

MESSAGE FROM the PRESIDENT



Greetings to all members of the Labrecque Association!

Spring 2025 is already here! Some might say: FINALLY!

It's almost time to renew your membership (as of May 1st).

Fortunately, unlike everything else, the cost has not increased: \$30 for 1 year, \$55 for 2 years, or \$75 for 3 years. Let's all make it a priority to renew our personal membership, and whenever possible, let's encourage our relatives and friends to join the Association.

This fall, from September 11th to 25th, a group of 25 people—half of whom are connected to the Labrecque family—will travel to France for a “return to our roots” journey. Rightfully so, we will begin this trip with a two-day stay in **Dieppe**, the birthplace of Pierre and Jean Labrecque. Of course, we will visit **St. Jacques Church**, where the commemorative plaque in their honor is displayed.

While in Dieppe, we will take the opportunity to hold our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday, September 14**, at the **Town Hall building**. The meeting will begin at **5:00 PM Dieppe time (11:00 AM Quebec time)**. Travelers will be able to attend in person, while others may join virtually via **TEAMS** or watch the recorded video that will later be made available on the Association's website and Facebook page (Agenda on p. 17).

On this special occasion, we will proudly award the title of **2025 Emeritus Member** to one of our members, dear friend, and outstanding contributor, **Michel Quénel**, son of Yvonne Delabrecque. He played a key role in the installation of the commemorative plaque honoring our

ancestors at **St. Jacques Church**. He was also a tremendous help in preparing for the **2025 Annual General Meeting**. The **2026 AGM** is expected to take place in **Bellechasse County**, possibly in **St-Gervais**.

In this issue of the Bulletin, you'll find an article about **Michel Labrecque and his wife**, from the **Bois-Francis** region, both specialists in **underwater imaging and conservation** (pages 3 and 4). There is also information regarding the **postal costs** for shipping ancestry trees, as well as a project to **reissue the book "Les Labrecque en Amérique: 1657–2007"** (page 5).

Pages 6 and 7 feature a **tribute to Madeleine Labrecque**, mother of three members of the Board of Directors, including myself, who passed away on October 28 at the age of 97. As a bonus, you'll meet **Julie**, her goddaughter, who is a journalist (pages 8 and 9). Next, you will discover the life of **Sister Alice Labrecque**, who will turn 100 in 2026 (pages 10 and 11). The **itinerary of the trip to France** is detailed in words and images on pages 12 to 14. The **future of the Fédération des Associations de Familles du Québec** will be discussed in **May 2025** (see p. 16). The **membership renewal form** and the **registration form for the September 14 AGM** can be found in the center insert of this Bulletin.

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