Join us for a screening of "Theo's Choice" - a documentary exploring the struggle to keep the French language alive in Louisiana. The film is told through the eyes of teachers, activists, politicians and students.

Meet filmmaker Stéphane Couvreur for a discussion after the film. Couvreur is a history professor at LSU and co-author of the book "The French Language in Louisiana: A History of the French Language in Louisiana".

Rejoignez-nous pour regarder "Le Choix de Théo" un documentaire sur la lutte pour préserver la langue française en Louisiane. L'histoire est racontée de point de vue des professeurs, des militants, des politiciens et des étudiants.

Après le film, rencontre Stéphane Couvreur, le réalisateur de "Le Choix de Théo". Couvreur est un professeur d'histoire à l'Université de Louisiane et co-auteur du livre "La langue française en Louisiane: Histoire de la langue française en Louisiane".

When? April 14, 2019 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Where? AFHP 118 North First Street Minneapolis
Entry: \$10 AF members \$15 / General public

Alliance Française of Minneapolis
French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

Finding The Real Botineau
A Heritage Event Sponsored By The French-American Heritage Foundation, The Louisiana Revolution At Old Crowley And The Maple Grove Historical Society

Time: Saturday, April 27, 2019 12pm
Location: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 1748 Maple Lane, Maple Grove, MN

Join the French-American Heritage Foundation, the Louisiana Revolution at Old Crowley (The Old) and the Maple Grove Historical Society in welcoming Vigil Brulé, Professor Emeritus, University of North Dakota, to give a presentation about finding the real Botineau. Also featuring a live concert by the Old Botineau Band, a French band, and a presentation about the French American Heritage Foundation.

Refreshments and live music will be provided. The event is free and open to the public. Cost will vary only.

French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

MARCH 17
The French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota proudly presents:

CHARLES COULOMBE: CATHOLIC INFLUENCE ON FRENCH IMMIGRATION INTO NORTH AMERICA

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall Saturday, March 17, 2 - 4:30pm

Mr. Coulobme, the author of *The Pope's Spirit and Father's Spirit: A Catholic Perspective on American History*, is available to present internationally on his in-depth knowledge of Catholic politics and the influence of Catholicism in America and Europe. His international address has appeared in the New York Times, National Geographic, American Historical Review, Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Missouri Courier, and USA Magazine.

Our Lady of Lourdes, 1 Lourdes Place, Minneapolis MN 55416.
Cost: \$20 with refreshments provided.

Registration: There is limited seating so to ensure a great evening, please register online (Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall) at <http://sibleyhistoricsite.com> or call 612-332-0950 to make arrangements to get by check.

www.fahfminn.org

June 24, 2018
5:00-8:00pm

Sibley Historic Site
1307 Sibley Memorial Hwy
Minneapolis, MN 55416

***FREE* RENDEZVOUS**

Join us at the **Rendezvous in Honor of the Fete de St. Jean Baptiste**

Detailed information can be found on our Facebook page: facebook.com/sibleyhistoricsite

List of Events

- Music by Bands & Go
- Open grounds for picnicking
- Guided Dance
- Kids Lawn Games
- Fire Side Singing
- Open Fairground House

Event hosted by the Dakota County Historical Society in partnership with The Friends of the Sibley Historic Site and the French American Heritage Foundation.

Phone: 612-332-0950
Email: francevents@fahfminn.org

ACADIAN HERITAGE EVENT

"Scattered to the Winds" - The Acadian Deportations, 1755 - 1764

A French-American Heritage Foundation Heritage Event Celebrating National Acadian Day in Canada

Three and a half hours of music, August 10, 2018, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Veterans Center, a beautiful event in the heart of downtown Minneapolis. The event will feature a variety of musical performances and a variety of food and drink from the French Acadian community of "Old Quebec".

Cost: The entrance fee will be \$10.00. There is no cover charge. You can bring food and drink at restaurant.

Made by the Three Bilembelle Band (Cajun Band)

Speaker
The Three Bilembelle Band is a Cajun band that has been performing for over 30 years. They are known for their traditional Cajun music and their energetic performances.

