

Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival
Orange Queen
Rules & Regulations



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Orange Queen Eligibility Rules & Regulations

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Please read these Eligibility Rules & Regulations carefully and review them to your parents before the Tea.

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the Parish of Plaquemines continuously for at least one (1) year.
2. I will be at least seventeen (17) years of age and not more than twenty-three (23) years of age by September 30th of current year.
3. I have never been married, had a marriage annulled, am not nor ever have cohabited with anyone, have never been pregnant, have not been convicted of a crime **and I am of moral character. I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner by not using profanity, engage in public displays of affection with opposite sex, consume alcohol, tobacco or controlled dangerous substances while being a participant of the Orange Festival as a contestant, runner-up, or Queen.**
4. If crowned Plaquemines Parish Orange Queen, I will immediately give up any previous title. (This does not include High School or College titles).
5. If chosen ORANGE QUEEN, I **will not** become married during my one (1) year reign. I cannot enter any other Festival Queens Pageant, except for the LAFF Queen of Queens Pageant. It will be the decision of the Pageant Director, Officers & Board of Directors whether or not the Queen can enter a State or National Pageant.
6. I will report for ALL Orange Festival activities that I am required to attend promptly at the time requested. When attending other Fairs and Festivals as a representative of Orange Festival, I will remain for all specified functions and abide by that Festivals' Rules and Regulations.
7. All official appearances and wardrobe of the Queen must be approved by the Pageant Director, Secretary or members of the Queen's Committee.
8. I must conform to all regulations set forth by the Orange Festival. During my reign, I am under the supervision and control of the Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival Queen's Committee, Pageant Director. If I am unable to participate I must contact the Pageant Director or Secretary IMMEDIATELY. If chosen Queen -- During my reign as Orange Queen the interpretation of all rules and any waivers and exceptions thereto shall be made by the Queen's Committee, Pageant Director and/ or Officers & Board.

9.

As a contestant in the Orange Queen Selection, I am required to participate in ALL Orange Festival activities I am asked to attend by the Queen Committee, including the Kings' Coronation Ball and all Festivities on the Saturday and Sunday of the Orange Festival weekend. If I do not participate in the Kings' Coronation Ball, it may revoke my eligibility to participate in future Orange Queen Selections.

I also understand that the contestants crowned Queen, 1st, 2nd, and Miss Congeniality shall continue to be under the supervision of the Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival and must participate in all activities as requested by the Queen's Committee & Pageant Director.

10. Any time the Queen or Runners-Up accepts an invitation to travel out of town, one parent or adult guardian or designated chaperone must travel with her. I understand that while representing the Orange Festival as either Orange Queen or Runner up at other festivals, housing, meals and transportation for myself and one chaperon only will be provided by the Orange Festival at the Festival's approved expense.
11. No member of the opposite sex, other than family is allowed to travel with Queen, unless an invitation in writing is extended to that person or with the express consent of the Festival Board. However, IN NO EVENT shall that person be housed with Queen during that event.
12. If selected 1st, or 2nd, runner-up, and the title of Queen falls to me after a vacancy occurs in that title, I shall have a period of five (5) days from written notification to accept that title and agree to abide by the rules pertaining to the title of Queen.
13. If chosen as a Runner-Up, I will be eligible to attend another Festival as a contestant. If I should be selected as Queen of that Festival I will have to abide by that Festival's rules and regulations.
14. If I agree to attend another Festival as a contestant, the Orange Festival will sponsor me and pay all fees and related expenses. In the event I am unable to attend I will be responsible to reimburse the Orange Festival for fees and related expenses paid.
15. If chosen Queen of another Festival, I will be allowed to enter the next Orange Queen Selection, however, if I should be selected Orange Queen, I will be required to relinquish my previous title unless that reign is officially over. If selected as a Runner-up to the Orange Queen, I will not be required to relinquish my previous title.
16. I understand and agree that the titles of Queen, 1st, 2nd, and Miss Congeniality be removed and vacated at the discretion of the Queens Committee chairperson, Officers and of Directors of the Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival, violations of any rules notwithstanding. In such event, all properties, privileges and benefits pertaining to such title will be immediately forfeited and returned to the Orange Festival Association.

17. A lucky young lady will be the recipient of a \$1000.00 educational scholarship awarded by the "Farm Bureau of Plaquemines, Jefferson, Orleans, and St. Bernard. This is awarded the night of the Queen Selection by a random drawing from the contestant numbers. The newly crowned ORANGE QUEEN will be awarded a \$1000.00 educational scholarship from the Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival at the full completion of her reign in good standing and according to the Scholarship Rules. The Scholarship must be used for educational purposes and will be made payable to the School, College or University accordingly.
18. Miss Congeniality is elected by the contestants at the Queen Selection Tea and announced the night of the Queen Selection.
19. If chosen Queen, Queen and/or parents are responsible for the caring and maintenance of the Crown, Scepter, Collar, Train, Travel Luggage and other equipage. Any damage caused while the Queen's possession, NOT including normal wear, will be repaired at her expense.

