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Meetings

**Monthly Business Luncheon**
Wednesday, February 1st
Slice
17 Ave E
Apalachicola
Noon

**Business After Hours**
Friday, February 3rd
On The Waterfront Gallery
117 Market St
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

**March Monthly Business Luncheon**
Wednesday, March 1st
ANERR
108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Fl
Noon

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
21st Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

21st Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler Sponsors
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2017 Chef Sampler Sponsors. In addition we would like to thank everyone who has purchased tickets to this years SOLD OUT event as well as all the businesses and individuals who have donated or planning to donate to the Silent Auction. A full list of donating businesses' will be included in next months newsletter

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December 2001 523
December 2002 432
December 2003 858
December 2004 946
December 2005 1,288
December 2006 1,189
December 2007 1,660
December 2008 1,135
December 2009 1,258
December 2010 1,310
December 2011 1,209
December 2012 1,071
December 2013 963
December 2014 1,020
December 2015 1,005
December 2016 865

Website Stats

December 2016

Sessions 9,234
Users 7,255
Pageviews 28,352
Pages / Session 3.07
Avg. Session Duration 00:02:40
Bounce Rate 49.59%
% New Sessions 73.32%

Silver Chef Sponsor

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Events

Yoga Classes
Monday, January 9, 2017 through Monday, February 13, 2017
855-272-5224
www.historicapalachicola.com
Apalachicolaschoolart@gmail.com
The Apalachicola HCA will host a six week yoga series of classes beginning Monday, January 9 and running each Monday evening until February 13. The classes will run from 5:30-6:45 and will be taught by Yoga instructor Alec Macbeth. The classes will feature a strong Parayoga component, which can be described as the confluence of Yoga, Tantra, and Ayurveda. These classes will combine movement with breath awareness and meditation to bring about energetic shifts to the body, mind, and spirit. They are accessible and appropriate for beginner as well as experienced yoga enthusiasts.

Student Pottery Reception & Exhibit
The Apalachicola Center for History Culture and Art will host a pottery camp for children ages 5-17 with renowned potter Kirby Gregory. The pottery camp is a cooperative effort with Project Impact, the City's after school program. During the camp, Gregory will teach students how to create small bowls. An opening night reception of art the student work will be held Saturday, January 21. Student docents, from the program, will be available to discuss the various works of art.

The student work will be on display from January 17-28 at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Franklin TDC Presents African American Art Collection
January 23 @ 8:00 am - February 28 @ 4:00 pm
African American Art Show at EPVC
January 23rd - February 28th Opening Reception February 4th 3:00pm-5:00pm at the Franklin Tourist Development Center 731 Hwy 98 Eastpoint,Fl

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop
January 30 @ 9:30 am - February 1 @ 2:00 pm
Sea Oats Gallery, 128 East Pine Ave
St. George Island, Florida
MARY JANE LORD Weaving Jan 30 - Feb1 9:30-2:00 225.00 Deposit 100.00

APALACHICOLA RESEARCH RESERVE HOSTS TOURING ART EXHIBIT, SPLASH TRASH TOUR

February 1 @ 9:00 am - February 11 @ 4:00 pm
ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Florida 32328
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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 execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.

Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

APALACHICOLA RESEARCH RESERVE HOSTS TOURING ART EXHIBIT, SPLASH TRASH TOUR – Marine pollution is having a global impact.
The Splash Trash Tour promotes dialogue and action on what each of us can do to make a difference. –
WHAT: Art Show and Interactive Educational Exhibit, Splash Trash Tour 
WHEN: February 1 through February 11, 9am-4pm, closed Sunday and Monday February 4 - Splash Trash Family Event.

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop
February 2 @ 9:30 am - February 4 @ 2:00 pm
Sea Oats Gallery, 128 East Pine Ave
St. George Island, Florida 32328
NATALIA ANDREEVA Oil Feb 2-4
9:30-2:00 225.00
Deposit 100.00
www.nataliaandreevaart.com

On The Waterfront : Open House Wine Reception
Chamber Business After Hours
February 3 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
On The Waterfront Gallery, 117 Market St
Apalachicola, Florida 32320
Open House Wine Reception Friday, Feb 3 at "On the Waterfront" 117 Market St. 5:30-7. Award winning Deborah Nadelhoffer will present her one man show "Landscapes of the Forgotten Coast" followed by a 3 day plein air workshop. Come join our party!!

