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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon
 May 6th
Bay City Lodge
 1000 Bay City Road
 Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours
 May 18th, 2015
 Hosted by
Indian Pass Raw Bar
 8391 County Road 30A
 Indian Pass
 5:30-7:00 pm

17th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat Show

Even with threats of thunderstorms predicted all week for the Saturday of the boat show and a few cancellations. The boat show ended up a great event with over 20 boats, 19 cars and 9 vendors, all believing that the rain was going to hold off. Even as the skies stayed a little overcast during the day with brief hints of the sun's rays shining thru. The rain did hold off and everyone who attended had a great time. Just as the show was getting started around the corner at 98 and Water Street came 17 Shelby Cobra's from the Tallahassee Cobra Club. They had originally planned to come to the event but had reservations on the impending weather. In the end they decided they were going to take the beautiful drive on the Forgotten Coast Highway and participate. The Governor Stone was on hand for show goers to tour and get a history lesson about the

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June Monthly Business Luncheon
June 3rd, 2015
TBA
Noon

Visitor Statistics March

March 2001 1,474
March 2002 1,223
March 2008 820
March 2004 1,540
March 2005 1,607
March 2006 1,687
March 2007 2,857
March 2008 3,189
March 2009 2,082
March 2010 3,406
March 2011 3,389
March 2012 2,907
March 2013 2,645
March 2013 2,135
March 2014 1,452

Website stats
March 2015

Sessions
24,977

Users
20,149

Pageviews
75,156

Pages / Session
3.01

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:47

antique vessel. During the Judging Apalachicola's own the "Buddy's Boys" Shrimp boat was pulled to the Riverfront Park dock for unloading and ended up with the title of "Best Local Work Boat". When presenting the award to the owner Tommy Ward he said he was thrilled to death and he would proudly display this in his store. The other category winners were as Follows:

Best Overall Boat: Will Marsh's Sailboat No Strings Attached
Best Locally Built Boat: Jim Doherty's 16' Duck Trap
Best Home Built Boat: Rowboat by Richard Stroup
Best Large Sailing Vessel: Governor Stone
Best Restoration: Cletus Heaps 13' Thompson
Best Antique Car & Boat: Cletus Heaps for his Thompson and Studebaker
Best Local Work Boat: Buddy's Boys
Best Runabout: Bud Harrison's TOYII Best Sailboat: The "Pamela" 17' Spirit
Best Paddle Craft: Judy McFarland's hand crafted canoe "Etowah"
Best Classic Boat: Greg Russell's 1953 Thompson
Best Outboard Motors: Steve Maloney for his classic collection of Antique motors
Best Fiberglass: Jim Savage for his boat named after himself "Savage"
Best Classic Car Paint: Tan Studebaker
Best Classic Car: Ed Springer's 1962 Corvette
Best Overall Car: Harry Arnold's 1985 Rolls Royce Corniche

We at the Chamber would like to thank everyone who came out for the 17th Antique & Classic Boat Show this year and look forward to next year.

Events

Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour
May 1st-2nd

From the canopied Shadow Lane neighborhood to the long vistas of the avenues in the historic district and the charming side streets that sequester special treasures, Apalachicola has some very exceptional treats in store for its spring tour of homes. The many renovations and restorations currently underway among the city's residences and businesses attest to community as well as personal pride. This year the houses run the gamut from imposing two-story homes to quaint cottages of yesteryear and new construction.

The featured house for the 2015 tour is the home of Anne and Clint Eason. One of the most stately homes on Ave. C this Queen Anne-style home, constructed of local pine and black cypress, dates back to 1892. Interestingly, it was erected on the site of the former county jail. Built by local merchant Rudolph Collins, the house later became known as the Lovett house for the many decades that this large family shared these living quarters. Anne Eason comments that "This is the Collins/ Lovett house. We are blessed to be custodians. Nurturing feelings envelop us here." In the year 2000, the house was fully restored by local contractor, Bill Barnes, for former owner, Beverly Austin. The following year it was honored with the Florida State Chrysalis Award for Historic Preservation. There are many wonderful architectural details in the home including the original gingerbread, doors, fireplaces and windows. The kitchen and a room upstairs have been added, yet the integrity of the original home has been maintained. The house is

Business Luncheon & Business After Hours

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After

% New Sessions
75.87%

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

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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

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New Members

WFTC 105.5 The Coast Radio Station

Operated by Bob Shannon, WFTC 105.5 The Coast Radio Station
2911 Long Avenue Port St. Joe

Deep Southern Boutique

An adorable and affordable boutique located downtown at 77 market street carrying womens sizes small to 3xl, gifts and brands like Umgee, Peach Creme California, and local brands Caroline Hill, Judith March & Brewers Lantern for the special guy in your life we truly have something for everyone! At Deep Southern we believe manners matter and promise to make your shopping experience one blessed with the grace of southern charm.

