

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to all members of the Labrecque Association!

For some of you, it is time to renew your membership (due May 1st): \$30/1 year; \$55/2 years; \$75/3 years. We currently have 72 active members.

Fortunately, new memberships have offset the deaths recorded in 2025. Let us hope for continued growth!

On Saturday, **September 12th**, we will hold our Gathering and Annual General Meeting in Bellechasse County, at St-Charles and Beaumont (see pp. 13 and 14). This choice of location was not made at random. On the one hand, Labrecque is the second most common surname in this region (after Roy).

On the other hand, let us recall that Pierre Labrecque's son, Mathurin, and several generations of his descendants lived in Beaumont, first in a wooden house and later in a 3-story stone building. The house no longer belongs to the Labrecque family, but still stands at 231 Route du Fleuve.

In addition to the statutory points, the AGA will allow a review of our regulations. Let's call it: a rejuvenation or an update, no drastic changes. The detailed project will reach you before the AGM (see a summary on p. 11).

Since the 3-year terms of 4 board members have expired, there will be elections.

Before the meal, we will have the opportunity to honor two Emeritus Members for 2026: Mrs. **Huguette Labrecque** (member 47) and Mr. **Jacques Olivier** (member 600). Both have been active for years in the Genealogy Committee and are dedicated to feeding our Heredis database. We will pay them a grateful tribute.

After the meal, we will move to the Church of St-Étienne de Beaumont, to hear a lecture by Mr. Pierre Beaudet. The latter published a brochure entitled 'Under the shadow of the bell tower 1695-1763'. We learn that 135 people were buried under the nave of the church, including 13 Labrecque and that 15 other Labrecque were buried in the first cemetery of the parish (outside the church). He will tell us this story by emphasizing what is related to our ancestors. The conference will be followed by a guided tour of the Church.

In this Bulletin, you will be able to read an interesting article by France Labrecque, member emeritus 2024, about Labrecque Island, located in Nova Scotia, near Halifax. Thanks to André Labrecque (VP), the CA has rediscovered the song of the Labrecque (see lyrics and music, p. 5). You will also read a partial inventory of streets named Labrecque throughout Quebec (pp. 7-8).

In addition to the other obituaries for 2025-2026 (p. 15), you will be able to read details about the funeral of Sister Alice Labrecque (p. 6). You will also discover a bit of the story of a Labrecque family who emigrated from St-Gervais to New England, one of whose descendants became a member of our association in 2025 (pp. 9-10). As indicated in the cover photo, this family is alive and well and maintains its ties.

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