Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday March 2nd
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve
108 Island Drive
Eastpoint
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday March 10th
Centennial Bank
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

Art Walk
April 2nd

Sponsors

RR
ROBERSON & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

C.W. ROBERTS' CONTRACTING, INC.

Mediacom

COOK INSURANCE

Since 1953

www.CookInsuranceAgency.com
A Centennial Bank Company

April Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday April 6th
AJ's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
120 MLK Blvd
Apalachicola
Noon

Visitor Statistics

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
January 2016 984

Website Stats
January 2016

Sessions
16,165

Users
13,093

Pageviews
48,449

Pages / Session
3.00

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:54

% New Sessions
74.75%

The 20th annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler was huge success. The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the participants that made the event so wonderful.

Golden Chef Sponsors
Roberson & Assoc.
Grady Market

Silver Chef Sponsors
The Butler Agency
Franklin School District: Nina Marks
Riverwood Suites
CW Roberts Contracting
Century 21 Collins Realty
Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic

Chef Sponsor
Up The Stairs
J.V. Gander Distributors

Participating Restaurants

Papa Joe's Oyster Bar & Grill
Apalachicola Seafood Grill
The Blue Parrot
Rita Ma Deli

Awakened Life School of Yoga
Liz Carey
Jan. 21st to March 3rd 5:15 - 6:30 PM
Awakened Life School of Yoga

The Apalachicola School of Art is hosting a series of events. They are partnering with Franklin's Promise and Carey Awakened Life School of Yoga.

"Restorative Yoga" Series: 6 weeks, offered on Thursdays at 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm. This is a relaxing style of yoga focusing on the floor. The intention of this style of yoga is for stress reduction, focus on meditation, concentration, and breath letting go.

Awakened Life Yoga.

"The Way We Worked" Exhibi
January 28th - March 12th
"The Way We Worked", a Smithsonian exhibit, and collaboratively sponsored by the Apalachicola Municipal Library and the historic Apalachicola Foundation. Franklin County is one of six localities in Florida competitively chosen to display traveling exhibit which explores how became such a central element in American culture, by tracing the many changes in the workplace over the past 150 years. January 28, 2016 (opening reception) to March 12 Wed. - Sun. 1-5 and Thurs. 6-8 for discussion.
**Board of Directors**

**PRESIDENT**  
Donna Duncan 653-8976

**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
Bud Hayes 927-3305

**TREASURER**  
Jerry Hall 653-9510

**SECRETARY**  
Kristin Anderson 653-2249

**Executive Director**  
John C. Solomon  
execdirector@apalachicolabay.org  
850-370-6602

---

**Big Top Supermarket Catering**  
**Hole in the Wall**  
**Gormley's at the Gibson**  
**Lynn's Quality Oysters**  
**The Owl Café**  
**Paddy's Raw Bar**  
**Oyster City Brewing Company**  
**Red Pirate Family Bar & Grill**  
**Tamara's Café**  
**Up The Creek**  
**Up The Stairs**

---

**Table Designers**

Andrea Duval - Riverside Mercantile (2 tables)

Artist Assoc. of Apalachicola Area - Lynn Wilson, Fredric Kahler

Apalachicola Municipal Library - Caty Greene

The Dinner Divas

Enjoy Apalachicola - Judi Stokowski

Bayside Gallery & Florist - Amy Price

Centennial Bank - BJ Kent Roberson & Assoc.

Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic - Bonnie Fulmer

H'COLA

The Butler Agency - Denise Butler

Dixie Theatre / Oysterbones - Dixie Partington

Up The Stairs - Judi Stokowski

Michele Seawright

Jody Wilson

Panache Tent & event

Party Rental Supply - Shelly James

---

**Silent Auction Donators**

The Buccaneer Inn

Castaway Liquors

Alle Cat Charters

The Dixie Theatre

The Gibson Inn

Apalach Waters

Riverside Mercantile

---

**Sea Oats Gallery Workshop**

**JUDY SOPRANO**

Drawing Journal-Shapes in Still Life Landscapes

February 1, 2016 to March 3, 2016 9am - 12:30 PM (ET)

Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine Street St George Island

---

**Apalachicola Center for History Culture and Art presents FO FANTASTIC**

The Collection of Lee and Randy Seweli Exhibited folk art from February 04, 2016 to April 02, 2016. Meet and Greet with Lee and Randy Sewell and Charlie Lucas at the Night Reception Saturday, February 1 from 6-8 pm.

