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
June Monthly Business Luncheon
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March 2015

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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.

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
% New Sessions
75.87%

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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

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
Instagram @shopdeepsouthern

Torben S. Madson III
Kunkel Miller & Hament Law Firm
86 Market Street Apalachicola, FL

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
Charlie Pettis Pest Services
Owned and operated by Charlie Pettis.

White's Auto LLC
Located at 453 Hwy 98 in Apalachicola
White's Auto has many clean pre-owned vehicles to choose from. Operated by Charile Holtom

Franklin County Martin Luther King Celebration
Franklin County's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Held annually 3rd 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
Lockouts, tire changes, shed moving, jump 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:
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

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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

**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 at info@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

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

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.

**Forgotten Coast Paddle Jam**

**May 15th-17th**

**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
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 Planation 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 Sponsored by KayakTrader.COM
Awards will begin 5:30pm after Kayak Raft

Sunday: SUP-DAY
Sponsored By Journey's of SGI & Island Fit
SUP Yoga SUP's Stand-Up
Paddleboard Events
St. George Island - Regatta
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.