

The museum is dedicated to the preservation of the city's history and Cajun cultural heritage. Its mission emphasizes the involvement of children and adults in experiencing the history and heritage of their community through exhibits, various programs, and special art exhibits featuring local artists.



In 1996 the museum was formed. With a generous donation from local businessman Lytle Turnley, the museum was expanded. Due to lack of finances, the museum closed in 2003, but was reopened in February of 2006.

Eight retired teachers voluntarily took on the task of reorganizing and operating the museum. Membership is open to everyone.

Hours of Operation:

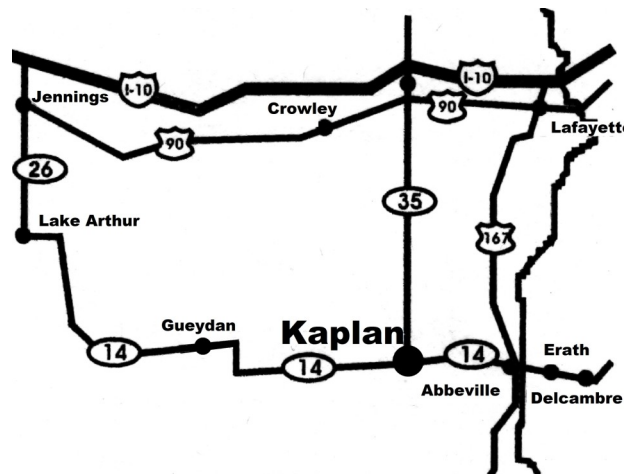
9am – 1pm

Wednesday - Saturday



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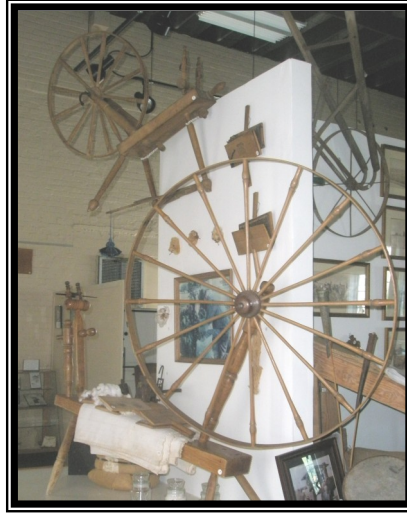


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Kaplan's first known inhabitants, the Attakapas Indians, used the area's natural wild resources to survive. Pecan Island Indian mounds reveal clues to their lives.



Cotton was an important staple in our first settlers' homes. The spinning wheel, loom, and natural dyes were used in the cloth making process.



The Mardi Gras Krewe of Chic-a-la-Pie carries on an historical tradition. The first queen's costume is on exhibit.



Kaplan—the most Cajun place on Earth



Early life in Kaplan is depicted along with the first mayor's chair, the first city judge's robe, and the city's original charter.



Music is an integral part of life and the Cajun *joie de vivre* is evident in Kaplan's culture. The accordion energizes any gathering.



Local art is exhibited throughout the museum. The art gallery changes every quarter.