---

**Dixie Theatre presents Artie Rodriguez & the Classic Cou Gold Band**

March 5, 2016 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)  
Dixie Theatre Professional Season 19  
Office 850-653-3200
St. James Bay Golf Course
Riverwood Suites
Artemis Gallery
The Tin Shed
Apalach Outfitters
Oyster Radio
Susan Richardson
Edge Salon
Kathy Jansen
Apalachica Sponge Exchange
Tiffin's Furniture
Riverlily
Island Girl Gifts
Blinging up Daisies & Sister Sue’s Antiques
Sadie's Seahorse
Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop
Apalach Hot Dog Company
Bowery Station
Kristin Anderson
Ace Hardware
Honey Hole Liquors
Enjoy Apalachica
Badcock
Kristy Banks
John Solomon
Forgotten Coast TV
Florida Seafood Festival
Harmony Bath & Beauty
Caty Greene
Fredric Kahler

Thank you to all of the Restaurants, Decorators, Donators, Volunteers and Sponsors of the 20th annual Chef Sampler.

New Members

Sometimes it's Hotter

Owned by Charlotte Bacher located at 112 East Gulf Beach Dr. St. George Island. Sometimes It's Hotter Seasoning Co. has been providing fine, all natural seasonings for discriminating consumers since 1997. We pride ourselves on our attention to detail and use only the finest ingredients. From salsas to rubs to the painfully hot, we provide everything for a spicy feast.

IN Concert: Read Gainsford
Sunday, March 6, 2016
79 6th St, Apalachicola, FL 32320
The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts presents Read Gainsford, Pianist. Rea Gainsford was recently described in the as the possessor of “finger-numbing velocity and delicately chiseled precision” yet driven to pursue connections beyond the traditional piano piece. Known for his insightful introductions from the stage, reaching the footlights to be what a magazine described as “Pianist of the People” as he pursues connections wherever he can find them.

Apalachica Maritime Muse
Wooden Boat building Class
The Apalachica Maritime Museum schedule has been filling up for 2016. To what extent we recently added more classes shown in the following schedule for construction of wooden kayaks. With the Pybmy boats out of Port Townsend, Washington, we are finding a national demand for the boat building experience in Apalachica. To register at (360) 385-6143. Tuition: $750 for adult, $200 for student.

March 7-13, 2016
April 18-24, 2016
May 30-June 5, 2016
July 1-17, 2016
August 1-7, 2016
August 22-28, 2016
September 5-11, 2016
September 19-25, 2016
October 16-22, 2016
October 31-November 6, 2016
November 14-20, 2016
November 28-December 4, 2016
December 12-18, 2016

Pybmy Boats (www.pybmyboats.com) manufacturer of high-quality small boats which has selected the Apalachica Museum as an instructional program. In this capacity the AMM offers build classes to the public during which visitors will construct their own wood kayak under the guidance of AMM Wooden Boat School Director Ron Dierolf and Assistant Director Spencer Fegley. Pybmy Boats, founded in 1986, is headquartered in Port Townsend, WA. Their boat models include 21’ separate designs, two of which been voted Best Wooden Kayak by Sea Kayaker magazine on several occasions. All decks are made of British Standard 1088 oki marine plywood and are light, rugged.
**Mangia 850**

Owned and operated by Lori Collins from Eastpoint, Mangia 850 offers fresh, daily homemade specials for lunch and dinner, delivered to you! Call 850-323-2584 or email eat@mangia850.com.

**River to Gulf Adventures**

Robert Segree is a fourth generation fishermen and have fished our State and Federal waters for many years. He is a licensed Coast Guard Captain, and will fish hard -- but safe -- so your adventure may be enjoyable. Give him a call or email and lets go fishing. Tight Lines! 850-323-0222

**Bay Organics**

Owned and operated by Amber Cain Bay Organics is located at 29 Ave F in the Baltimore Building. They offer the finest organic fruits, vegetables, fresh baked breads, farm fresh eggs, and much more!

