



PATIO
PLANTERS
OF THE VIEUX CARRÉ

The Punch

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DOG DAYS *of* Summer

**August
General Meeting**

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**August 5th – 6:30
Mary's Ace Hardware**

*Guest Speaker – Lee Rouse
Topic Moonlight Gardens*



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Est. 1946





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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**



Lea Siegel - President 1995 & 1996

Happy Birthday Patio Planters

50 Years Ago

Dear Members:

Having the opportunity of serving as your President for the last two years has been a rewarding experience. It was difficult at times, but, with all of your full cooperation and concern, it pulled me through a very emotional period.

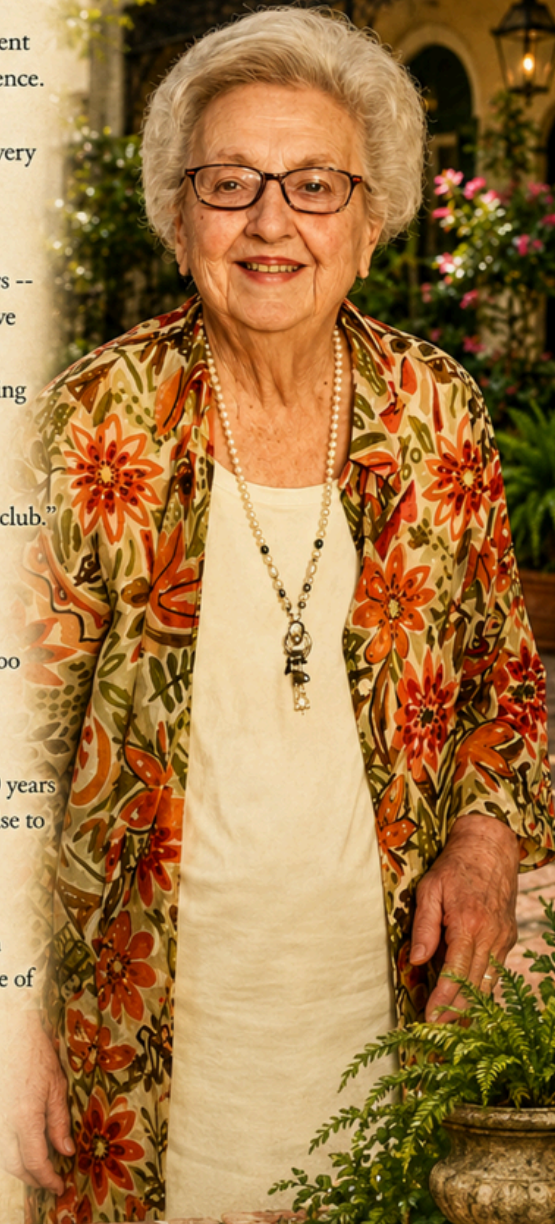
The Board of Directors was wonderful - we got through a milestone in our organization -- 50 years -- having amongst us a few original members who have given us their expertise in continuing our goals and carrying on traditions. I know they are proud in seeing that Patio Planters has contributed so much to the community.

Patio Planters to me has been more than a "garden club." It has been family and always there when you need someone. It was difficult at times for me to conduct a meeting or work with the committees during my husband, Martin's, illness, and his death -- but he too loved Patio Planters, especially the Caroling in Jackson Square.

As you know, he and I chaired the Caroling over 20 years and, last year, we decided it was time for someone else to take the reins. I will continue helping and serving wherever I can.

Patio Planters has come a long way and has grown stronger each year. Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your President.

Lea Siegel



Save the date- November 1, 2026

PATIO PLANTERS

80th

BIRTHDAY PARTY!

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CREATING BEAUTY • CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

TOTALLY RAD!
TOTALLY AWESOME!
TOTALLY 80's!

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST 80's ATTIRE!

80's MOVIE FAVORITES	THINK:	80's POP CULTURE
★ BACK TO THE FUTURE	• NEON COLORS	★ MIAMI VICE
★ E.T.	• LEG WARMERS	★ DYNASTY
★ GHOSTBUSTERS	• MEMBERS ONLY JACKETS	★ MTV
★ TOP GUN	• SHOULDER PADS	★ PAC-MAN
★ THE BREAKFAST CLUB	• ACID-WASH JEANS	★ RUBIK'S CUBE
★ INDIANA JONES	• FINGERLESS GLOVES	★ NINTENDO
	• BIG HAIR	
	• AVIATOR SUNGLASSES	

BEST 80's COSTUME CONTEST!

