



REUNION 2014 PRE-REGISTRATION

URGENT MESSAGE

If you have not pre-registered for Reunion 2014 please do so now! We need to know how many will be coming so we can contract with the caterer ahead of time. We also need those numbers for other Reunion plans.

The pre-registration form is included in this newsletter but is also available at our web site. The link is on every page.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Violette Family,

It is important that you not only send in your pre-registration, but also that you make your lodging reservations soon. Remember that there will be thousands of people coming to the Upper St John River area for the World Acadian Congress, which starts around the same time as our Reunion.

I know from comments I see on our Facebook group page that many of you are planning to attend, and I don't want you to be disappointed about lodging.

I hope to see you in Van Buren in August!

David A. Violette, VFA #621

"We Are One"

Please be generous with your donations! Send them to our Treasurer or click on the secure PayPal link at our web site.

Since we have no dues we depend on donations and what is left from Reunions to cover operating costs.

NEXT REUNION LOCATION

Reunion 2014 will be held again in Van Buren ME, August 8-10, 2014, and in conjunction with the 2014 World Acadian Congress in Madawaska ME.

REUNION 2014 TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, August 8, 2014

Noon: Registration starts (American Legion Post 49, 117 Washington Ave, Van Buren ME) Noon to 6:00 pm: Visit with cousins, tour area, view tables and displays

6:00 pm: Buffet Supper

7:00 pm: ???, speaker (topic?)

7:30 pm: ???, speaker (topic?)

7:45 pm: Anne Roy, speaker (Preview of Acadian Village)

8:15 pm: ??? (entertainment?)

SATURDAY, August 9, 2014

Morning: Registration continues

9:00 am: Association Business Meeting and Voting (Acadian Village)

10:00 am ±: Self-guided tours of Acadian Village, St John River Valley

Noon: Acadian Traditional Foods (Acadian Village)

2:00 pm: Vendors and Displays: (same as Friday)

6:00 pm: Buffet Supper

6:45 pm: Introduction of new officers, Association announcements

7:00 pm: ???, speaker (topic?)

7:30 pm: Guy Dubay, Rod Violette, David Violette, speakers (A Violette History book)

8:00 pm: ???, keynote speaker (topic?)

8:30 pm: ??? (entertainment?)

9:15 pm: Raffle results

SUNDAY, August 10, 2014

8:00 am: Breakfast at Legion Hall

10:30 am: Special Mass at St Bruno Church, Van Buren

Farewells and Departure

Vendors and Displays: Raffle Items; ??? (Acadian/Cajun Genealogy); ??? (CMA?); Anne Roy (Preview of The Acadian Village); Guy Dubay/David Violette/ Rod Violette (the Violette History book); John Violette (Violette--branded items); Rod Violette (Violette genealogy); Paul Bunnell (Canadian/French/Metis Indian Genealogy); ???; ???

RAFFLE ITEMS

As is our custom, we will be raffling off items donated by members and the proceeds will go to the Association. Please plan now for items to bring for the raffle; our next newsletter will have a raffle donation form so you can let us know at that time what you will donate.

We've had some very creative and beautiful items in our raffles in the past and this creates a lot of interest in the part of our members. So put your creative or inventive thinking caps on!

RITA'S BOOK TO BE AUCTIONED

A copy of the famous *Descendants of Francois Violet* book by Rita Violette Lippé has been found and donated to the Violette Family Association to be auctioned off at Reunion 2014. The book has been out of print for several years and is eagerly sought by Association members. This copy comes from the library of Alderic O. "Dick" Violette, VFA #100, and is being donated to the Association.

IMPORTANCE OF DONATIONS

Please consider making a donation to the Association. The Association does not charge dues and so the only income to cover expenses comes from Reunions and donations. Reunions are designed to pay for themselves and provide some working capital for the following three years. Our major expense is our newsletters, which cost approximately \$700 each to publish and mail, so four newsletters cost about \$2,800.

You can mail a check to the Treasurer.

You can also donate securely online at our www.VioletteFamily.org web site using your PayPal account or a major credit card.