**Duncan Home Construction**

Owned by David & Allison Duncan, Duncan Home Construction specializes in almost any of your construction needs. From New Residential Construction, Residential Remodeling, Interior, exterior, and additions to your home, Marine Construction, Docks, Boat Lifts, Boardwalks, Outbuildings & Exterior Structures, Sheds, Carports, Enclosures, Decks, Outdoor Showers & Fish-Cleaning Station.

www.duncanhomeconstruction.com

performance rivals any production kap the market.

All sessions for building Pygmy Boat: the AMM can be booked online thru Pygmy website. During the building s builders will construct their kayak fro cut wooden parts using the "stitch-and method. This process, which is used o all plywood boats, is a simple, straight method of building a strong, beautiful boat. Upon completion of the session builder will have boat ready for varnish process completed by the builder at home. The building process spans seven days: finishing can take an additional week.

Any questions concerning the classes boats should be directed to Pygmy Bo Also, please feel free to contact the m woodenboatschool@ammf.org. We honor by our partnership with Pygmy their Southeast building center and int program.

**Dixie Theatre presents The Southern Shakespeare Comp presents "The Complete Wor**

**William Shakespeare (Abridged)**

![Dixie Theatre presents The Southern Shakespeare Comp presents "The Complete Wor William Shakespeare (Abridged)"

March 10, 2016 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
The Dixie Theatre Presents... The Southern Shakespeare Company presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" written by Adam Long, Frank Boerner, and Jess Winfield. This ZANY comedy barrels through Shakespeare's canon of 37 plays. Three actors play 17 parts, interact with the audience, make each other laugh, and throw swords and prop over the place, all for the love of Shakespeare! You don't have to know the Bard to enjoy the show, but you might be surprised how much you already know when you hear so much familiar lines. It's truly non-stop hilarity, a little culture thrown in on the side! Info: http://southernshakespearefestival.org company

Thursday & Friday March 10 & 11, 8 PM 2 Shows only
Tickets $25
Reservations can be made by calling 850-653-3300

Chamber News

Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop

Camp Gordon Johnston Day:
March 11th & 12th
We invite all who wish to show their support for our veterans to participate in the Camp Gordon Johnston Days parade in Carr Florida. The parade will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The parade begins on 10th Street West at 9:30 a.m. with the parade starting at 10:45 a.m.

Our event kicks off this year on Friday, March 11, with a veterans social at the Camp Johnston American Legion Post 82 in Village. The social is open to all veterans, their guests, or widows of WWII veteran. Saturday evening March 12th, we are planning a dinner/dance.

The parade will include the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA), 1st Chapter's extensive lineup of military vehicles. They will join other local community groups and associations. The parade is open to all groups, military and civilian, who want to participate in the spirit of American freedom. At the end of the parade the MVPA vehicles will be on display on Hwy 98 at the old Gulf State Park. There will be plenty of parking available for spectators.

The $5.00 discount is available to approved area restaurants. Meals will be provided for those who register. There is a $20.00 fee for vendors.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., showing documentary films throughout the day. Entry fee is by donation and appreciated. Please allow at least 1-2 hours for a tour as there are extensive artifacts, photographs, displays, and films to see.

The WWII Army camp engulfed over 200,000 acres and was a major U.S. Army Ammunition Training Base. Many that participated in D-Day landings trained at Camp Gordon Johnston. It is a fun day for all veteran families and friends attending, even a WWII vet that went through the train will be available to tell their stories. We welcome all civic, church, law enforcement, military, educational, etc. groups to join us in our parade. Vendors and organizations are also welcome to set up at the end of the parade route. You can register for the parade in person here.

Member News

34th Annual Charity Auction & Chili Cook-off
The 34th St. George Island Regional Chili Cook-off & Auction will take place Saturday, March 5. Friday, the 4th, the Auction Art Preview is in the evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the 324 East Pine Avenue firehouse.

Saturday includes:

5K Red Pepper Run at 8:00 a.m.
Crock Pot Judging 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Auction begins at 11:00 a.m.
Booth Showmanship judging is at 11:30-12:15 p.m.
Miss Chili Pepper and Miss Hot Sauce judging at 12:15 p.m.
Taste awards 3:30 p.m.