**Informational Packet available upon request
after your Entry Form is submitted.**

**The packet contains information that is given to the
judges in preparation for your interview**

Pageant Pointers * Citrus History and Parish Information

Please request packet by phone or email:

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Stephanie Hymel - 715-6685

Dear 76th Orange Queen Contestant,

First, I would like to begin by saying thank you for your interest in representing Plaquemines Parish as the 76th Orange Queen. For some of you, this may be a lifelong dream and for some of you this may be a brand-new adventure but whatever the case is you are here for a reason. I am so excited for you to take part in this process, not just because one of you will be our 76th Orange Queen, but because I know how much pageantry has to offer. Throughout my time competing in pageants, I have gained interview, public speaking, and personal marketing skills that I may never have had the opportunity to develop otherwise. If you allow it, you will see exponential growth in yourself. Once a shy, scared, and insecure young girl I have blossomed into a confident, proud, and experienced young woman.

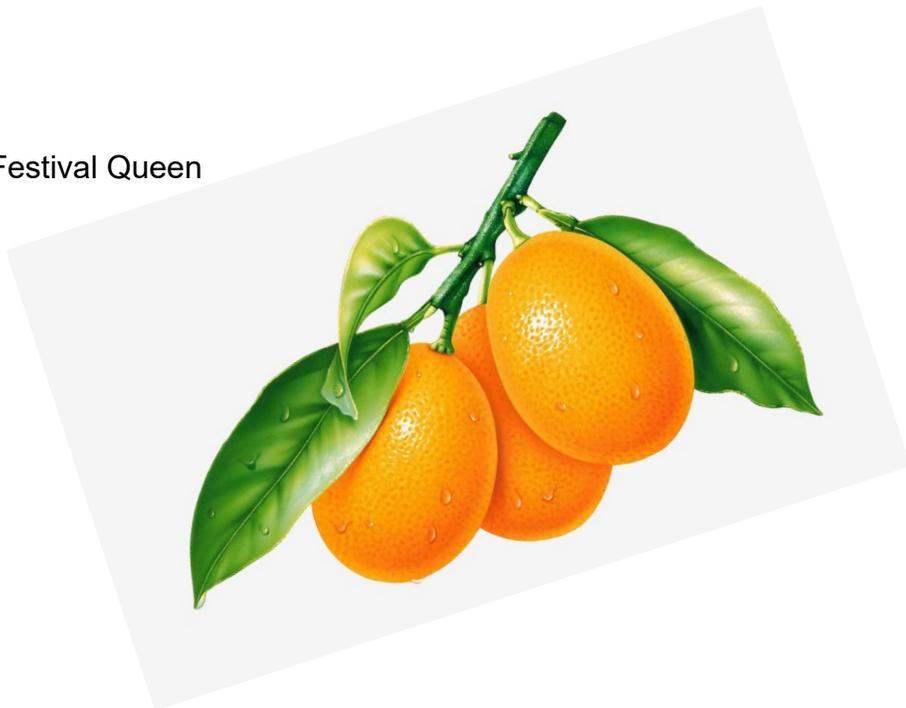
During my reign as Orange Queen, I was afforded so many unique opportunities and I truly was treated like royalty. I spent every weekend from the moment I was crowned traveling the state of Louisiana. From Crowley to New Iberia to Cameron to Ponchatoula there wasn't a corner of the state I didn't get to experience as a festival queen. I got to experience the trip of a lifetime to our nation's capital where I was escorted by my dad at the Mystic Krewe of Louisianians Mardi Gras Ball. It was in Washington D. C. that I felt the most pride and love for our parish and festival. The most amazing aspect of my reign, by far, was the relationship I had with my Orange King. Mr. Dave made it clear that he didn't just want to be the Orange King, but that he wanted to be my forever Orange King.

My goal from the moment I decided to compete for Orange Queen was to share a taste of the place I call home with everyone I crossed paths with. When I was announced as the 75th Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival Queen, I knew all my months of hard work and preparation had paid off. I had dreamed about those words for so long and the feelings I experienced were unlike any other. Contestants, Saturday night is about more than a crown and banner. It is about passion, love, and the will to serve our community. Thank you for taking the first step to becoming a representative for Plaquemines Parish and our local citrus farmers. Good luck and I can't wait to meet you all!

Citrusly,

Annabelle Picou

75th Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival Queen





**Plaquemines Parish Fair &
Festival Orange Queen Selection**

Saturday, September 10th, 2022

Belle Chasse High School Auditorium

Contestants Arrive - 6:00 p.m. - Picture Taking

Pageant Begins - 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$ 5 Students - \$ 10 Adults (18 and up)

The attached is important information you need for the day of Orange Queen Tea & Pageant. Please be sure to print or review the Rules and Regulations from the Orange Festival website. When we accepted your application you also should have received via email a copy of the "Important Information Packet" with Pageant Pointers - Citrus - Parish & Other Information. This information is also given to the judges in preparation for your interview, judges have been known to ask questions about the Citrus and other industries in the Parish, as well as the history of Plaquemines Parish and Fort Jackson. Please read through this packet and become familiar with this information. Also, it is important to keep up with current events. If you have not received this packet please contact Stephanie Hymel.