Owned by Jessica Davis & Kaley & Kasey Revell
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enhanced by the Eason's comfortable and inviting decor and their use of a mixture of antiques and contemporary and custom-built pieces. Art work abounds from whimsical paintings and sculpture to spectacular woodcarvings and pottery by Anne Eason herself. The stylish chicken coop in the back garden houses a variety of exotic poultry. Visitors to the house will find much to delight them in this home.

Evensong service at Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on Friday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. This service provides the traditional opening for the home tour. It will be followed by a reception to which all are invited. Homes will be open only on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets will be available at \$20 until the day of the event. On Saturday, May 2, ticket sales will begin at 9:30 a.m. at \$25 per ticket. A gourmet lunch will be served at Benedict Hall on the grounds of Trinity Church from 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. during the tour. In addition, a silent auction, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., will be a part of Saturday's festivities.

Guests to Apalachicola can enhance their weekend experience by allowing time to visit the many historical buildings and churches, museums, inns and parks that mark this historic town as a truly original locale. We welcome you to join us for the weekend and come back again and again.

**Artist of Apalachicola Area Association
2nd Annual Exhibition
May 1st -17th**

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Monday of January

Forgotten Coast Adventures Mark Howze

Since 2004 he's had satisfied clients ranging
from beginners to avid anglers in search of the
perfect day of Light Tackle, Flounder,
Redfish, Tarpon and Trout charter fishing on
the flats of Port St. Joe, and inshore and the
near shore waters of Cape San Blas, Indian
Pass, Apalachicola, Mexico Beach and
Carrabelle.

captmark@forgottencoastadventures.com

Forgotten Coast Towing

Owned and operated by Mitchell Webb.
Located at 3 Pine Drive in Apalachicola
Forgottencoasttowing@yahoo.com
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starts, willing to do anything they can to help

St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department / Chili Cook-

Forgotten Coast Plein Air

Artists capture Florida's
Forgotten Coast with brush and
canvas during this 10 day event,
May 1st-11th, 2015.
Celebrating 10 years of
documenting the landscape and
culture of this last vestige of
authentic "Old
Florida", Forgotten Coast en
Plein Air, America's Great
Paint-out is among the world's
most prestigious plein air
events. Focusing on artistic
excellence and the production of
investment quality art is the
trademark of the 10-day event.
The invitational features 21
internationally acclaimed artists,
as well as, six featured
"Florida's Finest en Plein Air"
artists honored as Plein Air
Ambassadors, two Plein Air
Portrait experts and the Plein
Air Academy's Master Artist
Faculty. Expanded exhibits, a
Collectors' Forum, distinguished
guest speakers, and surprises
that will be fresh and new to the
plein air community are all in the
making! Book your reservations
early for the best rates!

FSU Marine Lab:

off
The Annual Chili Cook-off held on St. George Island the first weekend of March.

Member News

J.V. "Bubba" & Jean Gander receive honor



On Tuesday, April 28, Apalachicola's own J. V. "Bubba" Gander and wife Jean received a great honor.

The George G. and Amelia G. Tapper Foundation of Port St. Joe endowed a scholarship with the Gulf Coast State College Foundation to provide a scholarship in the amount of \$1,350 annually. The scholarship will be called the J.V. and Jean Gander Scholarship. Bubba Gander learned of the endowment at Tuesday's meeting of the Apalachicola Rotary Club when Tapper Foundation Chair Trish Warriner and husband David announced the new scholarship and presented him with a plaque. Gander resigned from the Tapper

Giving words - **Forgotten Coast May 2nd**

Giving words to Our Forgotten Coast - A presentation by Mary Jane Ryals. May 2, 4-8pm., FSUCML Auditorium. A presentation by Mary Jane Ryals.

Both presentations will take place at the Florida State University Coastal Marine Lab Auditorium located at Turkey Point.

Golf Gone Wild **May 2nd**

Golf Gone Wild Tournament A golf tournament and art auction to help injured, orphaned birds and wildlife. Come have a great day at Golf Gone Wild! at St. James Bay Golf Resort. St. James Bay Golf Resort is located on Highway 98 on beautiful Apalachicola Bay just minutes east of Carrabelle, Florida. This is an Audubon sanctioned course and a pleasure to play.

There will be 4-player teams
8:30 a.m. registration
10 a.m. Shotgun Start

\$100 entry per person includes: golf, cart, range, lunch at Crooked River Grill and cash prizes to winners.

Help support Golf Gone Wild to benefit the Florida Wild Mammal Association and help the injured and orphaned wildlife on the Forgotten Coast. Our silent auction is the main way Golf Gone Wild raises money. When you donate to our silent auction you make FWMA's work possible. FWMA is entirely funded from private funds. Not a dime of Government support. Please donate an item or service and help us save lives. To donate or become a sponsor please call Lois at (850) 653-5857.
Event Schedule

Foundation Board this year after serving since 1986. His vacated seat was filled by Amelia Marie Warriner granddaughter of the founders.

