

Christmas in July, Tropics Featured in Les Cheneaux Annual Boat Parade

A Christmas tree glowing on the back of a boat, hula dancers and plastic palm trees on another boat, giant stuffed animals, and hundreds of lights made this year's boat parade through the Les Cheneaux Islands a night to remember Saturday, July 5.

Fourteen boats participated in the parade this year. Six met at the Hessel Municipal Marina and departed from there, and the other eight joined the parade as the group wound its way through the islands. Most of the additional boats came from the Snows Channel area, said parade organizer Joe Eger.

In the boat judging category, first place for decorations and costumes went to Al and Mary Anne Hansen of Cedarville, who drenched their boat in tropical colors and flowers, while its five passengers, the Hansens, and friends Shirley Garner of Florida, and Karen and Larry Garner of Attica, dressed in grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts, and flower leis and crowns.

The Koch family of Warren, who spend summers in Cedarville, participated in their third boat parade. Their Christmas-themed boat and costumes were all made from items they bought at the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church yard sale in Goetzville earlier that day. Conrad and Kathy Koch portrayed Santa and Mrs. Claus, while a friend, Chris Nethercott of Harbor Springs, dressed as a "disgruntled elf." Their children,



First place for decorations and costumes was awarded to (back row, from left) Mary Anne and Al Hansen of Cedarville, Shirley Garner of Florida, Larry Garner of Attica, and (seated in front) Karen Garner of Attica. Mr. Hansen attached a working volcano model to the bow of the vessel, and it spewed real smoke. The enthusiastic group covered the boat and themselves in tropical colors and flowers.

Grace, Emily, and Robert Koch and Amber and Jacob Nethercott, dressed as "children with visions of sugarplums in their heads." A

plate of cookies for Santa and Christmas music completed the holiday scene.

Bonnie and Ron Fulton of Cedarville took third place honors for their lighted boat display.

Cynthia and Ken Dane, Cedarville cottagers, took fourth place with their classic 1958 Chris Craft Constellation, /SWMBO/, which was decorated this year with life-like stuffed animals and red, white, and blue colors to celebrate Independence Day. Two tigers lounged across the bow of the boat, while gorillas in patriotic decorations sat in the back of the boat



The Koch and Nethercott families had a great time decorating their parade entry with Christmas items they found at the St. Stanislaus Kostka church yard sale earlier Saturday, July 5. Lights, stockings, Christmas bulbs, a sack of toys, and their holiday costumes were all added and assembled in the hours before the parade. Adult participants standing on the dock include (from left) Chris Nethercott of Harbor Springs dressed as an elf, and Kathy and Conrad Koch as Santa and Mrs. Claus. The children on the boat include (front, sitting in the bow), Robert, Emily, and Grace Koch, and (standing behind them, from left) Jacob and Amber Nethercott.

DeTour Salmonfest Begins August 9

DeTour Area Chamber of Commerce's 22nd annual Salmonfest fishing derby will take place Saturday, August 9, through Saturday, August 16, at DeTour Village. The derby concludes at 3 p.m. August 16.

The weigh-in station is open at the marina launch ramp from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. August 16. The first place award will be \$700, and second

place \$400. Other prizes will be awarded, including a \$50 random species daily prize.

The entry fee is \$25 per person. Registration forms will be available at Passage Boat Works, Sune's IGA Grocery, and River Bend Resort.

A Boy Scouts benefit fish dinner and prize ceremony will be August 16 at 5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Pavilion.

Gilges Signs Book Tuesday in Cedarville

Former Cedarville resident Kent Gilges will visit the Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville to sign copies of his book, "A Grace Given," Tuesday, August 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Through the inspiring story of Mr. and Mrs. Gilges' unconditional love for their daughter, Ellie, the

book explores the trials, humor, pain, and triumphs shared by millions of parents across the country with special needs children.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilges are former residents of Cedarville who will be remembered by many local residents for their involvement in community service projects.

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