



Le Mercien

Voice of the Mercier of North America

Gilmond Mercier,
our new honorary member





Armoiries des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord déposés par Mgr Jean-Paul Gélinas en 1986.



Armoiries d'un Mercier d'Angleterre au 15^e siècle répertoriées dans Burke Armorial de Londres.



Armoiries d'Ernest Mercier déposées par l'Institut Généalogique Drouin en 1954.

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The Association was incorporated by letters patent April 19, 1985 and registered the same day in Volume 1194, folio 160, in accordance with Part III of the Quebec Companies Act (R.S.Q. Chap. C-38, s. 218).

The objects of the association are as follows :

1. To organize Mercier gatherings in North America and especially in the Province of Quebec.
2. To publish regularly in Quebec, in the form of a newsletter, information on Mercier families of North America and Europe.
3. To collect and disseminate information on the accomplishments of those who have brought recognition to the Mercier name throughout the world.
4. To promote the identification, restoration and preservation of buildings and objects of value that belonged to Merciers, who have left their mark in North America and in Europe.
5. To get the Merciers of the world to become concerned about the preservation of their heritage, to become interested in genealogical studies and in stories about those who will not make it into the history books.
6. To create and develop a non-profit foundation whose purpose would be to achieve the objects mentioned above.
7. The objects will not, however, permit donors or their beneficiaries to recover in any way the funds which will have been given to the corporation.

Honour roll - Governors of A.M.A.N.

Name	Occupation	Residence	Admission
Ernest Mercier	Founding President of l'A.M.A.N.		1999
Pierre-Paul Mercier	Administration	Saint-Lambert, QC	2000
Alain Mercier	Communications	Sillery, QC	2000
Charles Mercier	Engineering	Québec City, QC	2000
Christine Mercier	Teaching	Québec City, QC	2000
Louis Mercier	Actuary	Saint-Bruno, QC	2000
Pierre Mercier	Engineering	Saint-Bruno, QC	2000
Suzanne Mercier	Commerce	Montréal, QC	2000
Lucienne M.-Croteau	Teaching	Bonnyville, AB	2001

Board of Directors for 2007-2008 and services of AMAN

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Vice-Pres:	Vacant		
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Membership dues

Annually :	\$25
Life membership, 65 years and older :	\$250
Life membership, less than 65 years of age :	\$400
Governor :	\$1,000

Those amounts are in U.S. currency for U.S. residents and in euros for European residents.

This newsletter is named after the kingdom of Mercia which existed from the 7th to the 10th centuries. It was one of the seven original kingdoms constituting England. The inhabitants of that territory must have been called Mercians (or Mercien in French).

We are proud to perpetuate that name today.

**A.M.A.N. is a member of
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The Members' Annual Assembly 2008

Already a few weeks have passed since we held our annual general meeting last August 16. In spite of a rather modest assistance (43 people), we must recognize that the day has gone as planned and the program was appreciated by the participants. You will find in the central pages some photographs of this event placed at our disposal by Ian Campbell. We apologize not to have been able to identify¹, in the legend which accompanies them, each person present.²

The main activities of the year were the subject of the report/ratio of the Board of directors of which you will find the content on page 5.

Our finance report appears on page 5. It shows that the administrators are careful and that our financial position is healthy.

As presented in the order of the day, the modification to the general rule no1 adopted by the board of directors was ratified by the assembly. This amendment relates exclusively to the number of members constituting the board of directors. The difficulty in obtaining the quorum in certain meetings. The new disposition provides that this number, for one year, will be fixed at the board meeting which precedes the general meeting by the members and will remain the same one until a new modification, it can be less only 5 and more than 11. For the year 2008-2009 it will be of 7.

The election of the new administrators was chaired by a veteran in this field, M. Jacques Dignard. Mrs. Lucie Draper (126), Suzanne Draper (1126) and Dolorès Morin (1207) accepted a renewal of their mandate and we welcome M. Germain Nappert (1480), a newcomer. The mandates of Pierre-Paul (19), Benoît (222) and Jean (1) will finish in 2009.

A sincere thank to Isabelle (269), Diane (1465) and Jean-Guy (1417) who after working during several years within the council, have decided to retire.

The assembly of the members was followed by the visits to the Museum of St. Anne, *Centre d'interprétation de la Côte-de-Beaupré* and *Maison de nos Aïeux*.

