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Spring has Sprung!!!!

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, April 5th
The First United Methodist Church
75 5th Street
Apalachicola, Fl
Noon
Hosted by The Historical Society

Business After Hours

Thursday, April 20th
The Seafood Grill
71 Market St
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

May Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, April 5th
Red Pirate Family Grill & Oyster Bar

19th Annual Antique & Classic Car & Boat Show

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Sponsors

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236 US- Hwy 98
Eastpoint
Noon

Visitor Statistics

February 2001 1,414
February 2002 1,150
February 2003 694
February 2004 950
February 2005 1,538
February 2006 1,430
February 2007 2,309
February 2008 3,330
February 2009 1,972
February 2010 2,444
February 2011 2,193
February 2012 1,999
February 2013 2,052
February 2014 2,684
February 2015 1,606
February 2016 1,684
February 2017 1,763

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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?
Would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.
Ideas and volunteers are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at

Torch Run for Special Olympics will the Thursday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. Staging will be at APD parking lot.



New Members

Save our Shotguns

Save Our Shotguns Apalachicola is a non-profit 501(c)(3) working to preserve the historic structures of Apalachicola for the purpose of affordable housing

We are an all-volunteer organization dedicated to our mission: to preserve historic structures, to create housing for low and moderate income people, and to create training and jobs for local residents.

Save Our Shotguns Apalachicola was founded in 2016 by a group of residents living in Apalachicola's Hill neighborhood, who sought to rescue the historic structures, including classic shotguns, that were in various states of deterioration, many hidden under a jungle of overgrowth. Unlike the historic mansions that have become the pride of the city, no attention was being paid to the historic shotguns and other decaying buildings

Tideline Charters

Welcome friends, I am Captain Wayne, the owner of Tideline Charters located in Apalachicola, Florida. Offering charter fishing, eco-tours, sightseeing and shelling trips in Apalachicola and St. George Island, Florida.

John Provenzano Car Service

Car Service to Tallahassee and Panama City Airports. To arrange ride call John Provenzano at 850-624-2454

Events

Ethiopia's Omo Valley Photo Show

March 31 @ 5:30 pm

- April 29 @ 7:00 pm

Meet International Photographer Joan Lea Miller at her One Woman show: "Vanishing Tribes and Culture in Ethiopia's Omo Valley", Friday, March 31, 5:30pm-7:00 pm, at On the Waterfront Gallery, 117 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL. Opening night party with complimentary wine and treats. She will also be giving a slide presentation (details to be announced). Joan's photography will be on display at the gallery through April 29.

Photos of an exotic forgotten tribe from Africa. Meet and hear first hand about this exotic experience with these fantastic creative natives fully adorned with face and body paint and the most interesting examples of local flora and fauna. Catch a glimpse of these vanishing tribes people before their heritage is lost forever.

Tel: 850-653-9699

<http://OnTheWaterfrontGallery.com>

Wooden Boat Building classes and Open House

During the week starting on Monday, April 2nd, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum (AMM) Wooden Boat School (WBS) will be hosting an open house wooden boat construction event for a woodentouring kayaks. The kayak will be constructed from laminated strakes made of Okume, a tropical hardwood from the Congo region of Africa. Visitors and Volunteers are welcome to come by to view or take part in the construction project under the direction of AMM WBS program manager Nicholas Cupp. The program is paid for by a sponsor or student who takes home the finished project at the end of the class. There are a wide variety of vessels that are able to be constructed in the AMM WBS programs including the Passagemaker sailing / rowing dory, Whitehall rowing shell, Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP), Pirogue, Canoe and the most popular, wooden kayaks. Examples of all of the foregoing constructed by the WBS staff are on display at the AMM at 103 Water Street. Overall there are more than 60 boat designs to select from. Boat construction building sponsorship / student programs run from \$250 to \$2,500 based on the complexity and size of the vessel selected. There are openings for a week long class starting on April 17th where we will be building a Wherry pulling boat. Classes are held on the first and third week of each month. Contact the program manager via email at WoodenBoatSchool@AMMFL.org or by calling the AMM at 850-653-2500 or coming by the AMM at 103 Water Street in downtown Apalachicola. A review from a the January class follows :

"First, the class in Apalachicola was a blast. The instructor, Nick Cupp, was terrific. Nick was patient, knowledgeable and skilled and made building a boat a blast. The other student and I hit it off as well and I think we are planning a tour once we complete our boats."

