



## ***MARDI GRAS CARNAVAL AND GUMBO COOK-OFF!*** **Benefiting the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation**

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**VICKSBURG, MS:** In celebration of the season of Mardi Gras, the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation (VFHP) presents the **11th annual *Carnaval de Mardi Gras and Gumbo Cook-Off*** on **Saturday, February 18th**, from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the **Southern Cultural Heritage Center**.

The Foundation is accepting teams for the gumbo cook-off now. In addition to bragging rights and trophies, the first-place winner in both the seafood and non-seafood categories will be awarded a \$300 cash prize. The entry fee for the cook-off is \$50 before February 11th, and \$75 after February 11th and includes admittance for four team members to the carnival.

Admission for the Carnaval and Gumbo Cook-off is **\$10 for adults** and includes gumbo and **\$5 for children** and includes unlimited children's activities. Admission may be paid at the door or purchased in advance at the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum. Additional food items and beverages may be purchased during the event. All proceeds from the Carnaval will benefit the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation.

For more information about the event or about the Gumbo cook-off, please visit [www.facebook.com/vicksburg.mardi.gras](https://www.facebook.com/vicksburg.mardi.gras) or contact Nancy Bell at 601.636.5010.

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