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About Us

We are a group of independent business owners that joined together in 2017 as a registered nonprofit organization with the Mississippi Secretary of State. We are focused on building a stronger economy, creating new opportunities, revitalizing local interests, and bringing the communities of Grenada together.

Our mission:

We are passionate about growing and promoting Grenada, Mississippi, in a positive, enjoyable, and welcoming way for visitors, new residents, and new businesses. By creating an attractive and actively involved community, we will spark the potential of a stronger economy and create an environment that will draw in new interests. Our mission is to encourage, create, and support activities and events in Grenada that will encompass that passion.

Garlands & Gifts MARKETPLA(E

"Garlands and Gifts was one of the first most successful events we've had in Grenada. Thanks to all that planned and to all that attended. The beautiful decorations with all the work by the vendors prepared us with gifts and joy for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season." Mayor **Billy Collins**

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

Garlands and Gifts Marketplace 2017 was a HUGE success and certainly NEWSWORTHY! Everyone is talking about it! Three days of community interaction and holiday shopping full of a festive spirit that is still lingering in the air. Over 1,500 visitors and vendors from more than 50 cities across 10 states gathered at The Event Center on November 16-18, 2017 for this event. Opening night was phenomenal! The parking lot was buzzing and the entrance line wound out the front door and down the sidewalk! The smiles on happy faces, laughter, and the chatter of excitement filled the foyer. On Saturday, Santa and Mrs. Clause even stopped in for pictures. The Holiday Spirit had arrived!



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"The community really came out to support this event. It was nice to see old friends smiling, laughing, and having a good time. I will certainly be coming back next year!"

Garlands & Gifts Marketplace 2017

We were able to support two local charities, **Chakchiuma Swamp Natural Area and Claws** and Paws Rescue (the latter offered gift wrapping services). Three businesses outside of Grenada (Winona, Oxford, and Greenwood) and more than 20 businesses from Grenada participated in the event.

Owner of Flowers on the Square

-Robert Hicks

Economic Boost:

The local economy benefited from the holiday shopping crowd coming to Grenada. They shopped at local businesses, rented hotel rooms, fueled their vehicles, and dined at local restaurants. Garlands & Gifts brought an estimated \$50,000 of revenue for the City of Grenada over the 3-day event!

NEXT YEAR!

GARLANDS & GIFTS 2018 will be bigger and better! Everyone is eager to start planning for next year and each of the vendors are wanting to return again with a request for larger booths. The Event Center has offered to open up the sport side to accommodate more space. Along with all of the positive feedback we have received, we have also been given many suggestions on how to make the next event much better! We look forward to coordinating and participating again next year....The planning starts NOW!

2017 Vendors

- Array Boutique
- **Cornerstone Christian** • **Bookstore**
- **EE Draperies**
- Flowers on the Square
- Framing and Gift Gallery •
- Jewelry Etc. •
- JuJu's Market •
- La Bella Fonte Galleria •
- Lacy B Pottery •
- Lakeway Sporting Goods •
- Knicks'

Sponsors

- **Guaranty Bank**
- **Array Boutique**
- Windham Willows
- La Bella Fonte Galleria
- Dunham Inc.
- Lofts on the Square *
- Pryor Auto Co. *
- Flowers on the Square
- Pam McKay Realtor *
- A Look Ahead Optix
- Kirk Auto Co.
- **Kozmik Investments**
- The Delta Magazine
- Puddleducks
- **Rave House Coffee** •
- Slade's Custom Framing • and Designs
- **Tassin Jewelers**
- **Treehouse Toys** •
- The Crow's Nest •
- The Delta Boutique •
- The Gift Box •
- The Other Room •
- The Vintage Thread •
- Windham Willows

If you would like to reserve a space for Garlands & Gifts 2018, become a sponsor, offer suggestions, become a member, or even volunteer, please contact us at: shopgrenadaretail@gmail.com

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS from The SHOP GRENADA EXECUTIVE BOARD (and Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause)

Left to right: Mrs. Clause (Mrs. Marter), Bryan Slade, Tisha Kuhn, Santa (Cotton Marter), Amanda Brooks, Miranda Slade, and Robert Hicks)