Cajun Music
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af Alliance Française and the French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota present

French-Dakota Roots in Southeast MN: Our Mixed-blood beginnings

Join Alliance Française and the French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota in welcoming historian Jean Peck and Mary Elinor Anstetter for a presentation in English on their recent research about the extensive French-Dakota presence along the Mississippi River from St. Paul to Prairie du Chien. Jean and Mary are recent contributors to the MN Historical Society online encyclopedia, *Minnesota*.

Wednesday, April 11 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Alliance Française
113 N First Street
Minneapolis, MN 55401

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RSVP online at AFHPMn or call 612-332-0950
Facebook: AFHPMn will be correct.

Mary Elinor has an MA in History from the University of Minnesota and has worked as a historian since she spent time in New York and Minnesota. She is currently co-author of the book *French-Dakota Roots in Southeast MN: Our Mixed-blood beginnings*. She is also President of the Prairie du Chien Historical Society. Mary Elinor has written many articles and served as a guest on the radio. She is the author of *The French-Dakota Roots in Southeast MN: Our Mixed-blood beginnings*.

Jean Peck, historian, writer, historical photographer, chronicler, since 1980. Elinor and Jean worked for 25 years in the Chien area and have lived in Louisiana in Southeast Minnesota in 2011. Jean has written and directed French and Métis-themed historical scripts for her group *Dance Drama Moving History for 25 years*, performing in schools, colleges, and numerous venues in the Upper Midwest and Canada.

Alliance Française
Alliance Française of Minneapolis
French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

French Heritage in Mendota
A History of the Early Settlement

August 23, 2018, 5:30 pm at the Sibley Historic Site, Dupuis House in Mendota
Presented by Mark Lathin, President of the French American Heritage Foundation

Mendota (then Fort Snelling). Painting by John Sweeney (1868-1878)

Mark Lathin will give a presentation on the early history of Mendota, including the early French explorers, the St. Peter location of 1803 and 1807, Mendota was originally called St. Pierre de St. Francis, the establishment of Fort Snelling and the early fur traders including Fort Snelling, Oregon, history, and finally the migration of the French Canadian from the Red River area near Winnipeg to the area.

Presented by the Dakota County Historical Society. To register, go to Dakota County Historical Society Website at www.dakotacountyhistoricalsociety.com or call 612-332-0950. All tickets are \$10.00. Advance tickets are \$5.00. Admission price \$10.00 Light food and beverages will be available.

Mark Lathin is a lover of history and the President of the French American Heritage Foundation. He worked a book about "The French Heritage" which discusses early French heritage in Minnesota and a book about "The French Heritage". There was a "Chapelle" which houses the early French-speaking settlement in Mendota, Minnesota.

A French Heritage Educational Event
Co-sponsored by

Alliance Française Mpls/St Paul
Where French Culture Meets the Twin Cities

French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

Roads and Paths to Becoming French-or a bookish Metis

Time: Friday, February 16, 2018 4-6 pm
Location: 113 First Street North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401
Cost: \$10 per person

Registration: Free event by way of a donation to the French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota.

Chair: Jean Peck

Host: Mary Elinor Anstetter

Speaker: Joseph A. Anstetter

Joseph A. Anstetter is a social media, public speaking, author, and author of approximately twenty books. He received his B.A. in History from the University of Michigan in 1988. He is currently a Professor at the University of Minnesota. He has written many books and articles on the history of the French Canadian in the United States. He has also written a number of books and articles on the history of the French Canadian in the United States.

Since the first French explorers and missionaries came to the region, French influence on the state, culture, and society has been significant. French influence on the state, culture, and society has been significant. French influence on the state, culture, and society has been significant.

Through the French American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota, we will be able to give you a great day.

French American Heritage Event

When: Saturday November 14th
Time: 6pm to 9pm
Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
1 Lourdes Pl, Minneapolis, MN 55414
Cost: \$50 per person
Come join us for a night of music, wine, and an interactive presentation by Eileen Angelini.



