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Monthly Business Luncheon

March 4th 2015

Family Coastal

Resturaunt on the Bay

500 Hwy 98 Eastpoint

Noon

Business After Hours

March 12th, 2015

Hosted by

Up The Stairs

76 Market St. Suite F

Apalachicola, FL

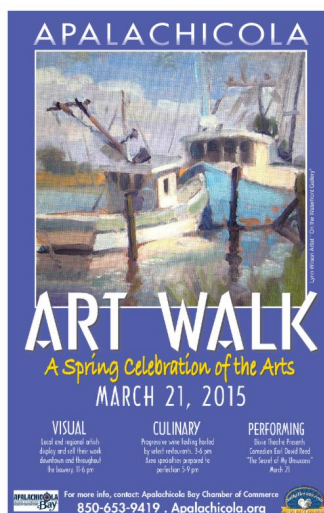
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Apalachicola Art & Wine Walk

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March 21, 2015 11:00-6:00 pm

Art, Wine and Great Food



Sponsors



Art 11:00am-6:00 pm - Fine art in all forms will be woven in and around picturesque downtown Apalachicola where artists will be showing, selling

Events

March Monthly Business Luncheon

April 1st, 2015

Hong Kong Bistro

238 US-98

Apalachicola

Noon

Visitor Statistics

January

January 2001 1,204

January 2002 917

January 2003 868

January 2004 890

January 2005 1,268

January 2006 1,325

January 2007 1,863

January 2008 2,318

January 2009 1,286

January 2010 1,920

January 2011 1,352

January 2012 1,732

January 2013 1,276

January 2014 1,539

January 2015 1,746

Website stats

January 2015

Sessions

20,912

Users

16,809

Pageviews

64,807

Pages / Session

3.10

Avg. Session Duration

00:02:57

Bounce Rate

53.82%

% New Sessions

74.92%

and demonstrating their talents from 11:00-6:00 pm.

Progressive Wine Tasting 3:00-6:00 pm - Festivities continue into the afternoon with a progressive wine tasting and hors d'oeuvre from 3:00-6:00 pm at area restaurants. Wines will be sampled at several locations. A special ArtWalk glass your "ticket" and can be purchased at each tasting station for \$25.00.

Culinary 6:00-9:00 pm Participating restaurants will prepare at least one special menu item that highlights our wonderful local food- oysters, shrimp, crabs, fish, tupelo honey- for their special for the evening, and pair a wine with the special. A culinary guide will be prepared to participate know about the specials and encourage them to stay in town for dinner

Performance Earl David Reed- Dixie Theatre. The Secret of my Unsuccess We are so lucky to have this fabulous comedian bring his tour to the Theatre and it's a first for stand-up comedy on the Dixie stage.

For more information contact the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce @ (850) 653-9419 or info@apalachicolabay.org

New Members

Black Marlin's Bar & Grill

St. George Island's only Bayfront restaurant & full bar! From a large variety of seafood not found anywhere else in the area, top grade USDA steaks and home-made pastas to burgers and chicken strips for the kids, Black Marlin's Bar & Grill has something for everyone! Join us in the Ballyhoo Bear Garden overlooking Apalachicola Bay

Elvis & Friends do the Dixie-Dixie Theatre

February 28, 2015 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street Apalachicola

Todd Allen Herendeen returning with his Follow That Dream Band, audience favorite Todd is back for his 6th Season-
yea! www.toddallenherendeen.com

Full Moon Climb

March 3, 2015 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM (ET)

St. George Island Light House
The February Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 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.

33rd Annual SGI Regional Chili Cook-Off & Auction

March 7, 2015

St. George Island, Florida

The St George Island

Regional Chili Cook off will take place Saturday, March 7. Friday, the Auction Art Preview is in the evening from 5 - 7 at the island's firehouse (324 E. Pine Ave.). Saturday includes the 5K Red Pepper Run at 8:00 am, Crock Pot Judging 10-11:00 am, the Auction begins at 11:00, booth showmanship judging is at 11:30 - 12:15pm Miss Chili Pepper and Miss Hot Sauce judging at 12:15pm, taste awards 3:30pm. Head to the center of the island for all of Saturday's events. There is a \$5 entry fee. Proceeds benefit the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders (850) 927-2753.

