



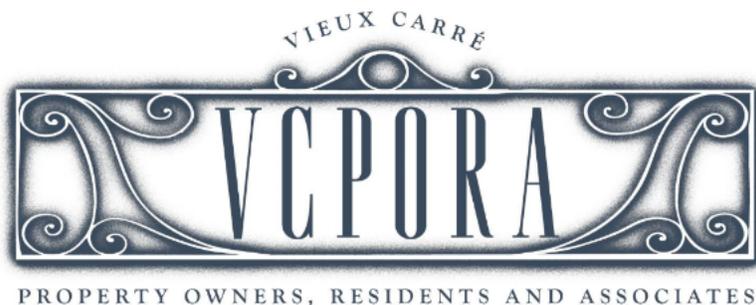
Vieux Carré <info.vcpora@gmail.com>

VCPORA's Weekly Vieux Friday, December 3, 2021

1 message

VCPORA <info@vcpora.org>
Reply-To: info@vcpora.org
To: "info@vcpora.org OFFICE" <info@vcpora.org>

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 4:27 PM



VCPORA's Weekly Vieux Friday, December 3, 2021

In this Issue:

A Lecture, Demonstration, and Café Brûlot Tasting

Caroling in Jackson Square Returns

2021 Greenway Supernova

#FQThenandNow

New Orleans Jazz Museum Improvisations Gala

Housing Survey

ICORIC NEW ORLEANS COCKTAILS

THE BEAUREGARD - KEYES HISTORIC HOUSE & VCPORA PRESENT:

SUE STRACHAN

A LECTURE, DEMONSTRATION, AND CAFÉ BRÛLOT TASTING

Wednesday, December 15 at 6pm




With Support From

CR
COFFEE SHOP

Antoine's Restaurant




A Lecture, Demonstration, and Café Brûlot Tasting

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

[1113 Chartres Street](#)

6:00 p.m.

Is it getting hot in here or is it the Café Brûlot? 🔥

Join us at the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) on December 15th at 6 p.m. for a fascinating discussion about the history of the Café Brûlot by author [Sue Strachan](#)! Strachan will begin the evening with a lecture and review of her book, "The Café Brûlot," and will be followed by a demonstration on how the cocktail is made by Charles Carter of [Antione's Restaurant](#).

Depending on the maker, the base ingredients of this unusual after-dinner drink are coffee, brandy, sugar, cinnamon, lemon, oranges, cloves, and sometimes an orange liqueur. Although the drink may have originated in France, Café Brûlot is primarily mixed in New Orleans, making it a unique Crescent City tradition. The night will conclude with a tasting!

Sue Strachan is a veteran journalist who has written about New Orleans culture, history, and current events for the New Orleans Times-Picayune, New Orleans Advocate, and New Orleans Magazine. A graduate of Tulane University, she also served as public relations director for the Ogden Museum of Southern Art.

This event is brought to you in partnership with the [BKHouse](#).

[Covid regulations](#) will be in place.



Caroling in Jackson Square Returns

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Jackson Square

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Patio Planters of the Vieux Carré are pleased to bring the beloved **Caroling in Jackson Square** back **Sunday, December 19 from 7 - 8 p.m.**

The free community sing along gathers thousands of visitors and locals alike together for a festive hour of holiday merriment, with carols led by Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, St. Louis Cathedral Rector Philip Landry, and Dean David Allard duPlantier of Christ Church Cathedral, along with other special guests.

This year, *Good King Wenceslas* will be brought back to the list of carols, along with a new addition, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Organizers feel the lyrics of this song are especially appropriate at a time when 'faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more'.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. with Patio Planters volunteers stationed there to distribute complimentary song books and candles to participants in the non-denominational community celebration.

Caroling in Jackson Square may be viewed virtually on [WLAE](#) or via live streaming on the Patio Planters [website](#) where songbooks are also available.



2021 Greenway Supernova

Thursday, December 9 - Saturday, December 11, 2021

[436 N. Norman C. Francis Pkwy](#)

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

[Friends of Lafitte Greenway](#), in partnership with [NORD](#), will host a *Greenway Supernova*, **Thursday, December 9** through **Saturday, December 11th, 2021** from **5:00-9:00 p.m.** at the **Lafitte Greenway Plaza and Station (436 N. Norman C. Francis Pkwy)**.

Supernova will feature local live music, 12 light-based art installations, a holiday arts market, food, drink, and the Thursday night Crescent City Farmers Market. *Greenway Supernova is a free community celebration that raises funding for Friends of Lafitte Greenway.* This outdoor experience will celebrate community and the holidays, drive foot-traffic and customers to local businesses, and raise critical funds for the Greenway's growth and care in 2022.

