January 2017

Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon
Wednesday, January 4th
Tamara's Tapa's
71 Market St.
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours
Thursday, January 19th
Kristy Branch Banks Law
Office
171 Hwy. 98 Suite A
Eastpoint
5:30-7:00

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

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Holiday Fresh Market

21st Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

Tickets are on sale now for the 21st annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler on Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 6:00-9:00 pm. Chef's from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative dishes at the historic Fort Coombs Armory located on 4th Street and Avenue D in Apalachicola.

Our talented shopkeepers and local designers give the event an extraordinary touch and add creative flair by decorating each table individually. The tables range from elegant to artistic and funky. Tickets are $60. For more information, call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber at (850) 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org or Execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

Sponsorship Opportunities

Visit Our Website
Visitor Statistics

November 2002 825
November 2003 842
November 2004 986
November 2005 789
November 2006 1,752
November 2007 2,384
November 2008 1,986
November 2009 1,986
November 2010 1,925
November 2011 2,356
November 2012 1,638
November 2013 1,469
November 2014 1,316
November 2015 1,013
November 2016 1,040

Website Stats
November 2016

Sessions
9,521

Users
7,418

Pageviews
27,598

Pages / Session
2.90

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:32

Bounce Rate
51.13%

% New Sessions
72.46%

Golden Chef Sponsor $1,000 level
Table for 12 people includes food, beverage
A decorated table with your corporate logo prominently displayed during the event
Sponsor name & logo in program for event
Inclusion in Apalachicola Bay Chamber Newsletter, ABCC Website and social media sites

Silver Chef Sponsor $600 level
Table for 8 people includes food, beverage
A decorated table with your corporate logo and theme prominently displayed during the event
Sponsor name & logo in program for event
Inclusion in Apalachicola Bay Chamber Newsletter and on ABCC website and social media sites

Chef Sponsor $200 level
2 tickets to the Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler
Company Name or logo included in program for event and mentions in newsletters and social media

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

Muddy Evolution @ Water Street Potters
Located at 254 Water St. Muddy Evolution is a professional pottery studio owned by Beth Weitz.

Hidden Treasure Thrift Shop & Special Tees Screen Printing
Hidden Treasures is a thrift shop with new and used items. We have hand made gifts, arts and crafts, clothes, books, home décor, pictures and much more. Special Tees prints t-shirts, hoodies, bags, hats,

Events

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Holiday Open House
December 29 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Berkshire Hathaway HomeService, 140 1st Street West
St. George Island
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices will be having a holiday open house at 140 1st St West on St. George Island on Thursday December 29th from 4-6pm.

Coffee in the Campground
Saturday, December 31, 2016 Sat. January 7th, 14th, 28th
1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island 850-927-2111
www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/St-George-Island
Melody.Brennan@dep.state.fl.us
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.

Gibson Inn's Annual New Year's Eve Party
December 31, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - January 1, 2017 @ 12:30 am
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.

5th Annual New Year's Eve Balloon Drop
December 31, 2016 @ 8:00 pm - January 1, 2017 @ 2:00 am
Tamara's Tapas Bar, 73 Market St. Apalachicola
Come ring in the New Year with us. We will have hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes tucked away in the balloons that will drop at midnight. Free Champagne and lots of fun and great music with Big Daddy and Red Hot Java Band. We will make sure we have another unforgettable night! Come and celebrate the New Year and shed a few tears for 2016 but most of all enjoy the night with great friends and family.

First Day Hike
Sunday, January 1, 2017
1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL
32328
850-927-2111
Member News

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Open House

Thursday, December 29th 4-6 pm
140 1st Street West St. George Island

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www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/St-George-Island

Join us on January 1st for a First Day Hike at the St. George Island State Park. We will start at the middle pavilion at the East Slough Beach Use Area and will move across the island to the East Slough Overlook Platform. Along the way we will talk about the Gulf of Mexico, the beach and sand dunes, sea turtles and nesting shorebirds, and the shallow estuary. Additional topics will include astronomy, park history, and ecosystems and plant identification. Program is free with your paid entrance into the park. 10:00am to 11:30am.

