

# You asked....We answered!

“Who have been the past grand marshals of the Friday night grand parade?”

There probably has been a parade Grand Marshal each year for as many years as there has been a parade. Our current research and records start in 1975. If anyone has any of the missing information below or would like a project, we would love the help.

Here is our list of past Grand Marshals along with the theme for that year:

	Grand Marshals	Theme
1975		Our America
1976	Irwin “Hi’ Wentzien	“Spirit of 76” (Bicentennial Year”
1977	“55th Carnival”	New Horizons
1978		Happiness is.....
1979		Childhood memories
1980	“58th Carnival”	A Century of Memories
1981		Conservation
1982		Energy
1983		Name that Tune
1984	Corn Carnival Corp Est.	The Good Ole Days
1985	“63rd Carnival”	The Spirit of America
1986		Homecoming “86”

1987		Dreams Live on
1988	Nicole Paustian (Nat'l Honorary Jr. Aux President)	For an old fashioned good time
1989	Louise Giles	Heartland Happenings
1990	Dr. & Mrs. Lloyd Thomsen	Corn Carnival Classic
1991	Tommy Cash (Country Western Singer)	Corn Carnival Classic: Heartland of Iowa
1992	Wilbur Luethje; Mildred Pieper; Lora Mullinix	70 years of memories
1993	Harold Koester; Clarence Haack	Corn Carnival: Alive & Growing
1994	All American Veterans honoring 75 years of American Legion	Corn Carnival is Ear-resistible
1995	Ivan & Lorraine Gethmann	Corn Carnival Country
1996	Dick & Rose Bruene	Celebrate Iowa, Celebrate Corn Carnival
1997	Carroll Wegner (IA Dept of American Legion Commander)	75 Years of Memories
1998	Ward Handorff	Spirit of '76
1999	Eunice Ladehoff	Celebration of the Century
2000	'59 & '60 Girls State Basketball Champions	Spirit of Iowa
2001	Gladbrook Fire & Ambulance Crew	The Authentic Celebration

2002	Dick Denbow (IA Dept of American Legion Commander	United we stand
2003	Donators & Volunteers to City Centre; Pat Acton	Corn Carnival Magic
2004	Area Armed Service People Active Since 9-11	God bless America
2005	Pauline Flamme	Coming Home to Corn Carnival
2006	Chuck & Mary Lynne Bearden	Rolling to Corn Carnival
2007	Eldon & Dorothy Wiese	Spirit Alive at 85!
2008	Esther Jindrich	Ears of Fun
2009	Harry & Marilyn Thoms	87 is Corn Carnival Heaven
2010	Local WWII Veterans	Celebrating our heroes, Heritage & Home
2011	Terri Luehring	Gladbrook Pride
2012	Darrell & Jeanne Paustian	90 Years of Family Fun
2013	Gene Seda	Simply A-Mazing
2014	Bill & Doris Tessau	Remembering our Heritage
2015	Dennis & Doris Gienger	Hooked on Corn Carnival
2016	Harold & Rose Mary Mckinney	Cruisin' To Carnival
2017	Marvin & Judy Wendel	Sky High @95
2018	Mark & Linda Goos	Get your kicks @ Corn Carnival '96
2019	Nicole Paustian Clapp (Nat'l Legion Aux President)	Let Sparks fly @ 97th Corn Carnival

2020	N/A	Cornstock
2021	Stan & Sue Koster	Cornival
2022	Gladbrook Citizens, past and Present	Century of Celebrations
2023	John & Pat Clausen	Growing New Roots
2024	Mike & Sarah Wentzien	Neon Era
2025		