



City of Slidell

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‘Super Bowl’ exhibit showcases art created by elected officials, local business leaders and area artists

The City of Slidell’s *Cultural Extravaganza Super Bowl Exhibit*, featuring large centerpiece bowls created by elected officials, community business leaders and area artists, will soon be on display at the new Slidell Cultural Center.

The *Super Bowl* display will be the first exhibit in the new Slidell Cultural Center. The previous gallery on Erlanger Street flooded in Katrina, leaving the center without a home for the last four years. The Slidell Art league and the Olde Towne Arts Center offered to temporarily host the city’s exhibits.

“While we have appreciated the partnerships with both of these galleries, we are thrilled to be reopening in our new, permanent home,” says Kim Bergeron, the city’s director of Cultural & Public Affairs. “And what a way to begin, with such a spectacular exhibit,” she added. “It’s really exciting.”

The *Super Bowl* exhibit opens on August 7 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show remains on display through August 21. The Slidell Cultural Center is located at 2055 Second Street, on the first floor of City Hall.

The centerpiece bowls will be featured during a live and silent auction at the City of Slidell’s third annual *Cultural Extravaganza* on Saturday, August 22, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event will also feature live entertainment and an eight-course meal, with each course by a different culinary “artist.” A cash wine bar with engraved souvenir wine glasses will also be available.

Proceeds from the auction are dedicated to the Olde Towne Slidell Outdoor Gallery, a revitalization and beautification project spearheaded by an all-volunteer mural committee.



Lori Gomez



Slidell Police Chief Freddy Drennan



Barbara Shaw

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Among the artists participating in the event are United States Congressman Steve Scalise; Louisiana Senator A. G. Crowe; Louisiana Senator Jack Donahue; Louisiana Representative Greg Cromer; Louisiana Representative Kevin Pearson; Louisiana Representative John Schroder; St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis; Slidell Mayor Ben O. Morris; Slidell Chief of Police Freddy Drennan; Slidell Councilman Bill Borchert; Slidell Councilwoman Kim Harbison; Slidell Councilman Joe Fraught; Chris Kaufman, Chief of Administration, Fire District 1; Suzanne Parsons Stymiest, PIO St. Tammany Parish; Slidell Commission on the Arts members Mary Christopher, Mary DuBuisson and Phil Galatas; Dawn Brackett, CEO East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Terry Maddox, Publisher St. Tammany News; Carol Wolfram, Community News Editor, *Times-Picayune*; community business leaders Dr. Joan Archer; Sam Caruso, Jr.; Brenda Case; Bill Newton; Danny Schaus; and John Smith; and artists Charlotte Lowry-Collins; Lori Gomez; Carol Hallock; Kelly Landrum-Hammell; Adam Sambola; Barbara Shaw; Dennis Sipiorski; and Ed Sullivan.

For more information about the *Cultural Extravaganza Super Bowl Exhibit* please visit www.slidell.la.us or call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375.



Arts Commissioner Mary Christopher



Adam Sambola