Coffee in the Campground
Saturday, February 4, 2017
1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328
850-927-2111
A Park Ranger or volunteer will give interpretive programs on many topics which may include Apalachicola Bay seafood, panhandle seashells, campfire cooking, flora and fauna of St. George Island, birding and sea turtles. Bringing a breakfast related dish is welcomed. Coffee is provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks. The Coffee in the Campground is held in the interpretive building in the family campground. Free with regular park admission

Spencer Bohren at the Dixie Theatre
February 4 - Spencer Bohren 3 pm, 8pm
Spencer Bohren's enthusiasm for America's music is infectious. For four decades he has been sharing his unique blend of blues, country, gospel, folk and
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

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New Members

Pesky Pelican
The American Cancer Society is a voluntary health organization working to end cancer.
Local Representative
Dr. Rachel Sutz Pienta

The T-Shirt Lady
Owned by Ann Stewart (The T-Shirt Lady) is located at 2512 Breezy Lane, Panama City. She provides cutting edge design & production of screen printed and embroidered apparel. Exemplary customer service and quick turnaround.

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Donald and Associates Inc. James E Donald
Donald & Associates is a management consulting firm that assists organizations by leveraging the broad experiential backgrounds of the managing partner and original songs with audiences all over America and on dozens of concert tours in Europe and Asia. He lives in New Orleans, but he's been everywhere, man! In fact, way back in 1975, Spencer spent a couple months in Apalachicola playing nightly for the locals at the Gibson Inn. His concert at the Dixie Theatre will draw from seventeen albums and feature stories inspired by a life on the road. He might even offer a glimpse into an Apalachicola from days gone by. Call the Dixie Theatre box office 850-653-3200 for tickets.
For more events or to list your event go to www.apalachicolabay.org

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop
February 6 @ 9:30 am - February 8 @ 12:30 pm
Sea Oats Gallery, 128 East Pine Ave
St. George Island, Florida 32328
Judy Soprano
Still life and landscape Drawing
9:30-12:30 Feb 6-8 $150.00
Deposit $75.00

Wooden Boat Building Class
Starting on Monday, February 6th, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum (AMM) Wooden Boat School (WBS) will be hosting an open house wooden boat construction event for a wooden touring 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 February 20th and generally run classes on the first and third Monday 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 December 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."

Art Workshop: Charlie Hunter
Monday, February 6, 2017 through Wednesday, February 8, 2017
86 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
1-855-Apalach
Renowned Plein Air Artist Charlie Hunter will host a three day Plein Air painting workshop Feb. 6-8 at Apalachicola's Center for History, Culture and Art. Hunter will demonstrate his signature method of
other associates. We focus primarily in three areas:
* Sharing experiences and lessons learned from 33 years of building strong and ready military organizations
* Advising best practices in law enforcement and public safety areas with a particular focus on Corrections and Campus Security
* Working with organizations who focus is intervening in the lives of young people to help them make the right choices in life.

**Associate Member:**
**Christy Thompson**
Franklin County School, High School Dean

**Chamber News**

**Chef Sampler Silent Auction**

The 21st Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler is just around the corner. As many of you well know the Chef Sampler is the one fundraiser the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce holds annually. A large part of the money raised at the Chef Sampler comes from the silent auction. This is made possible by donations made by our wonderful members and area businesses. No item is too small or too large. If you would like to donate something to the silent auction please email me John Solomon at Execdirector@apalachicolabay.org or feel free to call me anytime at 850-370-6602. I will be glad to come by and pick the items up. Thank you in advance for supporting the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.

using water-mixable oils and 19th Century reductive techniques. Hunter's program will involve daily demos and plenty of time for painting; some simple, yet invaluable tools for accurate rendering will be reviewed. There will be discussion and mutually-supportive critique sessions at the end of each day's painting Charlie Hunter lives and works in Bellows Falls, Vermont. He holds a degree in art from Yale University. He has worked as a graphic designer creating tour posters for scores of rock bands ranging from Jerry Garcia to Bob Dylan, Ramones to The Clash, was a music manager for a dozen years and now exhibits at museums and galleries across the US. Hunter has been profiled in ARTSCOPE, VERMONT LIFE, RAILWAY HERITAGE and PLEIN AIR MAGAZINE. www.hunter-studio.com

Class Cost, $375 per student, $190 deposit due at registration. Paypal or check payable to Apalachicola School of Art. Please mail your deposit to: Apalachicola School of Art, PO Box 86, Apalachicola, Florida 32329

**Snowbird Appreciation Day**

February 7 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Harry A's, 28 West Bayshore Drive
St. George Island, Florida 32328
Snowbird Appreciation Day, 2017, will be held on Tuesday, February 7th. The event is sponsored by the St. George Island Business Association, who invites all winter visitors in the area to enjoy an evening out on St. George Island. If you consider yourself a visitor to the area, you're welcome to participate! This year Snowbird Day consists of happy hour, dinner and live music. The event is being held from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Harry A's Restaurant at 28 West Bayshore Drive.