With the Museum of St. Anne we could perfect our knowledge on all that relates to the devotion of this saint, the history of this place single of pilgrimage which is St. Anne-de-Beaupré in addition to view and admire a unique collection of ex-voto.

The Centre d'interprétation de la Côte-de-Beaupré places in the old convent of Castle-Richer. It informed us on the development and the settlement of this area in addition to offering some exposures on Mgr François of Laval

The Maison of nos Aïeux made it possible to the young people to be initiated via many photographs to the techniques of work and the lifestyle of the rural world. It was, for the older one, beautiful memories.

Back to the **social Club of the employees of Stadacona in St-Pierre**, a reception in homage to Gilmond Mercier was held. A certificate of honorary member in recognition of his implication in the association and in the field of the history of our ancestors. He thus joined a select group, presently made of Andre (189) Quebec, Benoît (222) Quebec, Ernest (32) Quebec deceased, Jean (1008) Sherbrooke deceased, Lucienne Mercier Croteau (988) Bonnyville AB, Monique Mercier (49) St-Gregoire-the-Large, Ralph Mercier (1151) Quebec and Robert Mercier (646) Valleyfield. The text of presentation of Benoît (page 7) detailed his numerous interventions in these fields.

This recognition award was followed by an excellent supper during which a very beautiful painting was drawn, annual courtesy renewed by one of our members, Therese Bouffard. It has ended with the conference of the abbot Raymond Mathieu on the **Establishment of the first inhabitants in Île d'Orleans**, which made it possible to be familiarized with the lifestyle of the first inhabitants.

An annual meeting successful in any way. Thanks to Benoît who was the main reason for the success of the annual assembly with the help of his collaborators.

Jean (1).

¹ (N.1)

² If the information is sent to us, the photo will be published in the next newsletter

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

Dear friends:

Another year marked by many events comes to an end.

Your association, even in the absence of a president, has been active on many fronts. We have participated to the Salon des Familles Souches (Fair of First Families) that was held at Place Laurier in February, and our annual sugar shack outing that took place in St-Henri-de-Lévis was a real success.

Throughout the year, The Mercien has continued to pay homage to the Merciers and their accomplishments, namely Roger Mercier from Québec for his wood carving works and Gilmond Mercier aka Lajoie from Sainte-Sabine de Bellechasse, for his dedicated efforts to honour the memory of his ancestors : captain Louis Mercier aka Lajoie and his wife Adèle Audet aka Lapointe.

The Board of Directors has held five meetings and took important decisions, namely to reduce the number of directors from eleven to seven. You will actually be called upon to pronounce yourselves about this change at the annual assembly.

Since the departure of Jean-Louis in February 2007, nobody has taken up the presidency, an unusual situation that should be corrected in the near future.

The Association has a new life member, Mr. Miville C. Mercier (#246) from Montréal.

On the other hand, we deplore the lost of some valuable supporters.

Mrs. Marcelle Normand, wife of Ernest Mercier, founder of the AMAN, has passed away in the early summer. We also deplore the death of Mrs. Thérèse Mercier from Montmagny in March. She has been a member of the Association for more than 20 years and a member of the Board of Directors for the last ten years. Finally, we have also lost Mr. Paul Cauchon from Ste-Foy, a life member.

On each occasion, the members of the Board have offered their condolences to the families on behalf of the Association.

The members of the Board of Directors wish to thank you for your trust which is highly appreciated.

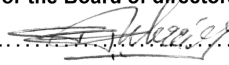
Pierre-Paul Mercier,
Vice president pro tempore

Financial report

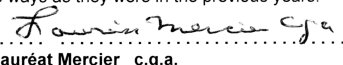
Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc. (AMAN)

