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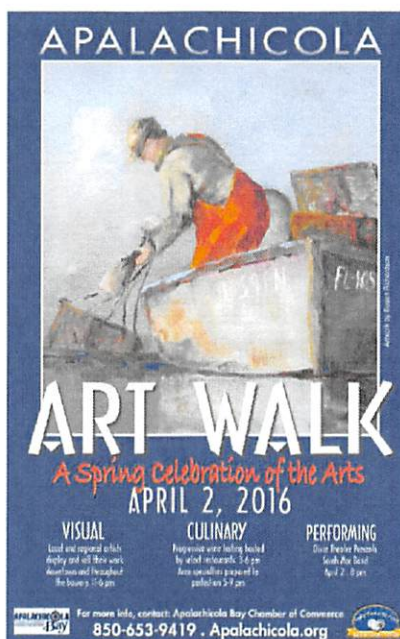
## Meetings

**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



## 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

Pita Me Dahi



## Events

### Awakened Life School of Yoga Liz Carey

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

The Apalachicola School of Art is ho partnering with Franklin's Promise and Carey Awakened Life School of Yoga introduce "Restorative Yoga" for a 6-series in early 2016, offered on Thursdays 5:15pm to 6:30pm.

"Restorative Yoga" is a relaxing style where the postures are mostly reclined mat that is on the floor, or sitting up on floor. The intention of this style of yoga is relaxing & stress-reduction, focus on meditation, concentration, being present, letting go.

Awakened Life

Yoga "Restorative Yoga" Series would offered on the following day/dates: Tuesday February 4, 11, 18, and March 3 - Thursday 5:15pm to 6:30pm,

Location: Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water Street, Cost per class, or \$70 for the 6 week series call us to reserve your spot or for additional information at 855-272-5224 or email at apalachicolaschoolofart@gmail.com

### "The Way We Worked" Exhibit

January 28th- March 12th

"The Way We Worked", a Smithsonian exhibit, and collaboratively sponsored by Apalachicola Municipal Library and the Historic Apalachicola Foundation.

Franklin County is one of six localities in Florida competitively chosen to display this traveling exhibit which explores how and why the work culture and the work environment over the past 150 years.

January 28, 2016 (opening reception) to March 12 Wed. - Sun. 1-5 and Thursday 6-8 for discussion.



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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](mailto: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 [execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org)

**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 9:12:30 PM (ET)  
Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine Street St George Island

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



The Collection of Lee and Randy Sewell featuring Charlie "The Tin Man" Lucas. Exhibited folk art from February 04, 2016 to April 02, 2016. Meet and Greet with Lee and Randy Sewell and Charlie Lucas at Opening Night Reception Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 6-8 pm.

**Dixie Theatre presents Artie Rodriguez & the Classic Country 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**  
**Apalachicola Sponge Exchange**  
**Tiffin's Furniture**  
**Riverlily**  
**Island Girl Gifts**  
**Blinging up Daises & 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 Apalachicola**  
**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 Perform  
 presents Read Gainsford, Pianist. Rea  
 Gainsford was recently described in th  
 as the possessor of "finger-numbing v  
 and delicately chiseled precision" yet  
 driven to pursue connections beyond t  
 merely pianistic. Known for his insigh  
 introductions from the stage, reaching  
 the footlights to be what a magazine p  
 described as "Pianist of the People" he  
 pursues connections wherever he can  
 them.

### Apalachicola Maritime Muse Wooden Boat building Class

The Apalachicola Maritime Museum  
 schedule has been filling up for 2016  
 extent we recently added more classes  
 shown in the following schedule for  
 construction of wooden kayaks. With  
 partnership of Pygmy boats out of Port  
 Townsend, Washington, we are findin  
 national demand for the boat building  
 experience in Apalachicola. To registe  
 at (360) 385-6143. Tuition: \$750 for p  
 student, \$200 for student helpers.

March 7-13, 2016

April 18-24, 2016

May 30-June 5, 2016

July 11-17, 2016

August 8-14, 2016

August 22-28, 2016

September 5-11, 2016

September 19-25, 2016

October 10-16, 2016

October 31-November 6, 2016

November 14-20, 2016

November 28-December 4, 2016

December 12-18, 2016

Pygmy Boats (www.pygmyboats.com  
 manufacturer of high-quality small bo  
 which has selected the Apalachicola M  
 Museum as an instructional program  
 In this capacity the AMM offers build  
 classes to the public during which bui  
 will construct their own wood kayak t  
 guidance of AMM Wooden Boat Sch  
 director Ron Dierolf and Assistant Di  
 Spencer Fegley. Pygmy Boats, founde  
 1986, is headquartered in Port Towns  
 WA. Their boat models include 21 ka  
 separate designs, two of which been v  
 Best Wooden Kayak by Sea Kayaker  
 magazine on several occasions. All de  
 are made of British Standard 1088 ok  
 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](mailto:eat@mangia850.com).

## River to Gulf Adventures

Robert Segree is a fourth generation fisherman 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](http://www.duncanhomeconstruction.com)

performance rivals any production kayak on the market.

All sessions for building Pygmy Boats at the AMM can be booked online through the Pygmy website. During the building sessions builders will construct their kayak from cut wooden parts using the "stitch-and-glue" method. This process, which is used on all plywood boats, is a simple, straightforward method of building a strong, beautiful boat. Upon completion of the session the builder will have boat ready for varnishing. The building process spans seven days; finishing can take an additional week.