Bigger Than Life...- Dixie Theatre

offering incredible sunsets and during the spring and summer months we provide live entertainment! We also offer catering services for those special events you may have planned!

Lanark Market

Owned and operated by Carson Ulrich located at 2348 Hwy 98 East Carrabelle, FL. They sell nonethanol gas for boats and small engines. They have fishing tackle, ice and snacks. They also have outside seating with great views and outdoor showers.

Clayton Enterprises Inc.

Owned and operated by Michael Clayton. saltlifecrusin@gmail.com. Any new or remodel construction. They can build or remodel Residential or Commercial spaces

J. Patrick Floyd Law Offices

Owned and operated by J. Patrick Floyd who is a life time resident of the area. Located at 408 Long Ave. in Port St. Joe Florida. (850) 227-7413.

Apalach Inshore

Owned by Brett Martina, Apalach Inshore specializes in sight fishing the area's waters with fly and light tackle. Redfish and trout can be caught year-round in the bays and rivers, and the summer months witness a spectacular migration of tarpon that draws anglers from all over the world. We pursue these species from shallow water skiffs, which allow us to remain stealthy and watch the whole act unfold before us...producing a thrill unknown to many other types of fishing.

March 7, 2015 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)
Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola
A Tribute to Jim Croce

Oyster City Brewing Company presents the 1st Annual Downtown Hoedown

in Apalachicola Florida. Friday March 13th at 5:30. at the corner of Avenue D & Commerce St. We will Have live music in the Street and crawfish boil. Music entertainment by Rick Carter & John K from Rollin' in the Hay and Old' Bull Young Band

ESSENTIAL OILS WORKSHOP

with Denise Williams 500 hour certified Aroma Therapist, Degree in complimentary alternative medicine with a dual major in Aroma therapy and Herbology. WHERE: Spirit of the River Studio and Retail Store @29 AVE. F, Suite B Apalachicola, FL WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2015 10am-2pm *includes a light lunch with non-alcoholic beverages HOW MUCH: \$80 per couple, \$45 per person* get a \$5 discount if you bring a friend 20% off on all purchases of our high quality and potency Veriditas Botanicals line of essential oils on the day of event.

Authors in Apalach

March 14, 2015 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)
The Apalachicola Municipal Library will host the 2015 Authors in Apalach event on Saturday, March 14, at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. This year's event theme is "Contemporary Women Writers of the South" and will feature celebrated authors Janis Owens, author of classic Southern Fiction and the "Cracker Kitchen," and River Jordan, playwright, memoirist and radio personality. Also featured will be: Joyce

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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

Chip Sanders Gallery

Owned and operated by Chip Sanders. He is a local photographer with some outstanding photos. Most of his photos are from some of the most unique places photos can be taken. The Chip Sanders Gallery is located at 139 East Gorrie Drive, St. George Island.

Bay City Lodge

Bay City Lodge is a full service fishing lodge on the banks of the Apalachicola River. Owned and operated by Jimmy Mosconis for almost 40 years, Bay City Lodge is a small business with 25 employees that offers you a touch of home and the fishing vacation of your dreams. We know you by name before you arrive and treat you like family. Once you arrive, there is no need to venture away. We have fully furnished cabins and motel units, a restaurant, a bait, tackle & clothing store, dry boat storage, fish cleaning services and boat motor sales, repair and maintenance services

Power Country 106.5

Owned by Dockins Broadcast Group, Fred Dockins, Power 106.5 is run locally by Mike Bewley. Plays current top country music and some red dirt band music.