Financial Statements	June 30	June 30
INCOME	2 008	2 007
Membership fees	3 353 \$	3 297 \$
Grants and gifts	109	40
Exchange on foreign currency	-	98
Lotomatic (Loto-Québec)	678	720
Advertising	150	100
Annual meeting	82	584
Bank interest	591	173
Profit from the sale of souvenirs	218	180
Total of incomes	5 181 \$	5 192 \$
EXPENSES		
Liability insurance	232 \$	77 \$
F.F.S.Q. - Services fees	373	176
Genealogical service	-	15
Internet	90	-
Le Mercien	3 275	3 148
Advertising - promotion	226	635
Rent	184	175
Office expenses	676	441
Total of expenses	5 056 \$	4 667 \$
Surplus (deficit) for the period	125 \$	525 \$
	June 30	June 30
BALANCE SHEET	2 008	2 007
ASSETS		
Cash on hand	3 741 \$	8 150 \$
Inventory of souvenirs (at cost)	901	942
Deferred costs	75	464
Term deposit	18 304	12 128
Furniture	854	854
Total of assets	23 875 \$	22 538 \$
LIABILITIES		
Payables	448 \$	- \$
Reserve - Expanding funds	8 896	7 932
Advance by the directors	1 719	1 719
Total of liabilities	11 063 \$	9 651 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
At the beginning	(3 338) \$	(3 863) \$
Surplus (deficit) for the period	125	525
At the end of the period	(3 213) \$	(3 338) \$
Reserve- Life membership	7 925 \$	8 125 \$
Reserve- Commandor membership	8 100	8 100
Surplus (deficit) at the end	12 812 \$	12 887 \$
Total liabilities & accumulated funds	23 875 \$	22 538 \$

For the Board of directors

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 Jean Mercier Treasurer

I have examined the statements of revenues and expenses as well as the balance sheet as at June 30th 2008. In my opinion these statements represent accurately the financial position of AMAN according to accounting procedures generally recognized and applied in the same ways as they were in the previous years.

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 Lauréat Mercier c.g.a.



Thanks to those who have renewed their membership

The following list contains the names and numbers of those who, between June 2007 and October 2008, have renewed their membership to the AMAN for the period of June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. The members who have previously taken advantage of multi-year rates, the life members and the commanders do not appear on the list. For those who would have forgotten to pay their contribution, a new reminder is included in this issue of *Le MERCIEN*.

N°	Names	N°	Names	N°	Names
15	Alain Mercier	894	Jean-Louis Mercier	1490	Renée Laurent Mercier
21	Laurent Mercier	900	Lise Mercier	1491	Claude Mercier
23	Yvon Mercier	935	Joseph-Norbert Mercier	1498	Paul J. Mercier jr
28	Gilmond Mercier	945	Georgee-Clément Mercier	1502	Lucie Mercier
93	Lionel Mercier	949	Ubaldo Mercier	1504	Annie Mercier
95	Jacques Mercier	1029	George Marshall	1506	Marielle Mercier
129	Ghislaine Mercier	1094	Ralph J. Mercier	1510	Léo. Mercier
151	Gérard J. Mercier	1126	Suzanne Mercier	1512	Henriette Beaulieu
156	Napoléon Mercier	1199	Noëlla Mercier	1513	Patrick Jacques
168	Adrienne Mercier	1236	Luc Mercier	1514	Nancy Laflamme
208	Gaston Mercier	1299	Normand R. Mercier	1515	Yolande Mercier
211	Françoise M. Beaulieu	1306	Anne Mercier	1516	Jean Mercier
235	Pauline St-Louis	1316	Johanne Mercier	1517	Francine Mercier
246	Miville C. Mercier	1321	Huguette Desfossés	1518	Denis Mercier
261	Rosélia M. Laliberté	1364	Harriet E. Cady	1519	Daniel Mercier
266	Thérèse Mainguy	1367	Sylvie Mercier	1520	Laurent Mercier
269	Isabelle Mercier	1371	Richard Mercier	1521	Yvette Desrosiers
274	Jean-Marc Mercier	1372	François Mercier	1522	Doris Ferrara
280	Louise Mercier	1391	Jean-Charles Mercier	2015	Francis J. Mercier
284	Louissette Mercier	1414	Françoise Poulin Mercier	2024	Denis Mercier
285	Jacques Mercier	1415	Thomas-Joseph Mercier	2043	Laurette Bégin
317	Jacques Mercier	1421	Delphine P. Goldwin		
320	Jean-Paul Mercier	1432	Josette Mercier		
321	Guy Mercier	1434	Gérard Mercier		
333	Marguerite Dorval	1443	Jacqueline Mercier		
341	Jacques Mercier	1445	Raymonde Mercier		
387	Jeannine Mercier	1448	François Mercier		
467	Jacqueline M. Moreau	1455	Madeleine Boutin		
489	Marius Mercier	1461	Sylvie Mercier		
504	Olivier Mercier	1463	Charles Mercier		
506	Marcel Mercier	1465	Diane Mercier Lécuyer		
530	Jacinthe Mercier	1469	Raymond Mercier		
587	Lorraine Mercier	1470	Michel Mercier		
618	Thérèse Mercier	1472	Alain Mercier		
634	Armand Mercier	1473	Hélène Bourque		
660	Robert Mercier	1479	Guy Labrecque		
679	Gaétan Mercier	1480	Germain Nappert		
713	Chantal Mercier	1481	Martin Noël		
834	Jean-Marc Mercier	1482	Madelin Ernest		
861	Robert Mercier	1486	Thérèse Trudel		
871	Jacques Mercier	1488	Paul Mercier		