Head to the center of St. George Island for all Saturday's events. There is a $5 entry fee. Proceeds benefit the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders. Call (850) 927-2753 for more information.

15th Annual Eastpoint Fire Department Rib Cookoff
Saturday March 19th

Dixie Theatre presents Sligo Irish Music & Dance
March 12, 2016 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Dixie Theatre Professional Season 19
Office 850-653-3200

2nd Annual Italian Celebrati St. Patrick
March 12th at the Bowery Station
We all know that St. Patrick was Italian of course the Irish kidnapped the poor then tried to make a party out of it. Wpisami are taking back our Saint, and Come enjoy our third annual Italian Celebration of St. Patrick featuring the of Melissa Bowman, followed up by Ron Merritt. (AKA- Turtle)
Yeah, St. Patrick was Italian, and we set the record straight! Come eat an Italian Sausage, and kick back to the best in Forgotten Coast music.

Spring Concert
The Ilse Newell Fund for the Perform presents the Bay Area Choral Society Spring Concert
Sunday March 13th 79 6th St Apalach

Bee Keeping and Tupelo Hon
Mar 16th, 2pm - 3pm
Speaker: George Watkins
George Watkins will speak about his experiences with beekeeping and proc tupelo honey on the Apalachicola Riv
ANERR 108 Island Drive Eastpoint

AAHS: Confederate Sailors Presentation
Bob Holcombe, the former director of National Civil War Naval Museum at Columbus, Georgia, will be speaking Apalachicola Area Historical Society Thursday, March 17. Bob Holcombe's presentation on the Confederate sailor Apalachicola will be held in the Carri House at the Raney House, 128 Mark Apalachicola. The program will begin p.m. and light refreshments will be served afterwards. This is part of the Apalachicola Area Historical Society's monthly spe program. Thursday, March 17, 2016 1 Market Street, Apalachicola

Dixie Theatre presents Earl I Reed: The Secret of my Unsual Comedy Tour
The 15th Annual Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Charity Rib Cookoff will be held Saturday March 19th 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 year's 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 Silent auction and live entertainment and back by popular demand, the Liars Contest. 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.

Art Class with Michele Byrne
Adding the Figure to your Landscapes
Michele Byrne
Sunday, March 20, 2016 through Tue March 22, 2016
86 Water Street, Apalachicola
This class will teach how to add the natural, fluid way and how to simplify subject by breaking it down into basic topics covered during class will be how light falls onto a subject and its color and value in the landscape, and add drama with your brushstrokes. Michele will do daily demos followed by studio painting time and a critique. Michele I made the switch to Water based Oil pastels she will teach this method. Students are change or use traditional oils. Cost per student, $200 deposit due with registration. Check made payable to Apalachicola School of Art, Mail dep Apalachicola School of Art, PO Box 8 Apalachicola, Florida 32329.

Dixie Theatre presents Tribu
Jim Croce: John Reno & Bre Gambino
March 26, 2016 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Dixie Theatre Professional Season 19 Office 850-653-3200

Apalachicola Art Walk & Wine Festival
April 2, 2016 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (E Downtown Apalachicola
Art in all forms will be woven in and a picturesque downtown Apalachicola. Artists and musicians will be showing and demonstrating their talents. The fun continues into the evening with a wine at 3:00pm. Afterwards, area chefs will dishes at their restaurants paired with wines.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library will host the 2016 Authors in Apalach event on Saturday, March 19, at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. This year’s event theme is "Apalach in Fiction and in Fact" and will feature celebrated authors including Karen White, NYT bestselling author of classic Southern Fiction, with her forthcoming book "Flight Patterns" set in Apalachicola. Also featured is Michael Morris whose Southern Fiction has won a Christie Award as well as an award from the Southern Indie Booksellers. His novel "Man in the Blue Moon" is also set in Apalachicola. There will be over 20 authors, and we are happy to host an old favorite, Vivian Sherlock, former President of the Tallahassee Historical Society, and author of "The Fever Man" a longstanding biography of Dr. John Gorrie.

The event will be from 10AM to 5PM, with authors signing and selling books, and forums on different topics throughout the day. Again this year there will be a forum on cooking and food writing with a new attendee Johnathon Barrett from Georgia.