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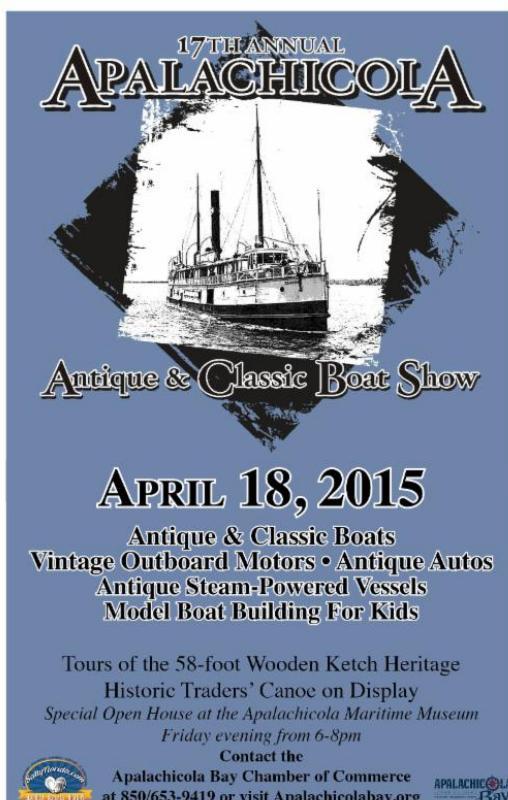
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Monthly Business Luncheon
 April 1st 2015
Hong Kong Bistro
 238 US-98, Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours
 April 9th, 2015
 Hosted by
Apalach Outfitters
 32 Ave D
 Apalachicola, FL
 5:30-7:00 pm

Apalachicola Art & Wine Walk

Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat Show



Sponsors



HOMESTEAD
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Events

May Monthly Business

Luncheon

May 6th, 2015

Bay City Lodge

1000 Bay City Rd.

Apalachicola

Noon

Visitor Statistics February

February 2001 1,414

February 2002 1,150

February 2003 694

February 2004 950

February 2005 1,538

February 2006 1,430

February 2007 2,309

February 2008 3,330

February 2009 1,972

February 2010 2,444

February 2011 2,193

February 2012 1,999

February 2013 2,052

February 2014 2,684

February 2015 1,606

Website stats

February 2015

Sessions

19,845

Users

16,128

Pageviews

61,714

Pages / Session

3.11

Avg. Session Duration

00:02:54

% New Sessions

75.23%

April 18, 2015 10:00 AM - 7:30

PM (ET)

Water Street, Apalachicola

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New Members

Sarah Mac Band- Dixie

Theatre

March 28, 2015 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street Apalachicola

The House Band, back for their 5th Season, need we say more...we love them so best and feel fortunate they are still with us. www.sarahmacband.com

APALACHICOLA RESERVE OFFERS LECTURE ON RATTLESNAKES

~Learn about island populations of the eastern diamondback rattlesnake on Cape St George~

Apalachicola National Research Reserve is offering an hour-long lecture about the local rattlesnake population on Thursday, April 2, at the Apalachicola Research Reserve Nature Center in Eastpoint. Mark Margres from Florida State University will discuss the ecology, evolution, and conservation of the eastern diamondback rattlesnake including the genetic basis of adaptation in snake venoms, particularly among island populations including Little St. George Island.

Mark Margres is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Biological Science at Florida State University. Mark's dissertation research focuses on understanding the genetic basis of adaptation in snake venoms, particularly among island populations of the eastern diamondback rattlesnake. Mark has recently begun focusing on the interactions between rattlesnakes and their rodent prey on Little St. George Island. His talk about the population venomics of the eastern diamondback rattlesnake (*Crotalus adamanteus*) identifies selection-driven incipient speciation and will discuss the ecology, evolution, and conservation of the eastern diamondback rattlesnake, a species currently up for listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

This lecture is free and registration is not required. For more information

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Got Ideas? Suggestions?

How can the Apalachicola Bay Chamber better serve you?
Is there something that we can do better to help your business?
Is there something you would like to see us add or change on the website, at the visitor's center or in the visitors' guide?
If you would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.
Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at info@apalachicolabay.org.

Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours in 2015, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email John C. Solomon at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

The Historic City of Apalachicola located at 1 Ave E. Apalachicola is the oyster capital of the world. Remnants of its colorful and diverse past remain very visible today through its many historic homes and buildings. Apalachicola's history and maritime culture are matched only by the area's bountiful natural resources and fresh local seafood, including the world-famous Apalachicola Bay oyster!
leemathies@cityofapalachicola.com

contact Gibby Conrad, 850-670-7702
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Help Bag Oysters!