Presentation of Mr. Gilmond Mercier

At one of the meeting of its Board of Directors, the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord (Association of Merciers of North America) has decided to honour one of its members.

- Gilmond Mercier, you were born in Ste-Sabine de Bellechasse on November 12, 1944, the son of Georges Mercier and Béatrice Bizier;
- you are the youngest child of a family of six and you descend (6th generation) from Charles Mercier aka Lajoie, your ancestor, and Marie-Anne Lahaise, who settled in America in 1756;
- you went to elementary school in Ste-Sabine and you have made your high school classes mainly in Ste-Sabine and then at Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf de Limoilou in Quebec City;
- you attended Université Laval de Québec where you have obtained a diploma in Education Sciences and a degree (licence) in Arts and Geography;
- you married Céline Chabot on July 12 1969 and you have a son, Erik;
- you have had a long career as a teacher, being a pioneer in this field for teaching at the first polyvalent school to be opened in a rural setting in Quebec at St-Martin-de-Beauce and then at the polyvalent school of St-Georges-de-Beauce where you put an end to your career 32 years later;
- you have taught geography and history to thousands of young students in Beauce.

Gilmond Mercier, in addition to the inventory of the photographic heritage of Ste-Sabine, you have been instrumental in the compilation of a monography of this parish on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in 2006;

- in 2001, you have organized a family happening attended by 125 people, either descendants or friends of the couple Edmond Mercier and Elise Brochu;
- in 2007, you have organized a large gathering of 225 parents and friends to honour another couple among



yours ancestors, captain Louis Mercier and his wife Adèle Audet. On this occasion, a funeral monument was unveiled in Ste-Justine de Bellechasse, followed by a commemorative mass and a supper and evening party, in Ste-Sabine;

- for this gathering, you have prepared a booklet relating the life of captain Louis Mercier with the hope that your initiative would give to the younger people an impetus towards keeping a respectful memory of past generations;
- Gilmond Mercier, at the request of late Ernest Mercier, the founding president of the Association des Mercier d'Amérique, you have participated, in the 1980s, in the organization of various meetings at the individual and parish levels to contribute to the renown of the Mercier patronym;
- you are one of the pioneer members of the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord, which you have joined in 1985 as member number 28;

The Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord wishes to thank you for the various services rendered to the community and to the Association by remitting to you this honorary member certificate.

St-Pierre, Ile Orléans, August 16, 2008

A cute group photo... August 2008



Annual assembly, August 2008



At left: Fernand Saintonge, Claudine, Claude Dufour, Isabelle. At right: Marie-Reine, Dolorès Morin, N.I, N.I



At left: Benoît, Armande, Louise, Gisèle Turmel. At right: Hélène Delisle, Marielle, Marielle, Lorraine, Lauréat.



Diner at Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. At left: Jacques Dinard, Estelle, Diane. At right: Thérèse Bouffard, Robert, Germain Nappert, N.I



At left: Lucie, Jean-Marc, Lauréanne Brochu. At right: Jacques, Suzanne, Robert (priest)



At left: André F, Yves, Nicole Morin, Cécilia, Roland Chabot (at the end). At right: Jean-Paul, Gilmond, Céline Chabot.

