

# Hatley, Sue



## ***Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival Ticket Manager***

Mrs. Sue Hatley has long been the driving force behind the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival's volunteer crews. In the early years of the Festival, she oversaw all ticket and concession sales for the Festival. She would often take a week of her vacation time from the Natchitoches Parish School Board in order to prepare the drink machines and clean the Prather Coliseum concession areas for the Festival. She has scheduled volunteers, has overseen ticket sales, has tracked attendance numbers, and coordinated workers for every Folk Festival. Her husband Don Hatley, co-founder of the Festival, fervently believed in making the event a family affair, so their children ---Lesa and John---along with Sue worked many long hours to make the Festivals successful and enjoyable for visitors.

Mrs. Hatley continues to work with the Festival, and her contributions have been invaluable to the event. Her organizational skills and ability to keep things running smoothly in the ticket sales area only reflect a small part of all the work she has done for the Festival. She was inducted into the Louisiana Folklife Center's Hall of Master Folk Artists in 2004.

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