July 2015

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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon
July 1st, 2015
Caroline's River Dining
123 Water Street
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours
July 23rd 2015
Island Girl Gifts
47 Market St.
5:30-7:00

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Renewal Month

July is the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's renewal month. Renewal forms have been mailed out to all current members. If you have not received your renewal letter please email us at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org or call us at 850-653-9419. We will be glad to assist you in getting the renewal forms to you.

Business Luncheon & Business After Hours

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August Monthly Business Luncheon
TBA

Visitor Statistics
May

May 2004 1,234
May 2005 1,526
May 2006 1,535
May 2007 2,046
May 2008 2,437
May 2009 1,715
May 2010 2,389
May 2011 2,228
May 2012 2,226
May 2013 2,490
May 2014 1,883
May 2015 1,345

Website stats
May 2015

Sessions
20,463

Users
16,866

Pageviews
59,874

Pages / Session
2.93

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:37

% New Sessions
76.54%

New Members

Segree's Bait & Tackle
Located at 379 Hwy 98 Eastpoint. Owned and operated by Larry, Donnie & Ronnie Segree. They offer a full service Bait & Tackle store with snack and drinks. They also provide fishing, Shelling and hog hunt guided trips, Kayak rentals and on Tuesdays and Thursdays they have fried Mullet dinners.

d.segree@yahoo.com

Sadies Seahorse
Located at 140 West 1st Street St. George Island. Owned by Sandra Dixon. Sadies Seahorse is a Coastal Chic Boutique. They have gifts, cards, flowers that are unique to the area. Sadies is also an Oakley distributor.
sandy53066@earthlink.net

(H'Cola) The Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola
They have served the Apalachicola, African-American Community and Franklin County since 1999, and their commitment to service continues today. They are a group of committed and dedicated business-minded people from the Apalachicola, Hillside Community who occupy the same belief, which is that service to others is a high and worthy calling, and we share this view passionately. Their annual flagship event, the African-American History Festival, which takes place each year on the 3rd weekend in February.

http://www.hcola.org/

School of Art: Michael Han
June 18, 2015 to July 20, 2015 8:00 3:00 PM (ET)
Apalachicola School of Art - Watercolor on the Apalachicola River with Michael Han 6-21 - Informal lectures and discussions with question-and-answer sessions on the different aspects of watercolor painting from design and composition to technique. The students will do step-by-step watercolor paintings under one-on-one instruction and critique. Classes held at the Apalachicola School of Art in downtown Apalachicola.

SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
July 1, 2015 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
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Turtle Talk
Every Wed. for the months of July & August
Sea turtle nesting season is here! During the first week of May, sea turtle nests were spotted on both St. George Island and St. Vincent Island, and volunteers are monitoring remaining area beaches as the turtle's crawl. Each spring hundreds of grand creatures arise from Gulf waters and lay their eggs on our sandy shores. The turtles that nest here are Loggerheads, Caretta caretta, but we also have Green sea turtles, Chelonia mydas, and Leatherback sea turtles, Dermochelys coriacea. Hatchlings will start to crawl out of their nests approximately two months after being laid and continue to emerge through October. On average there are 90 nests on Little St. George Island and 150 nests on St. Geor...
Running for the Bay Marathon

The "Running for the bay!" Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Ultra 50K (all with wheelchair divisions) are races held in beautiful Apalachicola, Florida. The races are designed to bring attention to The Apalachicola Bay area, one of the most beautiful and important estuaries in America; create an avenue for charity fund raising and to promote health and fitness.

http://www.runningforthebay.com/

Catering Capers

Owned and operated by Justin Chiricos Catering Capers makes entertaining easy. They ensure every event is a total success by closely and completely caring about Their guests. Their personal approach is to make your event flawless and memorable by relying on them to offer exquisite food and professional services.

http://www.cateringcapers.com/

Caught Up Charters

Captain Andrew Sapp was born and raised in Apalachicola and started fishing with his dad as a toddler. Captain Sapp has spent the better part of his life on the waters in and around the Apalachicola Bay. He will share his knowledge of the area and surrounding waters with you

Drewsapp17@yahoo.com

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.

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Apalachicola Independence Celebration

July 3, 2015 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET) Riverfront Park, Apalachicola
The Apalachicola Mainstreet Program again be hosting the fourth annual C Apalachicola Independence Day Cel on July 3rd at River front Park in Apalachicola, at no cost to the publi day long Festivities include the Trad Red, White & Blue Parade open to a forming at 6:30 at Lafayette Park. Ev is encouraged to participate. Food se available for purchase. Other River activities include live music with the year.

Bruce Drye has been monitoring tur nesting on St. George since 1990, at retired from the St. George Island S Park. At first a volunteer, he was la by ANERR to oversee the project at Bruce started the ANERR St. Georg Volunteer Turtlers which also help the nests. Two interns will be working with B season. Amy Bergstrom from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area has bee intern at both the Racine Zoo and at Milwaukee County Zoo, and Kallie Gannon, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, earning her bachelor's di Environmental Science.

Little St. George Island has been mc by ANERR staff since 1988. Mega with NOAA's Environmental Coop Science Center has been assisting w nesting on Little St. George since 2c overseeing the beach since 2009.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Re Reserve will offer free weekly talks sea turtles, their nesting habits, how nests are identified, protected and hc visitors and residents can help sea t have a successful nesting season, or Wednesdays at 2:00 PM. Dates of t will be June 3,10,17,24 July, 1, 8,1 and August 5,12,19,26. For more c 670-7700.