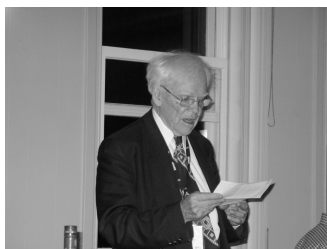


At left: Johanne, Benoît, Louise, Benoît, Gisèle Turmel. At right: Jean-Louis, Monique Paquet, Hélène Delisle, Lauréat.

Annual assembly, August 2008



Suzanne Mercier and Dolorès Morin at the front desk in St-Pierre, Île d'Orléans



Robert blessing the meal at St-Pierre I.O. before supper.



A life member certificate was given to our president of honour. Céline Chabot, Gilmond, Benoît



At the end of the room: Johanne, Nicole Morin, Lucie. The occupation of the land in Île d'Orléans at the beginning of the colony at the Maison des ancêtres in Ste-Famille.

Raymond Létourneau, speaker



The door prize : Gilmond, Nicole Morin the winner of the prize, Thérèse Bouffard (Paint, artist and donator of the painting) and Benoît.



The administrative council, from left to right : Germain Nappert, Benoît, Suzanne, Diane, Dolorès, Morin, and Jean.

Mercier of all kinds

From time to time, we receive from our members various articles taken here and there concerning individuals bearing the name of Mercier. Through their sayings and actions, we are thus kept informed of the diversity of our social environment, which is of interest to us. We would like to thank you for your contribution to the newsletter.

Here are some of these articles.

The Ace of Poker

Abstract from Paris Match

From Sillery to the Harvard Business School

Québec Hebdo 30/08/2008

Around the world, a child perspective

La Voix du Sud 04/11/2006

Six years and six bursts of enthusiasm for Esther Mercier

La Nouvelle Union 16/03/2008

The Ace of Poker

To her friends and her family, she is Isabelle Mercier, a pretty 32 years old girl. But in the casinos of Las Vegas, Macau, London or Sydney, she is known as “No Mercy”. She earned that nickname around the green carpet because of her strength, endurance, concentration and self-control. A young lawyer from Montreal, Isabelle has never practiced law, preferring to play strokes bluff at poker tables. A family sport in which the young Quebecer was initiated in Victoriaville, alongside her father and uncle from the age 3. At age 4, she forced herself to learn the numbers from 1 to 100, in both French and English, to play the big table where you put money.

Her father warned her : If you lose, don't cry! She learned poker from every angle. She even was a dealer at the *Casino de Montreal*.

The poker is not a game of luck. If it is found in casinos, is for practical reasons, but it has nothing to do with other gambling, roulette, black jack and others. It is a long learning techniques, self-control, audacity, will and endurance. It requires a gymnastic of the brain that requires much preparation. It is the supreme psychological warfare against the other, but also, against yourself.



Excerpt from Paris Match

From Sillery to the Harvard Business School

Guillaume Mercier is beginning his MBA at the prestigious American institution

A Sillery native, Guillaume Mercier, will realize in the days to come, what many academics dream by undertaking his MBA at Harvard Business School. He is the only Quebecer registered this year in this program at the prestigious American institution.

Guillaume is the first to admit that his first years in school were not exactly those of an academic prodigy and that it would lead him to Harvard. "I was attending the *Institut St-Joseph* and I was kind of an hell raiser", he says. "I even got close to get kicked out of the school a few times."

But its passage in to the *Séminaire des Pères-Maristes* where he discover a passion for basketball that has continue to grow at Cégep of Sainte-Foy has changed the situation. "This has formed my identity and it has taught me about myself," he says. I then decided to be more serious at school which led me to enroll in bachelor's degree in administration at Laval University."

A stage of three months achieved at the European Business School of London in 2005 was a turning point in the journey of the young man for this 24 year old. "It was very open to other international cultures and other foreign cultures, he says. And it has also developed my pride of Quebec. It is often when you go elsewhere that you become aware of everything we have back home."

However, it is during an internship at Proctor & Gamble in 2006 that the idea of continuing studies at Harvard has germinated. "I had a chance to meet people who had attended great American universities and it awakened me to this possibility, he says. Even if it seemed a little inaccessible at this time, I decided to try my luck at Harvard.

Upon successful review requiring the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test), Guillaume has passed

through all stages of selection of this prestigious university. And contrary to what he had imagined, the final interview was quite relaxed. "It went very well and I had a good feeling leaving, he says. I also had the chance to attend a course and see their teaching method based on case studies. I realized that I would be really in my element in this formula and it gave me confidence."