Please call one of us if you have any questions:

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2022 Orange Queen Selection and Tea

Dear Contestant,

We are glad that you have chosen to enter the 76th- 2022 Orange Queen Selection. The following is an itinerary for the Selection process. It is important that you are **prompt** for all functions to insure a successful event. Please show this packet to your Parents and read through all the provided information.

Selection Practice – Thursday, September 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

- at the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium

You will be notified of date or time changes.

We will rehearse for the Selection. Please make every effort to attend so you will be familiar with the format and program. We understand that College students may not attend practice. We will answer any questions you may have at the Tea.

Gazette Questionnaire - Please make sure you complete your Gazette Interview Page which we provide at practice & TURN IN BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

DAY OF PAGEANT - TEA INTERVIEW - Saturday, September 10th

PLEASE BE ON TIME - IF CONTESTANT IS MORE THAN 10 MINUTES LATE FOR TEA OR SELECTION SHE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

(Parents and other family members MAY NOT attend the Tea)

Tea Location - Please arrive at 10:00 a.m. - at the home of:

Mrs. Blaine Braddock

103 Hidden Cove Court (this is in "The Parks" subdivision off of woodland highway)

Contestant Tea Attire:

Dress to impress, wear a dress or suit, NO pants or walking shorts.

Pick Contestant Number - Once all contestants have arrived, you will pick your number. You may then visit with other contestants and the **2021 Orange Queen, Annabelle Picou**, until interview begins.

Interviewing Begins -

10:00 a.m. - Contestants will be individually interviewed by a panel of judges.

- **Interview Rules** - You are not allowed to disclose your Name, Name of your Hometown, Parent's Name or Name of their Business, Company or Firm, or your College/School Name. If any of the above are mentioned during the interview process, **you will NOT receive a score for this portion of the judging.**

Question as Finalist - While waiting to interview or directly proceeding your interview, you will be asked a question and be allowed five (5) minutes to write your answer. If chosen as a finalist, your answer will be read during the presentation of the finalists.

Miss Congeniality Voting & Picture Taking - After completing your interview please **vote** for Miss Congeniality and take your picture.

Runway Interview - You will be interviewed at the Tea by a committee member for commentary during your Runway presentation. If you **did not complete** the Gazette Questionnaire at practice, please make sure you complete before you leave the Tea.

NIGHT OF PAGEANT - STAGE PRESENTATION - Saturday, September 10th

DON'T FORGET YOUR CONTESTANT NUMBER

Selection Attire - Long Evening Gown (No Cocktail or Short Dress)

WEAR YOUR CONTESTANT NUMBER ON YOUR RIGHT HIP

Contestants Arrive - 6:00 p.m. at the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium

YOU MUST take your picture for Queens Annual upon arrival.

7:00 p.m - Orange Queen Pageant Begins

Please note: Doors Open for Teen Pageant at 3:30pm - Teen Pageant begins at 4:00. *Those who attended the Teen Pageant will received an Armband and can re-enter the Miss Queens Pageant providing they are still wearing Armband.*

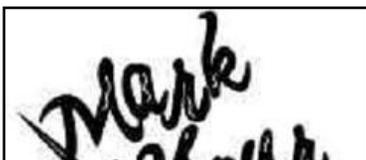
AFTER THE SELECTION

King's Coronation Ball Participation - *If you are not selected as Orange Queen or a Runner-Up, you will be considered a Princess and are required to participate (as stated in the rules and regulations) in the Kings Coronation Ball which will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Buras Auditorium. Coronation practice will be announced at a later date, please plan on attending. *You ay wear the same dress you wear for the Queen Selection on Coronation night. A meal will be served at the King's Coronation Ball and a dance will follow. No general admission and tickets will be sold at the door. You will receive a letter & Kings Coronation Ball order form, so please complete and return immediately, SEATING IS LIMITED. No one will be admitted without pre-payment of admission. As a Princess, you DO NOT PAY, however your parents, family members and friends will pay the admission of \$ 60.00 per person.**

Kings Coronation Attire - *For those in attendance attire will be FORMAL for participants and Semi-Formal for others.*

Orange Festival Weekend & Other Functions - *If you are not selected as Orange Queen or a Runner-Up, you will be considered a Princess and must be present for introduction at the Orange Festival - December 3rd or 4th, held at Fort Jackson. You will be advised what time and day to be available at the Fort and if needed to participate as a Princess at any other Orange Festival function.*

On behalf of the Queen's Committee and the Orange Festival Association, we wish each of you the **BEST of LUCK** and look forward to seeing you at the Selection Practice. If for any reason you cannot participate as a contestant after receiving submitting your Entry Resume' Form or have any questions, **PLEASE CALL** one of us **IMMEDIATELY.**



**All contestants (Princesses) are required
to be presented at the King's Coronation
Ball and Orange Festival Weekend!**

Thursday, September 8th

6:00 p.m. Selection Practice
Belle Chasse High School Auditorium

Saturday, September 10th

10:00 a.m. Queen Selection Tea
At the Home of: Mrs. Blaine Braddock
103 Hidden Cove Court Belle Chasse, LA
Phone: 504-715-6685

6:00 p.m. Arrive at BCHS Auditorium & Take Pictures
7:00 p.m. Pageant Begins

Selection Pageant Admission Fee: \$ 5.00 Students - \$ 10.00 - 18 & up

Friday, October 21

Orange Festival Golf Tournament
Stonebridge Country Club - Time TBA

Saturday, November 5th

Kings Coronation Ball
Buras Auditorium - Time TBA

You will receive information about the Kings Coronation Ball
which will include admission information.