Eileen Angelini

Eileen M. Angelini received her B.A. in French from Marquette University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in French Studies from Boston University. In her interactive presentation, Dr. Angelini will give a concise historical overview of the French connection between Canada and New England with special attention given to New London's interconnecting "River" - "Winding Up the Road" - The Immigration and Plantation of the French in New England and a particular emphasis on the XIXc in New England.

Please register online at www.fahfminn.org

HERITAGE STORYTELLING

French-American and French-Canadian Heritage Storytelling

Time and place: Friday, September 11, 2015. Show opens at 7 p.m. Performance at 8 p.m. Redell Lake Center for the Arts, 10001 Lake Forest Road, Fridley, Minnesota 55426.
Cost: \$10 per person. Buy two tickets or at least 10 tickets and \$5 will be provided.
Registration: There is limited seating for this event, please register online at www.fahfminn.org or email info@fahfminn.org.
Music by: Peggy Larson and Rocky Mize. Songs include Un-Canadian Dream, Chasseurs de la Table Ronde, Ode Canadienne, Abandon, and On dit de New-Orleans l'Inconnu de la Nouvelle-Orleans.



SPEAKERS	SPEECH TITLES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Brown Judy Fries Jack Larson Peggy Larson Rocky Mize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembering My Grandfather: The Original Minnesota Hero Le Bon Voyage, Good-bye to Good French-Canadian Language in Argentina

Minnesota with a French Accent

Minnesota was once "100% du Nord" thanks to the French. Explore with the members of the 19th century and the influx of French-Canadian settlers in the north country in a continuing series of French speaking immigrants. The French have left an indelible mark on Minnesota history and culture. This program, developed by members of the French-American Heritage Foundation, focuses on French history and heritage in our state.



Spring 2015 Classes (French Heritage Series will be held at classes)

Red Wing Community Education, March 14, 2015 at Red Wing High School; One March 14, 2015. Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please register by February 14, 2015. Inquire: Cheryl Mowbray at 414-444-4444, email: cmowbray@redwing.org.

Register for class at: www.fahfminn.org



A FRENCH-AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION EVENT

In the Beginning, there was a Chapel

Tuesday November 11, 2016 6-9:00 p.m.

Minnesota History Center 345 Kellogg Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55101

See map on reverse side


REGISTRATION
Pre-register by October 21, 2016
Cost: \$10.00-\$15.00 at the door
Hot beverages will be provided by Christiana Catering. Cash bar.


Register by using one of the following methods:
Online: www.fahfminn.org
Mail: PO Box 22184, Minneapolis, MN 55425
Or register at the event
Eventual contact: 612-337-0000


Online: Register at the door on a first come, first serve basis.

On the Feast of All Saint's Day, November 1, 1841, a small log chapel was dedicated on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi river. At the time this chapel was built, there were only a few French Canadian families living in the area. Little did these early settlers know that this little chapel would become a cathedral, a school, a hospital, and would be the inspiration and beginning of a city that would adopt its name and become the capital of the State of Minnesota.

This event will honor the French Canadian settlers who built this chapel and formed the nucleus of the city of St. Paul.

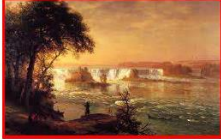
SPEAKER
 Mary Lathier Whigard is a professor of history at St. Cloud State University. She is the author of *North Country: The Making of Minnesota and Claiming the City Politics, Faith, and the Power of Place in St. Paul.*

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Chapel of St. Paul built by French-Canadians in 1841. Painting by Alexis Fournier

HERITAGE EVENT

George Bonga Black, White or Ojibwe? October 11, 2019 6-9 p.m.

This educational Heritage event is being co-sponsored by the French-American Heritage Foundation and the Alliance Française. The event will be held at the new Alliance Française Grande Salle located at cccc, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Cost will be \$10 for members of the Alliance and the French-American Heritage Foundation. Call www.fahfminn.org to reserve a seat.

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