A select group

Guillaume says that 9,000 people apply annually for the MBA at Harvard and about 900 are selected. "Only to submit his case, the cost is \$ 500. So those who try their luck are serious candidates," said he.

And how much it cost two years in Boston? "It should run around \$ 150 000 including my registration, my apartment on campus and my living expenses, says Guillaume. But I am entitled to a grant of \$ 100 000. For the rest, I was fortunate to have good jobs that allowed me to save enough to absorb the difference. And I am quite convinced that, ultimately, I'll recover my investment."

Hardcore flavored video sports gamer, Guillaume wants to integrate a large company in this field to exit from Harvard as a project manager. In the longer term, he would like to assert his talent in a Quebec company and is considering possibly a political career.

But in the meantime, he intends to fully live the next two years ahead rich of experiences of all kinds. "I want to take maximum advantage of my formation, but also the stimulating environment in which I find. I am not a library rat and I intend to go see some basketball games and football from pro or college level."

*Excerpt from Quebec-Hebdo,
Francis Simard, 30 August 2008*

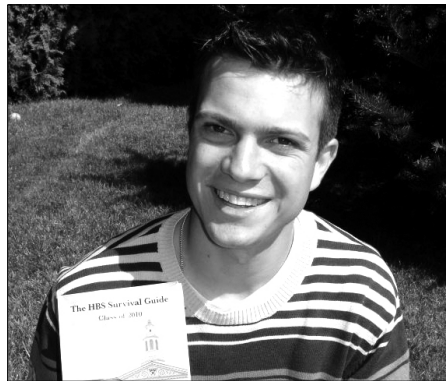


Photo : François Simard

After passing through a rigorous selection process, Guillaume Mercier received confirmation last April, he was accepted to the program of MBA from Harvard Business School.

Around the world, a child perspective... (the end)

In issue 2, volume 18, of our newsletter, Cécilia Mercier (member # 1342) has presented a family related to her, composed of the father and mother Jean Tanguay and Francine Bond and their children Sébastien (14 of age), Francis (12), Nicolas (10) and Jolyanne (7), who were on a one year tour around the world.

A few months later (see issue 3, volume 20), we received from this family a short recount of this unusual endeavour, which turned out to be a great success on all accounts.

And now we have learned that the eldest son, Sébastien, had recently published a book under the title «Le tour du monde avec des yeux d'enfants» (Around the world, a child perspective) in which he narrates this extraordinary odyssey.

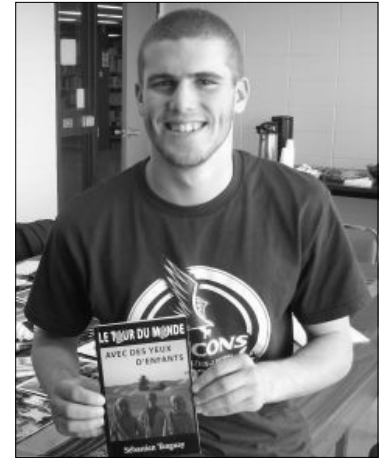
Here follows an article on the subject written by Alexandre Noël and published on November 4, 2006 in the weekly La Voix du Sud.

Student in Science and member of the football team *Les Faucons* (The Hawks) of *Cégep Lévis-Lauzon*, Sébastien Tanguay has wrote a book entitled "Around the world, a child perspective" in which he tells his travel from a year tour around the world with his family. The launch of the book was held in the college library on Wednesday, November 1st.

In 2001, at the age of 14, Sebastian's parents took him, with his two brothers and his sister, to a year trip around the globe during which they visited 28 countries on all continents. The departure took place on July 3, they return on 28 June 2002. With the exception of their intercontinental flights, nothing was planned. From Brazil to Fiji, from Portugal, South Africa, Singapore, China and Australia, the ups have increased and contacts established.

In his book, accompanied by a compact disc of 200 photographs of his trip, Sébastien Tanguay says some travel

stories experienced by his family. The text is annotated and refers to the photos so that the reader can see the place in question. How we reacted to the theft of our luggage in France, how to buy a train ticket to China without a guide or interpreter, how to live the holiday season in Mauritius, or what he has chosen to hitchhike with his family in Malaysia, are all situations that are addressed in the book of this globetrotter.



