



# Jambalaya Festival Association

## **GONZALES JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL HISTORY**

**Presidents** ■ **Royalty** ■ **Winners**

**1967**

**1st President: Steve Juneau**

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**1968**

**President: Clarence Berteau**  
**Jambalaya Champion: George Fairchild**  
**Queen: Linda Collison Comeaux**

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**1969**

**President: J.C. "Cobby" Walker**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Ulton Diez**  
**Queen: Cheryl Piper Fredric**

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**1970**

**President: John Goldsmith**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Donnie Mire**  
**Queen: Lynn Mayon Parker**

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**1971**

**President: John D. Gonzales**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Edward Braud III**  
**Queen: Wanda Bourgeois Gautreau**

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**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 Capenter  
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

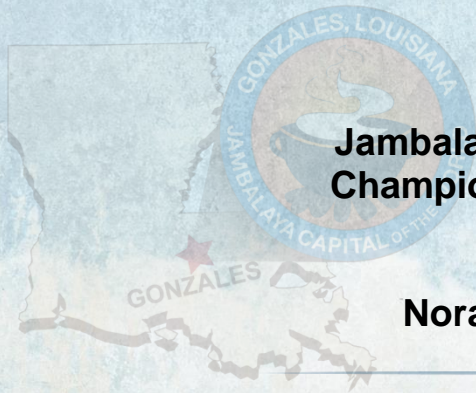
**President: Robert Pitre**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Wally Taillon**  
**Queen: Jeanine Wright**  
**King: Ed "Mike" Daigle**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Jackie Berthelot**

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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.**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**



## **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**



## **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**



## **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**



## **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**





## 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**

**2017**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Kade Lanoux**  
**Champion of Champions: Joey Cornett**  
**Queen: Alyssa Latuso**  
**Teen Queen: Destinee Mitchell**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Ann Lemmon**

**2018**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Jarett Marchand**  
**Champion of Champions: Joey Cornett**  
**Queen: Brooke Everett**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Claude "Blue" Forsyth**

**2019**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Kade Lanoux**  
**Champion of Champions: Danny Robert**  
**Queen: Tara Babin**  
**Teen Queen: Riley Saurage**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Marsha Moses**



## **2020**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Kade Lanoux**  
**Champion of Champions: Danny Robert**  
**Queen: Tara Babin**  
**Teen Queen: Riley Saurage**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Sheila Sentilles**

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## **2021**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Kade Lanoux**  
**Champion of Champions: Danny Robert**  
**Queen: Tara Babin**  
**Teen Queen: Riley Saurage**

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## **2022**

**President: Wally Taillon**  
**Jambalaya Champion: Austin King**  
**Champion of Champions: Carlos Braud**  
**Queen: Ava Savoy**  
**Teen Queen: Paisley Whiddon**  
**Nora Lee Ricca Award: Layne Gautreau**

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