Orange Festival Weekend - Historic Fort Jackson

Friday, December 2nd

Carnival Only - Time TBA

Saturday, December 3rd

10:00 a.m. Orange Festival Opens
1:30 p.m. Introductions of Queen,
Princesses, Royal Court, and Visiting Royalty
Immediately following introductions is the
Princess Kumquat Stuffing
& *Orange Eating Contests*

Sunday, December 4th

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Orange Festival

You will be notified of any date, time or location change.

Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival

Orange Queen

Important Citrus - Parish & Other Information Packet

This packet contains information that is given to the judges in preparation for your interview

Pageant Pointers * Citrus History * Parish Information

Please request packet by email after you submit Entry Form



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Citrus Questions & Facts & Parish Information

Frequently Asked Citrus Related Questions:

1. It takes about 4 years from planting to first commercial harvest.
2. Planting and caring for 1 acre for 4 years costs approximately \$2,090.00 for the following practices:
Cost of trees and planting - \$ 500.00 * Land preparation - \$ 100.00
Chemical weed control under trees - \$ 200.00
Disease and insect control - \$ 500.00
Fertilizing - \$ 240.00 * Pruning - \$ 200.00 * Mowing - \$ 350.00
3. Most recent plantings in Louisiana are small, family-type orchards with 10 acres or less.
4. Spot orchard heaters are being tried in some groves in Louisiana and cost approximately \$750 to \$800 per acre to install. Some difficulty has been encountered in getting diesel fuel when needed. Solid fuel blocks have been tested, but costs have become prohibitive and companies have discontinued manufacturing them.
5. In general, Trifoliata, is the preferred root stock for most citrus in Louisiana because of its cold hardiness and disease resistance, however, with certain varieties other root stocks may be more desirable.
6. Plant seed between October 1st and February 1st.
7. Seed may be planted in nursery rows or in seed beds to be lined out later.
8. Drill seed 1 to 2 inches apart on 4-foot rows or plant closer and thin later on row 12 to 18 inches apart.
9. A desirable size of Trifoliata stock at time of budding is 1/2 to 3/4 inch in diameter.
10. Dormant budding may be done in late August, September or early October.
11. Spring budding is done from late March through May, preferably in early April.
12. Select budwood from healthy, vigorous, heavy-bearing trees. Consider size, quality and texture of fruit. Use well-rounded budwood of good, normal growth, sufficiently hardened to handle well.
13. With a sharp knife, begin about 4 inches from the ground split the bark lengthwise about 1 inch. Place knife at upper end of split in the bark and make a crosswise cut, twisting the knife at the same time to open the upper end of the lengthwise cut. Cut a bud from the budwood stick and slip it down into the lengthwise cut until the upper end of the shield bud is well below the crosswise cut and under the bark of the trifoliata stock. Wrap the bud with a rubber budding strip, leaving a portion of the bud exposed.
14. In about 10 days, remove the rubber budding strip. If done in fall, wait until spring and cut the top out of the trifoliata stock 1/4 to 1/2 inch above the bud. If done in spring, cut the top of the stock about 10 days after budding.
15. A slightly acid, sandy loam soil (pH 6.5), with clay subsoil within about 10 inches of surface, and adequate drainage and moisture, are best for citrus.
16. Transplant trees December 15 to February 28.

17. Plant satsumas 15 feet apart on 25-foot rows or 20 feet by 20 feet; grapefruit and round oranges 15 feet by 30 feet; and kumquats 10 feet by 15 feet.
18. Transplant citrus with as much of the root system as possible. Prune back branches slightly.
19. Plant trees in holes about 2 feet in diameter and 20 inches deep, depending on the size of trees. Set at the same depth the tree grew in the nursery.
20. Satsuma oranges may be successfully grown commercially 100 miles north of the Gulf.
21. Trees may be 1 to 3 years old from budding to transplanting.
22. Trees normally begin bearing when 3 years old (from budding).
23. Cultivation may be discontinued after June 1 to 15.
24. In young groves, plant a soil-building crop of soybeans or cowpeas in June.
25. Turn the summer crop under in August and prepare for a winter legume crop of *Melilotus indica*.
26. Fertilize in May or June with 04 pound of nitrogen per year-of- tree age, if extra nitrogen is needed.
27. In late January or early February, apply 1-1/2 pounds of 6-12-6, 8-8-8 or equivalent per year-of-tree age.
28. Fruit drop in May or June is usually caused by: trees being too young, too much water; not enough water; cold injury to blossoms; heavy application of high nitrogen fertilizer; deep cultivation and by competition from insects, diseases, weeds and grasses.