Now 18 of age, Sébastien Tanguay began to write his book when he was still in Fiji. He therefore took a total of four years to complete his story between school, sports and travel, and his studies in Vancouver and his bike trip around the Gaspé Peninsula all alone. "Writing this book was a challenge. I have not thought about all the work it entailed. At the beginning I was very motivated to do so, but with time I got a bit tired. My mother encouraged me a lot to finish it and I thought I had half of it done and I had to finish what I had started" explained the young author.

Sébastien Tanguay has chosen to publish his book of 142 pages from his own pocket. He was satisfied with what he had written and would not change it in the editing process. The book printed in 350 copies is available for \$ 20 at the *Coop étudiante du Cégep Lévis-Lauzon*, the store *Coop de Saint-Justine*, at the office of the municipality of Sainte-Justine or Sébastien or contacting his parents in Saint-Magloire at 257-2189.

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Marcelle Normand Mercier

Mrs. Marcelle Normand Mercier was the wife of the founder of our association, Ernest Mercier.

Not many of us had the chance to know her. She was a dignified person, very discreet, warm and very present. We present the homage that was well deserved during her funeral made for her family by one of her children.



Six years and six favorites for Esther Mercier

Throughout the month of March, the painter Esther Mercier will show six of her paintings on the walls of the Café Farniente. Six portraits done in oil paints which really are her favorites. “In fact, they’re the result of six years of work,” says the portraitist.

In 2002, while she lived in Drummondville, Esther decided to add oil painting to her “palette” of experiences. Her intention was to immerse herself in a totally different universe than that of business, where she has been working for about twenty years.

“I’ve always worked in a very strict and rational world. However inside of me I felt an affinity with artists. I feel good in their company. They are honest, authentic, emotional,” confides Esther Mercier.

And emotion is what she wants to reproduce. “I like to capture the emotion on a person’s face. I know that I have made a good painting when the people who look at it tell me they see that emotion,” she explains while admitting she is fascinated by the human face. “There’s no face that looks exactly like another. That’s what interesting!”

So she gave an air of mystery to the eyes of a mythic Jewish queen, Esther, and she conveyed the joy of victory on the lips of Tiger Woods. “Every golf fan wants that one! But I can’t bring myself to let it go,” she mentions with a smile on her lips.

A matter... of balance

A fulltime businesswoman, Esther Mercier now devotes her spare time to her art. “For the moment painting is a leisure activity for me, but it allows me to keep my balance,” says Esther Mercier, who has been working in real estate for many years, and has been working as a sales representative for Hôtels Villegia, which includes Le Victorin.

“I love my job. I get to know many people, it’s very interesting. But it is also very rational. When I’m at my easel, I feel free, I forget everything. I find serenity,” she says.



About twenty years ago, she also experienced the hazards of political life. “I was assistant to Robert Bourassa’s special adviser for five years. It was my first job, I had just graduated in political science. It was quite a training!,” tells Mrs Mercier, laughing.

Now she loves her medium, oil painting, and hopes to develop her new vocation when she retires. “It’s a dream. I hope to keep improving and learning in order to regularly put up exhibitions,” reveals Mrs Mercier. The artist even dreams of painting the great conductor Kent Nagano one day. “He’s so intense, you see it in his eyes and his moves.”

For the time being, you can admire six of her paintings at the Farniente, each of which represents about sixty hours of work. “And I’m now beginning a new project, which fits well with the current affairs of the region,” adds the artist with an air of mystery, refusing to tell more about the nature of her next exhibition, except that it should be held in 2009 and should have a romantic touch about it...

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March 16, 2008



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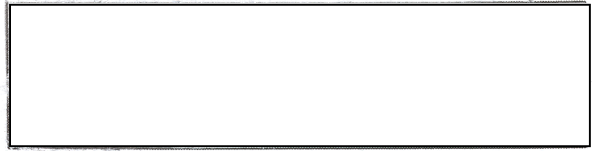


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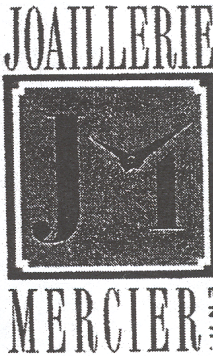
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