St. Albans Heritage Festival

Project Summary

The City of St. Albans received a 2008 Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Implementation Grant to host the Franco American Heritage Festival on June 18-20, 2009. The primary objective of the project was to promote and to educate the public as to the significance of the French-Canadian heritage and culture inherent in the St. Albans region, and their connection to the Lake region. The St. Albans Franco American Heritage Festival was designated as one of four signature events in the Vermont 2009 Lake Champlain Quadricentennial. The event also promoted Franco-American culture, arts and heritage in Franklin County and throughout Vermont; St. Albans as a cultural tourist destination. It also enhanced and built community relationships and fostered education and outreach through planning, marketing and implementation.

French Canadian music was a highlight of the festival