Early History of Plaquemines Parish

The first citrus in Louisiana were brought in by the Jesuits who were granted a tract of land in 1727. In Plaquemines Parish, the first record of citrus was at Fort Mississippi an early Spanish Fort located near present day Carlisle. It was during this same period that missionaries were also establishing citrus trees in California and Florida.

For many years early settlers grew the citrus trees for home use. In about 1850, several orange groves in the area produced such an abundant crop that the surplus could be sold at market in New Orleans. From this small beginning, the citrus industry expanded and soon thrived.

New varieties of citrus were soon tried and developed, Louisiana is often credited as the first grower of the mandarin in the United States. The mandarin was first raised at a site near the present Naval Station in Algiers. The satsuma, kumquat and tangerine were introduced to our region by the Italian Consul around this time also. Since that time other varieties such as the oranges, lemons and grapefruits have been successfully grown in Plaquemines Parish.

The citrus trees of today differ greatly from its early day predecessor. The first trees were grown from seedlings, which were thorny and produced fruit of widely varying quality. In addition, these trees would grow to a height over 30 feet making harvesting difficult. Production did not start until seven or ten years after planting and then sporadically.

Since that time, through the research of other states and the Louisiana State University Experimental Station located in Port Sulphur, LA, fruit production has increased in amount and quality. Today, the citrus is a thornless prolific, compact tree that is produced from budding. Fruit production starts with two or three years with a good uniform quality highly desirable by many markets. This acceleration in citrus growth was fueled by the art of budding as a means of plant propagation.

By taking a bud from one tree and grafting in onto the rootstock of another, growers seek to combine the best and most desirable qualities of each. Through bedding, researchers and growers have developed improved citrus varieties that have more fruit and extended growing periods.

An industry of producing nursery stock soon developed. Plaquemines citrus stocks are shipped throughout the south. Research continues in an effort to produce citrus that are cold resistant and in finding methods to protect against freeze damage. Whatever the reason the combination of soil nutrients, warm and citrus, the final result is a fruit that cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

History of the Naval Orange

The mainstay of the parish citrus industry is the Louisiana Washington Navel orange, famous for its taste and juice content. It originated in Bahia, Brazil, in the early part of the 19th Century. It was a bud-sport or mutation from the selecta orange, which is a seedless variety similar to our common Valencia. It was found propagating in 1820 in Bahia by a Portuguese gardener. It was introduced in the US in 1838 by a wealthy Scotch planter to the southern part of Florida. There is no written history as to what happened in this planting. A few years later Mr. William Saunders, a horticulturist of the United States Plant Office which later developed into the Department of Agriculture, planted several trees in the government nursery in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sanders sent two of these trees to Mrs. Luther Tibbets, Riverside, California. So far as known, the entire population of the Washington Navel came from these two trees. There is no record of who introduced the navel orange into Louisiana but it probably came here from California. The navel orange was first called the Bahia because it originated from the city of the same name in Brazil.

In the early days of this variety it was also referred to as the Washington Orange because it came to California from Washington, D.C

Later by mutual agreement, the name was changed to the Washington Navel. (The name "Navel" was given to it since the blossom end of the fruit resembles the human navel.)

The navel is a seedless variety that ripens in November. It makes a large fruit with a thin skin. It has deep orange color and is very attractive. It does not bear as heavy as sweet oranges or satsumas but, due to its flavor and heavy juice content, it demands the best price on the market today. It contains no seeds and the tree grows large, reaching a height of 30 feet. In 1960, about 35 percent of the parish production was navels. This percentage has increased markedly in recent years.

Other Varieties

Louisiana is the mother of the Mandarin in the United States and it is thought that the site of the first tree was near the present Navel Station in Algiers. Credit for introducing the Satsuma, Tangerine and Kumquat is given to the Italian Consul, although these came several years after the first Mandarin, probably about 1850.

Other citrus varieties grown in Plaquemines Parish today in lesser quality include Orlando, Tangelo, Robinson Tangerine, Owari and Armstrong's Early Satsumas; Louisiana Sweet, Plaquemines Sweet, Temple Murcot, Valencia and Mineola Tangelo -- all oranges; Negami and Neiwa Kumquats: Meter Lemon; Ruby Red and Duncan Grapefruit.

