



A patriotic poster for a July 4th meeting. The text is arranged vertically: 'Patio Planters' in a blue script font with a red flower icon, 'NO JULY' in large red block letters, 'GENERAL MEETING' in large blue block letters, and 'Happy 4th of JULY!' in a mix of red and blue fonts with a red underline. The background is white with a blue border, decorated with stars and fireworks. In the bottom left corner, there is a blue planter with white stars, containing red geraniums, white flowers, and purple flowers, with an American flag on a pole.

French Quarter Museum Night 2026



Event Information

Thursday, July 2, 2026

4–8 p.m.

French Quarter Museum Association Museums

Museums open until 7 p.m.

Closing reception at HNOC, 7–8 p.m.

After-party at Le Spectacle at Preservation Hall, 8–10 p.m.

(Preservation All-Stars performance at 8:45 p.m.)

About

A Free Evening of Museums, Memory, and American Stories

Presented in conjunction with America's 250th Anniversary

French Quarter Museum Night is a free, after-hours museum evening presented by the French Quarter Museum Association (FQMA), bringing together several museums for a shared celebration of history, culture, and community in advance of America's 250th anniversary.

On Thursday, July 2, 2026, the FQMA invites locals and tourists to experience the French Quarter's cultural corridor—moving between museums, exhibitions, performances, and activities that reflect the diverse stories that shaped the United States, many of which unfolded in New Orleans.

The evening will provide a walkable program of museum-led experiences across the Quarter. Participating museums will offer extended gallery hours and activities ranging from music to performances and tours, welcoming visitors to experience New Orleans' layered histories together, in the place where so many American stories began.

The evening will conclude with a closing reception from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Historic New Orleans Collection, 520 Royal Street, followed by an after party at Le Spectacle at Preservation Hall for Museum Night attendees with a cash bar and free admission to the 8:45 p.m. performance, based on capacity

Participating Museums

- [1850 House](#)
- [Cabildo](#)
- [Hermann-Grima House](#)
- [Historic BK House & Gardens](#)
- [Historic New Orleans Collection](#)
- [LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana](#)
- [New Orleans Pharmacy Museum](#)
- [New Orleans Foundation for Francophone Cultures \(Nous\)](#)
- [Old Ursuline Convent Museum](#)
- [Presbytère](#)
- [Preservation Hall Foundation](#)



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OF THE VIEUX CARRÉ

5 O'CLOCK *Somewhere*

LEAVE THE CLOCK BEHIND
*Good Times &
Cold Drinks Await!*

YOU'RE
INVITED!

JOIN US FOR A
5 O'Clock Somewhere
PARTY!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
5:00 - 8:00 PM



THE MISI
600 DECATUR ST.,
SUITE 305



DINNER, DRINKS
& GOOD VIBES!

TICKETS \$75 PER PERSON -
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED
AT PATIOPLANTERS.NET





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Non Members may attend

YOUR TICKET PURCHASE INCLUDES:

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE MENU TO INCLUDE:

-  • Chicken and Andouille Gumbo
-  • Grilled Fish Taco Station served with Mango Slaw and toppings
-  • Siracha Chicken Wings – served with Ranch Dip
-  • Black Bean, Corn Salad
-  • Cheeseburger in Paradise Slider Bar – complete with burger toppings and condiments
- Dessert



OPEN BAR TO INCLUDE: Margaritas, champagne, wine, beers and sodas included.



CASH BAR AVAILABLE FOR
ADDITIONAL MIXED DRINKS



MEMORIES

from our

50th BIRTHDAY



A Reflection from Past President C. J. Blanda

50 YEARS AGO ...

As we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Patio Planters, I was reminded of the seven years I served on the Board and the two years I had the privilege of serving as President from 1972 to 1974.

While many things have changed over the years, much has remained the same.

Today, we gather in the comfort of air-conditioned meeting spaces. In those early years, however, our meetings were held in the patios and courtyards of members' homes, with all the challenges that New Orleans weather could bring. Yet the heat and humidity never mattered because we were spending time with friends who shared a common love of gardening and beautification.

To accommodate our growing attendance, chairs were often rented for each meeting. Members regularly brought plants to exchange with one another, and a beautiful specimen plant was always donated as the evening's door prize.

Many of our picnics were held at plantations throughout the region. One of our favorite destinations was **Mary Plantation**, where **Eric and Mary Knoblock** graciously welcomed Patio Planters members year after year.

WHAT HAS NEVER CHANGED

The dedication and loyalty of our membership.

The friendships, enthusiasm, and commitment that helped build Patio Planters in its early days continue to define the organization today.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, I look forward to seeing Patio Planters continue to flourish for another fifty meaningful years. My association with this wonderful organization has been a source of great joy, and I am grateful to have been a part of its history.

C. J. Blanda

Past President

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+ *Creating Beauty* ✨ *Cultivating Community* +

As we prepare for our 80th Birthday I've been doing some research and thanks to some of our older members have come upon some old editions of "The PUNCH". Above is a letter C. J. Blanda wrote for our 50th birthday. The picture is one of some of our past presidents. Kirk .

Save the date- November 1, 2026

PATIO PLANTERS

80th

BIRTHDAY PARTY!

THE 80's

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CREATING BEAUTY • CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

TOTALLY RAD!
TOTALLY AWESOME!
TOTALLY 80's!

MTV
MUSIC TELEVISION

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST 80's ATTIRE!

80's MOVIE FAVORITES

- ★ BACK TO THE FUTURE
- ★ E.T.
- ★ GHOSTBUSTERS
- ★ TOP GUN
- ★ THE BREAKFAST CLUB
- ★ INDIANA JONES

THINK:

- NEON COLORS
- LEG WARMERS
- MEMBERS ONLY JACKETS
- SHOULDER PADS
- ACID-WASH JEANS
- FINGERLESS GLOVES
- BIG HAIR
- AVIATOR SUNGLASSES

80's POP CULTURE

- ★ MIAMI VICE
- ★ DYNASTY
- ★ MTV
- ★ PAC-MAN
- ★ RUBIK'S CUBE
- ★ NINTENDO

BEST 80's COSTUME CONTEST!



DATE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2026



TIME:
5-8 PM



LOCATION:
URSULINE CONVENT



PATIO PLANTERS

OF THE VIEUX CARRÉ

80 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP, PRESERVATION & COMMUNITY

Creating Beauty • Cultivating Community



I ♥ 80's



Thank You



French Quarter Happenings

**NEW TO
THE
VIEUX**

July 1st
5pm-7pm

Join us for Happy Hour
at Crustacean Club!



VCPORA



<https://vcpora.org>

 HISTORIC
BK HOUSE & GARDENS

<https://www.bkhouse.org>

BK House Presents:
The Summer Stretch with Rebecca Crenshaw



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June 20
July 25
August 22
9 - 10:00 a.m.

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This all-levels yoga blends breath, mobility, and feel-good
movement to get you loose and limbered up.

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 NEW ORLEANS CHARM.



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