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*By Nancy Wilson Lorraine Gendron*





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**Illustration 4 Lorraine with her husband Louis Gendron.**



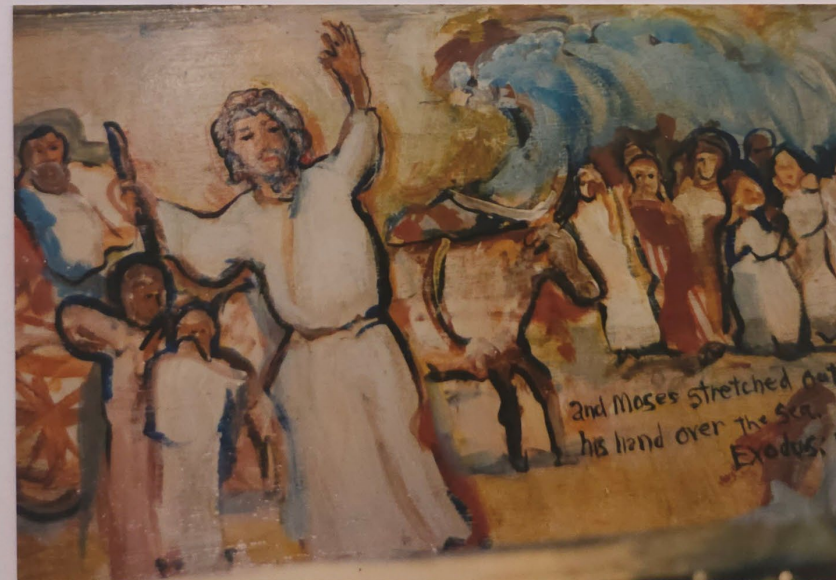


Spiritual Reflections

Even Angels Eat Watermelon



**Illustration 6** Spiritual inspiration comes from Bible stories. Here we see acrylic on wood titled “Exodus.”



**Illustration 7** Acrylic on wood titled “Moses Leads His People.”



**Illustration 74** Painting on Wood titled: **Jesus on Roller Blades with Apostles Preaching the Good News**



Illustration 36 Acrylic on Wood of "Sweet Emma" is seen in an exhibit next to a Clementine Hunter painting in a Louisiana State University Folk Art Exhibit. Gift to the university from the Getter Foundation



Clementine Hunter (1894 - 1988)  
Baptized, c. 1970

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Lorraine Gendron (1917 - )  
Sweet Emma, c. 1980

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**Illustration 15 Titled “Even Angels Eat Watermelon” Watermelon eating angels have become her “signature.”**



Getting market!

The Big House on the River



Historical Reflections



Illustration 23 Governor of Louisiana Edwin Edwards. (three photographs)

**EWE '83**  
EDWIN W. EDWARDS  
March 22, 1982

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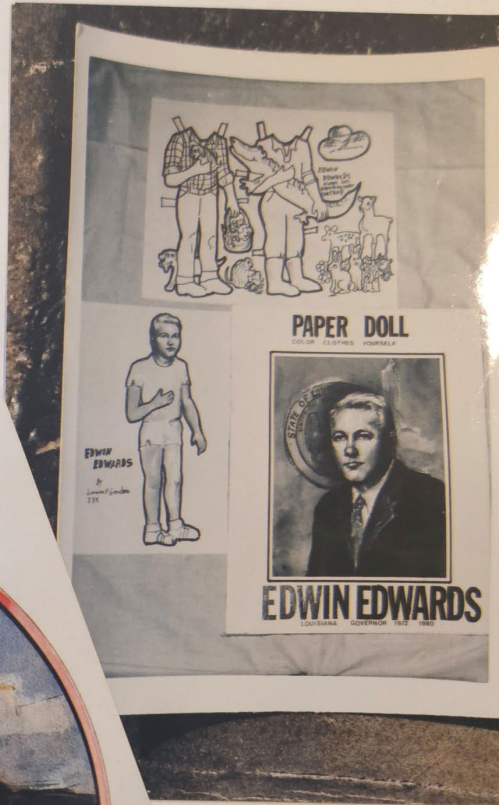
Dear Ms. Gendron:

Thank you for your nice letter of March 18, 1982. I appreciate getting the book and will try to read it as soon as possible. It seems to be a most interesting novel, and I will look forward to getting into it whenever I can.

If I do have an opportunity to read it, I will be very glad to talk to you about how I might help on the movie project, but I would want to read it before expressing an opinion, although the idea of having it filmed for release in conjunction with the World's Fair certainly sounds like a good idea.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially,  
*Edwards*  
EDWIN EDWARDS  
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Illustration 24 Former Mayor of New Orleans Dutch Moriel (three photographs)



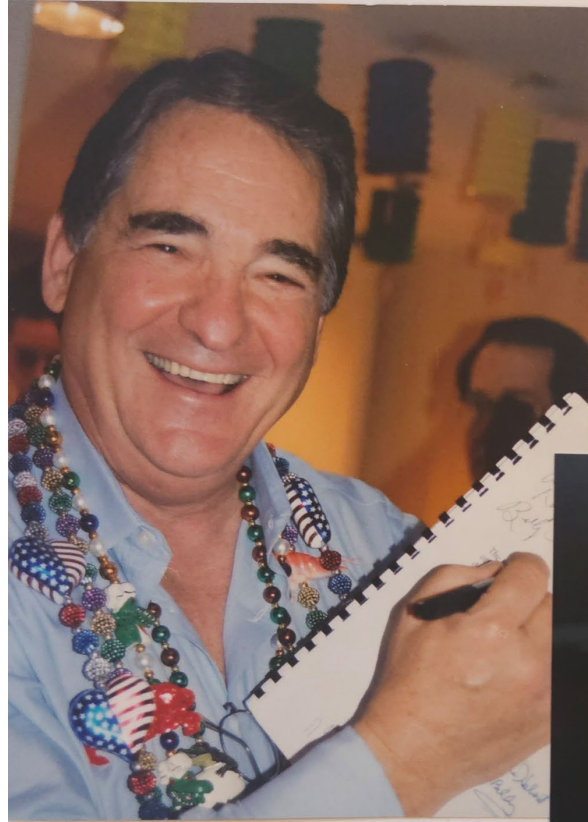


**Illustration 27 Artist Lorraine Gendron with First Lady Laura Bush at the Christmas White House Tea in 2001 honoring the artists who contributed original ornaments for the White House Christmas trees.**





Illustration 30 Senator Billy Tauzin and Representative John Breaux signed *King Oliver at the Mardi Gras Ball*, a Mardi Gras Ball souvenir book by Nancy Wilson and Lorraine that is now in the collection of the New Orleans historic book collection. *London*



**Illustration 48 Nancy Wilson, Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco, “Coach” Blanco and Lorraine Gendron exchange greetings at the 2001 Mardi Gras Ball in Washington D. C. 2001**





Cultural Reflections











**Illustration 16** Mississippi “mud “ dolls showcase the artist’s talent for cultural Interpretation ( three illustrations)



Illustration 14 Advised by Allan Jaffe to paint famous jazz musicians,  
"Sweet Emma" was one of the first to be immortalized.







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Illustration 66 Illustration from book A Cajun Nativity