Come help the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) fill mesh bags with oyster shells on the morning of Friday, April 3rd, 2015, from 9:00am-12:00pm at Scipio Creek Commercial Marina in Apalachicola. The bagged shells will be used to build a breakwater that will protect the shoreline of Cape (Little) St. George Island. The oyster breakwater will help dissipate wave action that erodes the shoreline. ANERR will also plant a living shoreline to reestablish a vegetative buffer on the shoreline. Living Shorelines provide shoreline stabilization using a combination of coastal native vegetation for sediment stabilization and breakwaters constructed of oyster shells, limestone rock, or other structures conducive to the natural environment.

Healthy Gulf / Healthy Communities

Healthy Gulf Healthy Communities (HGHC) consists of a team of biologists, psychologists, social scientists and members of affected communities.

HGHC is ready to release findings from a research project to address the environmental, economical and emotional health concerns in Florida and Alabama Gulf Coast communities as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill.

This important community event will focus on utilizing our experience to better prepare Gulf coast communities for future disasters.

The interactive 2015 HGHC Regional Forum will include discussions and reports on the following:

- Lessons learned in the five years since the DWH oil spill
- Research findings from project directors studying individual and family resiliency, community resiliency and seafood safety in impacted Gulf coast communities
- Current needs and gaps that continue in impacted communities

Full Moon Climb

St. George Island
April 4, 2015 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
The April Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2015. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 8:00 p.m. and the "Pink" moon will rise at 8:22 p.m. on April 4. This moon is named after the flower "grass pink" or 'wild ground phlox,' which is one of the first and most widespread flowers to bloom in the spring.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the

- Next steps to strengthen communities and build resiliency

When: April 23, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST) Where: Various locations in Alachua, Escambia, and Franklin County

Angela Lindsey
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Member News

Local Author Book Signing

Saturday April 4th at Downtown Books & Purl book signing by local author Lois Swoboda. "Old Neb and the Lighthouse Treasure" is a children's book about children living on St. George Island in the 1930's. Lois will be on hand signing books Starting at 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Call in advance to reserve a copy.

"Dive into a summer adventure on St. George Island as Old Neb, the horse who owned himself, shares escapades with his best friend, Elizabeth Ann Register (Betty) and her family and friends. An old gold coin and a mysterious length of chain send Betty, Snooky and Walter on a mission to retrieve buried treasure. On a sundrenched beach just a dune away from oily, black gator ponds and green

center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Panhandle Players presents Duck Hunter Shoots Angel

Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$15.

Duck Hunter Shoots Angel is the story of two bumbling Alabama duck-hunting brothers who think they accidentally shot down an angel.

Hailed by audiences as a comedy with a heartfelt message, the play follows the intersecting paths of the two guilt-ridden duck hunters (Royce Rolstad, III and Robbie Johnson), a depressed tabloid journalist (Henry Kozlowsky), his reluctant photographer (Don Denig), their crazed boss (Bob Ingugiato), a shopgirl at a local Gasmart (Jeana Crozier), a half-man/half-alligator (Rodney Reeves), and a ghost (Bobbi Seward). The themes of redemption, race, media and north vs. south are all explored in hilarious fashion, and the play features a surprise ending that playgoers don't see coming.

Florida Lighthouse Day

April 11th

Franklin County lighthouses are front and center this month as the State celebrates Florida Lighthouse Day on Saturday, April 11. In honor of Florida Lighthouse Day, there will be no charge to climb the Cape St. George Light. The Crooked River Lighthouse at Carrabelle will offer free climbs for children and a reception

The Influence of Coastal Weather Patterns on the Use of a Florida Barrier Island by Trans-Gulf Migrants.

Join us on Wednesday, April 15, 2:00-3:00pm, Alan Kneidel will lecture on "The Influence of Coastal

shaded rainforest, three youngsters search for pirate gold. Butch, Snooky's older brother, is always out to trick the adventurers. Papa, the lighthouse keeper, has his hands full trying to keep them safe, usually from themselves. When Papa can't be there to watch over them, Old Neb always seems to appear in time to save the day."

Weather Patterns on the Use of a Florida Barrier Island by Trans-Gulf Migrants." For the past two springs, a team of NOAA Environmental Cooperative Science Center (ECSC) researchers from Delaware State University have been studying the migrant songbird community on St. George Island. One of the goals of this study has been to determine whether local weather patterns are associated with the magnitude, temporal variability, and physical condition of migrants using the island as a migratory stopover site. This presentation will focus on the results of this study, while providing context for determining the ecological importance of this vulnerable coastal habitat to the annual cycle of migratory songbirds.

