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## About the Cover

Mardi Gras in and around New Orleans, Louisiana is all about celebrating and having fun, and the groups that do it best are the many Krewe, who build elaborate floats and costumes, and hold elegant balls in honor of the season.

For the past 25 years, costumer Deborah Lynn Dixon has been creating radiant costumes for the Royal Court of the Krewe of Contraband Ball. The cover photo by Jack Aumiller shows the Golden Jubilee Ball Princesses and Queen at the Queen's Toasting Party, one of many events held by the Krewe during the season. Jack's daughter is in the red dress in the photo.

The amazing story of how Deborah organized the creation of more than a dozen elaborate costumes over a one year period from over 1300 miles away and delivered them on time begins on page 26.

