Happy Holiday's from all of us here at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7th
Gormley's at the Gibson
51 Ave C
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday, December 15th
Betsy's Sunflower South
268 Water St
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

January Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, January 4th
Tamara's Tapas
71 Market St
Apalachicola

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Downtown Holiday Fresh Market

Holiday Fresh Market
Saturday, December 3rd
10:00am-3:00pm
Why fight the crowds and traffic at the malls? Come for the day or the weekend and find one-of-a-kind unusual presents. Shop in a relaxed, hassle-free environment. Buy handcrafted Apalachicola specialties such as baked goods, artwork, wood carving, pottery, hand-knitted goods. Your gift shopping has never been easier! Located in front of the Dixie Theatre Avenue E and Market Street. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call (850) 653-9419 for details.

New Members

Selina's Pro Groom

Located at 45 Market St in Apalachicola. Selina has been in grooming since 1991. She has experience in all breeds, toys, terriers, poodles, working dogs, non-working dogs, mixed breeds, hounds, and...
Visitor Statistics

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Surrounding dog. At Selina's Pro Groom they treat each pet with Individual care and compassion.

Dail's Seafood

Owned and operated by Anna & John Carmichael Dail's Seafood is located on Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island. Dail's Seafood is a five generation Florida fishing family offering the freshest & least expensive local seafood in Franklin County.

St. Joe Rent-All / Nursery & Supply

Owned and Operated by Phil Earley, St. Joe Rent-All is located at 706 1st Street in St. Port St. Joe. St. Joe Rent-All is a Full Service tool & equipment business. They offer outdoor power equipment and Golf Carts for sale and have a complete repair center representing over 20 manufactures. St. Joe Nursery & Supply has plants, chemicals, bag goods and other products for your lawn & garden.

Member News

Oyster Outfitters is now Oyster Outfitters & Tours

Take a scenic river or estuary tour or a romantic sunset cruise on a historic wooden vessel.

Island Girl Gifts is now Art of Glass by Island Girl

Art of Glass, Formerly known as Island Girl Gifts. Art of Glass is now featuring more glass art. The highlight of our work is still kiln fired fused glass. From jewelry, ornaments, dishes, platters and wall art to home décor such as custom cabinet knobs. We have a little of everything from Jewelry to Tupelo Honey! Check us out Open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm closed Sunday and Monday.

Events

Island Lights

Friday, December 2, 2016
Greet Santa when he arrives at St. George Island's Lighthouse Park on Friday, December 2 and enjoy the festive illuminating of holiday lights on the Cape St. George Lighthouse, Visitor Center, and along Franklin Boulevard. Hot chocolate, cookies, carolers, and Santa's sleigh full of gifts for the children contribute to the island holiday spirit! Santa and tree lighting will occur about sunset. 1 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL.

Annabelle Lyn Live Music

Friday, December 2, 2016
The Adventures of Annabelle Lyn Musical Group begins at 7:30 PM. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

Holiday Fresh Market

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Children's Ornament Making Workshop

December 3 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Rio Carrabelle, 102 St. James Ave Carrabelle, Florida 32322
"Artists at Work" Children's workshop for ornament making at 1 PM.

A Barbershop Concert Celebrating the Christmas Story

December 4 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
First United Methodist Church, 75 5th St. Apalachicola, Florida 32320
Sunday Dec 4th, 4:00pm First United Methodist Church, Apalachicola Enjoy a Festive collection of other holiday favorites as we play on the lighter side of Christmas.
"Cape St. George Light, A Florida Treasure"

The St. George Lighthouse Association is pleased to announce the publication of a full-color, 36-page souvenir booklet entitled, "Cape Saint George Lighthouse, A Florida Treasure." Association members James Hargrove, Carol Talley, and Terry Kemp compiled text and photographs to recount the role of the lighthouse in over 180 years of Apalachicola's maritime history. The final layout was completed by local graphic designer, Cindy Clark. The narrative begins with the 1804 Forbes Purchase and describes the need for the lighthouse as an aid to navigation to protect ships engaged in the cotton trade from the shoals around the passes into Apalachicola Bay. The earliest lighthouse was built at West Pass in 1833, and was rebuilt on Cape St. George in 1848. After the great Florida hurricane of 1851, a stronger tower that survived for 153 years was built on the Cape in 1852. The new booklet describes the earliest lights and the 1857 conversion to the more powerful beam produced by a third-order Fresnel lens. The narrative summarizes events that interrupted commerce during the Civil War and the resumption of trade during Reconstruction.