Franklin County Tourist Development Council

The Franklin County TDC Curt Blair, Administrator, Laura Graham, Assistant info@saltyflorida.com ,850- 670-FISH (3474). They are located at the Eastpoint Visitor Center 731 Highway

LaFray, cookbook and food author, Susan Cerulean, environmental writer from Tallahassee; Faith Eidse, Tallahassee teacher, author of "Voices of the Apalachicola," Mary Jane Ryals, Poet Laureate of the Big Bend (2009-2012); Kimberly Cross Teter, first-time author of "Isabella's Libretto," Elizabeth Stuckey-French, FSU associate professor and author of "The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady," Prissy Elrod, Tallahassee first-time author of "Far Outside the Ordinary," and Adrian Fogelin, Tallahassee Pied Piper extraordinaire of Junior Fiction and Young Adult authors, who will be joined by the many youth authors who were such a hit last year. Her book "Crossing Jordan" was made into a play which was first performed here in Apalach. Don't miss a presentation by Jane Begos Richardson, whose specialty is the reading and interpretation of women's diaries. She is a great addition to Apalachicola's literary community.

The event will be from 10AM to 5PM, with authors signing and selling books, and forums on different topics throughout the day. There will be an afternoon forum on cookbook and food writing which should be tasty. Please join us!

Bowery Station Italian Celebration of St. Patrick in Apalachicola

March 14.

From the folks that brought you the 1st Annual Apalach Oktoberfest, and the now infamous Apalachicola SPAM Cook-Off that generated 30 entrants, Bowery Station, the best little beer and wine joint on the Gulf Coast, is pleased to announce that it is ramping up for their 2nd Annual Italian Celebration of St. Patrick! That's right, while the Irish may have kidnapped St. Patrick back in the day and made a Holiday out of it, the Paisanos are taking back their rightful honor of this fine Saint. Feature the music of Melissa Bowman (12:30-3:30pm), and Matt Law (4-8pm), along with Italian

98 in Eastpoint, Fl

Ribbon Cutting

Apalach Outfitters



Member News

Butler Agency, LLC

Denise Dosal Butler, owner of Butler Agency, LLC, and James H. Miller, Jr. of Paradise Coast Insurance in Eastpoint, have announced that the Butler Agency signed an agreement Feb. 17 to purchase Paradise Coast Insurance's book of business.

"This transfer of business assures Paradise Coast customers a smooth transition to another local agent who knows the market," said Butler. "We have a fully-staffed office with four customer service representatives to serve you during normal business hours, and we are available outside of normal business hours for appointments."

Butler, who has lived in Eastpoint since 1977, has been an insurance agent since 2002 and has owned the Butler Agency since 2011. The office is located at 135 US Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. For more information, Paradise Coast customers can call 670-1200.

food specialties and Peroni Beer specials.

Put on your red...white and yes... "green" ...and enjoy some of the best live music on the gulf coast. Tip back a toast to fine St. Patrick (born of Italian heritage) on Saturday, March 14 from Noon till 8pm at Bowery Station in Apalach! Because...after all...St. Patrick was Italian! Micks are welcome as well!

Sligo Line ~ Irish- Dixie Theatre

March 14, 2015 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street Apalachicola

Formerly The Ned Devines, this talented group had the audience cheering during the 2014 Season 17, don't miss

them. www.facebook.com/sligneline

APALACHICOLA RESERVE OFFERS FRESHWATER TURTLE LECTURE

Wednesday, March 18 2:00-3:00pm at the Apalachicola Research Reserve Nature Center
~Learn about freshwater turtles of the Florida Panhandle at Reserve Wednesday lecture~

Apalachicola National Research Reserve is offering an hour-long lecture about freshwater turtle species in the Florida Panhandle on **Wednesday, March 18 2:00-3:00pm at the Apalachicola Research Reserve Nature Center in Eastpoint.** This is the third in a series of monthly natural history lectures known as "Reserve Wednesday."

Chris Lechowicz, director of Wildlife Habitat Management and Herpetologist with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, will talk about the wide diversity of riverine turtle species in the Florida Panhandle.

