



## **CARNEGIE CARNIVAL 2021 | FEBRUARY 13, 2021**

Carnegie Carnival is a fund-raising project to benefit the Carnegie Visual Arts Center in Decatur and more local non-profits. "Art is for Every One" isn't just a slogan here in Decatur. The Carnegie Visual Arts Center makes it a reality through programs that ensure art is accessible to all. We host free workshops, events, and exhibitions for our city and the greater community, all while promoting creativity, family fun, and downtown revitalization. The Carnegie also gives back to our community in big ways, including sharing the proceeds with other community philanthropic partners such as CASA of North Alabama, Morgan County Humane Society, the Decatur High School Developmental Program and many more.

### **Starting a Crewe**

You must register your Crewe with the Carnegie Visual Arts Center to be a part of the parade. Early registration is \$100.00. Standard registration is \$125.00.

Each Crewe must designate a Captain to serve as a liaison between the Carnegie and their Crewe.

Each Crewe must designate a driver that meets the following criteria:

- The Crewe Captain must inform the name of the driver to the Carnegie.
- All Drivers must register with the Carnegie and complete orientation. The date will be announced soon.
- Drivers must provide a copy of their valid Driver's license and proof of insurance to the Carnegie.
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed by the Driver on the day of the parade prior to or during the 6:00 PM parade.
- Drivers must obey all traffic laws and stay behind their "walkers."
- All vehicles used in the parade must be in good working order.
- There will be two driver's orientation meetings to turn in personal information and to receive information on the line up route and the parade route.

Everything else is up to the Crewe. You can be a walking Crewe, create a float, dress in costume, have a theme, do a dance, whatever your heart desires. If you have questions or ideas that you are unsure of, the Carnegie is always available. Crews generally limit to approximately 30 members.

### **Catch & Release Bead Recycling Program**

Following the parade and throughout the year used beads are collected at drop off locations in the community, cleaned and repackaged by the Decatur High Developmental Program as a fundraiser for the Developmental Program. Bags of beads sell for approximately \$5 for a bag of 100. If your Crewe needs beads, check out this program!



## **Carnival Pre-Season**

- *Petition (usually the 3rd Weekend in October, this year: November 6th, 2020)*

To open the season, the Crewes of Carnival “petition” the reigning King and Queen of Carnegie Carnival by showing them a preview of their Crewe. Crewes will come to the party dressed to impress and prepared with skits, songs, and dances to persuade their King and Queen to start the season. Most Crewes bring gifts for the King and Queen but it is not required. The Crewe with the best performance will have the honor of picking their spot for next year’s parade (upcoming season). The event is always open to the public and family friendly.

This event occurs the 3rd Weekend of October on 3rd Friday. Typically, this occurs in the street in front of the Princess Theatre. 2020 will be an exception to this due to the pandemic. This year, Petition will be held on November 6th at the Princess Theatre socially distanced. The current King and Queen will be viewing videos instead of a live performance from each Crewe.

- *Twelfth Night (Sunday nearest January 5th)*

Just like Mardi Gras, Carnegie Carnival begins on Twelfth Night. Twelfth Night is the official end of the holiday season, as it is the last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas. As the beginning of Carnegie Carnival, Twelfth Night is the first time of the season to eat King Cake and announce the candidates for King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Sir Bow Wow, and Lady Barks A Lot of Carnival. Tables at Twelfth Night will be decorated by Crewes. More information will be provided closer to time.

## **Carnival Season**

For around 6 weeks, depending on how Twelfth Night lands and the Saturday before Fat Tuesday, Carnegie Carnival candidates will host fundraising events in hopes to be the new royalty. These events will be listed on the Carnegie Carnival website, Facebook page, and each candidates’ pages. Come out to support these candidates and celebrate the Carnival season. Carnegie Carnival is a fund-raising project benefiting the Carnegie Visual Arts Center and other local non-profits. The candidates who raise the most money have the honor of reigning as the current royalty and past royalty for years to come.

- *Cake Shake (Night before Carnival)*

Free cake for everyone! Join Queen Lindsey VII, Queen Holly V, King Doug VII, and King Wade V in celebrating the Carnival Season. There will be cakes galore, dancing, and an all-around fun time. This is family friendly and free to all. This event is held at the Princess Theater following money turn in for the candidates. Start time—7:00 PM.



## **Carnegie Carnival (Saturday before Fat Tuesday)**

- ***Frolic***

Frolic is the first event of the day that starts and ends usually at the Old State Bank, typically lasts from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

To kick off the day, "The River City," Decatur, Alabama, is host to a fabulous running/biking trail and home to some of the nicest runners you'll ever meet. The annual Carnival Frolic 13.1-mile race takes you through our acclaimed historic districts, along the Tennessee River, and through Point Mallard Park. Race course is USATF certified. Is a 5k more your speed? Grab some friends and run the relay option! All participants receive a cool collectible medal. Cash (yes, cold, hard cash) and prizes will be awarded to winners. Grab your running shoes and get moving!

- ***Mardi Grass***

Mardi Grass is at The Brick typically from noon to after the parade, lineup will be listed on the Carnegie Carnival Facebook and website.

Take a break from the Carnegie Carnival activities with good food and drink paired with live Mardi Gras music at The Brick. This event is suitable for the whole family during food service hours. Note: This event is free to attend plus the cost of food and/or drinks.

Join CASA and the Carnegie for a morning of free kids' events and games, family entertainment, and art for everyone. Stay for a parade fit for a prince and princess.

