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LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES CHRISTMAS TREE TO COINCIDE WITH CURRENT EXHIBIT

A one-of-a-kind, 10-foot-tall Christmas tree is on display to coincide with the Louisiana State Archives' current exhibit, "Louisiana Seafood: A Gulf de Lis." The exhibit will run through Dec. 30.

"Nowhere else will you see a tree with fancy nautical roping like this," said Secretary of State Tom Schedler. "It is a Christmas tradition for the Archives, under the direction of State Archivist Florent Hardy, to coordinate its current exhibit and with a tree. This year is a real winner."

In the Archives lobby, the tree will be enhanced by special lighting and decorations, including marlinspike ornaments and garlanding. Jesse Eaves of Denham Springs, who is the artist behind the exhibit, became enthralled with the nautical décor on ships when he served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1964. Eaves learned the craft, continued experimenting and added his own techniques, making him one of the foremost marlinspike artists in the country.

"Louisiana Seafood: A Gulf de Lis" opened in mid-September and attracted several hundred visitors at the reception. The exhibit is sponsored by the Archives, the Louisiana Seafood Marketing and Promotion Board and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The Archives is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 225.922.1000 or visit www.sos.la.gov/archives.

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