Oyster Paint Party
Thursday, January 5, 2017
www.oystercookoff.com/
The Apalachicola HCA will host its annual Art of the Oyster Paint Party at 6 pm, Thursday, January 5, as a fundraiser for the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department. The popular annual art event attracts dozens of local creative-types together in a fun creative venue to create art with an oyster theme. The completed art will be exhibited beginning January 6 and be included as part of the featured items donated and auctioned as part of the Apalachicola Oyster Cook-off event January 13-14 in downtown Apalachicola. The HCA Oyster Paint Party Paintings have become a popular component of the annual oyster cook-off event.

Pottery Workshop
January 5th
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 and on January 5th, from 9am to 12pm or 1pm to 4pm, Mr. Gregory is offering 2 opportunities for the public to try their hand at "throwing a pot" in his studio. The activity is free but space is limited, so please contact Nadine Kahn to register.

Dixie Theatre Presents: Del Suggs Saltwater Music

January 7, 2017 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Dixie Theatre, 21 Ave E Apalachicola
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.

Yoga Classes
Monday, January 9, 2017 through Monday, February 13, 2017
Come ring in the new year with us at Tamara's Tapa's. We will have hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes tucked away in the balloons that will drop at midnight. Free Champagne and lots of fun and great music with Big Daddy and Red Hot java Band. We will make sure we have another unforgettable night! Come and celebrate the new year and shed a few tears for 2016 but most of all enjoy the night with great friends and family.

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January 13th & 14th

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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 Wednesday, January 11 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

Full Moon Dinner Cruise

Thursday, January 12, 2017
103 Water Street, Apalachicola
850-653-2500
ammfl.org

Join us on Thursday, January 12th for a two hour Sunset and Full Moon dinner cruise in the ambiance of oil lamps. 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,
Chamber News

Ribbon Cutting

PanCare of Florida

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Holiday Light Contest

Winners

Apalachicola Businesses
1. Slice of Apalachicola
2. The Gibson Inn
3. Franklin County Court House

Apalachicola Homes
1. 1721 Bluff Road
2. 284 25th Ave
3. 40 16th St.

Eastpoint Homes

surrounded by clear vinyl windows and has a bathroom with wash basin. The cost is $95 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.

Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off

January 13, 2017 @ 8:00 am - January 14, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
The event is held every year on the Friday and Saturday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in downtown Historic Apalachicola at Riverfront Park. All proceeds' goes directly towards paying for the brand new fire truck they were able to purchase a few years ago, due to this sole fundraising event! This year's 7th Annual Oyster Cook-Off will be held January 13th and 14th, 2017. The event features a silent auction, oysters galore, shrimp, smoked mullet, hot dogs, hamburgers, local beer, live music, kids' activities, dancing performances and a 5K run! Enter your best recipe and be a contestant in the oyster cook-off or just come out and enjoy a day of wonderful food, refreshments and music.

Schedule of events:
FRIDAY January 13th 6:00 - 8:00pm
Silent Auction at Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Arts at 86 Water St.
SATURDAY 1/14/2017
8:00am - 5k Half Shell Hustle run (registration starts 7am)
12:00 - Cook Off begins
2:00 - Judging Starts
2:00-5:00 - John Sutton Band playing by the river
Kids activities ongoing throughout the day.
Several types of seafood offered for sale such as fried, baked, and raw oysters, oyster stew, smoked mullet.

For more info contact:
Marisa Getter 850-323-0385 / almaitz02@gmail.com
Also find us on Facebook at Apalachicola Oyster Cook-off or find registration online at: www.oystercookoff.com.

Apalachicola Farmers Market
1. 251 Hwy 98  
2. 206 Old Ferry Dock Road  
3. 677 Cypress Lane

St. George Island Businesses
1. Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop  
2. Bay View Charters  
3. Century 21 Collins Realty

St. George Island Homes
1. 408 North Sawyer St.  
2. 965 West Pine Ave.