By Lois Swoboda

Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour



May 1st & 2nd, 2015

Friday, May 1
Evensong Service at Trinity Episcopal Church
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Reception at Benedict Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 2
Home & Garden Tour 10 am to 4 pm
Luncheon at Benedict Hall 11 am to 1:30 pm
Auction on Church Grounds 10 am to 2 pm

Tickets

Tickets for the 2015 Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour can be purchased in advance online for \$20 per person using Pay Pal.

Advance tickets can be purchased in Apalachicola at the Trinity Episcopal Church Office, 76 5th St. or at the

- * 8:30 a.m. Range will be OPEN
- * 8:30 a.m. Registration (Don't forget to buy your mulligans!)
- * 8:30 a.m. Silent Auction opens-Come and bid on some exquisite items
- * 9:45 Players meeting for announcements
- * 10 a.m. Shotgun Start for a great day of golf!
- * 2:30 - 3 p.m Buffet Lunch at the splendid Crooked River Grill
- * 3 p.m. Scoring and Awards Ceremony
- * 2-4 p.m. Meet Doofy and Gizmo at the Animal Encounters
- * 4:45 p.m. Silent Auction closes - Hope you win some of those great items you bid on!

St. George Island Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

May 3rd

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.

APALACHICOLA NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE HOSTS

Apalachicola Bay Chamber office, 122
Commerce St.

On event day, tickets can be purchased at
Trinity Episcopal Church check-in area for
\$25 per person.

Luncheon

Luncheon is \$12 per person...Choice of shrimp or chicken salad entree, served with fresh fruit, roll, beverage and a selection of homemade desserts. Yum! Yum! Not to be missed!

For individual or group ticket sales, help with trip planning, or event information, email us atinfo@trinityapalachicola.org or phone (850) 653-9550.

Artist of Apalachicola Area Association

LECTURE **May 7, 2:00-3:00pm**

~Learn about the Migratory Songbirds of St. George Island ~

APALACHICOLA- Thursday, May 7, 2:00-3:00pm, Armando Aispuro and Melanie Mancuso will speak about their studies of migratory songbirds that use St. George Island, Florida, as a stopover on their migration north. Migration is an energy intensive process for birds crossing the Gulf of Mexico from the Neotropics. St. George Island offers the first landfall for a wide diversity of birds to rest and refuel. Aispuro and Mancuso are measuring the importance of this coastal barrier island to the persistence of these sensitive avian populations, and to gauge how climate change may disrupt this yearly cycle. Melanie Mancuso is from New Orleans and received her B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of New Orleans in 2009. She has worked on various research projects across the United States with a range of organisms including threatened and endangered species. Melanie is currently a student at Delaware State University pursuing a M. S. degree in the Natural Resources program. Her research involves the study of barrier island ecosystems as a vital resource for migrating avian species and the potential effects of global climate change. Her research is being conducted at Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Florida. She is advised by Dr. Christopher Heckscher. Melanie joined ECSC in 2015. Armando Aispuro received his BS in Wildlife from Humboldt State University. Since then, he has worked in tropical America and Asia, and the US studying various aspects of avian ecology, evolution, and conservation. He will be investigating barrier islands as resources for migrating birds at



Forgotten Coast Plein Air May 1st - 11th

FORGOTTEN COAST
en plein air
America's Great Paint-Out



More than 20 nationally acclaimed artists will gather on Florida's Forgotten Coast in early May to participate in the 10th annual Florida's Forgotten Coast Plein Air Invitational, America's Great Paint-Out, May 1-11, 2015. Painters will set up their

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Aispuro and Mancuso are supported by the Environmental Cooperative Science Center, a part of NOAA's Educational Partnership Program whose mission is to train the next generation of scientists and increase our understanding of coastal systems.

Camp Gordon Johnston Days 2015 Reunion

May 8, 2015 to May 9, 2015

Camp Gordon Johnston

The 19th annual Camp Gordon Johnston Reunion days, created to celebrate the historic wartime Carrabelle museum together with the service of veterans from WWII and beyond, has announced their schedule for 2015. Veterans and their families are invited to Carrabelle from Friday, March 13, through Saturday, March 14, 2015. Attendees will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with tours of WWII Army vehicles that have seen combat. Audiences will also get the privilege of touring the "New Orleans" Landing Craft (LCU 2034) and the United States Coast Guard Cutter, "Seahawk" if these vessels are in port. Tours of each craft will be conducted by vessel crew members. The Camp Gordon Johnston Association, The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the citizens of Franklin County, Florida are proud to show our gratitude and support for the service and sacrifice of all veterans. It is in our unity as Americans that we can stand strong now and forever. Thank you in advance for your consideration and we hope to see you at the Camp Gordon Johnston Days Reunion in Carrabelle.

