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Destin History & Fishing Museum
12th Annual Gumbo Contest and Silent Auction
Saturday, January 27, 2018 Destin Community Center

The Destin History and Fishing Museum held their 12th Annual Gumbo Contest and Silent Auction Saturday, January 27 at the Destin Community Center. This event marked the museum's most successful fundraising event. This event is the museum's main fundraiser. Nearly 625 attended the popular event. Ticket holders enjoyed a Silent Auction of 154 bid packages, live music by FLASH FLOOD, and gumbo from local contestants. There were fifteen restaurants and thirteen individuals registered in the event. The competition was very close and the winners were: Individual Category 1st Place: Lori Burkart and Individual Category 2nd Place: William Dale Braddock and Individual Category 3rd Place: Tom Ogle. Judging was equally close in the restaurant division. Restaurant Category 1st Place: Brotula's Seafood House & Steamer and Restaurant Category 2nd Place: Jimmy Buffet's Margaretville and Restaurant Category 3rd Place Grande Vista Bar & Grille. The People's Choice Restaurant Award voted on by the day's gumbo samplers was Dewey Destin's Bayside. The People's Choice Individual Award voted on by the day's gumbo samplers was Kelly Anderson. The Museum is very thankful to our sponsors Okaloosa County T.D.C., Copy Systems, Pepsi, and DoNut Hole for their financial and in-kind donations and most appreciative to all that supported this fundraising event by their donations or participation. Special thanks go to the celebrity judges. Judges for the Individual Category were: Glenda Jernigan, Bruce Craul/HarborWalk Village, J.D. Peacock/ County Clerk, and Casey Jones/The Big Red Truck. Judges for the Restaurant Category were: Dale Martinez, Sam Seevers/Life's A Beach, and Capt. Charlie Nix/Sheriff's Department and Matt Ronk—Boat Builder & Restored the "Primrose". Proceeds from this event will help pay for the upkeep and expansion of museum programs and exhibits. With the help of nearly 50 museum volunteers the event was our most successful fundraiser. The Destin History and Fishing Museum is a 501 C 3 non-profit foundation located at: 108 Stahlman Avenue Destin, Florida. Call the museum with any questions, 850-837-6611 or email kathydestinhistory@gmail.com.