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Saturday, January 14th & January 28th 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

Dixie Theatre Presents: Earl David Reed: Comedy Tour

January 14, 2017 @ 3:00 pm and 8:00pm
Earl David Reed: The Secret of My Unsuccess Comedy Tour, 3 pm & 8 pm
Earl David Reed's genius is the way he interacts with the crowd. Back for his third season, he has a way of knowing just who to pick on to get the biggest laugh, and the audience loves it! The Las Vegas Review-Journal called him "...an urban Don Rickles!" And Don Rickles himself commented, "This guy works the room like a Las Vegas showgirl...funny without being offensive." His TV credits include the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, HBO Showtime, FOX's Comic Strip Live, A&E's Comedy on the Road, and NBC's Friday Night Videos. Earl can also be seen on DVD as one of Bill Engvall's All-Stars of Country Comedy with Larry the Cable Guy and Jeff Foxworthy. He is currently working on his reality-based TV pilot called The Secret of My Unsuccess. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets.

30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration
January 16, 2017 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fort Coombs Armory, 4th St & Ave D Apalachicola
Come celebrate with us January 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Historic Fort Coombs Armory 4th Street and Avenue D in Apalachicola, Florida Keynote Speaker, Mayor Van Johnson, Sr. and Ocea Wynn
Believe in the Dream!...following the Celebration March with us to the Franklin County Courthouse!
For more information contact Mrs. Delores Croom at 850.653.5943 or Mr. Robert Davis 850.653.5089

Wooden Boat Building Classes and Open House
Starting on Monday, 1/16, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum (AMM) Wooden Boat School (WBS) will be hosting a seven day wooden boat construction class for two touring kayaks. The vessels are 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 fishished 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 models 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. Week long classes start 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."

2nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration

January 17, 2017 @ 8:20 am - 10:00 am
Franklin County School, 1250 HWY 98 Eastpoint
Franklin County School System Presents: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration "You Can Achieve It" Motivational Speakers: Marshal Silvester Dawson (Marshal of Supreme Court of Florida)
R. Damien Davis ( Former FCS Honor Student, Class of 2010 President, and Former FCS Band
Drum-Major) January 17th, 2017 9:23am at Franklin County School 1250 HWY 98 Eastpoint, FL. For more Info Call Dolores Croom at dolorescroom64@gmail.com.

**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.

**A Winter Bacchanalia Presented by Up the Stairs**
January 20, 2017 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Up The Stairs, 76 Market Street Apalachicola
Up the Stairs Presents the 3rd Annual Winter Bacchanalia Wine Tasting Event, held Friday January 20th, 2017 6:00 – 9:00pm. Featuring 80+ wines & brown liquor sampling heavy buffet and hor d'oeuvres. 76 Market St Apalachicola $75.00 per Person Call 850-653-4888 for Tickets.

**Dixie Theatre Presents: Bob Milne Ragtime Piano**
January 21, 2017 @ 3:00 pm and 8:00pm
Bob Milne Ragtime Piano 3 pm, 8pm
Bob is considered the best ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the world. He was declared a "National Treasure" by the Library of Congress and is an active "Musical Ambassador" for the United States Dept. of State. Returning to the Dixie for his 18th year, Bob has been playing in concert halls since 1991 and plays worldwide every year. He delights audiences with his piano-playing pyrotechnics and his infectious enthusiasm for the music and the history behind the music. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets.

**THE ILSE NEWELL FUND FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS INCONCERT SERIES** 2016-17 presents Ivan Moschuk, pianist
Saturday, January 21 at Benedict Hall 79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola at 7:00 PM
"An Evening with Ivan Moschuk" with wine and hors d'oeuvres.
Only 100 advance tickets will be sold, $50 each. First Come, First Served.
Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 PM
Regular concert beginning at 4 pm. Tickets are $10. Doors open at 3:30 pm. No reserved seating.
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.

**Dixie Theatre Presents: Jim Croce Tribute: Reno & Gambino**

January 28, 2017 @ 3:00 pm & 8:00pm
Dixie Theatre, 21 Ave E
January 28 - Jim Croce Tribute: Reno & Gambino 3 PM, Bigger Than Life... A Tribute to Jim Croce, returns for a 3rd Season. John Reno, a native of New Orleans, takes us on a musical journey through the songs of Jim Croce with his accompanist Detroit born Brett Gambino as they blend acoustic guitars and vocals to capture the essence of Jim Croce whose musical gifts transcend time. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653.3200 for tickets.

**The ILSE NEWELL FUND FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS INCONCERT SERIES 2016-17 presents Leon Anderson Jazz Group featuring Avis Berry**
beginning at 4:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church at 79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Admission is $5.
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.

**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 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