This lecture is free and registration is not required. For more information contact Gibby Conrad, 850-670-7702 or email Gibby.Conrad@dep.state.fl.us.

Chamber News

2015 Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

The 2015 Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler was a huge success thanks to the many participants in the event. The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Staff and Board of Directors would like to say a big thank you to all that participated.

Restaurants:

Apalachicola Seafood Grill
Blue Parrot Oceanfront Cafe
Cafe Con Leche
Caroline's River Dining
Eddy Teach's Raw Bar
Gormley's at the Gibson
Red Pirate Family Bar & Grill
Tamara's Cafe Floridita
Owl Cafe
Oyster City Brewing Company
Up The Stairs
13 Mile Seafood Market
Apalachicola Riverwalk Cafe
Big Top Catering
Tamara's Tapas Bar
Up The Creek Raw Bar

Beverages:

Lewis Bear Company
Childress Vineyards
Republic National Distributing Company
Honey Hole Liquors

Table Decorators:

Apalachicola Municipal Library- Caty Greene
Enjoy Apalachicola- Judi Stokowski
Bayside Gallery - Amy Price
Centennial Bank - BJ Kent
Florida Seafood Festival - Board of Directors
Jan & Wes Houser
Dot & Bob Wilcoxon
Panache Tent & Event

Apalachicola Art Walk & Wine Festival

March 21, 2015 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

downtown Apalachicola
Art in all forms will be woven in and around picturesque downtown Apalachicola where artists and musicians will be showing, selling and demonstrating their talents. The festivities continue into the evening with a wine tasting at 3:00pm. Afterwards, area chefs will prepare dishes at their restaurants paired with special wines.

Earl David Reed- Dixie Theatre

March 21, 2015 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola

The Secret of my Unsucess We are so lucky to have this fabulous comedian bring his tour to the Theatre and it's a first for stand-up comedy on the Dixie stage, how exciting!www.imearldavidreed.com

14th Annual Eastpoint Fire Dept Charity Rib Cookoff

March 21, 2015

Eastpoint Fire House
The 14th Annual Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Charity Rib Cookoff. Saturday March 21st at the fire house in Eastpoint, Florida. The event is located at the corner of 6th St and CC Land Rd in Eastpoint, one block north of US Hwy 98. This years event promises to be the biggest ever with our competitors cooking more ribs than ever. In addition to the cooking competition we will have a Car Show, Silent auction and live entertainment and back by popular demand, the Liars Contest. Rides and face painting for the kids. Free admission and the gates open at 9:00 am. BBQ dinners will be served from 11:00 am till it's all gone. For more information or to enter the cookoff or be a sponsor contact George Pruett at 850-670-9000 or by E-mail at pru911@gtcom.net

Party Rental Company- Shelley James
Dixie Theatre Foundation
Up The Stairs - Judi Stokowski
Island Girl Gifts - Deb Kirschenbaum
Souther Bells Hair Salon - Dona Harrell
& Brittney Turner
Sea Oats Gellery - Joyce Estes
Artist of Apalachicola Area
H'COLA
"Southern Lady" in memory of Jean
Gander - J.V. Gander Distributors
Andrea Duval
Pam Mahr & Beverly Coxwell
Fireplace Room Decorated by Bonnie
Fulmer & Karen Andrews

Silent Auction

Donations:

Artemis Gallery
Blinging Up Daisies
Apalach Ace Hardware
Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic
Apalach Outfitters
The Buccaneer Inn
Castaway Liquors
The Gibson Inn
Florida Seafood Festival
Mainstay Suites
The Tin Shed
Susan Richardson
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Alle Cat Charters
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Honey Hole Liquors
Water Street Hotel
Kristin Anderson
Enjoy Apalachicola
Best Western Apalach Inn
Clarice Powell
Sportsman Lodge
Bowery Station
Tiffin Furniture
Taylors Building Supply

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

Island Girl Gifts
St. James Bay Golf Course
Crooked River Grill

Sound & Video:

Wayne Thomas
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