



# Jambalaya Festival Association

## **GONZALES JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL HISTORY**

**Presidents ★ Royalty ★ Winners**

**1967**

**1st President: Steve Juneau**



**1968**

**President: Clarence Berteau**

**Jambalaya Champion: George Fairchild**

**Queen: Linda Collison Comeaux**



**1969**

**President: J.C. "Cobby" Walker**

**Jambalaya Champion: Ulton Diez**

**Queen: Cheryl Piper Fredric**



**1970**

**President: John Goldsmith**

**Jambalaya Champion: Donnie Mire**

**Queen: Lynn Mayon Parker**



**1971**

**President: John D. Gonzales**

**Jambalaya Champion: Edward Braud III**

**Queen: Wanda Bourgeois Gautreau**



**1972**

**President: John D. Gonzales**

**Jambalaya Champion: Authur Lessard**

**Queen: Charmaine Richard Biossat**



**1973**

**President: John C. Kling**  
**Jambalaya Champion: John Graham**  
**Queen: Dawn Bourque Soileau**

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**1974**

**President: John C. "Juba" Diez**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Milton "Tibby" Lambert**  
**Queen: Patti Mazoch Lambert**

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**1975**

**President: Teddy Ray Rushing**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Benoit Braud**  
**Queen: Jane Gonzales Bates**

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**1976**

**President: M. Paul LeBlanc**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Authur Lessard**  
**Queen: Bonnie Waguespack Simpson**

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**1977**

**President: M. Paul LeBlanc**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Norman Melancon**  
**Queen: Susan Babin Minvielle**

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**1978**

**President: M. Paul LeBlanc**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Mathew "Dee" Gautreau**  
**Queen: Debbie Delatte Waguespack**

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**1979**

**President: Leon S. "Bubber" Geismar**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Donnie Mire**  
**Queen: Marie Mire Daigle**



**1980**

**President: Nora Lee Ricca  
Jambalaya Champion: Norbert Loupe  
Queen: Sha McGowan**

**1981**

**President: Pegram Mire, Jr.  
Jambalaya Champion: Richard DeBate  
Queen: Deenie Wright Schexnaydre  
King: M. Paul LeBlanc  
Nora Lee Ricca Award: Iris "Pie" Lanoux**

**1982**

**President: Larry Savell  
Jambalaya Champion: Norbert Loupe  
Queen: Susie Capell  
King: John D. Gonzales  
Nora Lee Ricca Award: Dalton Marchand**

**1983**

**President: Estelle Carpenter  
Jambalaya Champion: Norbert Loupe  
Queen: Deenie Karen Crawford Webre  
King: Dalton Marchand  
Nora Lee Ricca Award: Mary Ann Keller**

**1984**

**President: Frank P. Fredric  
Jambalaya Champion: Black Breaux  
Queen: Bridgett Landry Simoneaux  
King: Leon S. "Bubber" Geismar  
Nora Lee Ricca Award: Elsie Walker**



## **1985**

**President: Leon S. "Bubber" Geismar**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Norbert Loupe**  
**Queen: Simone Patterson**  
**King: J.C. "Cobby" Walker**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Mac Daigle**

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## **1986**

**President: M. Paul LeBlanc**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Calvin Simon**  
**Queen: Paige Spelligene Babin**  
**King: Larry Savell**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: J.C. "Cobby" Walker**

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## **1987**

**President: John D. Gonzales**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Norbert Loupe**  
**Queen: Celeste Veillon Sutton**  
**King: Frank P. Frederic**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Darlene Reulet**

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## **1988**

**President: Iris "Pie" Lanoux**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Blair Lamendola**  
**Queen: Paula Bourque Robert**  
**King: Ernest "Beaver" Cubbage**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Charles "Black" Breaux**

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## **1989**

**President: Ernest "Beaver" Cubbage**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Norbert Loupe**  
**Queen: Trudy Babin Purpera**  
**King: Charles "Black" Breaux**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Frank P. Fredric**

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## **1990**

**President: Charles "Black" Breaux**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Ricky Breaux**  
**Queen: Jamie Williams**  
**King: William "Bill" Tally**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Anita Young**

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## **1991**

**President: Charles "Black" Breaux**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Blair Lamendola**  
**Queen: Shannon Wilkinson**  
**King: Nathan Lanoux**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Pat Austin**

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## **1992**

**President: Frank P. Fredric**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Byron Gautreau**  
**Queen: Brandi Cox Lambert**  
**King: George Walker**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Carol Fredric**

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## **1993**

**President: Robert Pitre**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Wally Taillon**  
**Queen: Jeanine Wright**  
**King: Ed "Mike" Daigle**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Jackie Berthelot**

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## **1994**

**President: Robert Pitre**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Byron Gautreau**  
**Champion of Champions: Wally Taillon**  
**Queen: Nichole Marchand**  
**King: Mervin Berthelot**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Elladee Chauvin**