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2026 **TIME:** 5-8 PM **LOCATION:** URSULINE CONVENT

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80 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP, PRESERVATION & COMMUNITY
Creating Beauty • Cultivating Community

I ♥ 80's

FRENCH QUARTER *Happenings*



Dirty Linen Night:

Saturday, August 8, 6–9pm.
200–1100 blocks of Royal Street,
select Chartres Street galleries



Satchmo Summerfest 2026:

Saturday and Sunday,
August 1 & 2.
New Orleans Jazz Museum,
400 Esplanade Avenue



Coolinary New Orleans:

August 1–31,
at participating restaurants –
34 in the Quarter so far,
including Mr. B's Bistro



New Orleans Museum Month:

August 1–31.
At participating museums
30 museums total;
10 in the French Quarter alone

 Celebrate the Culture. Savor the Season. Live the Quarter. 

Mary Morrison - President 1961

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR PATIO PLANTERS

50 years ago...

In the beginning Patio Planters was organized by and was almost an arm of the Vieux Carré Property Owners Association which came into being under Mrs. Elizabeth Werlein about 1936 but was not incorporated until 1938.

Of course, even then, there were preservation problems of grave magnitude and, after several years of trying to meet them, the Vieux Carré Property Owners Association was happy to get into an area where its members could garden and socialize and this they did under the able leadership of Eric Knobloch, the first President of Patio Planters.

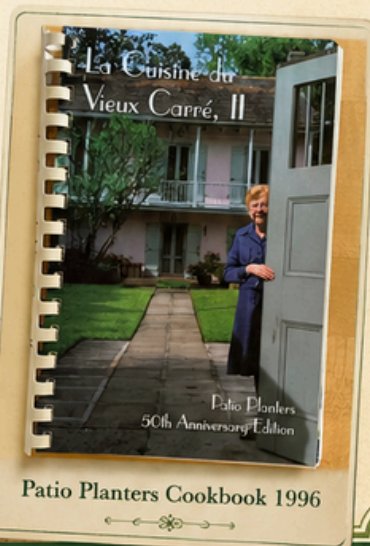
Early on it was decided that spouses of those elected to the Board became voting members automatically; singles brought only their lone votes. This worked out well as the respective spouses seemed to tag along anyway to the meetings which were held in homes and promised food and fun.

As to just when the various activities such as the annual plant sale (now discontinued), the White Elephant Sale, Patios on Parade and the Carols in the Square were inaugurated, no one seems to really remember. The name, Patio Planters, was submitted by Sam Wellborn, a local architect who painted oils as a hobby.

The newsletter *Planter's Punch*, naming its Harris, Chief Executive Officer for Werlein' Music Store on Canal Street, now holds forth. Unfortunately, like the organization from which they sprang, the Planters never had an office or a paid staff but have always relied volunteer work of its members.

Mary Morrison
PAST PRESIDENT

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Patio Planters Cookbook 1996

Sam Poche - President 2005-2006

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR *Patio Planters* 80th BIRTHDAY



When I first moved to the French Quarter in 1989, new friends and neighbors, Celia and Jeff Collins introduced me to the **Patio Planters**. They said it would be the best \$20 I ever spent! And they were right. I participated in so many of the activities and met so many wonderful people. I loved being fully immersed into the "real" French Quarter.

Soon after the turn of the Century, I realized it was my turn to give back, and I agreed to serve on the Board. **Marie Dennis** was the President, and in my rookie year I agreed to chair the White Elephant Sale and Auction.

The event had many challenges, but I used the info provided by the previous chairs, and enlisted the help of friends, some members, some not. This task was colossal, but we created a successful event and stood proud at the end of the day.

The next year Jeff Collins was elected President. Once again I found myself White Elephant Chair. Again with the help of a few friends, we used what worked the previous year, and included some new strategies to build success. I really became obsessed with the event and created a handbook, noting how to build the event from beginning to end.

I loved the way everyone in Patio Planters participated, year round. On event day we had as many as 100+ members on site participating and volunteering. After 14 years, I finally retired as chair.

I was selected as President in 2005. Oh what a year! Remember **Katrina!**?!

Once we were allowed to return home, the few that were here, gathered as we could, to assure ourselves that everyone was OK. **B.B. St Roman** actually created a **Punch** in October and she and I hand delivered them to the members homes. The US mail was not up and running but we were determined to keep our members informed as best we could.

No White Elephant that year, but the next year was even better.

Because my first year as President was "interrupted" I was asked to stay on another year. **So 2006** was another year I proudly served as your President.

These were the days we met at **Le Petit Theatre**, in the "Little Theatre" which is now **Tableau Restaurant**. So many wonderful people gathered together then, as they do now, it still warms my heart.

Though I moved my home to Lake Vista, the French Quarter will always be my neighborhood. Patio Planters made that possible.

Sam Poche

Past President



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