WHAT: Nesting Sea turtles of Franklin County Beaches
WHEN: Every Wednesday in Jun and August, 2015, from 2:00-3:00p WHERE: 108 Island Drive, Eastpo Florida 32328

Little St. George and Talquin Islands have received the same overseen for nesting on the outer islands area as St. George. Monitoring will be held on Big St. George Island and on Talquin Island. Bruce Drye, the owner of the bay and regional manager for ANERR, will provide a presentation on the turtle nesting season on Wednesday, June 3rd from 2:00-3:00 PM at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 850-653-9419 or email execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.
**Associate Member**  
**Judy McFarland**

Judy has just recently moved to Apalachicola. She entered and attended the Antique and Classic Boat show this past year and her Kayak / Canoe came in first in that category. Judy has also started volunteering 4 hours a month here at the Chamber Visitor Center.

**Member News**

**Sculpture Exhibit**

Come on down to St. George Island wettest and wildest Independence Day parade on the Forgotten Coast! Because most visitors depart and arrive on Saturdays and Sundays, this year there will be two parades to better accommodate you. The first will be on Friday, July 3rd and the second will be on Monday, July 6th. Decorate your vehicle and join in the fun! Anyone in costume or on a float or in a decorated vehicle, golf cart or bicycle can participate. Bring your squirt guns and get wet! No water balloons please, they are harmful to the local wildlife. Line up at the intersection of 1st Street West and West Pine Street at 11:00am. Parade begins at noon. For more information please contact Vicki Frost at Eddy Teach's at 927-

**Chamber News**

**Suspense Author Bases Newest Series in Franklin County**

Author Dawn Lee McKenna has just released her second book in the Forgotten Coast Suspense Novels series. The first book "Low Tide" was released in June and drew great reviews. Now "Riptide" released on June 29th featured band being Johnny Barbato Lucky Dogs beginning at 6:30pm.

**4th of July Freedom Fest**

July 4, 2015 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Come celebrate our great country's freedom and independence. Watch the greatest fireworks display on the Island from the Blue Parrot deck. Have a delicious fresh seafood dinner while the sky lights up. Enjoy drinks from the Tiki Bar while the crowd oooohs and aahhs. Music and fun.

**SGI Independence Day Parade**

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**Apalachicola Farmers Market**

Local seafood, produce, herbs, and homemade breads and pies, along with regional specialties will be offered at the Apalachicola Farmers Market which opens July 11 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Mill Pond Pavilion, located at the north end of Street in Historic Apalachicola. The Farmers Market will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, which overlooks the historic Scipio Creek boat basin. Browse the market. Goodies such as tomato pie, local eggs, homemade jellies, salsa and barbeque sauce, locally produced soaps, handmade turquoise jewelry, and perennials.
has already reached the top of pre-order charts. The story is based in, not about Franklin County. The main character Lt. Maggie Redmond is an investigator at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. There are two more books due out in the series "What Washes Up" and "Landfall" due out later this year. The books mention various locations around Franklin County from the Piggy Wiggy, Café Con Leche, Boss Oyster and The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Enjoy music with your friends and neighbors in a beautiful setting by the water. Relax under the live oaks that grace the Farmers Market on the Mill Pond of Creek. From the blinking light in Apalachicola Center, the Farmers Market is just down Market Street less than a mile.

Interested in becoming a vendor or volunteer? Email apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com to be a part of this vibrant community.

ANERR Workshop: Blue Carbon

Blue Carbon: A Management Tool for Conservation and Restoration of Coastal Wetlands will be offered by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Reserve on July 28th, from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Leading Blue Carbon experts Steve Emmett-Mattox with Restore America's Estuaries and Dr. Stephen Crooks will explore the greenhouse gas benefits provided by tidal wetlands, salt marshes, seagrasses, mangroves, and other coastal ecosystems, and how these concepts can be used to support land conservation and restoration goals, plus generate new opportunities. They will discuss the economics of blue carbon, the basics of coastal landscape project planning, and implementation practices, and the benefits of combining blue carbon projects with traditional conservation and restoration activities.

This workshop is intended for anyone interested in coastal conservation and restoration, including natural resource managers, landowners, land trusts, policy makers, planners, real estate professionals, attorneys and financial advisors, academia, and federal, state, and local officials. Presenters include Steve Emmett-Mattox and Dr. Stephen Crooks. Mr. Emmett-Mattox is the Senior Director for Strategic Planning and Programs for Restore America's Estuaries, where he leads the U.S. blue carbon effort and has been developing strategic initiatives for 15 years. Dr. Crooks is the Director of Climate Change Services for Environmental Associates, Co-Chair of the International Blue Carbon Working Group, and member of the IPCC Working Group that drafted the 2013 guidelines to include wetlands in national greenhouse gas inventories.
Registration is $20. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To register go to http://gulfalliancetraining.com/detail.aspx?id=96 For more information, please contact Anita Grove at Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us or (850) 7708 or Margo Posten at Margaret.Posten@dep.state.fl.us or 670-7719.

WHAT: Workshop: Blue Carbon: Management Tool for the Conservation and Restoration of Coastal Wetlands
WHEN: Tuesday, July 28th, 2015, 8:30am-4:30 pm
WHERE: Apalachicola National Est Research Reserve Nature Center
108 Island Dr.
Eastpoint, FL 32328

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