KEEP YOUR INFO UP-TO-DATE

We hate when we lose track of any member! Most often it is because the member has changed address or email and our emails or newsletters get returned. Please let us know when you move or change email addresses! Contact our Secretary@VioletteFamily.org or President@VioletteFamily.org

REUNION 2014 LODGING—HOTELS, MOTELS, CABINS

The list of Reunion area lodging in this newsletter is provided only for your convenience. We do not make any warranty that the info is current or correct. Please check on your own. And you should make reservations *FAR* in advance, because with the World Acadian Congress going on at the same time as our Reunion the demand for lodging will be huge. More up-to-date lodging info is available at their web site: cma2014.com/en/services/hebergement

NAME	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	TOLLFREE	WEB SITE
Blaine Country Cabins	Blaine	ME	04734	207-429-8017		
Russells Motel	Caribou	ME	04736	207-498-2567		
Caribou Inn & Convention Ctr	Caribou	ME	04736	207-498-3733	800-245-0466	caribouinn.com
Crown Park Inn	Caribou	ME	04736	207-493-3311		crownparkinn.net
Overlook Motel	Eagle Lake	ME	04739	207-444-4535		
Eagle Lake Sporting Camps	Eagle Lake	ME	04739	207-444-5108		
Lugdon Lodge	Eagle Lake	ME	04739	207-444-4557		
Northern Door Inn	Fort Kent	ME	04743	207-834-3133	866-834-3133	northerndoorinn.com
Martins Motel	Madawaska	ME	04756	207-728-3395	866-294-9274	martinsmotel.org
Blue Sky Motel	Madawaska	ME	04756	207-728-6567		
Gateway Motel	Madawaska	ME	04756	207-728-3318		
Bear Paw Inn	Mars Hill	ME	04758	207-425-6241		
My Sunset Cabins	Mars Hill	ME	04758	207-227-5024		mysunsetcabins.com
Deans Motor Lodge	Portage Lake	ME	04678	207-435-3701		deansmotorlodge.com
Northeastland Hotel	Presque Isle	ME	04769	207-768-5321	800-244-5321	northeastlandhotel.com
Presque Isle Inn and Conv Ctr	Presque Isle	ME	04769	207-764-3321	800-533-3971	presqueisleinn.com
Budget Traveler Motor Lodge	Presque Isle	ME	04769	207-769-0111	800-958-0111	
Hampton Inn	Presque Isle	ME	04769	207-760-9292		hamptoninn.hilton.com
Long Lake Motor Inn	St. Agatha	ME	04772	207-543-5006		stagatha.com/longlake
Van Buren Hotel	Van Buren	ME	04785	207-868-7780		
Aroostook Hospitality Inn	Van Buren	ME	04785	207-484-6200		
Brookside Manor Hotel	Van Buren	ME	04785	207-868-5158		
Aroostook Hospitality Inn	Washburn	ME	04786	207-455-8567		aroostookhospitalityinn.com
Perth-Andover Motor Inn	Carlingford	NB	E7H 4H8	506-273-2224		perth-andovermotorinn.com
Quality Inn	Edmundston	NB	E3V 3X2	506-735-5525		choicehotels.ca
Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr	Edmundston	NB	E3V 1T4	506-739-7321		choicehotels.ca
Comfort Inn	Edmundston	NB	E3V 3L1	506-739-8361		choicehotels.ca
Rose Motel & Cabins	Edmundston	NB	E7B 1Y1	506-739-9492		
Days Inn Edmundston	Edmundston	NB	E7C 3E1	506-263-0000		daysinnedmundston.com
Best Western Grand Sault Hotel	Grand Falls	NB	E3Z 3E8	506-473-6200		bestwesternatlantic.com
Maple Tourist Home B&B	Grand Falls	NB	E3Z 3A6	506-473-1763		
Hill Top Motel	Grand Falls	NB	E3Y 1A7	506-473-2684		
The Castle Inn	Perth-Andover	NB	E7H 1P1	506-273-9495	877-274-9495	castleinn.ca
La Roma Motel	Saint-Basile	NB		506-735-3305		
Auberge Les Jardin Inn	Saint-Jacques	NB	E7B 1V7	506-739-5514	800-630-8011	lesjardinsinn.com
Auberge Evasion De Reves	Saint-Quentin	NB	E8A 1J2	506-235-3551	866-443-7383	aubergeevasion.com
Daigles Motel	St Leonard	NB	E7E 1Y1	506-423-6351		daiglemotel.com

