



June 2016

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### Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

#### Meetings

##### Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, June 1st  
First United Methodist  
Church  
75 5th Street  
Apalachicola  
Noon

##### Business After Hours

Thursday, June 9th  
Sadie's Seahorse  
140 West 1st St.  
St. George Island  
5:30-7:00

##### July Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday July 6th  
TBA

##### Visitor Statistics

April 2004 1,494  
April 2005 1,189  
April 2006 1,268  
April 2007 2,200

#### Southern Lady Magazine July / August 2016

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the article from the July / August issue of Southern Lady Magazine. Featuring just a few of the great things to see in our area. This article was made possible by the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce with assistance from the Franklin County TDC



#### New Members

### Gunn Heating & Air Conditioning

#### Sponsors



#### Events

**Sea Grass Exploration Class**  
June 3, 2016 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

April 2008 2,987  
 April 2009 2,497  
 April 2010 2,968  
 April 2011 2,731  
 April 2012 2,687  
 April 2013 2,379  
 April 2014 1,180  
 April 2015 1,342  
 April 2016 1,237

### Website Stats April 2016

Sessions  
 16,868

Users  
 13,830

Pageviews  
 47,438

Pages / Session  
 2.81

Avg. Session Duration  
 00:02:35

% New Sessions  
 75.66%

### Board of Directors

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### Executive Director

John C. Solomon  
 execdirector@apalachicolabay.org  
 850-370-6602

### 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?

For reliable and affordable air conditioning and heating service in Franklin, Gulf, and now, Bay County, Gunn Heating & A/C is ready when you call. We provide service to both residential and commercial customers. Our family based business is prepared to help you with repairs, sales and installation of new systems from Lanark Village to Panama City.

Because we understand how important comfort is, Gunn Heating & A/C will arrive quickly and diagnose the problem right away. We are usually able to perform repairs the same day because our techs travel in service vehicles that are stocked with quality parts, tools and equipment.

## Roberts Sand Company

Owned and operated by Michael Roberts, Roberts Sand Co. provides materials for home projects such as landscaping, play areas and gardening. Their materials meet all code requirements, no job is too large or too small.

## Apalachicola Farmers Market

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](mailto:apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com)

## Coastal Realty Group

Coastal Realty Group started in 2005 and has grown to 5 offices located on Cape San Blas, St. George Island, Carrabelle and Port St. Joe. We are now the largest company on the Forgotten Coast with over 30 agents and the highest sales volume year to date. We have created a marketing system that works for Buyers and Sellers and we have attracted the best Realtors to serve you. We offer our real estate services for Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint, St. George Island, Cape San Blas, Mexico Beach, Indian Pass, Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka.

## Associate Members

St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve Main Lodge  
 WHERE: St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve, in the Main Lodge 3915 State Road 30-A Port St Joe, 32456, (850) 227-1787 (lodge). Course information call (850) 670-7743

WHEN: June 3rd at 12:00pm-4:00pm Eastern Time.

Start your summer off right with a fantastic exploration of our crystal-clear seagrass ecosystem! This professional level class offered by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will teach you all about seagrasses and their habitat through hands on activities, group investigation, and instruction from experienced marine biology experts. The class includes a guided snorkeling tour of portions of protected seagrass beds of St. Joe Bay.

Registration is required and the cost is \$25 per person. Visit [gulfalliancecetraining.com](http://www.gulfalliancecetraining.com) and click on Seagrass Ecology Class to register or click here <http://www.gulfalliancecetraining.org/detail.aspx?Id=120>

Must bring your own snorkeling gear and water shoes (not flip flops). Please eat lunch before you arrive as food will not be provided. There will be 5 minute breaks if participants want to bring a snack. Rain date will be May 20th, 12:00pm-4:00 pm. Class limited to 25 people.

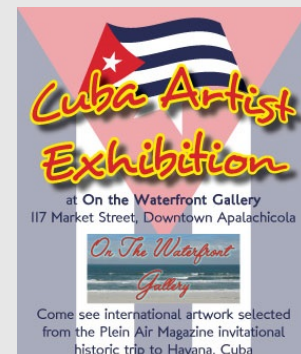
### Apalachicola Gallery Crawl



June 4, 2016 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Join us for an evening of art, music and light refreshments in historic downtown Apalachicola. Saturday, June 4 from 6 pm - 9 pm.

### Cuba Artist Exhibition



View a festive Cuban art collection of 36 paintings created by 12 of the artists who

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](mailto:execdirector@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](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org)

## Terry C. Nelson

Terry has a residence in Apalachicola and would like get more involved in the community.

## Brad Segree

Brad grew up in Eastpoint and currently resides in Carrabelle with his wife Teresa. He has worked at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for the past 24 years. He is also running for Sheriff of Franklin County.

## Member News

### Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting



The Naumann Group May 27th, 2016

## REALTORS Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties

### Studio 16 is coming back!!!

How old is your picture on your website or business cards? If you can't remember and you didn't sign up in February, then here is your chance to get that fabulous updated photo. The company has 19 years national experience, and will take the time to capture that perfect image. Just ask anyone who participated!!

Pictures will only be taken on Monday, June 13th and Tuesday, June 14th

This is a fund raiser, so you pay just \$10 when you arrive, as a donation for the [RAFGC Laundry Project](#), then you will have your picture taken here at

participated in Plein Air Magazine's Cuban Invitational event at On The Waterfront Gallery. The artists spent a week in February capturing the flavor of the heretofore forbidden destination.