Also highlighted are the lives of prominent lighthouse keepers and their families, including Edward Porter, Pearl Porter Marshall, and members of the Walter Roberts family. Vintage photographs illustrate keepers lives and the narrative includes information from current displays and digital archives from the Lighthouse Museum and Gift Shop in Lighthouse Park on St. George Island.

The booklet concludes with the story of the collapse of the lighthouse in 2005 after several hurricanes surged through the area, and its reconstruction through the persistent work of many Franklin County residents and volunteers.

"Cape Saint George Lighthouse, A Florida Treasure" is available at the Lighthouse Gift Shop adjacent to the lighthouse at the center of St. George Island. All proceeds will be used to support ongoing maintenance and Coastal erosion is a natural process caused by currents, wave action, wind, storms and even boat wakes. The traditional methods using to harden the shoreline like seawalls and rip rap can often increase coastal erosion and remove the ability of the shoreline to carry out natural processes. The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) will host a workshop on Living Shorelines on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016, 2:00-4:30 pm. The workshop will discuss living shorelines vs. harden shorelines, how to evaluate a shoreline by considering the physical factors such as wave energy, prevailing wind and wave direction, vegetation, and soil type, and present living shoreline methods, materials, permitting, and share success stories of local living shorelines. We will also look at types of plants to plant and visit a local living shoreline. The lecture is free, registration is suggested. For more information, please contact Anita Grove at 850-670-7708 or Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us.

Estuary Class
December 9 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Do you know what an estuary is and why it is so vital our economy and way of life?
Join the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on Friday, December 9, 2016 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm to learn about 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 on the Reserve’s research vessel the Henry Lee. The workshop will be based out of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328. The class is $25.00. Please register for 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.

Eastpoint Christmas Parade
December 9 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bring your golf cart, convertible, pick-up truck or boat.
Parade will organize at Seller's Tile beginning at 3 pm and parade departs at 4 pm. The parade route goes up 98 to the Pavilion and then disbands at the Fisherman's Choice parking lot.
Santa will arrive by oyster boat at the Pavilion on Patton Drive, there will be caroling and Santa will listen to children's wishes.

Tocamos Mas LIVE at Rio Carrabelle!
December 9 @ 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Rio Carrabelle, 102 St. James Ave Carrabelle, Florida 32322
Come on out for a fun evening of Mambo, Merengue, Bolero and Cha Cha! Tocamos Mas performs traditional Latin arrangements combining keyboards, congas, timbales, bass guitar and vocals. Dancing Optional! Doors open at 7:30 PM with a $15 cover at 8:00 pm.
updates of the Cape St. George Lighthouse by the non-profit St. George Lighthouse Association. For more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Ribbon Cutting

Betsy's Sunflower South

Now Hiring

NOW HIRING: Roberson & Associates, PA is seeking a full-time administrative assistant/staff accountant for our Apalachicola office. Bookkeeping, Word and Excel experience are required, with proficiency and Quickbooks experience being preferred. Applicants must also display excellent communication skills, professionalism and an understanding of client confidentiality. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call (850) 653-1090 or email your resume and contact information to: bettyjean@rapacpas.com

Chamber News

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
Holiday Light Contest

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the Holiday Light Contest. The contest will comprise of two Categories and four areas of competition. The categories are Businesses and Homes. The Four areas are Apalachicola, Eastpoint, St. George Island and Carrabelle. The Businesses and Homes will be judged on December 7-9, the winners will be announced on December