Find more information [here](#).



#FQThenAndNow

Happy Holidays! We're back with a new #FQThenAndNow! 🎄

Today we're taking a look at 532 Gov. Nicholls, a green-rated building built c. 1836 in the Creole style but was altered in the 19th century, thus making it a transitional style townhouse.

THEN...

This home sits on land formerly owned by the Ursuline Nuns. The chain of titles on this property is really fun. The January 1, 1722 entry notes that this land and the surrounding land were "assigned to the Arsenal."

On September 18, 1726, Louis XV then gave this land to the Ursuline Nuns. The notarial entry reads: "Brevet of Louis XV in favor of the Ursulines of Louisiana. At the request of Governor Bienville and through the efforts of the Jesuit Father de Beaubois, the Ursulines of Rouen on September 13, 1726, signed a treaty with the Company of the Indies to come to New Orleans 'to relieve the poor sick and provide at the same time for the education of young girls.' By this Royal Brevet signed by Louis XV, approving the treaty, 'His Majesty places them under his protection and safeguard.'"

Then, in 1731, an entry states it was "designated as House which they are constructing for the Ursulines. They are due to have the two squares marked R for their close." A February 1824 entry notes that the land was transferred from the United States Government to Ursuline Nuns, but there is no entry showing that they ever lost possession of it and no description giving us any clues. Maybe it was a delayed, post-Louisiana Purchase paperwork issue? Then, in 1836, it was sold 3 times, eventually ending up in the hands of Edmond Soniat Duffosat, before there is any mention of this house. It leaves the Soniat Duffosat family in 1843 with the act of sale description noting "A new house and other buildings."

Thanks to [The Historic New Orleans Collection's Collins C. Diboll Vieux Carré Digital Survey](#) for making the Chain of Title information so accessible!

AND...

NOW...

The current structure served as a residence for most of its life except for a brief moment in 1928 when it housed an up-and-coming café called “The Little Crystal.”

The author of the article described the café as, “youthful and exciting...in the heart of the old French Quarter.” The author describes the parking along Gov. Nicholls, formerly known as Hospital Street (the King’s hospital was located in this general area), as one of the best street parking locations for the patrons of The Little Crystal as it is so wide.

What makes this particular café fascinating, is that it was only open from 8 p.m. – 4 a.m. and was run out of the two-story residence. The café owners even replaced “the traditional inn signboard [with] a crystal chandelier which shines beacon-like at night.” The author states that he can only report what he saw and that readers must experience it for themselves. Given that this café was in operation during the years of prohibition, one cannot help but wonder if this posh coffee and donut spot that catered towards a “high-class patronage” was something more... but we’ll let you decide that.

According to the research, the building had resumed its residential status by 1955, at the latest, and remains a French Quarter home today.

Don't forget to follow us on [social media](#) to see more #FQThenAndNow posts and festive images of the French Quarter!



New Orleans Jazz Museum

Improvisations Gala

Saturday, December 4, 2021

400 Esplanade Avenue

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

The New Orleans Jazz Museum is hosting their 4th Annual *Improvisations Gala* this Saturday! Their goal is to "encourage education and improvisation for a new generation of musicians."

The **Patron Party** will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will feature an exclusive balcony performance by the **Trumpet Mafia** accompanied by the **N'Awlins D'awlins Baby Dolls** and the **Original Wild Tchoupitoulas Indians** led by **Big Queen Mary K. Stevenson**. The Patron Party will also feature craft cocktails with **Beam Suntory**, a **Beattie's** martini bar, and passed hors d'oeuvres.

The **Gala** will commence at **8:00 p.m.** and will feature a stellar line-up that includes **Wendell Brunious, Herlin Riley, Mahmoud Chouki, Oscar Rossignoli, Corey Henry & The Treme Funktet, Amina Scott, Bo Dollis Jr. & The Wild Magnolias**, and **Gabrielle Cavassa** among others.

In addition to a brilliant celebration of the finest in local music, guests can walk amongst a dazzling showcase of illuminated installations, sculptures, and dance performances as part of The New Orleans Jazz Museum's Sound Collage experience.

More information and ticket are available [here](#).



Housing Survey

The Heidelberg Center for American Studies is conducting a city-wide housing survey that focuses on the experiences of residents on the ground.

If you would like to participate, you can find the survey [here](#).

VCPORA | [816 N. Rampart St. | New Orleans, LA 70116](#)
504-581-7200 | www.vcpora.org



Do not want to receive email updates? [Unsubscribe here](#)