**Florida's Springs Lecture**

Thursday, February 9, 2017
FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory
850-697-4120

“Florida's Springs: How are they doing and what is being done to protect these precious resources?” Lecture

Florida has one of the greatest concentrations of springs in the world with more than 1,000 currently documented. Over the last several decades water quality and quantity issues have severely impacted Florida’s iconic springs. Dr. Guy “Harley” Means
John C. Solomon  
Executive Director  
Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce

**Oyster Cook-off**

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber Cook-off Team Wins 7th Annual Oyster Cook-off.
1. Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce - Bacon, Spinach, Jalapeño Wrapped Oysters  
2. The Florida Seafood Festival (Team Retsyo) - Oyster Pot Pie  
3. The Owl Café - Oyster Chowder  
Most Popular Booth - The Owl Café

**Member News**

**St. George Island Tour of Homes**

The sixth annual St. George Island Tour of Homes will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017, and will once again offer visitors a view of island lifestyles by opening seven unique island residences to the public. Hours of the tour are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the Lighthouse Gift Shop at the center of St. George Island to purchase tickets, or call 850-927-7745 to order tickets. Tickets are $20.00 in advance and $25.00 on the day of the Tour.  

The Tour homes provide a dynamic representation of the architecture, décor, landscape, and vistas on the island, from the gated St. George Plantation community on the West, to the sandy expanses of the East End. One of three Plantation homes on the Tour, the bayfront "Wright House" features screened and open decks that offer sunrise-sunset vistas over Apalachicola Bay. Substantial materials like metals, woods, and an amazing limestone table anchor the

(Florida Geological Survey-DEP) will discuss the current status of some of Florida's springs and what is being done to protect and preserve these natural treasures for future generations. Light refreshments will be provided prior to talk. 7 pm - 8 pm.

**Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse**

Watch the sun set and full moon rise from the top of the Cape St. George Lighthouse on Friday, February 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets are $15.00 per person, or $10.00 for St. George Lighthouse Association members, and include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the Full Moon.  
Contact Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 for reservations.  
2 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

**Panhandle Players present: The Time of Your Life**

The Panhandle Players of the Forgotten Coast will present The Time of Your Life, by William Saroyan, at the historic Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola, at Hwy 98 and 12th Street. Performance dates are Feb. 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm, and Feb. 12 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are $15, and may be purchased on line at https://panhandle-players.ticketleap.com, or at the door. The Time of Your Life depicts a group of alienated loners, all colorful characters, in a shabby San Francisco waterfront bar, looking for love and meaning in their lives. The play won the 1940 New York Drama Critics Circle Award and the 1940 Pulitzer Prize for drama. Much of the action of the play centers around Joe, a young loafer with money who encourages each of the bar's patrons in their eccentricities.
soaring ceiling in this home of comfort and style.

"Southern Cross," built by William Solburg, has a symmetrical façade presenting an intricate vista of angles and shapes where deck roofs rise like wings. Inside, the geometry manifests in bay-windowed gulf exposures and in high, flat-peaked wood ceilings.

The third Plantation home, "Windsong," is a showcase for undulating lines in art, exotic treasures, and carved Malaysian furniture. Love of local wood shows in a spectacular hand-rubbed kitchen bar of sinker cypress, mirrored in a mantle over a stunning gray linear fireplace with beachglass-inspired glow.

In Gulf Beaches, the "Harrison House" on the bay has a richly natural tabby-faced fireplace and reclaimed pine dining table with wall-bench seating. A covered deck invites with deep-cushioned curved-back rattan seating, looking out to the blue bay, boardwalk and boat beyond.

Beachfront on West Gorrie is "Temptation Island," where huge, sliding, metal barn doors on the outside and bold bursts of turquoise, orange, and geometric patterns on the inside reflect the owners' style. The kitchen is stainless-modern, yet in a bedroom an old-fashioned standing fan hangs overhead.