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## **1995**

**President: Robert Pitre**

**Jambalaya Champion: Joey "Joe La Bee" Breaux**

**Champion of Champions: Charles "Black" Breaux**

**Queen: Michelle Daigle**

**King: Sam Leblanc**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Robert A. Pitre, Jr.**

## **1996**

**President: Jackie Berthelot**

**Jambalaya Champion: Tee Wayne Abshire**

**Champion of Champions: Ricky Breaux**

**Queen: Jace' Templet Babin**

**King: Robert Pitre**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Pearl Reed**

## **1997**

**President: Estelle Carpenter**

**Jambalaya Champion: Byron Gautreau**

**Champion of Champions: Calvin Simon**

**Queen: Stevie Robert**

**King: Joe Harris**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Wally Taillon**

## **1998**

**President: Estelle Carpenter**

**Jambalaya Champion: Kevin Braud**

**Champion of Champions: Byron Gautreau**

**Queen: Erica Michelle Dykes**

**King: Byron Gautreau**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Estelle Carpenter**

## **1999**

**President: Wally Taillon**

**Jambalaya Champion: Ricky Breaux**

**Champion of Champions: Tee Wayne Abshire**

**Queen: Heather Lato**

**Teen Queen: Katie Haydel**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Ruby Corrent**



## **2000**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Carlos Braud**  
**Champion of Champions: Ricky Breaux**  
**Queen: Meghann Hebert**  
**Teen Queen: Kellie Suire**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Frank Corrent**

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## **2001**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Ricky Breaux**  
**Champion of Champions: Bryon Gautreau**  
**Queen: Katie Haydel**  
**Teen Queen: Hailey Free**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Solly Boudreaux**

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## **2002**

**President: Chad Decateau**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Kim LeBlanc**  
**Champion of Champions: Tee Wayne Abshire**  
**Queen: Jeanette Bourgeois**  
**Teen Queen: Brittany Bourgeois Hatcher**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Lucia Smithy**

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## **2003**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: James Marchand**  
**Champion of Champions: Blair Lamendola**  
**Queen: Jakie Dixon**  
**Teen Queen: Natalie Baker**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Freddie Hurst**

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## **2004**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Kyle Fredric**  
**Champion of Champions: Tee Wayne Abshire**  
**Queen: Cara Jo Bruno**  
**Teen Queen: Amber Baldwin**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Mike Daigle**

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## 2005

**President: Marcy LeBlanc**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Ricky Breaux**  
**Champion of Champions: Tee Wayne Abshire**  
**Queen: Britney Robert**  
**Teen Queen: Marcy Martin**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Carlos Braud**

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## 2006

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Mike Gonzales Sr.**  
**Champion of Champions: Carlos Braud**  
**Queen: Brittany Dinino**  
**Teen Queen: Jennifer Floyd**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Gilbert Taillon**

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## 2007

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Jeff Parent**  
**Champion of Champions: Kevin Braud**  
**Queen: Elise Tureau**  
**Teen Queen: Ashton Viola**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Carbett Bercegeay**

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## 2008

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Jody Elisar**  
**Champion of Champions: Carlos Braud**  
**Queen: Jenna Levert**  
**Teen Queen: Brooke Little**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: co-winners:**  
**Valmon & Rita Bercegeay**

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## 2009



**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Byron Gautreau**  
**Champion of Champions: Jody Elisar**  
**Queen: Chanie Fredric**  
**Teen Queen: Kourtney Gautreaux**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Tammy Guillory**

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## **2010**

**President: Marcy LeBlanc**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Joey Cornett**  
**Champion of Champions: Carlos Braud**  
**Queen: Tabitha Babin**  
**Teen Queen: Lillie Ramagas**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Robert Jackson**

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## **2011**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Tee Wayne Abshire**  
**Champion of Champions: Kyle Fredric**  
**Queen: Kaylea Magee**  
**Teen Queen: Stevie Girouard**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Mike Gonzales, Sr.**

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## **2012**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Danny Robert**  
**Champion of Champions: Joey Breaux**  
**Queen: Meredith Conger**  
**Teen Queen: Lexie Scioneaux**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Mike Berthelot**

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## **2013**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Scott Duplechein**  
**Champion of Champions: Jody Elisar**  
**Queen: Stevi Girouard**  
**Teen Queen: Alyssa Gordillo**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Shane Martinez**

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## **2014**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Robert "Hoss" Reine**  
**Champion of Champions: Kevin Braud**  
**Queen: Lauren Blouin**  
**Teen Queen: Berkley Parent**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Brenda Taillon**

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**2015**

**President: Wally Taillon**

**Jambalaya Champion: Lee Elisar**

**Champion of Champions: Joey Cornett**

**Teen Queen: : Grace Graugnard**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Todd & Vanessa Blair**

**2016**

**President: Wally Taillon**

**Jambalaya Champion: Robert "Hoss" Reine**

**Champion of Champions: Scott Duplechein**

**Queen: Holly Stelly**

**Teen Queen: Destinee Mitchell**

**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Pam Martinez**

