



Happy New Year!!!

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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

January 7th, 2015
Tamara's Tapas Bar
73 Market St
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours

January 15th, 2015
Centennial Bank
Apalachicola Location
Avenue E
5:30-7:00 pm

Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

February 8, 2015 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Chefs from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative dishes at the historic Fort Coombs Armory located on 4th street and Avenue D in Apalachicola. Sample an array from our area restaurants and local Chefs. Our talented shopkeepers and local designers give the event an extraordinary touch and add creative flair by decorating each table individually. The tables range from elegant to artistic and funky. Join us for our 19th year. Tickets are \$60. For more information, call Apalachicola Bay Chamber at (850) 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org

New Members

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Events

Uta Hardy Real Estate Services

Visitor Statistics

November 2001 720
November 2002 825
November 2003 842
November 2004 986
November 2005 789
November 2006 1,752
November 2007 2,384
November 2008 1,790
November 2009 1,986
November 2010 1,925
November 2011 2,356
November 2012 1,638
November 2013 1,469
November 2014 1,316

Website stats

November 2014

Users
10,367

Pageviews
35,750

Pages / Session
2.86

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:31

Bounce Rate
55.66%

% New Sessions
75.77%

Board of Directors

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Bud Hayes 927-3305
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Uta has been in the real estate business in Franklin County for 12 years and a broker for 10 years. She has focused on personalized services for clients seeking and selling residential properties on St. George Island and in Apalachicola. Uta can be reached at 850-653-3464 or email uhardy21@gmail.com

The Crew of Salty Barkers

The Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers, a parade unit of dogs and their people, invites you to join in on Saturday, February 7, 2015. This year's theme is Barkaritaville. Dress yourself and your dog in tropical parrothead costumes and celebrate Mardi Gras Apalach style! You may walk, ride in golf carts, pull wagons, push strollers, or come up with any other unique form of transportation. Floats are allowed and this may be the only place you'll see oyster boats in a parade. The day's events, for the benefit of our local animal shelter and for the Apalachicola Dog Park, begins at 1:00 pm at the Bowery and winds through town, ending at the dog-friendly Bowery Station where the party will continue with live music, dancing, Cajun food, games, and contests. Parade registration is \$5.00 per person. Dogs, of course, are free. Golf carts, floats, and boats are \$20. Dogs are still free. Admission to the fais do-do at Bowery Station is free for everyone. All donations are tax-deductible and are for the benefit of the shelter and dog park.

Island Girl Gifts

Most of the items at Island Girl Gifts in Apalachicola Florida (the forgotten coast) are hand made by local artists. From jewelry to Tupelo honey and everything in between. Island Girl Gifts is owned and operated by Debbie Kirschenbaum. Island Girl Gifts is located at 54 Market St Suite E Apalachicola, Florida

Tallahassee Swing Band

January 3, 2015 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)
Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street Apalachicola
Returning for their 2nd season at the Dixie Theatre, this band wowed audiences when they opened the 2014 Season.

Spencer Bohren-Dixie Theatre

January 10, 2015 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)
After traveling the globe and playing such US venues at the new Orleans Jazz Festival, we are honored to have this incredible musician grace the Dixie stage. www.spencerbohren.com

A Winter Bacchanalia!

January 16, 2015 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
A celebration of food and wine. Presented by **Up the Stairs**, OpiciWine Company and Transatlantic Wine & Spirits (a division of SWS). Featuring over 60 wines, 8 vendors, light buffet, passed D'Oeuvres and Fondue Stations! Tickets are \$60 each thru January 1st \$70 each January 2nd thru January 16th

Pas de Vie Ballet - Dixie Theatre

January 17, 2015 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)
Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street Apalachicola

Oyster Cook-Off

January 17, 2015 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)
Downtown Apalachicola
The 5th Annual Oyster Cook-Off to benefit the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015. The Friday evening event will be a preview of the oyster-related silent auction items, along with a sampling of the Apalachicola Bay's tasty bivalves 6:00-8:00 pm. The actual cook-off on Saturday will start at 12 noon. Judging and Bands starts at 2:00. Contestants are encouraged to enter with their favorite recipe. All forms of oysters will be available to taste: raw, steamed, fried. Other food items and refreshments will be available for

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Jean Ulrich 653-2900
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The Tin Shed

Owned by Harry Arnold the Tin Shed has the most comprehensive maritime collection east of the Mississippi! Specializing in Nautical Antiques, Collectibles and Gifts. The Tin Shed is located at 170 Water St, Apalachicola, FL

Executive Office Supply

Executive Office Supply Inc. offers a full range of office supplies and furniture. They are also a GSA Contract dealer for the State of Florida. Executive Office Supply Inc. is owned by Harry Arnold.

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

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Thank you to the Sponsors for the 2014
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purchase also. The day's activities will include live music and dancing performances. More information will be posted soon at www.oystercookoff.com, and the event can be followed on Facebook.

Mardi Gras Parade & Riverfront Festival

Habitat for Humanity's Mardi Gras Celebration will be on February 6th. Friday, the Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers invites you to a parade of dogs and their people. Dress yourself and your dog as your favorite character or wear traditional Mardi Gras attire. The parade begins at 5:30 pm at the intersection of Avenue F and Commerce Street (near the chamber office and visitors center) and continues down Commerce to the Courthouse, then left & left again onto Water Street up to the Riverfront Park where the party will continue with live music, dancing, Cajun food, and other festivities for the whole family. Saturday night is the Mardi Gras Dinner and Ball at the Armory. There will be music, dancing and a floor show, plus the crowning of the Mardi Gras king and queen. Dinner tickets are \$50.00, 6:30 pm, and general admission \$25.00 at 7:30pm. For tickets and information call Kayd at (850) 653-3113 or Caroline (850) 670-5064.

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.

**Anchor Realty
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Congratulations to the Winners of the 1st
Annual Holiday Putt Putt Tournament

1st place

Team Big Top Supermarket
Richard Wade
Karl Lucy

2nd Place

Team Eastpoint Fire Department
Johnny Lemiux
Haley Lemiux

3rd Place

Team Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic
Mike Welkes
Renne Johnson

Most Hole in Ones

Richard Wade

**Last Opportunity to advertise in the
Forgotten Coast Visitors Guide for 2015**

We are producing the 2015 Official Visitors Guide to promote businesses in our area. This is a professionally produced glossy full-color guide that includes area maps, professional photographs, brief histories of the area, things to do, dining, places to stay, shopping, places to see and relocation information. This publication is mailed to anyone requesting visitor and relocation information. Also it is given to walk-in visitors, included in presskits and distributed throughout the county at member businesses. The guide is also available as a downloadable PDF on our website at www.apalachicolabay.org. We will print approx. 20,000 copies of the guide. Advertisers will receive copies for their own distribution. If you are interested in advertising, please contact John Solomon or Cindy Collins at the Chamber office (850) 653-9419 or info@apalachicolabay.org.

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