



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**

1974

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

1975

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

1976

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

1977

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

1978

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

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

1986

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

1987

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

1988

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

1989

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



1990

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

1991

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

1992

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

1993

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

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



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

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

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

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

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**

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



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

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.

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

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

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



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

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2021

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Nora Lee Ricca Award: Julie Hurst

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

2023

President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion: Todd Breaux
Champion of Champions: Jarrett Marchand
Queen: Kylie Trosclair
Teen Queen: Addie Roden
Nora Lee Ricca Award: Bart Himel