



Mum Festival

See you in September...

Year: 2016

Festival Year: 55

The Bristol Mum Festival is an annual festival which includes the Mum Parade. The festival celebrates chrysanthemums, formerly a major product of the town, and was first held on Sunday, October 7, 1962. In 2015, the dedicated volunteer organization had decided to disband, and thanks to the Exchange Club of Bristol Connecticut Incorporated, and the City of Bristol, the historic festival continued. In 2016, the festival was renamed the Bristol Mum Festival, and is directed by the Bristol Exchange Club, and its main benefactor is the City of Bristol. The festival is also supported by several generous sponsors. The new organization had restored many of the original components, like four full days of festivities, which included the Mum Parade, return of the Miss Mum Pageant, Art Show, return of the vendor fair, food & truck fest, Adult Beverage Garden, Kid's Depot, Car Show, Horse and Hay Rides, Movie night, Fireworks, Mumathon Road Race, and several other great activities.

In 2015, Mayor Ken Cockayne had called a meeting with John (Jack) Ferraro, of the Exchange Club of Bristol, to figure out the fate of the Mum Festival Parade, which the city funded through a special \$15K Grant. The Exchange Club had produced the Mum Parade for over 50 years for the City of Bristol and had agreed to continue to run it for the city. The mayor asked Jack Ferraro and Don Soucy if the Exchange Club might be interested in also running the Mum Festival. The Mayor and Board of Finance agreed to fund a portion of the festival, providing a \$35K Grant, which represented a third of the Mum Festival's actual cost, which did not include the Mum Parade. The Exchange Club was tasked with raising the other funds needed. A proposal was made to the Exchange Club's Board of Directors, and it was voted on that they would take on the historic Mum Festival. The Chamber of Commerce agreed to assist the Exchange Club with the festival for the first year, and allowed their Marketing Manager, Mark Walerysiak Jr. to serve as Chair, along with Jack Ferraro. The first year was a huge success and has been ever since. It was recorded as one of the largest festivals on records!

Year: 2016

Festival Year: 55

Theme: “Bristol’s Best Kept Secrets”

2016 Mum Festival Committee Members:

Festival Chairman: Mark Walerysiak Jr. (Bristol Chamber of Commerce)

Festival Co-Chairman: Jack Ferraro (Bristol Exchange Club)

Mum Parade Chairpersons: Jack Ferraro & Dianna Tack

Arts & Entertainment Chair: Maria Salice

Auto Show: Bristol Auto Club

Family Events Chair: Karl Tack

Finance & Sponsors Chair: Jason Fields

Finance Bookkeeper: Sue Berard

Finance – Purchasing Officer: Paul Berard

Facilities & Public Safety Chair: Patrick Kilby

Marketing & Planning Chairs: Shannen Tack
Mickey Goldwasser

Vendor Relations Chair: Andrea (Andy) Adams

Web & Facebook Page: Jack Ferraro

Year: 2017

Festival Year: 56

Theme: "Home Is Where the Heart Is"

2017 Mum Festival Committee Members:

General Chairman: Jack Ferraro

Vice Chairs: Jason Fields & Karl Tack

Mum Parade Chairpersons: Dianna Tack

Arts & Entertainment Chair: Maria Salice

Auto Show: Bristol Auto Club

Family Events Chair: Karl Tack

Finance & Sponsors Chair: Jason Fields

Finance Bookkeeper: Sue Berard

Finance – Purchasing Officer: Paul Berard

Facilities & Public Safety Chair: Patrick Kilby

Marketing & Planning Chairs: Shannen Tack
Mickey Goldwasser

Vendor Relations Chair: Andrea (Andy) Adams

Web & Facebook Page: Jack Ferraro

Year: 2018

Festival Year: 57

Theme: "Growing Together"

2018 Mum Festival Committee Members:

General Chairman: Jack Ferraro

Vice Chairs: Jason Fields & Karl Tack

Mum Parade Chairpersons: Dianna Tack

Arts & Entertainment Chair: Maria Salice

Auto Show: Bristol Auto Club

Family Events Chair: Karl Tack

Finance & Sponsors Chair: Jason Fields

Finance Bookkeeper: Sue Berard

Finance – Purchasing Officer: Paul Berard

Facilities & Public Safety Chair: Patrick Kilby & Dave Nadeau

Marketing & Planning Chairs: Shannen Tack
Mickey Goldwasser

Vendor Relations Chair: Andrea (Andy) Adams

Web & Facebook Page: Jack Ferraro

Year: 2019

Festival Year: 58

Theme: "Fall In Love With Bristol"

2019 Mum Festival Committee Members:

General Chairman: Jack Ferraro

Co-Chairs: Jason Fields & Karl Tack

Mum Parade Chairpersons: Dianna Tack

Arts & Entertainment Chair: Maria Salice

Auto Show Chair: Jim Foote

Family Events Chair: Karl Tack

Finance & Sponsors Chair: Jason Fields

Finance Bookkeeper: Sue Berard

Finance – Purchasing Officer: Paul Berard

Facilities & Public Safety Chair: Harley Graime
Dave Nadeau

Marketing Chairs: Shannen Tack
Mickey Goldwasser

Vendor Relations Chair: Andrea (Andy) Adams

Web & Facebook Page: Jack Ferraro

Year: 2020

Festival Year: No Festival due to the Covid Pandemic

Year: 2021

Festival Year: 59

Theme: “Honoring Our Pandemic Heroes”

2021 Mum Festival Committee Members:

General Chairman: Jack Ferraro

Vice Chairs: Jason Fields & Karl Tack

Mum Parade Chairpersons: Dianna Tack

Arts & History Chair: Joyce Ptak

Entertainment Chair: Maria Salice

*Auto Show Chair: Beverly Foote

Family Events Chair: Karl Tack

Finance & Sponsors Chair: Jason Fields

Finance Bookkeeper: Sue Berard

Finance – Purchasing Officer: Paul Berard

Facilities & Public Safety Chair: Harley Graime
Dave Rackliffe

Marketing Chairs: Shannen Tack
Mickey Goldwasser

Vendor Relations Chair: Andrea (Andy) Adams

Web & Facebook Page: Jack Ferraro

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Year: 2022

Festival Year: 60

Theme: "Celebrating 60 Years of Flower Power"

2021 Mum Festival Committee Members:

General Chairman: Jack Ferraro

Co-Chairs: Jason Fields & Karl Tack

Mum Parade Chairpersons: Dianna Tack

Arts & History Chair: Joyce Ptak

Entertainment Chair: Maria Salice

*Auto Show Chair: Beverly Foote

Family Events Chair: Karl Tack

Finance & Sponsors Chair: Jason Fields

Finance Bookkeeper: Sue Berard

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*We would like to recognize our Purchasing Officer, Paul Berard, for his who had passed away