- ***Carnival Midway and Creation Station***

Midway and Creation Station are at the Farmers Market typically from noon to 4:00 p.m. Carnival games and fun for kids! Face Painting, Ring Toss, Moon Pie Walk, Bead Tree, Magic Bead Box and lots more! Tickets available for purchase, most games are free or require 1 ticket. Arm bands are available for purchase for \$5 for unlimited games. The event is sponsored by Mosaic Mentoring of North Alabama and partnered with the Kiwanis of Decatur to offer free art projects for kids.

- ***Prince & Princess Crewe Party***

Held at the Carnegie Visual Arts Center before the Prince and Princess parade. Sponsored by CASA. This event begins at 11 a.m., there will be Princesses, Face Painting, Crafts, Balloon Animals and more! Hot dogs and chips will be served before the parade.



- ***Prince & Princess Parade***

Starts at the Carnegie and ends at the Farmers Market for coronation of the Prince and Princess typically from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Watch local children and teens parade via foot, bike, and float starting at Founders Park at the corner of Bank Street and Church Street, down to Second Avenue, then ending at the Farmer's Market where the Carnival Prince and Princess are crowned.

Want to be a part of the fun? Register a group Float or your youngster to walk or ride and support CASA in our community. The Carnival Prince and Princess Parade benefits CASA of North Alabama. \$25 for a group float. \$5 for individual walkers, bikes, wagons.

There will be a prize for the best dressed and best float in the children's parade announced at the Prince and Princess coronation.

All Prince and Princess candidates from each of the high schools will ride in day parade, as well as the night parade. In the night parade, the crowned Prince and Princess will ride with the King and Queen, and all other candidates will ride as court attendants.

- ***Canine Parade***

Beginning at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Johnston Street, goes to Lee Street, turns, and ends where it started, typically begins at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds are raised and donated to an animal non-profit every year.

Dogs of all sized and breeds, dressed in their Mardi Gras best, will take the streets of historic downtown Decatur for the most colorful pooch parade and dog walk you will ever witness. Register your furry friend to walk or line the streets to cheer on the parade. Participants can dress up for the costume contest and buy tickets for two giveaways before the parade.

Costume contest winners and giveaway winners will be announced with the new Sir Bow Wow and Lady Barks A Lot.

- ***Main Parade***

Carnegie Carnival follows Decatur's parade route, beginning at Bank Street proceeding to Lee Street and then on to 2nd Avenue. The parade will end and turn right on Grant Street.

Crewes will be instructed where their line up space will be.

The parade will end and go into the Coronation of the next King and Queen of Carnival. There we will also announce the Top Crewe, Best Music, Best Theme, and Crowd Pleaser.



### Carnival Post Season

- *Royal Recovery Brunch*

The day following Carnegie Carnival a brunch is hosted by King Jeff Hallmark VIII and Queen Christy Carter VIII at Josie's. Tickets will be available for purchase.

- *Fat Tuesday Celebration*

This celebration is to announce the upcoming year's parade date and a chance for the new King and Queen to tour all the downtown bars and restaurants.

- *Catch & Release Bead Recycling Program*

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## Carnegie Carnival Parade Crewe Information

Crewe/Float Early Registration - \$100 • Early Registration Deadline is November 6, 2020

Crewe/Float Standard Registration - \$125 • Registration Deadline is February 6, 2021

### General Carnegie Carnival Info

The Carnegie Visual Arts Center presents the largest Mardi-Gras-style celebration in North Alabama. Partnering with other area organizations, we will host the 8th annual Carnegie Carnival. Promoting art and creativity, family fun, and downtown revitalization, February 22, 2020 will be a day of celebration with parades and activities. Proceeds will benefit the Carnegie Visual Arts Center and other non-profit organizations in the Decatur area.

### General Carnegie Carnival Parade Info

The Carnegie Carnival Parade will be held Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The parade route will begin on 2nd Avenue at Gordon St. and continue onto Lee Street/Bank Street, ending at Founder's Park near the Old State Bank. Crew registration information must be turned in at the Carnegie Visual Arts Center with complete payment by February 6, 2021. Please make checks payable to the Carnegie Visual Arts Center. Crews may purchase parade "throws". The throws must be "family" appropriate.

For more information, please see our website at [carnegiecarnival.org](http://carnegiecarnival.org), or contact the Carnegie Visual Arts Center at 256-341-0562 or [admin@carnegiearts.org](mailto:admin@carnegiearts.org).

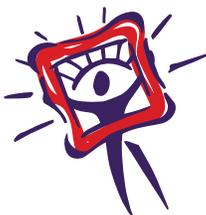
### Drivers for Floats

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### Crewe Captains

Crewe captains are in charge of relaying information updates to their crews. This information may come in the form of email from the Carnegie Visual Arts Center.



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Tuesday - Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM and Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM



## Carnegie Carnival Parade Crewe Registration Form

Crewe Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Float and/or Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

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Crewe Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Float Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Float Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Crewe/Float registration-Nov 6, 2020-\$100**

**Crewe/Float registration deadline-Feb 6, 2021-\$125**

*Please make checks payable to the Carnegie Visual Arts Center or charge to:*

Visa    MasterCard    AmEx Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCD# \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or drop off registration form and applicable fees to:**

Carnegie Visual Arts Center   P.O. Box 1591   Decatur, AL 35602

The Carnegie is located at 207 Church Street, NE, Decatur, Alabama.

Regular business hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM and Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM



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