Oysters 101

April 4 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

ANERR, 108 Island Drive

Eastpoint, Florida

Discover the important role oysters play in the health of Apalachicola Bay. We will learn about what makes Apalachicola Bay so ideal for growing

exceedirector@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 exceedirector@apalachicolabay.org

Sam's On-site Services

Owned and operated by Sam Houston. For clients who have a primary residence in another location and have vacation homes here on the Forgotten Coast, Sam's On-Site

Services is a trusted local home watch company. Whether you just come down certain times of year or come into the area when the opportunity arises Sam's On-Site

Services offers the flexibility to accommodate each owner and their specific needs.

We watch over and maintain our client's home while they are away to protect and preserve the client's valuable asset. How many visits per month is flexible to meet the client's needs.

Culligan Water Treatment

Dan Averill local representative. As recognized experts in the water treatment industry, Culligan of Emerald Coast knows better than anyone how to maintain your water system to help keep it running at peak performance. Culligan's certified technicians offer a range of expert maintenance and performance services for your water softener, water filtration system, and drinking water system. Your Culligan Service Technician can maintain and optimize all Culligan products as well as most major brands. For a truly hassle-free maintenance plan, sign up for a service and maintenance plan from your local Emerald Coast Culligan Man®. Ask him about all of Culligan's maintenance and performance services

St. George Island Methodist Church

Welcome to the St. George Lighthouse Church. Come, worship, fellowship, and join us in celebrating God's Love as a mission servant church. Although we are a United Methodist Church, we are enriched by members and visitors from all Christian denominations. Regardless of whether you are a local resident or a guest visiting the area, we invite you to worship with us or to attend any of the weekly events here at the church. Come as you are; God loves you that way!

Coastal Interiors by Twila

oysters, what gives our oysters their distinct taste and how oysters benefit the ecosystem. Rain date is April 19th. Please register for class in advance. For more information contact Emily Jackson at (850) 670-7743 or send an email to emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us or Anita Grove at (850) 670-7708 or Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us.

Meet & Greet Plein Air Artist Karen Hitt

April 4 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
Apalachicola, Florida

Plein Air Paint-A-Shotgun Workshop with Karen Hitt

April 5 @ 8:00 am - May 7 @ 5:00 pm
Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
Apalachicola, Florida 32320
Wednesday, April 5-Friday April 7: Plein Air Paint-A-Shotgun Workshop with Karen Hitt Open to artists of any experience and any medium. Sign up at History, Culture and Art Center. Bring your own supplies (scholarships available).

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon

April 5 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
Hosted by the Historical Society

"Translating the language of life" Lecture

April 6 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
FSU Coastal Marine Lab, 3618 US-98
St Teresa, Florida

Most organisms on Earth have neither eyes nor ears and so must decide to run from, eat, or mate with things nearby based on chemical cues. Dr. Mark Hay (Georgia Tech) will discuss how understanding, translating, and using this chemical cross-talk among marine species can provide new and powerful options for curing degradation in marine systems. Coral reefs will be used as an example, but similar interactions probably occur in all communities. 7 pm - 8 pm. Light refreshments will be provided prior to talk.

Panhandle Players present 12 Incompetent Jurors

April 7 @ 7:30 pm - April 9 @ 5:00 pm
The Panhandle Players of the Forgotten Coast is offering its third production of their 2016-2017 Season with performances of 12 Incompetent Jurors by Ian McWethy, to be held Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 pm, at the historic Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola. Directed by Judy Loftus, 12 Incompetent Jurors is a comedy, a hilarious spoof on the classic 12 Angry Men. When a man is accused of abducting half a dozen cats, it's an open-and-shut case, even for a jury that's filled with odd balls like a dim-witted PR guy, a bickering couple, and a man obsessed with french fries. After all, every scrap of evidence indicts the accused who is obviously very, very guilty of stealing cats. Case closed. And yet, Juror #8, a wannabe lawyer, believes that the "Cat Burglar" is innocent. Will he be able to sway the

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March 24th, 2017

Iggyart at High Cotton



March 31st, 2017

other jurors, or will they side with Juror #3, the only sane man in the room?

APALACHICOLA RESERVE HOSTS WORKSHOP ON BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

April 8 @ 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

ANERR, 108 Island Drive

Eastpoint, Florida 32328 + Google Map

APALACHICOLA RESERVE HOSTS

WORKSHOP ON BAY-FRIENDLY

LANDSCAPING ~ Learn tips to help you create a Bay-Friendly yard ~ Bay-friendly yards use native shrubs and trees in place of large lawns which means less maintenance and more habitat for wildlife

WHAT: Bay-Friendly Landscaping Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, April 8, 2017 1:00 pm-3:30

pm WHERE: Apalachicola National Estuarine

Research Reserve 108 Island Dr. Eastpoint, FL

32328 HOW: Workshop is free. \$20 per

barrel (Limit one barrel per house) Please register

for the class in advance at

[http://www.gulfalliancetraining.org/detail.aspx?](http://www.gulfalliancetraining.org/detail.aspx?Id=128)

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The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) will be hosting a bay-friendly landscaping workshop on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 1:00-3:30 pm. Yard design and maintenance can have a big impact on adjacent water bodies.