There are different varieties of the following Citrus:

Grapefruit, Kumquat, Lemon, Louisiana Sweet Orange, Navel Orange, Mandarin, Pumpkin Mandarin, Satsuma, Tangerine Tangelo, Calamondin (mostly used as an ornamental and mostly grown in Florida)

Plaquemines Parish Citrus Facts

- Fact # 1 Plaquemines is a French and Mobile Indian word meaning persimmon.
- Fact # 2 Pointe-a-la-Hache, the parish seat, derives its name from the curve in the river, which makes the point of land the shape of the head of the hatchet, hence, "al-la-hache".
- Fact # 3 Columbus introduced oranges to the western hemisphere.
- Fact # 4 The first oranges in the parish were planted as ornamental and for family fruit. When they became plentiful, they were sold at the French Market in New Orleans.
- Fact # 5 Satsumas are descendants of the mandarin oranges, prized 4000 years ago in south East Asia.
- Fact # 6 Early in the harvest the Plaquemines Parish Satsuma is green in color with a touch of yellow, Color, however, does not determine quality.
- Fact # 7 The **Satsuma** is a favorite of children, because it is easy to peel and separate into slices. Give satsumas for "Trick or Treat" snacks.
- Fact # 8 The navel orange strain we know now originated in Brazil An American missionary shipped the fruit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, who then distributed seedlings to anyone interested. Now that variety is commonly called the Washington Navel even though that was only a stop over place for them.
- Fact # 9 The color of an orange has no absolute correlation with the maturity of the flesh and juice inside.
- Fact # 10 An orange ripens only on the tree. After it is picked it will get no sweeter.
- Fact # 11 All oranges are high in vitamin "C" and are low in calories. They make delicious snacks for all occasions and for all age groups.
- Fact # 12 Plaquemines Parish Satsuma harvest begins about October 15-20 and the Navel harvest about December 1st.
- Fact # 13 Floods, hurricanes and freezes have done severe damage in past years, but citrus growers bounce right back. This year's crop of satsumas and navels will be of top quality.
- Fact # 14 Ask you grocer to supply you and your family with Plaquemines Parish satsumas and navel oranges. They are the best!

Citrus Information Since Hurricane Katrina & Isaac

A little information about the Citrus Industry since the Hurricanes.....

500 acres of Citrus Trees were lost in the Hurricane.

100 Growers lost their Groves.

From Jesuit Bend down to the LSU AG Center
most of the Citrus Trees survived, however
they will not yield the same amount
of fruit as the previous year.

About Plaquemines Parish

Plaquemines Parish is located in Southeast Louisiana, along the Mississippi River and its Delta, with a long coastline along the Gulf of Mexico, and just south of Orleans Parish, within the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area. It has thriving industrial and residential communities and is conveniently situated to take advantage of the benefits of New Orleans; cultural and commercial activity in addition to the quite suburban and rural living that Plaquemines Parish has to offer. The rich delta that makes up Plaquemines Parish was created over 700 years ago when the Mississippi River shifted 50 miles east from its ancestral banks and created a landmass and wetlands that is unique in all the world. The delta building process, which deposits rich, alluvial sediment in the gulf, creates the natural levees, hardwood swamps, open marshes, lakes and bayous which characterize the landscape of Plaquemines Parish. Nearly 14 percent of United States wetlands are contained in Plaquemines Parish. Nestled between the sprawling metropolis of New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico, the entire length of Plaquemines Parish is paralleled by the Mississippi River, the world's third largest river and the most important inland waterway in North America. Plaquemines Parish is the end of the Great River Road.

Plaquemines Parish is incredibly rich with an impressive variety of natural resources. Citrus farms line both sides of the Mississippi River and produce an enormous amount of tasty tangerines, oranges, satsumas, and world famous "Creole" tomatoes. Citrus and vegetable stands abound through the parish as well as numerous marinas and fishing boats that emphasize the agricultural and fishing heritage.

The communities in the parish are Belle Chasse, Boothville/Venice, Braithwaite, Buras/Triumph, Empire, Pointe-a-la-Hache and Port Sulphur. The major highways in the parish are LA-23 on the Westbank and LA-39 on the Eastbank.

Plaquemines Parish History

France claimed the Mississippi River Valley by right of LaSalle's exploration in the area between 1682 and 1687. In 1700, Bienville confronted the English ship about 12 miles south of the site of New Orleans, telling the English captain that the land had already been claimed by the French. The British eventually turned around, and that section of the river, at the boundary line between St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parish, goes by the name "English Turn." Several years after Louisiana came under American rule, Plaquemines Parish was created. The name Plaquemines comes from a French and Indian dialect word meaning *persimmons*.

The parish was named by Governor Jean Baptiste, Sieur de Bienville because of the quantities of persimmons growing in the area. The Indians called Plaquemines Parish “Piakamin” after the wild persimmons which grew in abundance throughout the area. The tribes are long gone, but their name for this land has been passed down to us and will continue for generation yet to come. When Iberville and Bienville arrived with colonists in this strange new country in 1699, they gave Piakamin a decidedly French flavor and the land became known as Plaquemines.

Plaquemines Parish enjoys a temperate climate throughout the year. There is an abundance of recreational activities available to local residents, including, golf, boating, hunting and fishing. Some festivities in the parish are the Orange Fair & Festival during the first full weekend of December and the Seafood Festival held in May. There are also many fishing tournaments held during the year.

Goin’ Fishing

South of New Orleans, along the mighty Mississippi River lies Plaquemines Parish, the toe of Louisiana. Plaquemines Parish, known as “**SPORTSMAN PARADISE**” which offers the sportsmen numerous marinas and charter boat services.

Take a trip down south, along the Mighty Mississippi toward the Gulf of Mexico and explore the natural wonder and beauty that makes Plaquemines an ideal place to visit. Exciting, relaxing and truly beautiful, Plaquemines Parish is your place.