Any questions concerning the classes or boats should be directed to Pygmy Boats. Also, please feel free to contact the manager at [woodenboatschool@ammf.org](mailto:woodenboatschool@ammf.org). We are honored by our partnership with Pygmy Boats and their Southeast building center and instructional program.

**Dixie Theatre presents The Southern Shakespeare Company presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)"**



THE COMPLETE WORKS OF 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, I. M. Singer and Jess Winfield. This ZANY comedy barrels through Shakespeare's canon of 37 plays. Three actors play all the parts, interact with the audience, make each other, and throw swords and props over the place, all for the love of Shakespeare. You don't have to know the Bard to enjoy it, but you might be surprised how much you already know when you hear so many familiar lines. It's truly non-stop hilarity with a little culture thrown in on the side!

Info:  
<http://southernshakespearefestival.org/company>  
Thursday & Friday March 10 & 11, 8:00 PM  
2 Shows only  
Tickets \$25  
Reservations can be made by calling 850 653 3200

## Chamber News

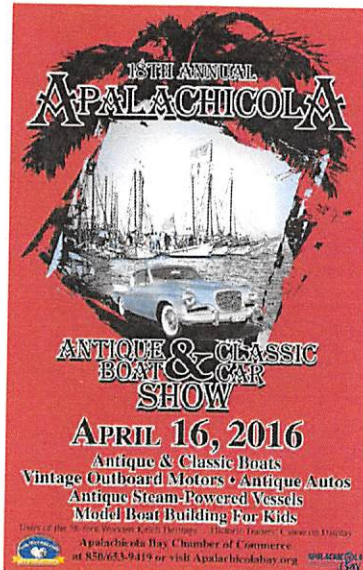
### Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

#### Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop



Grand Opening Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop 2-20-16

### 18th Annual Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show April 16th, 2016



## Member News

### 34th Annual Charity Auction & Chili Cook-off

#### 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 Gordon American Legion Post 82 in Carr, Florida. The social is open to all veterans, one guest or widows of WWII veterans. On Saturday evening, March 12th, we are planning a dinner/dance.

The parade will include the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA), the Carr Chapter's extensive lineup of military vehicles. They will join other local community groups and associations. The parade is open to all groups, military or 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 Station. There will be plenty of parking available. The "meet and swap" groups will be at the shop at that location. For all MVPA members, meal tickets will be provided. A \$15.00 discount to approved area restaurants will be used during CGJ Days. These will be included in a packet you will receive when you register. There is a \$20.00 fee for vendors.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII museum will be open both days from 9 a.m. until 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. Refreshments will be provided with live music.

The WWII Army camp engulfed over 10,000 acres and was a major U.S. Army Advanced 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 training. Veterans will be available to tell their stories. We welcome all civic, church, law enforcement, military, educational, etc. groups to join themselves in our parade. Vendors and organizations are also welcome to set up at the end of the parade route. You can register in the parade using the form here.





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. We pisanis are taking back our Saint, and t Come enjoy our third annual Italian Celebration of St. Patrick featuring the of Melissa Bowman, followed up by M Law and Ron Merritt. (AKA- Turtlef Yeah, St. Patrick was Italian, and we set the record straight! Come eat an It 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 Apalachicola

### **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**

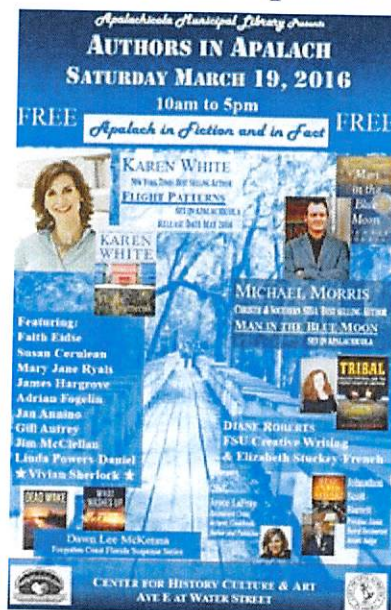
Bob Holcombe, the former director of National Civil War Naval Museum at Columbus, Georgia, will be speaking Apalachicola Area Historical Society Thursday, March 17. Bob Holcombe's presentation on the Confederate sailor Apalachicola will be held in the Carri House at the Raney House, 128 Market Apalachicola.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

**Dixie Theatre presents Earl I  
Reed: The Secret of my Unsu  
Comedy Town**



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.

## Authors in Apalach



March 19, 2016 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Dixie Theatre Professional Season 19  
Office 850-653-3200  
Earl David Reed: The Secret of my U  
Comedy Tour

## 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 fi natural, fluid way and how to simplify subject by breaking it down into basic Other topics covered during class will how light falls onto a subject and its e color and value in the landscape, and l add drama with your brushstrokes. Mi will do daily demos followed by stude painting time and a critique. Michele l made the switch to Water based Oil p she will teach this method. Students c the change or use traditional oils. Cos 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 & Wi Festival

April 2, 2016 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (E  
Downtown Apalachicola

Art in all forms will be woven in and : picturesque downtown Apalachicola v artists and musicians will be showing, and demonstrating their talents. The fi continue into the evening with a wine at 3:00pm. Afterwards, area chefs wil 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.

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