

Isabel D. Arceneaux
Storyteller and Oral Historian

Mrs. Arceneaux was born in 1929, in Cane River, Louisiana. She presently resides in the Isle Breville community near Natchez, Louisiana. Isabel's art is a traditional art form that many small communities have used to keep traditions and family lines straight for many generations. Isabel tells oral history stories; she learned this tradition from her grandparents, parents, and other elders in the community.

Isabel Arceneaux has had a full life rearing twelve children and working as a teacher's aide. In addition to telling oral history stories, Mrs. Arceneaux makes dolls and quilts. She is a member of the "Cane River Stompers," a dance group which performs at various local gatherings in the Natchitoches area. Mrs. Arceneaux also coordinates the taste-fest for the Creole Heritage Day Festival.

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