**FSU Marine Lab:
Florida's Coastal**

easels and pull out their brushes to document the landscape and culture of authentic "Old Florida" - the coastal stretch of scenic North Florida between Mexico Beach and Alligator Point. "Plein Air", a French word, simply translated means "open air". The roots of plein air painting are found in 19th-century Europe. An Englishman, John Constable, believed that artists should forget "formulas" and trust their own vision in finding truth in nature. The event includes 5 exhibits across the coast, daily artist demonstrations, 2 workshops, art sales and a series of public receptions. Art enthusiasts visited the exhibits and attend the many free special events that occur throughout the 10 day event. The Grand Patrons Party will be held in May 10, 2014 6:30-10:00pm at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture, and Art. Art sales and debut of Artists' Choice paintings, \$40 ticket. Call (800) 378-8419 for more info.

Islands

May 15, 7pm. Author Susan Cerulean will share stories and images from her new book, Coming to Pass. The Coming to Pass: Florida's Coastal Islands in a Gulf of Change.

ANERR Workshop: Living Shorelines The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR)

May 15th

will host a workshop on Living Shorelines on Friday, May 15, 2015, 9:30-11:30 am. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the St George Island Plantation Homeowners' Association at the St George Island Plantation Clubhouse. Zach Schang with the Northwest Florida Aquatic Preserves Office in Pensacola will talk about living shorelines vs. harden shorelines. He will discuss how to evaluate a shoreline by considering the physical factors such as wave energy, prevailing wind and wave direction, vegetation, and soil type. He will also present living shoreline methods, materials, permitting, and share success stories of local living shorelines.

Coastal erosion is a natural process. It is caused by currents, wave action, wind, storms and even boat wakes. The traditional use of harden methods like seawalls and rip rap can often increase coastal erosion in neighboring properties and remove the ability of the shoreline to carry out natural processes. Alternatively, living shorelines use plants, sand, and limited use of oyster shells or rock to provide shoreline protection and maintain valuable habitat that stabilizes the shoreline, protects the surrounding riparian and intertidal environment, increases water quality via filtration of

Forgotten Coast Paddle Jam May 15th-17th



upland run-off, and creates habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species.

The lecture is free and registration is required. For more information please contact Anita Grove at 850-670-7708 or

Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us or Margo Posten at 850-670-7719

Margaret.Posten@dep.state.fl.us

WHAT: Living Shorelines

WHEN: Friday, May 15 - 9:30-11:30 am

WHERE: St George Island Plantation Homeowners' Association Clubhouse, 1712

Magnolia Road, St George Island, FL 32328

Forgotten Coast Paddle Jam

May 15th - 17th

Friday Events: Apalachicola - Battery Park

Festival Begins at 5pm

Blessing of the Festival

Check in (for pre-registration) - Online registrations only

Registration begins at 5pm

Live Registration at Paddle Jam for all events

Friday May 15th:

Registration opens 5pm and

Closes at 8pm

Festival open until 9pm

Saturday Events: Apalachicola - Battery Park

Paddle Jam Festival: 9am-6pm

Local Food: 9am-6pm

JAM: MUSIC 12noon -6pm

KAYAK RACES 10am

Oyster City Challenge: OCC

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Awards will begin 5:30pm after Kayak Raft

Sunday: SUP-DAY

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Paddleboard Events

St. George Island - Regatta

Park 9th Street and West Bay
Shore Drive
Festival 9am - 3pm
Local Food & Live Music all day
Registration begins @ 9am
Worship on the Water WOW - 10-10:30am
SUP Events
SUP Yoga @ 10:30 SUP 1
Mile & 3 Mile Races will begin at 11am

**APALACHICOLA
RESEARCH
RESERVE 'RESERVE
WEDNESDAY'
LECTURE ON
INSHORE FISHING**

May 20th

~Learn about fishing inshore without a boat~
May 20, the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will have an hour-long lecture about inshore recreational fishing. Education Coordinator and multiple tournament winner Jeff Dutrow will discuss his favorite strategies for catching inshore fish. Topics will include where to go - surf, oyster bars, grass flats, jetties and the bay; when to go - tides, season, water conditions, and time of day; and what to do - gear to use and how to use it. This lecture is free and registration is not required. However, seating is limited. For more information contact Jeff Dutrow, 850-670-7711 or email jeff.dutrow@dep.state.fl.us

WHAT: 'Reserve Wednesdays' lecture series - Inshore Fishing

WHEN: May 20, 2015, 2-3 p.m. EST

WHERE: Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Nature Center, 108 Island Dr., Eastpoint, FL

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 Nature Center in Eastpoint.

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