REUNION 2014 LODGING—CAMPGROUNDS, RV PARKS

NAME	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	TOLLFREE	WEB SITE
Maple Leaf Motel & Camping	St Leonard	NB		506-423-6666		
Aroostook State Park	Presque Isle	ME	04769	207-768-8341		
Long Lake Camping RV	Sinclair	ME	04779	207-543-7563		
Lakeview Rest. & Camping	St. Agatha	ME	04772	207-543-6331		lakeviewrestaurant.biz
Rapid Brook Camp Ground	Grand Falls	NB		506-473-1036		
Cmpg Paradis de la Ptite Mont.	Grand Falls	NB		506-473-6683		
Mulherins Campground	Grand Falls	NB		506-473-3050		
Panoramic Camping 1986	Saint-Jacques	NB	E7B 1Z6	506-739-6544		
Riverside Iroquois RV Park	St Basile	NB	E7C 1L9	506-739-9060		
Camping St Basile	St Basile	NB		506-263-1183		
Maple Leaf Motel & Camping	St Leonard	NB		506-423-6666		
Camping St Leonard	St Leonard	NB		506-423-6536		
Grande Riviere Camping	St Leonard	NB		506-423-6292		

GENEALOGY CHART REQUESTS

Time marches on, and so does our quest for our family ancestors and their descendants down to the current generations. Since the Reunion in August of 2011, I have added over 8,000 names to our family tree. I now have about 75,000 names; close to 20,000 are direct descendants of our progenitor, François Violet. The additional names are from the spouses and their ancestors that married into the Violette clan.

For the 2011 Reunion I had prepared genealogy charts for about 100 members that had requested them prior to the Reunion during the pre-registration process. During the Reunion I spent most of my time trying to satisfy the requests made at the Reunion, but I need to change that procedure this time. I will prepare similar charts prior to the upcoming Reunion in 2014 from pre-orders during the advance registration process and have them available at the Reunion.

For those registering at the Reunion, I will have you fill out a form giving me the information I need, and mail the charts to you later. *You can download the form in Microsoft Word document format from our web site's Genealogy page.*

I suggest a fee of \$10 for the pre-ordered charts and an additional \$5 for those ordering at the Reunion to cover mailing expense. Any amounts over the actual cost will be donated to the Association.

I hope to see you in Van Buren.

Rod Violette
Secretary/Genealogist
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Rod Violette (VFA 12) is our Secretary/Genealogist. Shown here with his wife, Helene (VFA 13).

IMPORTANT!

If you have an email address you can save the Association a lot of money by letting us send newsletters by email! Give it to us today.



"Cousins" visiting at Reunion 2011

CMA 2014 ACTIVITIES

Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014—the World Acadian Congress—will be an exciting time with activities planned for all ages. With opening ceremonies on August 8, 2014, CMA 2014 will continue through closing ceremonies on August 24th.

CMA 2014 is headlined "Acadia of the Lands and Forests" and is being celebrated in Maine, New Brunswick, and Quebec as shown in the map at the right, copied from the CMA 2014 web site cma2014.com/en/a-propos-de-nous/carte-de-la-region.

The CMA2014.com web site has a wealth of information, and it is being updated constantly. You can also subscribe to the CMA2014 newsletter

While the current complete CMA2014 program is always available at their web site—<http://cma2014.com/en/programmation/programmationcomplete>—some highlights around the time of our Reunion are shown on the next page. Attending our Violette Family Association Reunion 2014 will give you the chance to also check out CMA2014 activities.



Seminars and conferences at CMA2014

There will be seminars and conferences on topics such as those below during CMA2014. These will each last a day or more.

- Acadia in all its challenges: debates on the becoming of Acadia
- The Nursing Profession in Acadia: History, Analysis of the Present and the Future
- Forestry seminars
- A green, sustainable and ecoresponsible Acadia: Towards the future of energy
- Local governance: Common reality and shared challenges - A call for collaboration
- Parks seminars
- Seminar on agriculture and agri-food

Grand Gatherings planned during CMA2014

There are three major conferences planned during CMA2014.