All of the Marinas offer full services, including Ice, Food, Drinks, Bait, Tackle, Fuel and Butane. Inshore, offshore and shoreline fishing is available. All boats are independently owned and operated.

Checkout the Plaquemines Parish Tourism Website (www.plaqueminesparish.com/Tourism) to get more information about the local Marinas and Charter Boats for further information and literature, rates and deposit requirements or availability.

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Plaquemines Parish Festivals:

Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival:

www.orangefestival.com

Plaquemines Parish Seafood Festival:

www.plaqueminesparishfestival.com

Other Plaquemines Parish Information:

Plaquemines Parish Government:

www.plaqueminesparish.com

Office of Tourism:

www.plaqueminesparish.com/Tourism

Medal of Honor Park:

www.lmohpark.com

Woodland Plantation

Each year million of sketches of this plantation home are printed and sold worldwide. The Woodland Plantation, is famous for several reasons, but especially because of a Currier and Ives print entitled Life of the Mississippi. It was part of Currier and Ives' Homes Across The Country series in which a representative home from each region of the country was sketched. The purpose of the series was to show how Americans in all parts of the country lived. These prints were the early travel posters of their time.

In 1934, the Southern Comfort Corporation of St Louis, Missouri adopted Home on the Mississippi as its brand label with some modifications. Since that time, the Woodland Plantation picture has appeared prominently on all of its lands.

Woodland was organized and the main house was built during the late 1830's by William Johnson, his four sons, and their slaves. More than fifty years before he built Woodland, Johnson had gone into partnership with George Bradish, a fellow river pilot, to organize the Magnolia Plantation just south of Woodland. Magnolia Plantation had prospered.

In 1800, Bradish and Johnson purchased the River Pilot monopoly from the Spanish chief river pilot, Juan Ronquillo. This established Bradish and Johnson as the first American Chief River Pilots. With their new position came more prestige and their plantation, Magnolia, became even more prominent. It became known as the first great plantation on the Mississippi. It attracted many notables of the age such as Jean Lafitte and Benjamin Latrobe.

Historic Fort Jackson

Historic old Fort Jackson is located on the banks of the Mississippi River, on Hwy 23, 6 miles south of Buras on 63 acres. Built in a regular star-shaped pentagon, the fort's walls were 25 feet above the water line of the wet ditch (moat) which completely surrounded it. These walls were constructed of red brick and were 20 feet thick. The gun foundations were reinforced with red and gray granite. Two curtains facing the river were casemated for 8 guns each. In the center of the fort there was a diagonally shaped defensive barracks which was intended as a bomb-proof shelter accommodating 500 men.

The foundations of Fort Jackson were made of three layers of cypress logs topped by cypress 2 x 4's used as a leveling device. The device was made airtight by being submerged in water. Fort Jackson was completed in 1822 at a cost of \$554,500. It was garrisoned by a small force until 1842 when it was declared a military reservation by President John Tyler. After the Civil War, Fort Jackson was used as a prison and later as a minor training base.

In 1927 the Fort was sold and in 1960 donated to Plaquemines Parish, It was restored and in 1962 the Fort and museum were opened to the public. This is an extraordinary place for art & historical group tours and picnics, Sports tournaments, class picnics, field trips, photography, family fun and reunions all can be held in the beauty of the fort.

NOTE: Fort Jackson underwent severe damage due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and Isaac. The Fort may still be closed to the public at this time. If open it may have different open days and hours. **For information, contact the Plaquemines Parish Office of Tourism. (www.plaquemines tourism.com/Tourism)** before visiting the Fort.

OFFICIALS:

LOCAL PARISH OFFICIALS

You should always check with the Parish Office and School Board Office to find out if officials have changed due to new elections before the Selection. Election is usually in October or November.

Parish Switchboard Operator - 504-297-5000 or 504-934-6000

Names of District Council Members - 2019-2022 (4 year term)

Mr. Kirk LePine, President
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
8056 Hwy. 23
Suite 200
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Mr. John Barthelemy
Council Member, District 1
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
15577 Hwy 15
Davant, LA 70040

Mr. Beau Black
Council Member, District 2
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
333 F Edward Hebert Blvd.
Bldg. 203
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Mr. Corey Arbourgh
Council Member, District 3
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
333 F Edward Hebert Blvd.
Bldg. 203
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Mr. Stuart J. Guey, Jr.
Council Member, District 4
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
333 F Edward Hebert Blvd.
Bldg. 203
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Mr. Benny Rousselle
Council Member, District 5
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
333 F Edward Hebert Blvd.
Bldg. 203
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Ms. Trudy Newberry
Council Member, District 6
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
333 F Edward Hebert Blvd.
Bldg. 203
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Mr. Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Council Member, District 7
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
28028 Hwy. 23, Ste. 205
Port Sulphur, LA 70083

Mr. Richie Blink
Council Member, District 8
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
28028 Hwy. 23, Ste. 115 & 116
Port Sulphur, LA 70083

