

President's word
Happy Father's Day

With a spring well established with the sun and its heat, we are now allowed to dream and hope for the beautiful summer season to replenish our energy.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Father's Day.

You are all invited to our next Bilodeau Association Congress to be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Hôtel Énergie in Shawinigan (Convention Center). A visit to the Cité de l'énergie and a captivating conference with Raynald Bilodeau are on the program. We will take this opportunity to highlight Bilodeau who have distinguished themselves during their career, as well as the winners of the Génée-Jeunesse & Famille contest. There will also be tributes to the nominees for the Bilodeau of the year and the Cercle des Grands Bilodeau.

Plan to travel to France in 2024: a travel program to our French cousins is in preparation. Visits to interesting sites and the discovery of the history of our ancestors are on the program. The planning of this trip was entrusted to a committee, as well as our accomplice, Danièle Billaudeau from France.

The Bilodeau Association offers you the opportunity to benefit from updates of genealogical research, publications of Info-Billau and Billaudière. Renewal and recruitment are the basis of our organization. I thank you for your loyalty by renewing your membership cards in order to be part of the big Bilodeau family.
We wish all BILODEAU HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Save the date of September 23, 2023, for the Bilodeau Congress in Shawinigan.
An invitation to register will be sent to you in the summer!

Thank you,
Gilles Bilodeau, President
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An appointment for the Bilodeau families and their guests.



**Bilodeau Annual Congress
Saturday September 23, 2023
at the Energy Hotel
(Congress Centre)
in Shawinigan**

My trip to Belgium and the land of tulips the Netherlands

We all know that our President Gilles Bilodeau is passionate about beautiful gardens and flowers. From May 1 to May 12, 2023, he traveled to Belgium and the Netherlands, places where he was able to visit and see many gardens while learning about this corner of the world. We briefly summarize his trip. Pictures speak louder than words.

Peace Palace in The Hague



Leave **Amsterdam** for a boat trip on the many canals of the city, followed by a visit to the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Museum of The Hague to discover contemporary modern art.

Stop in **Delft**, famous for its blue earthenware, stroll through the historic districts where you will find one of the most beautiful squares in Holland with its town hall.



Zaanse Schans is a historic village in the Netherlands which recreates, thanks to its houses, its mills or its old-fashioned grocery store, the traditional life of the 17th and 18th century

Keukenhof Gardens Tour

Brussels, guided tour of the Atomium, the Royal Palace. Discover the site of the Battle of Waterloo, attend a workshop and a tasting with chocolate maker Laurent Gerbaud.

Bruges, called "Pearl of Flanders" with its decorated houses and the Market Square, boat trip on the canals.



Many other stops, but one last visit for the gardens of **Appeltern**, with more than 200 model gardens, large collection of plants and discover the 15-hectare park.

An unforgettable trip, full of memories, that's what I wanted to share with you all.

Gilles Bilodeau,
President

Travel project in France in 2024 “In the land of our ancestors”.

Will we go to France in 2024?

A good question! On several occasions, members of the Association have expressed the desire to take part in a trip to the country of our ancestors. It is obvious that this project requires several weeks of preparation, and it must be well thought out and above all interesting.

In order to see if this trip is feasible, a committee has been formed and is currently working on preparing an itinerary. Already our accomplice Danièle Billaudeau from France has submitted ideas and places to visit (Paris, Mont-Saint-Michel, Brouage, Pioussay, Saint-Malo, etc.).



In 2007, a group of 25 people made their first trip to France. In 2012, 30 people walked in the footsteps of our ancestors. How many will we be in 2024?

To all those interested in this travel project, we invite you to give your name. Dates and costs are in the verification phase with a specialized travel agency. To be continued...



REGISTRATION REMINDER BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023, GÉNEA-YOUTH & FAMILY CONTEST

***Do not hesitate to register,
You will be surprised by the discoveries you will make!***

This competition is a great opportunity for members of the Bilodeau Association to highlight the story of a person in their family or relatives who stands out or has stood out through his work, his profession, his trade, his youth, etc. It seems interesting to us that adding our history to that of our ancestors is an excellent opportunity to highlight the contribution of the name BILODEAU to the history of those who preceded us.



Genealogy is good when you have found the dates of birth, marriage, and death, but it's even better when you understand who his ancestors were.

Interesting prizes to be won:

Winner of the JEAN-CLAUDE-BILODEAU PRIZE deserves a recognition certificate and \$200.

2nd prize: \$100

3rd prize: \$75

Terms:

- Be a member of the Bilodeau Association.*
- Describe or illustrate (video) the story of his family or the story of a family member who inspired you;*

Sizes:

- Interview, writing, text of 2 to 5 pages or more.*
- The projects will be evaluated according to the age group and their originality.*
- Registration deadline: June 30, 2023.*

Registration form, to complete.

Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Indicate the # of member or of the parent: # _____ Date inscription: _____

Send your registration to: Concours Génée-Jeunesse & Famille

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