



Oz: The National Convention 2019

June 21-23, 2019 – Thibodaux, Louisiana

June 20, 2019 (optional craft day)

Nicholls State University

Gilikins, Munchkins, Quadlings, and Winkies lend us your ears!

You are invited to a special Oz gathering held for the first time in the Quadling Country of the south. Our gracious ruler, Glinda, has sanctioned the event and welcomes all to her country. Oz: The National Convention will take place on the campus of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, located south of New Orleans.

Our convention celebrates the centennial of L. Frank Baum's thirteenth Oz book, *The Magic of Oz* and the 80th Anniversary of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's classic film *The Wizard of Oz*.

Special guests attending our convention include our master of ceremonies and presenter, film critic Ryan Jay. Paul Miles Schneider, pen pal to everyone's favorite Wicked Witch, Margaret Hamilton. Raymond F. Wohl will delight attendees with his new play, *The Royal Historian of Oz: Stories behind the stories of L. Frank Baum*. Other guests are Aaron Harburg, great-grandson of Oz lyricist, Yip Harburg and Dina Massachi of UNC Charlotte. More guests to be announced.

June 20, 2019 begins our pre-convention event, an Ozzy themed craft day. Hosted by our local expert crafters, Mary Pertuit and Cindy Hunter, join us for a fun day of crafts. This is a great opportunity to socialize and reconnect with your Ozian friends and comrades.

The festivities officially begin on June 21, 2019 at Nicholls State University. The University's library will feature multiple exhibits. Attendees will first be treated to the foyer case displays containing original Oz art from Peter Hanff's impressive collection. Additional cases are available for other collector's Oz art. Please contact us if you would like to display your Oz art as well. The adjacent cases will feature the Oz Club's art contest submissions. Don't forget to submit your Oz themed artwork or story to the Oz Club! Local collector, David Diket, will have his collection on display in the library's archives exhibit room. Other local Quadlings will also entertain attendees with a special Oz dance program performed by the Margo Battaglia Studio of Dance and the local Thibodaux Playhouse, Jr.'s production of *The Wizard of Oz*. An Oz convention would not be complete without our annual Oz auction, Show and Tell, and Dealer's Room.

On Sunday we will have an optional 10-hour New Orleans Charter Bus tour with pick up/drop off at our convention hotel, transportation to New Orleans, Jazz Brunch Riverboat Cruise on the "Natchez," tour of Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World and a 3-hour self exploration in the French Quarter. Limited to 45 attendees.

Registration Deadline is March 23, 2019.

Catered meals will be available for lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday on campus at Nicholls State University, and hotel attendees will enjoy a full breakfast buffet at the Best Western Plus. These options are recommended to further enrich your fun Oz experience, socializing with Oz friends. There are also many options for meals within a five-minute drive off of the Nicholls State University campus.

A block of rooms are reserved under "The International Wizard of Oz Club" at the Best Western Plus for \$69 per night plus applicable taxes. To make your reservation please call 985-580-4300.

Best Western Plus
117 Linda Ann Ave
Gray, LA 70359

OZ: THE NATIONAL CONVENTION 2019 MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Register today for Oz: The National Convention! Your registration helps support our convention and helps fund further guests.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Names/emails of additional members/attendees included in this order:

1. Name: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Email: _____

CONVENTION TICKETS

Oz: The National Convention TICKET.....\$75.00 x ____ = _____
Includes all programming, exclusive tote bag (meals not included)

Craft Day (June 20th) TICKET.....\$30.00 x ____ = _____

Sunday New Orleans Charter Bus Tour \$113.00 x ____ = _____

CATERED MEALS

Friday Lunch.....\$15.00 x ____ = _____

Friday Dinner.....\$30.00 x ____ = _____

Saturday Lunch.....\$15.00 x ____ = _____

Saturday Dinner.....\$30.00 x ____ = _____

MEAL SUBTOTAL \$ _____

ADD MEALS AND PROGRAMMING FOR GRAND TOTAL\$ _____

Please mail completed order forms and check (made out to International Wizard of Oz Club) to: David Diket, Oz: The National Convention Registrar, 302 Saint Bernard Street, Thibodaux, LA, 70301.