Surprise someone with a beautifully colored, lighted rooster that you can deliver to their front yard! This is a surprise that will give them a reason to smile all day.

Contact the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum and schedule Reveille the Rooster for $40. **Purchaser picks up the rooster by 1:00 PM, places it in your designated yard, and returns to LPBMM by 10:00 AM the next morning.**

**NEW DATES FOR THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL**

The new dates for the 2022 Wooden Boat Festival are October 15th and 16th.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Christmas At The Maritime Museum:**
December 6th - January 9th

**Baby Cradle Raffle Ends:**
December 20th

**Boat Building Class:**
Early January (flexible class schedule)

**MEMBERSHIP NOTE**

As the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum continues to grow, we are always looking for ways to make it easier for people to donate. If you are of retirement age and subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, there are ways to donate all or a portion of that distribution directly to the Museum. In addition, if you have been compensated with shares of a publicly traded stock, you can also donate those shares directly to the museum. If you are interested in donating your RMD or shares of a publicly traded stock, please reach out to us and we will put you in touch with our financial advisor.
From the Director,

First, the staff and I wish each of you “Season’s Greetings and a Happy New Year”. Know that we appreciate your membership, sponsorship, volunteerism, philanthropy and most of all your friendship. We look forward to seeing you at the General Membership Meeting, January 20, 2022.

We now have over 300 members, 1/3 of which are at or above the premium “Seaman” level of membership (reciprocal benefits with over 1500 other museums and attractions). We are growing our numbers while providing good value for your membership dollar.

We are fast becoming a premier event venue, not only on the Northshore, but also from all around Southeast Louisiana. In 2021, out of 52 weeks, we had 8 weeks where we did not host an event and 4 of those weeks were due to Hurricane Ida and flooding back in May.

We are working on two new exhibits, which we believe will be exciting – the first is on James Rumsey, an interesting individual who was developing steam powered boat thrust technology in our area before James Watt! It is an exciting story that garnered us a grant to develop the exhibit from the Louisiana Endowment for Humanities! The second exhibit will highlight Louisiana’s shrimping industry, featuring an extremely detailed model of the shrimp boat, “Shanna Baby”.

“Water/Ways”, the Smithsonian Institute exhibit that we hosted in September/October was impressive. Due to Ida, we only had public display time of 3 weeks before it had to leave for the next site. However, there is an opportunity for us to exhibit it again next year.

We had two successful fundraising events – our 6th Annual Anchor Classic Golf Tournament and a charity auction sponsored and hosted by Henderson Auctions. We had 33 teams participate in the Anchor Classic and, as usual, everyone had a good time. We are developing a reputation for hosting quality events where fun is the name of the game! Our charity auction was more successful than anticipated.

Check out the Christmas at the Maritime Museum decorations. Lighted sea creatures, donated by Gayle Berne, complement our decorated trees starting a new tradition for a Maritime Christmas. Thanks to Lowes for donating our beautiful trees.
Museum Dock and Cottage Repairs

A special thank you to the Northshore Community Foundation for granting the Museum $10,000 to repair the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage, Museum and dock. We are incredibly grateful for their generous donation which has helped the Museum get back on its feet.

LPBMM HOSTS ART SHOW & SALE

In early December, the Museum hosted its first art show and sale. The show included local artists such as Hal Wilke, Mackenzie Stewart, Robert LaBranche, Ryder Matthews, Brooke Todd, and Mickey Asche. Thank you to all the artists who participated and those who supported them. It was a successful afternoon for all!
MESSAGE FROM OUR EDUCATOR

Whew! What a busy time for the museum! From mermaids to shrimp boats, to ROV training, and grant writing, it’s been exhausting but wonderful. We are proud to have received a Louisiana Endowment of the Humanities grant, a Robonation Sea Perch ROV grant, and the donation of an amazing hand crafted wooden shrimp boat with the possibility of a new sponsored exhibit. Oh, and did I mention a raffle of a Ron Blue baby cradle...made like a boat? Come by! Check us out! You’ll be glad you did!

SMITHSONIAN’S WATER/WAYS CLOSING RECEPTION

In early October, the Museum celebrated the closing of Smithsonian’s Water/Ways exhibit with members and friends. We would like to thank the Smithsonian Institute and Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for making this exhibit possible.
6TH ANNUAL ANCHOR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

In early November, the Museum held the 6th Annual Anchor Classic Golf Tournament. Thank you to all who participated in the golf tournament!

Both sponsors and players helped to make it a success for the Museum. Everyone had a great time! All are welcome come join us next year!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE LPBMM GIFT SHOP

Avoid the mall and get your holiday shopping done at LPBMM's gift shop! We have everything from beautiful, hand-crafted jewelry to holiday ornaments to trim your tree!

Can't decide on the perfect gift? Pick up one of our gift certificates for your special someone!

Buy local this Christmas and visit the Museum gift shop!

Tuesday - Friday: 1PM - 4PM
Saturday: 10AM - 4PM
BABY CRADLE RAFFLE

Join our raffle for this custom-made baby cradle! Tickets are $5 each and $20 for five tickets.

Drop by and buy your tickets in the Museum Giftshop before Dec. 20th!

CHRISTMAS AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM

Thank you to all who sponsored and decorated these beautiful Christmas trees this year! We appreciate your generosity and holiday spirit!

If you have not already, stop by the Museum and take a look at all of the wonderfully decorated trees and lighted sea creatures the Museum has on display.
Boat Building classes are back for the new year!

Classes will occur in early January of 2022. Instructor, Ron Blue, will form a flexible class schedule with his students.

*Enrollment and registration available now!*

*Restoration of wooden boats and wooden boat parts are also available!*

For more information about boat building classes and wooden boat restoration, contact Ron Blue at (361) 230-9222
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