The unusual name of "OSayKanUSea" on the east side of Gorrie announces owners who are University of Oregon and University of Kansas graduates with a love of prairie, coast, America. Everywhere in the home are quilts and throws from state fairs, and large chainsaw wood sculptures show to advantage high overhead.

On the East End is "Island Life" with arresting views, a seaside mural depicting the house itself, and soaring twenty-four foot ceilings and windows. Filled with local art and artistic finds, the home was featured in Easy Living magazine for its splendor of coastal living.

The Plantation Clubhouse is again on the Tour, and will be presenting an exhibit of the work of nationally acclaimed nature photographer John Spohrer. Also open to Tour participants is the Cape St. George Lighthouse and the Keeper's House Museum and Gift Shop.

Tour tickets are available in advance at the Lighthouse Gift Shop, and on Tour Day at Lighthouse Park and at the St. George Plantation Clubhouse. To order tickets in advance, call the Gift Shop at (850) 927-7745.

Tour weekend will begin with a Friday evening Kick-Off event at the Jay Abbott Firehouse from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A highlight of the evening will be a presentation by John Spohrer on "The Art of Outdoor Photography," centering on the stories behind some of his iconic images of the

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**Full Moon Dinner Cruise**

Friday February 10th, 2017
103 Water Street, Apalachicola
850-653-2500
ammfl.org

Join us on Friday, February 10th 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 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.

**IN Concert: Jazz**

Friday, February 10, 2017
102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322
850-697-2180

ILSE NEWELL FUND FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS INCONCERT SERIES 2016-17

**SGI Tour of Homes**

February 11 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
The St. George Island Tour of Homes will be held Feb. 11, 2017. The tour features distinctive homes from beach to bay. The event is sponsored by the St. George Lighthouse Association. A kick-off event will be held on Friday, February 10 from 6-8 pm at the St. George Island Fire Station on Pine Street.

**Sarah Mac Band at the Dixie Theatre**

February 11 @ 3:00 pm & 8:00pm
Dixie Theatre, 21 Ave E
Forgotten Coast. Admission is free for Tour ticketholders, and $5.00 for others.

The St. George Island Tour of Homes is sponsored by the St. George Lighthouse Association, a non-profit Florida corporation that preserves, maintains and promotes the Cape St. George Lighthouse. The Lighthouse was restored in 2008 after collapsing in 2005, and the Keeper's House was added in 2011. Proceeds from the Tour of Homes support the on-going maintenance of the Lighthouse, the Keeper's House and Lighthouse Park.

For more information, please visit our website at www.sgitourofhomes.com .

St. George Island Chili Cook-off Golf Tournament

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SAVE THE DATE!

St. George Island Chili Cook-off Golf Tournament

Apalachicola, Florida 32320
February 11 - Sarah Mac Band, 3pm & 8pm The House Band, back for their 8th Season, need we say more...we love them so best and feel fortunate they are still with us. The Sarah Mac Band is an engaging combination of blues, jazz, and acoustic rock that has been classified as both Americana and Alternative. The band simply describes the sound as 'jazzy, bluesy, rock with a healthy dose of soul'. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets.

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Saturday, February 11th & February 25th 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 apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop

February 13 @ 9:30 am - February 16 @ 2:00 pm
Sea Oats Gallery, 128 East Pine Ave
St. George Island, Florida 32328 + Google Map
JUDY SOPRANO Oils-Painting through Example Feb 13-16 9:30-2:00 225.00

Reserve Wednesday Talks : Florida's Bears

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February 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Florida 32328
Florida's Bears
2pm - 3pm Speaker: Kaitlin Goode, FWC

OYSTERTOWN at the Dixie Theatre

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February 15 @ 3:00 pm - February 25 @ 8:00 pm
Come celebrate the rich history of Apalachicola and The Forgotten Coast in an original evening developed especially for The Dixie Theatre. Oystertown combines storytelling, music and historic archival footage to celebrate and examine the history of this hidden hamlet on the Forgotten
Coast of Florida, Apalachicola is a small town that could be anyone's hometown. It is filled with a rich history steeped in Southern tradition and American history. Join Dixie Theatre veterans Cleo Holladay, David Hemsley Caldwell, and many others as they weave tales of how Apalachicola began and where it is going. In the tradition of Dixie Theatre favorites, Leaving Iowa, Smoke on the Mountain and Almost Maine, Oystertown explores what makes us all the same and what makes this forgotten gem on the Gulf Coast so unique. "Oystertown is a postcard to small town America". Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets.