Learn how you can transform your yard into a luscious bay-conscious landscape. The class will also feature innovative Green Infrastructure techniques such as rain gardens and bio-swales to filter storm water.

Following the discussion participants will have the option, for a small fee, to assemble their own rain barrel that they can take home. Rain barrels are made conveniently from locally available materials.

The workshop will be held at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve. The class is free, but rain barrels are \$20.00 per barrel. Please register for the class in advance at

[http://www.gulfalliancetraining.org/detail.aspx?](http://www.gulfalliancetraining.org/detail.aspx?Id=147)

Id=147. Rain barrels must be paid for in advance at

the ANERR Visitor Center, Tues-Sat 9:00am to

4:00pm. For more information contact Emily

Jackson at 850-670-7743 or send an email to

Emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us.

Street Party between 2 Shotguns

April 8 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Ave L between 8th and 9th Streets Live music

featuring the music of 20th century Apalachicola;

bar-b-que dinners for sale. Bring your own chairs.

"Bless Us All," An Interfaith Service

April 9 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Tabernacle of Faith, 8th Street between Avenues H

and I Ministers of several local churches will lead us

in a rousing outdoor church service.

*The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of
Commerce & Visitor Center is a
Certified Travel Information Center*



Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The April Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 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.

The sun will set at 8:04 p.m. and the "Pink" moon will rise at 7:44 p.m. on April 10. The April full moon is called the Pink moon in tribute to wild ground phlox, also called "pinks," which is one of the earliest widespread flowers to appear in the spring. Full Moon names are attributable to native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark the changing seasons.

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.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park.

Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Full Moon Dinner Cruise



Join us on Tuesday, April 11th for a two hour Sunset and Full Moon dinner cruise amid the ambiance of oil lamps and city lights. The "STARFISH" is a US Coast Guard approved 40 passenger power

catamaran operated by the Apalachicola Maritime Museum (AMM) for educational tours. The menu for the evening will be pesto chicken parmesan stuffed with mozzarella with a white wine Alfredo on penne pasta with sautéed spinach, kale, tomato, fresh garlic and mushrooms with a touch of caramelized onion, Caprice salad with goat cheese, a key lime pie for dessert and a selection of beverages. The AMM Founder will be hosting the event while providing a talk on maritime heritage, bio diversity and projects underway at the AMM. The STARFISH is operated by a USCG licensed Master Captains and Crew, is heated, surrounded by clear vinyl windows and has a bathroom with wash basin. The cost is \$75 per person with proceeds to support the educational mission of the AMM. Reservation can be made online by clicking the link Full Moon Dinner Cruise, via the phone at 850-653-2500 or coming by the AMM at 103 Water Street in downtown Apalachicola. Click River Trip Dining to watch a video of a recently hosted river dining event trip.

Estuary Class

April 14 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Florida 32328 + Google Map
Join the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on Friday, April 14th, 12:00-4:00pm to explore the estuary we depend on. Participants will learn about the habitats and creatures that make up our estuary and how the river and bay are intricately connected. We will see these habitats up close aboard the Reserve's research vessel the Henry Lee. The workshop will be based at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328. The class is \$20.00. Please register in advance. For more information contact Emily Jackson at (850) 670-7743 or send an email to emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us or Anita Grove at (850) 670-7708 or Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us. Rain date is April 28th.

Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show

Riverfront Park Apalachicola

April 15 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Antique & Classic Boats & Cars, examples of classic and traditional vessels, workboats, and fiberglass and aluminum classics will all be on display on from until 4:00 pm. Studebakers, Model A's, T's, Chevys and more. Plus a large display of antique outboard engines.
Boat building demonstration throughout the day by local boat builders
The Apalachicola Traders' Canoe, a hand built 50-foot long vessel used between 1750-1850, recovered from the Apalachicola River will be on display at the Cotton Warehouse
Tours of the waterfront
The Coast Guard Auxiliary will have free information on safe boating.
The Dept of Environmental Protection will be on hand to give out information on the Clean Boating Program.
The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will have a booth on area flora and fauna. The Apalachicola RiverKeeper will have information on the special qualities of our unique pristine river and bay system and Arts and Crafts, Vendors.