- Grand Youth Rally
 - ◊ To allow the exchange between young people from different backgrounds, to get them to think about their future and reinforce the importance of the French language in their minds.
- Womens Summit
 - ◊ An opportunity for women to bring a new perspective and contribution to the future of the Acadian communities
- Seniors Summit
 - ◊ Presenting issues related to seniors

CMA 2014 ACTIVITIES***Opening Ceremonies***

August 8th 2014, Edmundston (NB)

Opening Day will be structured according to the concept of routes converging from points of entry to the territory toward "Parc Turgeon" in Edmundston where the opening ceremonies will take place.

Acadian National Day

August 15th 2014, St. David (Maine)

To facilitate the logistics of customs formalities at the border, the August 15th activities are planned following a schedule and a geographical organization that will encourage participants to cross the border from all entry points at the beginning of the day. The participants will be encouraged to leave their cars on Canadian soil and use a shuttle service to cross the border. A second shuttle service will provide transportation towards St. David\Madawaska where the afternoon and evening festivities will take place.

New Beginning Ceremonies

August 24th 2014, Témiscouata-sur-le-Lac (Québec)

To encourage and illustrate the collaborative gains developed in Acadia of Lands and Forests because of the CMA 2014, we are exploring a pairing idea between municipalities with groups of three, one triad in Témiscouata, one in New Brunswick and one in Maine. Each triad would collaborate to offer an event on August 24th which would represent the result of their collective commitment.

PASSPORTS

With Reunion 2014 being located in Van Buren ME you will likely want to visit on both sides on the U.S.-Canadian border. You will need a passport or passport card to re-enter the U.S. as a U.S. citizen or a passport to re-enter Canada as a Canadian citizen. This applies to all ages, including children.

US Passport Requirements

The US now issues passport cards in addition to the traditional passport books. The cards are less expensive and can be used to enter the US from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. Cards cannot be used for international air travel. Both adults and children under 16 require passport books or passport cards. Current information about US passports and fees is available at travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees_837.html

Canadian Passport Requirements

For Canadians living in Canada information about passports and fees is available at www.ppt.gc.ca/cdn/form.aspx?lang=eng®ion=Canada.

CMA 2014 THEME DAYS

Theme days will be presented within the programming to celebrate the creativity, ingenuity, diversity and regions' cultural characteristics and partners of CMA 2014.

Aug 13: Children's Day

Aug 13-14: Scouts and Guides Movement Day

Aug 16: Experience Acadie

Aug 17: International Francophone Day

Aug 18: Louisiana Day

Aug 22: France Day

CMA 2014 COMMUNITIES

Each municipality, organization, business and social group from the host region has been invited to participate in the events calendar. It can be a local crafts exhibition, a festive supper or a dance show. Check at the CMA2014.com web

IMPORTANT!

Make sure we have your current email address on file.



Making announcements at the reunion hall Reunion 2011

REUNION 2014 PREREGISTRATION—EVENT AND MEALS

The Violette Family Association does not charge annual dues but depends on donations and proceeds from the triennial Reunions to provide operating funds. Your Reunion registration fee goes to cover Reunion expenses, and what is left over funds operations for the next three years. Please send your registration and meal fees with your registration form.

Address to REGISTER for Reunion:

Don Hudenburg
 2726 Viking Dr, Oak Hill VA 20171
 Tel: (703) 716-1050
 E-mail: dh3739@verizon.net

Make checks payable to Violette Family Association

DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS; JULY 10, 2014

Registration: Adult—\$15, Child under 12—\$5
 Friday Dinner: Adult—\$15, Child under 12—\$8
 Saturday Dinner: Adult—\$20, Child under 12—\$10
 Sunday Brunch: Adult—\$8, Child under 12—\$6

Enter amounts in boxes below if person is registering for that item

Name of person	VFA Member number (if known)	First name or nickname to show on badge (Also give city, state if different from person responsible)	Age (if under 12)	Enter amounts in boxes below if person is registering for that item				Total Amount
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Special Donation (not tax-deductible)								\$
Total registration, meals, and donation								\$

Person Responsible For This Registration

Name					VFA #	
Address						
City		State/Prov		ZIP/Postal Code		
Phone		Email				
Other						