Holiday on the Harbor & Boat Parade of Lights

December 10 @ 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Holiday on the Harbor Street Festival: Join the fun with your family and friends. Live entertainment, holiday shopping, festival food, holidays treats and goodies and visit with Santa, and fireworks. This event is free to attend and enjoy the festivities. Runs from 12 noon until 9 pm. For those interested in being a vendor, please contact us at 850-697-2585

Boat Parade of Lights: Watch the parade of lighted boats. No charge for spectators. Parade starts at 6:30 pm at the mouth of the river and proceeds to the Carrabelle Bridge. Watch from any spot along the riverfront. For those interested in entering your boat there is no fee to enter, please contact us at 850-697-2585

IN Concert: Bay Choral Society Holiday Concert
December 11 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
InConcert, 79 6th St
Apalachicola, FL 32320 United States
IN Concert series presents the Bay Area Choral Society's Holiday Performance beginning at 4pm. Free open reception to follow concert.

Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse

Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 9:00 PM
Get information and see photos, ratings, reviews and find more events. Find the best Apalachicola events and activities for you and your family. Browse and book tickets to live music, comedy, theater, sporting events, and more. Get your tickets for the best shows in town. Find cheap tickets for your favorite events!
Each winner will receive a small banner to display with their decorations.

Judging criteria will be based on the judge’s personnel opinion. There will be multiple judges coming by at random times during the judging time period. The judges will remain anonymous; no one participating in contest will be a judge.

If you wish to enter into the contest or know someone that should be entered into the contest please submit either name of business and address or resident and address. The entrants can be emailed to lights@Apalachicolabay.org. The entrants will be listed on the list on the chamber website and we will also have copies at the Visitor Centers for people to pick up.

After December 10th the winners will be highlights on the Apalachicola Bay Chamber Website to make it easier for people looking for the locations of the lights. The List will be printable so they can take it with them.

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber has secured two Sponsors for this Contest they are Duke Energy and The Tin Shed. With these sponsors the Chamber will be producing a TV Commercial that will air on cable channels from Bay County to Leon County. Including the Hallmarks Channel, HGTV and others. Let’s show our holiday small town spirit.

Franklin County Cook Team Takes 3rd

On Saturday November 19th the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Cook-Off Team joined forces with the Big top Supermarket Team to compete in the 9th annual "Grill's Gone Wild" Cook-Off in Panama City. The event is sponsored by the Panama City Beach Rotary Club and sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Assoc. The team consisted of John Solomon and Richard Wade. Representing the Apalachicola Rotary Club and Franklin County their combined efforts brought two

December 13th 2016 Climb to the top of the lighthouse to see spectacular views of the sunset and full moon. Light refreshments are served. Admission charge. Contact Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 for reservations. 2 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

December Business After Hours
December 15 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Betsy's Sunflower, 268 Water St
Apalachicola, FL 32320

Gibson Inn's Annual New Year's Eve Party
December 31, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - January 1, 2017 @ 12:30 am
$25.00
The evening will feature live music with the phenomenal Brian Cairns, Dancing, Drink Special's, Light appetizers served at 9:30pm, Champagne toast at midnight, Countdown and balloon drop! Semi Formal Attire Requested $25.00 per person / $40.00 Per Couple Room Packages available at the Gibson Inn Please call for reservations (850) 653-2191 or email Info@gibsoninn.com Gormley's at the Gibson with be serving a special menu from 5pm until 10pm, available at separate charge. Please call (850) 653-1040 for your dinner reservations.

Dixie Theatre Presents: Del Suggs Saltwater Music
January 7, 2017 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Dixie Theatre, 21 Ave E
Apalachicola, Florida 32320
January 7 - Del Suggs Saltwater Music 8 PM Florida's premiere performer returns for his 5th Season and we couldn't be happier! Del is an award-winning singer/songwriter/guitarist...one of those individuals who may come on stage as a stranger, but leaves it a friend. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets.
second place trophies home (Pulled Pork and Brisket). They finished 8th in Chicken and 10th in Ribs. They finished third overall in the entire competition.

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