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Saturday, April 8th & April 22nd 9am-1pm
 Located at the Mill Pond Pavilion at 479 Market St. in Apalachicola come out to get Local seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, jewelry, art and other regional specialties offered every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9 AM until 1 PM. If you or someone you know offers home grown or hand made products, and is interested in becoming a vendor, please email apalachicolfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Pearls Poetry

April 18 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
 Apalachicola, Florida 32320 + Google Map
 To read your work, preregister at info@saveourshotguns.org Poetry must be related to Pearls

Reserve Wednesday Talks: Tracking Fish Movement in Apalachicola Bay

April 19 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 ANERR, 108 Island Drive
 Eastpoint, Florida 32328 + Google Map
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 Tracking Fish Movement in Apalachicola Bay
 Speaker: Charles "Chip" Cotton, PhD
 2pm - 3pm

Birding the Bay

April 22 @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 ANERR, 108 Island Drive
 Eastpoint, Florida 32328 + Google Map
 Join us for a day-long (8:00am-4:00pm) birding event on the Forgotten Coast for birders of all levels from advanced to beginners. Professionally lead tours will focus on shorebirds, migratory birds, and/or woodland species. See colorful song birds on St George Island on their migratory stop over, view shorebirds in the shallow waters around St. George Island State Park, visit the pine woodlands where the Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers thrive, or learn the basic of birding with Audubon staffers at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR).

After a morning in the field, participants will return to the ANERR Nature Center for lunch and an informative talk on how to photograph birds. The afternoon will feature educational booths at the Nature Center. For more information and to register

call 850-670-7700 or email
Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us.

FSU Marine Lab Open House

April 22 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
FSU Coastal Marine Lab, 3618 US-98
St Teresa, Florida 32358 + Google Map
"2017 Open House: Coastal Literacy - Connecting Marine Science & Society" Active engagement in protecting our oceans and coastlines is something we all can do! Help us celebrate that ability and our scientific knowledge of the sea at our biennial Open House. Free and open to the public. Interactive displays for children. Food available for purchase. 10 am - 3 pm.

Painting Workshops with Folk Artist Ernest Lee

April 22 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
Apalachicola, Florida 32320 + Google Map
Lee has been called "Florida's Van Gogh" and his work has been displayed across the country. Limited enrollment; sign up early! Meet & Greet with Ernest Lee (5-7PM) at History, Culture and Art Center.

Hidden House Tour

April 23 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Holy Family, 7th Street & Ave 1
Apalachicola, Florida 32320 + Google Map
Convene at 1PM at Holy Family, 7th Street at Avenue L A walking tour highlighting some of the all but disappeared shotguns on "the Hill."

Apalachicola Hillside Archive Project

April 27 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
Apalachicola, Florida 32320 + Google Map
A cinematic oral history of some of the Hill's older residents filmed by "native daughter" Sarah Ocea Williams. Ms. Williams holds degrees in Digital Filmmaking and Media & Communications and is a member of NY Women in Film and TV .

3rd Annual Downtown Hoedown

April 28 @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
3rd Annual Downtown Hoedown Presented by Oyster City Brewing Company Friday April 28th Corner of Commerce St. & Ave D in Apalachicola Musical Entertainment Flathead Stringband 6-8pm Dave Dale Band 8-11pm

Crossing Jordan

April 28 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Chapman Auditorium, 159 Ave E
Apalachicola, FL 32320 + Google Map
Chapman Auditorium, Ave. E and 12th St. A stage production of an award- winning children's novel by Adrian Fogelin. The City's Project Impact students performed this musical play six years ago; now the author, students team up to bring us once again this "sensitive portrayal of racial conflict in a Tallahassee neighborhood."

2nd Annual SGI Brewfest

April 29 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Paddy's, 240 East 3rd St
St. George Island, Florida

Welcome to the 2nd Annual SGI Brewfest! The SGI Brewfest is a one day beer tasting festival designed to promote the appreciation of craft beer all while listening to live music and enjoying great food. The event is a fundraiser for the Franklin County Humane Society and all proceeds will benefit the homeless dogs and cats of Franklin County. The event will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Paddy's Raw Bar and Journeys of St. George Island. VIP ticket holders and Early Admission ticket holders will be granted access beginning at NOON. General Admission ticket holders will be granted access at 1:00pm.

Ticket sales are very limited and TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE via the SGI Brewfest website. Tickets WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Ticket holders will have the opportunity for unlimited tastings of a number of different beers. Food will be available for an additional charge. Enjoy live music throughout the event. Designated Driver ticket holders will have free water and sodas available. Brewers are being added daily so be sure to check the Brewfest website for the latest news and updates. Bring ID for age verification - For security and safety purposes no one under 21 years of age will be admitted. For more information please visit: www.sgibrewfest.com.

Closing Party

April 29 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
Apalachicola, Florida
Mingle with the artists as we close out our month-long celebration of Apalachicola's rich legacy of shotguns.

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