February 15 - OYSTERTOWN Revisited 3 PM
February 18 - OYSTERTOWN Revisited 3 PM, 8 PM
February 22 - OYSTERTOWN Revisited 3 PM
February 25 - OYSTERTOWN Revisited 3 PM, 8 PM

African-American History Festival
February 17 @ 8:00 am - February 19 @ 5:00 pm
H'COLA's 14th Annual African-American History Festival will be held Feb. 17-19, 2017. This event is a celebration of African-American history, life, music and culture. This outdoor, family-oriented event is filled with varied artists and entertainers, children's activities, arts, history, education, health & wellness and more. There will be live entertainment throughout the two day event. Admission is always free. The event is held in Apalachicola at Franklin Square 6th Street between Avenues L&M.

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop
February 17 @ 9:30 am - February 19 @ 3:00 pm
Sea Oats Gallery, 128 East Pine Ave
St. George Island, Florida 32328
PAT WEAVER Watercolor Feb 17-19
9:30 - 3:00 300.00
some supplies included Deposit 100.00
www.patweaver.net

IN Concert: Category 5 Winds (Ensemble)
Sunday, February 19, 2017
79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
THE ILSE NEWELL FUND FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS INCONCERT SERIES 2016-17 presents B Category 5 Winds (Ensemble) beginning at 4pm.

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts is committed to cultural enrichment, raising awareness of the musical arts and providing support for student creative development.

Sea Oats Gallery Workshop
February 22 @ 9:30 am - February 23 @ 3:00 pm
Sea Oats Gallery, 128 East Pine Ave
St. George Island, Florida 32328
KELLY RYSAVY Collage by Design- Art Sense Feb 22-23
9:30 - 3:00 150.00
supplies included! Deposit 100.00

Mardi Gras Barkus Parade
The Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers, a parade unit of dogs and their people, invite you to join in
The Apalachicola Mardi Gras Barkus Parade. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 Riverfront Park in downtown Apalachicola, Florida 1:00pm. This year's theme is BARK SIDE OF THE MOON so aliens, astronauts, and all kinds of space creatures will be roaming the streets. Come celebrate Mardi Gras Apalach style! You may walk, ride in golf carts or boats, pull wagons, push strollers, or come up with any other unique form of transportation or just come and catch beads and enjoy the fun. The parade, for the benefit of the animals of Franklin County, begins at 1:00 pm, winds through town, ending at a free party with live music, dancing, Cajun food, arts and crafts, contests, and all kinds of lively fun. Registration for walkers is $5. per person. Dogs, of course, are free. For information or to pre-register, call 850-670-5064 or contact us on our website: mystickrewoofaltybarkers.com.

Bread, Soup and Book Sale!
Saturday, February 25, 2017
311 St. James Ave., Carrabelle, FL
The Friends of the Franklin County Library will host a Soup, Bread and Book Sale on February 25 at the Carrabelle Library, beginning at 11am til they sell out! Homemade bread and soup plus used book sales to benefit the county libraries. Live music by the Frank Micelli Group. Come early if you want the best choices! We sold out quickly last year.

Mardi Gras Ball
Saturday, February 25, 2017
850-653-3113
Join in on the Franklin County Mardi Gras Festivities on February 25 as the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity hosts its annual Mardi Gras benefit celebration in Apalachicola. The group will host a Mardi Gras Dinner and Ball on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 pm. For more information call 850-653-3113.

Art Workshop & Exhibit
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 through Saturday, March 25, 2017
86 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
1-855-Apalach
Peter and Licia Berry, classically-trained artists from Georgia State University combine classical art training with 3-dimensional digital technology to create a blend of handmade and digital works. The couple will be exhibiting their works, demonstrating techniques in workshops and providing lectures in Apalachicola from March 1 through March 6. An exhibit of their works will run from March 1 through March 25 at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art in downtown Apalachicola.

St. George Island Fire Department Chili Cook-Off
March 4 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
St. George Island, St. George Island, Florida 32328
The Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017. It is estimated to be attended by up to 5,000 people with many contestants participating in several contests: Golf Tournament 5K Red Pepper Run Crock Pot Chili Miss Chili Pepper Mister Hot Sauce Chili Cook-off Auction