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PEWS IN THE CHURCH OF SAINTE-MADELEINE IN LA VENTROUZE FUNDED BY THE ASSOCIATION DES CHABOT

Message from the President



Greetings to all members of the Association.

As I begin the 4th year of my presidency, I look back with satisfaction on what we have managed to accomplish in three years. Chiefly: 1) a return-to-our-roots trip that took us to Vendée, notably to Nalliers, Mathurin's birthplace, and to the Logis de la Chabotterie, but also to the Perche, Marie Mésangé's home region, and to Tourouvre, the place from which a great many of New France's colonists set out; 2) the making and installation, on an interior wall of the church of Saint-Hilaire in Nalliers, of a magnificent white granite plaque in tribute to Mathurin; 3) the making and installation of eight oak pews bearing the Association's coat of arms in the church of Sainte-Madeleine in La Ventrouze, where Marie Mésangé was baptized in 1643.

We have every reason to be proud of what we accomplished together between 2023 and 2026, with boldness and generosity. But many other projects have been carried out since the early days of the Association des Chabot. The Association is not merely surviving; it is thriving. We have started new traditions, such as inviting a Chabot family to tell its story over several generations, inviting Chabot artisans to present their work, and making room for the younger generations by featuring their accomplishments in our magazine.

I look forward with emotion to celebrating, in the fall of 2027, the ***20th anniversary of its founding***. It reminds me of my first contacts with Claude Chabot, a persevering man, almost too insistent, someone who never gives up. I could tell he was on a mission. He did not remain alone. Several members joined him and rallied to the cause by serving on the Board of Directors, by building the Brother's Keeper genealogical database and by writing for the magazine Les Chabotteries—the people we came to call "the indispensables." The Board of Directors is hard at work preparing an unforgettable celebration. Your suggestions are welcome. At present, we are considering celebrating the 20th anniversary on Île d'Orléans.

In this issue of Les Chabotteries, you can read the highlights of **the General Assembly** of September 26 (pages 4-5), including the election of two new Board members: Lynda Chabot and Jasmine Dion. Jasmine is the magazine's new graphic designer. I welcome her with joy, as she is very skilled. Lynda, for her part, will digitize our archives and co-organize the 20th anniversary. You will also learn that we recognized Diane Chabot-Pard's dedication by presenting her with an honorary plaque.

Another article lets you admire the new **oak pews in the church of Sainte-Madeleine in La Ventrouze**, pews that we funded (pages 6-8). You can also read excerpts from the history of the **family of Jean-Paul Chabot** of Saint-Charles-de-Bellechasse, a family that was presented at the September 26 AGM (pages 9-12). We also share information about the fact that **four sextons of Saint-Charles-de-Bellechasse** were Chabots (pages 13-14). Next, Marcel Chabot tells us about the life of **Christian Chabot**, his nephew, a highly successful entrepreneur from Saint-Lazare-de-Bellechasse (pages 15-18). Then René Chabot presents the **founding of the Bellechasse Golf Club** (pages 19-21), the second installment of his three-article series. Finally, we reproduce an article by Luc Laliberté on **Anthony (Antoine) Chabot** (pages 22-24), with the author's permission.

Take care of yourselves as the cold season begins. A little ahead of time, we wish you a **Merry Christmas 2026 and a Happy New Year 2027**. See you in the spring of 2027.

Marie-France Chabot (80), President.

When he died in January 1888, his funeral was described as the largest Oakland had ever seen. Antoine Chabot never made the front page of Quebec newspapers. His name does not appear in any of our school textbooks.

Yet every time a Hayward student walks into Chabot College, every time a child gazes at the stars from the Chabot Space & Science Center, it is a little bit of Saint-Hyacinthe shining, unbeknownst to all, over California.



The Chabot Space and Science Center. A 2006 photo of the center, located in Oakland, California. Royalty-free image from the website.



Entrance to Anthony Chabot Regional Park. Photo from the East Bay Regional Park District Facebook

The Board of Directors of the Association des Chabot wishes you happy holidays 2026 and a happy new year 2027!



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