Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon
June 3rd
First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
75 5th Street in Apalachicola.
Noon

Business After Hours
June 18th, 2015
Hosted by Enjoy Apalachicola
122 Commerce St. Suite B Apalachicola
5:30-7:00 pm

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's new year begins at the end of June, and it is time to elect board members and officers for the 2015-2016 year. If you would be interested in serving on the board or have questions about serving, please email us by June 15th at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org or call (850) 653-9419. Our board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 5:00 pm.

June is renewal month for members of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. Chamber renewal notices will be mailed out soon. If you would like a copy of the renewal form emailed to you just email us at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.

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

Visitor Statistics
May

May 2001 1,266
May 2002 918
May 2003 1,526
May 2004 1,234
May 2005 1,535
May 2006 2,046
May 2007 2,437
May 2008 1,715
May 2009 2,389
May 2010 2,228
May 2011 2,226
May 2012 2,490
May 2013 1,883
May 2014 1,165

Website stats
April 2015

Sessions
21,520

Users
17,849

Pageviews
64,435

Pages / Session
2.99

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

New Members

Rowland Publishing Inc

Owned and Operated by Brian Rowland, Rowland Publishing is a regional publisher of excellence offering the premier community magazines of Northwest Florida (850 Magazine, Emerald Coast Magazine, Tallahassee Magazine) as well as custom publishing, project management and creative services.

browland@rowlandpublishing.com

Apalachi Hot Dog Company

Owned by Mary Stutzman & David Smith
Their immaculate hot dog vendor cart is perfect for your fund-raiser, birthday party or corporate event. They have attended the Hot Dog University. They specialize in Chicago style hotdogs. They offer hot dog cart service with sophistication!

mstutzman@fsu.edu

Events

SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
June 2, 2015 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
Climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light to watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes 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. 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. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Turtle Talk
June 3, 2015 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM (ET)
Sea turtle nesting season is here! During the first week of May, sea turtle nests have been spotted on both St George Island and St. Vincent Island, and volunteers and staff are monitoring remaining area beaches for their crawls. Each spring hundreds of these grand creatures arise from Gulf waters to lay their eggs on our sandy shores. Most of the turtles that nest here are Loggerheads, Caretta caretta, but we do get some 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
Missy & Mossy LLC
Alexandria Peaden out of Leesburg, Fl
They haul all types of aggregate material (sand, lime rock, gravel etc.)
They have both tractor trailers and mini wheeler available

Board of Directors

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Executive Director
John C. Solomon
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850-370-6602

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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Member News

Beginner Belly Dance
Hosted by Spirit of the River Yoga

June 13th 1:00pm-3:00pm

Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation
October. On average there are 90 nests on Little St George and 150 nests on St. George every year.
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Two interns will be working with Bruce this season. Amy Bergstrom from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area has been an intern at both the Racine Zoo and at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and Kallie Gannon, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.
Little St. George Island has been monitored by ANERR staff since 1988. Megan Lamb with NOAA's Environmental Cooperative Science Center has been assisting with turtle nesting on Little St. George since 2004, and overseeing the beach since 2009.
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will offer free weekly talks about sea turtles, their nesting habits, how the nests are identified, protected and how visitors and residents can help sea turtles have a successful nesting season, on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM. Dates of the talks will be June 3, 10, 17, 24 July, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19, 26. For more call 850-670-7700.
WHAT: Nesting Sea turtles of Franklin County Beaches
WHEN: Every Wednesday in June, July and August, 2015, from 2:00-3:00pm
WHERE: 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, Florida 32328
Saturday June 20th
11:00am - 4:00pm

Re-Grand Opening Party
June 5th 6-8pm
Riverfront Therapy, Inc. & Spirit of the River Yoga Studio & Store
Free Demonstrations and Samples of Products
Yin Yoga defined, Neti Pot do's and don'ts
Intro to Belly Dancing
Live Music and Chanting
O'dourves and Tea
20% off all retail products

Fisherman's Choice 16th Annual Kids Fishing Tournament
June 6, 2015
Fisherman's Choice Eastpoint
Charles and Rex Pennycuff are hosting their 16th annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament on June 6th. Kids 16 and under will fish for fresh and saltwater species. Each entry receives a t-shirt, and after the tournament, entrees are invited to attend a cookout at Fisherman's Choice where they will weigh in their fish, eat hot dogs and hamburgers and get some great prizes. In years past, Rex says they gave away 170 rods and reels, tackle boxes and a dozen cast nets. Prizes are given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place, and include all major fish species. Entry is free and generally about 200 kids sign up. Call Fisherman's Choice for more information at (850) 670-8808.

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St. George Island Mullet Toss
June 13, 2015
This annual fun event will take place June 13 from 10 a.m till 5 p.m on the beach in front of Blue Parrot Oceanfront Cafe on St. George Island. This Mullet Toss is sponsored by The Blue Parrot for the benefit of the Apalachicola bay Charter School. For a nominal entry fee you get a unique Mullet Toss T Shirt, and 2 mullet to throw. Visitors and Locals compete for prizes and bragging rights.

Beginner Belly Dance
June 13th 1-3pm
Everyone of all ages, sizes and fitness levels can benefit from the intricate muscular movements and isolations of belly dance. Jessica is an experienced instructor and choreographer, with nearly 10 years of experience. In this workshop, she will guide you through the basic movements and combinations, concluding in a short choreography.

Reserve Wednesday Lecture
June 17, 2015
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve announces a new monthly natural history lecture series, "Reserve Wednesdays," that explores the ecology, geology and natural history of the Florida Panhandle. Free lectures will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the Apalachicola Research Reserve
School of Art: Michael Harrell
June 18, 2015 to July 20, 2015 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)
Apalachicola School of Art - Watercolor on the Apalachicola River with Michael Harrell - June 18-21 - Informal lectures and discussions with question-and-answers on the different aspects of watercolor painting; from design and composition to technique. The students will do step-by-step painting with one-on-one instruction and critiques. Classes held at the Apalachicola School of Art in downtown Apalachicola.

Butts & Clucks Cook-off By the Bay
June 20th Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation holds the 5th annual Butts & Clucks Cook-off By the Bay in Battery Park, Apalachicola. Come out for great food and friendly competition. They will be selling Championship Pulled Pork dinners, or come out and compete in the competition registration is $50 to compete in two categories Chicken and Pork. With the Grand Champion winning a Championship belt to wear for bragging rights.

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Apalachicola
Independence Day
Celebration
July 3, 2015 12:00 PM - 9:00
PM (ET)
Riverfront Park, Apalachicola
The Apalachicola Mainstreet
Program will again be hosting
the fourth annual Old
Apalachicola Independence
Day Celebration on July 3rd at
River front Park in
Apalachicola, at no cost to the
public. The day long Festivities
include the Traditional Red,
White & Blue Parade open to
all, forming at 6:30 at Layfette
Park. Everyone is encouraged
to participate. Food severed in
the park will begin at 4:00
pm
Featuring Firecracker Fried
Shrimp Wings of Freedom
(Chicken Wings) and Hero
Dogs. Beverages including
beer and wine will be available
for purchase. Other Riverfront
activities include live music
with the featured band being
Johnny Barbato and the Lucky
Dogs beginning at 6:30pm.

4th of July Freedom
Fest
July 4, 2015 7:00 PM - 10:00
PM (ET)
Come celebrate our great
countries spirit of freedom and
independence. Watch the
greatest fireworks display on
the Island from the Blue Parrot
decks.
Have a delicious fresh seafood
dinner while the sky lights up.
Enjoy drinks from the Tiki Bar while the crowd oooohs and aaahs. Music and fun.