This lecture is free and registration is not required. For more information contact Megan Lamb 850-670- 7709, email Megan.Lamb@dep.state.fl.us

Art & Environment Retold



Book Signing

Join Downtown Books in celebrating writer/naturalist Susan Cerulean's new book at Cafe con Leche, 234 Water Street, from 5 to 7 pm on Friday, April 24. Coming to Pass, Florida's Coastal Islands in a Gulf of Change studies the genesis of the coast from Cape San Blas to Dog Island, and its inextricable link to the Apalachicola River. Illustrated with images from prizewinning nature photographer David Moynahan, Coming to Pass is the culmination of her explorations and a meditation on our relationship to the world that holds us. In 2010, Susan was instrumental in bringing together writers, musicians, and visual artists for the UnspOILED performance at the Dixie Theatre in the wake of the Deepwater

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Horizon disaster. For more information, call Downtown Books at 653-1290.

Ribbon Cutting

Chip Sanders Gallery



Chamber News

The Apalachicola Art & Wine Walk

Article from the Apalachicola Times by Lois Swoboda

On Saturday, the annual Art Walk celebration of art and wine returned to Apalachicola.

About 50 artists had street displays, and more than 50 more had work hanging in Apalachicola's many galleries on the day of the event.

Merchants reported record crowds. Harry Arnold said he had record sales at the Tin Shed on both Friday and Saturday.

"I believe it was the largest Art Walk crowd I have seen and probably the biggest crowd for any event of that type. I don't know how it could have been better," Arnold said.

Tamara Suarez, owner of Café Con Leche on Water Street, said the walkway

kids model boat building, the National Weather Service and boat building demonstration throughout the day. The Apalachicola Traders' Canoe, a hand built 50-foot long vessel used between 1750-1850, recovered from the Apalachicola River will be on display at the Cotton Warehouse. Questions? Please call (850) 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org, or visit <http://www.antiqueboatshow.org>. The Apalachicola Maritime Museum will also have a special open house Friday evening with a reception from 6:00-8:00 pm

Ghost Tour walk

Saturday, April 18 and enjoy the Apalachicola Historic Society's annual Spring Ghost Tour walk of the Historic Chestnut Street Cemetery in Apalachicola. History enthusiasts take on the persona of several of the cemetery's more notable inhabitants to tell of life in Apalachicola more than 100 years ago. The walk will be held from 6-8 pm (ET).

The Pirates of the Carrabellean Riverfront Festival

held on the 4th weekend in April on Marine Street along the riverfront. Arts and Crafts, Seafood, Pet Parade, Live Music, Maritime Exhibits, Fishy Fashion Show, Food Booths, and Kids Zone.

The FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory

The FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory will hold its next Open House Event on April 25, 2015 from 10 am to 3 pm. It only happens every other year, so mark your calendars! From tiny tots to the most mature adults and those of us who never quite grew up -- there will be something to educate, fascinate and entertain everyone!

Highlights include:
Learn - See - Explore
Did you know that the sawfish is the

in front of her business was packed with artists and visitors. "It was wonderful, but I was so busy I couldn't get outside to see," she said.

Lynn Wilson, owner of the On the Waterfront Gallery and founder of Artists of the Apalachicola Area (AAA) had high praise for the event and its organizers. She had five artists demonstrating technique and displaying art in front of her gallery and an additional 50 area artists showing work inside. She said her gallery had sales of more than \$3,200.

"It was wonderful. We were packed and everyone who came by stayed for at least a half hour and took time to look at everything. Some of them came back later to buy," she said.

"After the wine walk portion of the day began, people seemed to loosen up a little and many bought art. It was interesting because it was a different crowd. The people who came earlier in the day seemed a little more conservative and there were families," Wilson said. ""I served wine provided by the Chamber and, when that ran out, I served some I had on hand for clients. "Later on, local band Celtics on the Half Shell, (musical members of AAA), performed and everyone seemed to really enjoy that," she said.

Jewelry designer and silversmith Kristin Anderson reported about \$3,000 in sales. Anne Eason of the Water Street Potters displayed her work on Market Street . This was her second year participating in the Art Walk and she said she thought the crowd might have been slightly smaller than last year but she had an excellent day.

Hollis Vail, owner of Artemis Gallery on Commerce Street also reported good sales. Keri Beth Hall, owner of Up the Stairs restaurant, said she had a large turnout for the wine walk that segued into a busy evening meal.

Danny Itzkovitz, owner of Tamara's Café Floridita and the Tapas Bar, said

only native marine fish on the U.S. endangered species list? Do you know the best way to clean up an oil spill? Have you ever raced a snail, climbed through a turtle excluder device, or seen how a blue crab molts? You will see and learn about these things at the FSUCML Open House.

You can also:

- Tour the R/V Apalachee, our 65-ft research vessel
- Check out the Shark Jaw Display
- Discover everything you want to know about Deep Sea Corals
- Chat with scientists about grouper habitat and conservation
- Hunt for hints about protecting our oceans and coastline in the Scavenger Hunt
- Try picking up goodies with a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)

Gather your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and associates, and take a beautiful drive down to the coast for a day of fun! From tiny tots to the most mature adults and those of us who never quite grew up -- there will be something to educate, fascinate and entertain everyone! Can't wait to see you again!

For more information about the Open House, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Tory Walker at twalker3@fsu.edu (850-697-3887).

Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour

May 1st-2nd

From the canopied Shadow Lane neighborhood to the long vistas of the avenues in the historic district and the charming side streets that sequester special treasures, Apalachicola has some very exceptional treats in store for its spring tour of homes. The many renovations and restorations currently underway among the city's residences and businesses attest to community as well as personal pride. This year the houses run the gamut from imposing two-story homes to quaint cottages of yesteryear and new construction.

The featured house for the 2015 tour

both of his stores were packed all evening.

14th Annual Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Rib-Cookoff



The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce was proud to participate in the 14th Annual Rib- Cook-off Benefiting the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department. The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce team finished 2nd place in the Cook-off and won the trophy for the Best Display / Rig. Thank you to The Tin Shed, Sign Design and The Florida Seafood Festival.

1st Place - Kickin Ash (sponsored by 2K Webgroup)

2nd Place - Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce

3rd Place - Team Loco Catering

Honorable Mention - Big Top Supermarket

Most Popular Booth (Raised the Most Money) - Big Top Supermarket

Best Rig / Display- Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce

is the home of Anne and Clint Eason. One of the most stately homes on Ave. C this Queen Anne-style home, constructed of local pine and black cypress, dates back to 1892.

Interestingly, it was erected on the site of the former county jail. Built by local merchant Rudolph Collins, the house later became known as the Lovett house for the many decades that this large family shared these living quarters. Anne Eason comments that "This is the Collins/ Lovett house. We are blessed to be custodians. Nurturing feelings envelop us here." In the year 2000, the house was fully restored by local contractor, Bill Barnes, for former owner, Beverly Austin. The following year it was honored with the Florida State Chrysalis Award for Historic Preservation. There are many wonderful architectural details in the home including the original gingerbread, doors, fireplaces and windows. The kitchen and a room upstairs have been added, yet the integrity of the original home has been maintained. The house is enhanced by the Eason's comfortable and inviting decor and their use of a mixture of antiques and contemporary and custom-built pieces. Art work abounds from whimsical paintings and sculpture to spectacular woodcarvings and pottery by Anne Eason herself. The stylish chicken coop in the back garden houses a variety of exotic poultry. Visitors to the house will find much to delight them in this home.

Evensong service at Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on Friday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. This service provides the traditional opening for the home tour. It will be followed by a reception to which all are invited. Homes will be open only on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets will be available at \$20 until the day of the event. On Saturday, May 2, ticket sales will begin at 9:30 a.m. at \$25 per ticket. A gourmet lunch will be served at Benedict Hall on the grounds of Trinity Church from 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. during the tour. In addition, a silent auction, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., will be a part of Saturday's festivities. Guests to Apalachicola can enhance their weekend experience by allowing time to visit the many historical

buildings and churches, museums, inns and parks that mark this historic town as a truly original locale. We welcome you to join us for the weekend and come back again and again.

Forgotten Coast Plein Air

Artists capture Florida's Forgotten Coast with brush and canvas during this 10 day event, May 1st-11th, 2015.

Celebrating 10 years of documenting the landscape and culture of this last vestige of authentic "Old Florida", Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, America's Great Paint-out is among the world's most prestigious plein air events. Focusing on artistic excellence and the production of investment quality art is the trademark of the 10-day event. The invitational features 21 internationally acclaimed artists, as well as, six featured "Florida's Finest en Plein Air" artists honored as Plein Air Ambassadors, two Plein Air Portrait experts and the Plein Air Academy's Master Artist Faculty. Expanded exhibits, a Collectors' Forum, distinguished guest speakers, and surprises that will be fresh and new to the plein air community are all in the making! Book your reservations early for the best rates!

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