Mr. Mark "Hobbo" Cognevich
Council Member, District 9
Plaquemines Parish Govt.
Mailing Address: 117 Auditorium Dr.
38039 Highway 23 (Fort Jackson Museum)
Buras, LA 70041

OTHER PARISH OFFICIALS

Officials Names may change October 2019 or November 2019
but won't take office until July 2020 or January 2020

Mr. Charles Ballay, District Attorney
Mr. Jerry Turlich, Jr., Sheriff
Mrs. Kim Turlich-Vaughan, Clerk of Court
Judge Michael Clement - 25th Judicial District, Division B
Judge Kevin Conner - 25th Judicial District, Division A
Mrs. Belinda Hazel, Assessor
Judge Joyce Cossich "Joy" Lobrano, Court of Appeal 4th Circuit, 2nd District

School Board

Address correspondence to the Superintendent and School Board Members,
c/o Plaquemines Parish School Board,
557 F. Edward Hebert Blvd. Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Denis Rousselle, Superintendent of Schools

Board Members: 2015-2019

Darilyn Demolle-Turner, District 1
Daniel Morrill, District 2
Corey Arbourgh, District 3
Joyce Lamkin, District 4
Shayne Meyers, District 5
Fran Bayhi-Martinez, District 6
Carlton LaFrance, District 7
Paul W. Lemaire, Jr., District 8
Chuck Soileau, District 9

State & U.S. Officials:

Governor - John Bell Edwards
Lt. Governor - Billy Nungesser
Attorney General - Jeff Landry
Secretary of State - Tom Schedler
State Treasurer - John Kennedy
U.S. Senator - Bill Cassidy
U.S. Senator - John Kennedy
U.S. Congressman - Steve Scalise, District 1
State Senator - Sharon Hewitt, District 1
State Senator - Troy Carter, District 7
House Representative - Chris Leopold, District 105

**2023 PLAQUEMINES PARISH FAIR & ORANGE FESTIVAL
ORANGE QUEEN CONTESTANT INTERVIEW RESUME'
(PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)**

NAME: _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____, LA ZIP CODE _____

E-Mail

PHONE #: HOME (_____) _____ CELL (_____) _____

WORK (_____) _____

COLLEGE NAME & ADDRESS : _____

_____ ZIP CODE _____

HEIGHT: _____ YEARS RESIDED IN PLAQUEMINES PARISH : _____ (Minimum of 1 consecutive year)

AGE: (*) _____ DATE OF BIRTH: (*) _____/_____/_____ (*) (YOU MUST BE AGE 17-23 by 12/31/current year)

I have READ Official Orange Queen Contestant Eligibility Requirements on the Orange Festival Website & PRINTED or received a copy. Contestant Initials _____

OCCUPATION (If Applicable) _____ EMPLOYER: _____

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES

Debut Party – Saturday, July 8th @ 4pm	Selection- Sat. September 9th @ 7pm
Selection Practice – Thurs. September 7th @ 6pm	Festival Weekend- December 1-3

Submit your Resume' Form to -- Stephanie Hymel at B.C. High School or
Cynthia Wooton at South Plaquemines H.S. or
email to Sbecne20@gmail.com or orangefestival@nwcable.net or
mail it to Orange Festival - P. O. Box 158, Belle Chasse, LA 70037
We must receive this form by September 4th, 2023

NAME OF PARENTS: _____

(Print their names **THE WAY YOU WANT THEM INTRODUCED** at the Selection)

Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival Association, a private organization, reserves the right to deny anyone an Application if they do not meet Eligibility Requirements.

As a contestant of the Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival Queen's Selection, I will abide by the Rules & Regulations set by the Orange Festival Association.

I realize that failure to abide by said Rules & Regulations will result in the forfeiture of my rights and any benefits I would receive as a participant of the Orange Queen Selection and will affect eligibility in future Orange Festival Pageants.

If chosen QUEEN I will abide by all rules and regulations as stated in Queens' Packet & Contract.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Below is for Queens Committee:

Given to Representative ___ or - sent by mail ___
accepting application: _____

Date Application Received: _____
Requested Packet: ___ YES ___ NO

2023 Orange Queen Contestant Interview with Judge Panel

Contestant # _____ Number entered by Pageant Director only

(PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)

updated 5/2023

(Contestant Initials: _____)

Give three (3) words that describe yourself:

AGE: _____ **Eye Color:** _____ **Hair Color:** _____ **Height:** _____

EDUCATIONAL STATUS AT PRESENT - (Grade Level - High School - College):

I am a _____ at a (check one) Local _____ High School or _____ College

SCHOOL/COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** _____

_____ - (✓) _____ if Continued on Back

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: ** _____

_____ - (✓) _____ if Continued on Back

HOBBIES:** _____

_____ - (✓) _____ if Continued on Back

AWARDS: ** _____

_____ - (✓) _____ if Continued on Back

() Continue on back if more space is needed. Please if continued on back: _____**

Miss Contestant Interview with Judge Panel - Continued

Activities Continued **

Future Plans Continued **

Hobbies Continued **

AWARDS: **

Other Comments:
