



Holiday Newsletter



Philaco Christmas Trees

The small Christmas trees prepared by the conservation committee of the Philaco Woman's Club are on sale.

Once again the trees will sell for \$20. The trees are tabletop native red cedar and can be planted outside as far north as Michigan, after the holidays. Each tree is unique and special themes can be requested for an additional fee.

All money goes to benefit the Florida Wild Mammal Association wildlife rescue facility. To order a tree, call Lois at 653-5857.

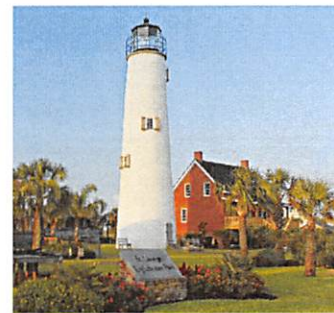
Festival of Trees

November 23, 2015, Festival of Trees at the Raney House, 128 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL, 5:30pm to 7pm. Cocktail party with artist decorated trees on display and available for bid. Admission is \$10.00. Proceeds go to the historic Raney House.



Full Moon Climb

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse
The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association (SGLA).



The sun will set at 5:41 p.m. and the "Beaver" moon will rise at 5:53 p.m. on November 25. The Beaver full moon marked the time for Native Americans to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm furs for the coming winter. Full Moon names are attributable to Native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark the changing seasons. 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 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members.

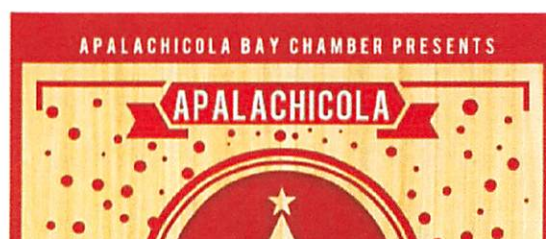
The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park.

Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

Please note that because the December full moon occurs on Christmas Day, there will not be a Full Moon Climb in December. The November Full Moon Climb will be the final full moon climb of 2015. Happy holidays to all, and we look forward to celebrating the full moons of 2016.

Downtown Holiday Celebration

Come to historic Apalachicola on the day after Thanksgiving Friday November 27th and welcome in the Holiday Season Apalachicola Style. The Apalachicola Downtown Christmas Celebration will light up the town from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with



luminaries along the streets and the sounds of carolers in the air.

Bring the kids because Santa will arrive on a shrimp boat at 4:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Park to hear children's Christmas wishes. Pam Nobles Studio will perform right before Santa starts hearing all the children's Christmas wishes.

The Mayor will be on hand for the lighting of the lights and wonderful holiday music.

The Raney House Museum will be trimmed in holiday finery and local Merchants will be open late for your Christmas shopping convenience.

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce will be giving out hotdogs to the children who come to visit Santa.

ABC PTSA will be having a raffle for a stay on St. George Island.

The Santa Says... Read Booth, sponsored by the Dinner Divas and Bring Me a Book Franklin, will provide an age appropriate book for each child after they visit with Santa.

The GFWC Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola will be selling homemade baked goods, as well as bottle water at the Apalachicola Downtown Christmas Celebration. From 4-7pm Money collected by the Philaco Club will go toward their High School Scholarship program

So don't fight the crowds in big box stores and traffic at the malls. Come to Apalachicola for the day or the weekend and enjoy a relaxed, hassle free environment in a downtown full of wonderful shops and eateries.



Santa Visits His Furry Friends

Saturday, November 28th at noon, as Santa has a special day devoted to hearing wishes from his furry friends. Support the Franklin County Humane Society and have your pet's picture taken with Santa for a donation.

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday November 28th

Make a special effort to support our small independently-owned stores on Small Business Saturday and throughout the holiday season!

Whether you are shopping for clothing, books, jewelry, home décor, plants or a gift certificate to treat someone to a meal or an ice cream, you'll find the perfect gift for everyone on your list, minus the crowds and the hassle of going to the mall. When you spend your dollars locally at an independently owned store more of your money circulates in the community creating a more vibrant, sustainable economy that employs your family and neighbors. Whether it is a hardware store, a restaurant, a bookstore or a shop downtown, every



\$100 spent in a locally-owned, independent store, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures.

Local businesses pay local property tax which fund schools, city and county offices, emergency services, and recreation programs. They also provide jobs to your family, friends, and neighbors, and they contribute to our local charities.

December Business Luncheon

December 2nd at Noon
Gormley's at the Gibson
51 Ace C Apalachicola

Island Lights

Santa is coming to St. George Island! The annual Island Lights festivities begin at 4:00pm at the St. George Lighthouse Park. The one mile Jingle Jog starts at 4:30pm on the bike path in front of Lighthouse Park. Be sure to arrive early to get your Santa hat and jingle bells. A \$5 per runner donation is suggested. Local children's choruses will be performing holiday musical selections throughout the event. Santa is expected to arrive around 5:00pm. He will arrive by fire engine and provide gifts to children age 10 and younger. Refreshments will include snacks, coffee, and hot chocolate. This event is rain or shine - in the event of inclement weather, tents will be set up. View the lighting of the Island palms at sundown. This event is hosted by the St. George Island Business Association. For more information call 850-323-1260. Ho, Ho, Ho! Hope to see you there!



Island Lights

Friday, Dec. 4th
St. George Island
Lighthouse Park
4:00pm to Sunset

4:00 **JINGLE JOG** - One mile fun run! Race starts at 4:30. Line up at 4:00 to get your Santa hat & jingle bells. \$5 per runner suggested donation.
4:00 - 5:00 **HOLIDAY MUSIC** - Local children's choruses perform.
5:00 **SANTA** arrives by fire engine to hear children's wishes and to provide gifts. (Children wishing to ask Santa must be 10 or younger).
Sunset **LIGHTING** of the Palms at SGI Lighthouse Park.

~ Refreshments will include snacks, coffee & hot chocolate ~

Hosted by the St. George Island Business Association
For info call Summerlin W. Weber at 850-323-1260



Holiday Fresh Market

Why fight the crowds and traffic at the malls? Come for the day or the weekend and find one-of-a-kind unusual presents. Shop in a relaxed, hassle free environment. Buy hand crafted Apalachicola specialties such as baked goods, artwork, wood carving, pottery, hand knitted goods. Your gift shopping has never been easier! Located in front of the Dixie Theatre Avenue E and Market Street. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. presented by The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. Call (850) 653-9419 for details.

December Business After Hours

December 10th 5:30-7:00
Hosted by The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
122 Commerce St. Apalachicola

Eastpoint Christmas Parade

The 4th Annual Eastpoint Christmas Parade and Celebration will be held on Friday, December 11th at 4PM. Following the parade, Santa will be at the Eastpoint Pavilion. Refreshments and Gifts for children 10 and under.



Carrabelle Boat Parade of Lights

Make plans to put your boat in the Carrabelle Boat Parade of Lights & Holiday on the Harbor Saturday, December 12, 2015 at "dark 30"

Join in the fun with your family and friends! All boats Welcome - Any Boat That Floats! Trophies and Prizes for each boat category!



****Fireworks Show Finale!****

Apalachicola Bay Chamber, 122 Commerce Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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