All of the art is available for purchase but even if you aren't in the market, this is an exhibit worth seeing as it represents the first time in decades a large group of North American artists has been allowed to interpret Cuba's landscape and people. A wide range of styles is on display.

The Cuban Plein air works will remain on display at On the Waterfront until the end of June. The gallery is open 11 am -5 pm and admission is free.

### Author Meet & Greet



Thursday, June 9th 6:00 to 8:00pm  
Meet Karen White as she nationally launches her new book "Flight Patterns" and join us for champagne in support of our NEW library to be built in Apalachicola.

The New York Times bestselling author tells the story of a woman coming home to the family she left behind in Apalachicola- and to the woman she always wanted to be... Tickets \$35.00 includes a signed copy of "Flight Patterns". Make checks payable to Patrons of the Apalachicola Library Society, Inc. (PALS). Event location at a private residence on Bay Avenue. Tickets available at the Apalachicola library (74 6th Street, Apalachicola). Other ticket locations include the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Books & Purl and Forgotten Coast Books.

### 16th Annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament

June 11, 2016 5:59 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)  
Charles and Rex Pennycuff will host their 16th annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament on June 11th. Kids 16 and under will fish for fresh and saltwater species. Each entry receives a t-shirt, and after the tournament, entrees are invited to attend a cookout at Fisherman's Choice in Eastpoint. Entry is free and generally about 200 kids sign up.

### Apalachicola Farmers Market

our office by Studio 16 and view your images immediately! They will retouch your images perfectly. Studio 16 will add \$10 to each member's donation for our Laundry Project as well! We raised enough money in February to fund our 2nd annual Franklin County Laundry Project, which was a huge success, hopefully this time around we can raise enough money to fund our 2nd annual Gulf County Laundry Project in August.

Once your photo is retouched, you will choose your favorite image for your free commemorative 4 x 6 photo and if you like the superb quality and that "magazine ready" look they will go over your purchase options (which are VERY reasonable) individually! You can bring in your spouse for personal shots and they will take team shots as well!

Slots are limited so please use the sign up LINK to make your appointment ASAP. Multiple wardrobe changes are allowed. Purchase options available!

You can view their work and information on  
<http://facebook.com/studio6teen> and  
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/studio-16/3b/296/429>

### Local Businesses Featured in a Number of Articles this Month

[Garden & Gun Magazine](#)

[Bon Appetit Magazine](#)

[Only in your State Historic Villages](#)

[Only in your State the most beautiful place in Florida](#)

**Franklin Needs, Inc  
2017 Forgotten Coast  
Calendar Sponsorships**

Franklin Needs Inc., a non-profit organization (FEIN: 80-1049378)



Saturday, June 11th 9am-1pm

Saturday, June 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  
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#### ***SGI Mullet Toss***

Saturday, June 11, 2016 58 West Gorrie Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328. This event takes place on the second Saturday of June each year. The Mullet Toss is hosted by The Blue Parrot. For a \$30.00 entry fee you get a unique Mullet Toss T-Shirt, and 2 mullet to throw. Visitors and Locals compete for prizes and bragging rights.

There are prizes for the longest throws in the men's, women's and kids divisions. Located on the Blue Parrot Beach 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. 850-927-2987

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

Monday, June 20, 2016 2 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328  
[www.stgeorgelight.org/](http://www.stgeorgelight.org/)

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.

#### ***Downtown Apalachicola Independence Eve Celebration***



whose mission is to provide education and support about breast cancer health for Franklin County women. We will help to make early diagnostic breast care testing, enhanced services and personal support available to all qualified local women. We provide free mammograms for uninsured Franklin County Residents between the ages of 35-64. Today, breast cancer affects one in every seven women in the United States. The Forgotten Coast Classic Calendar has been a huge success in the past to raise funds for the women of Franklin County, and we are very excited about our upcoming 2017 edition. We will be printing 2500 copies that will be available at local businesses, chambers and visitors centers. Also online at [www.franklinneeds.com](http://www.franklinneeds.com).

#### PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP \$500

- \* Monthly Sponsor in the Calendar.
- Month of your choice
- \* Link on Franklin Needs Website
- \* Listed on Back of Calendar

#### GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$250

- \* Two Events listed in the Calendar
- \* Link on Franklin Needs Website
- \* Listed on Back of Calendar

#### SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$100

- \* One Event listed in the Calendar
- \* Listed on back of Calendar

#### BRONZE SPONSORSHIP \$50

- \* Listed on back of Calendar

### Bay Organics has a New Location

Bay Organic's the organic Grocery store that was located under the Riverwood Suites in Apalachicola has moved to 378 Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. They have also expanded their offerings to include a hot bar at the new location.

### APALACHICOLA RESEARCH RESERVE HOSTS FREE SEA TURTLE TALKS



July 3, 2016 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

If you just can't wait for July 4th, join the thousands of people who come from near and far to celebrate our Independence, a little ahead of everyone else in America, on Independence Eve! Riverfront Park, on Water Street in downtown Apalachicola, is the place to be! For the fifth year in a row, the community is combining its resources for a July 3 spectacular, culminating in a stunning fireworks display over the Apalachicola River. Enjoy food, beverages, great live music, a parade, free ice cream, veterans tribute, the national anthem, face painting, and other activities. More details to be announced soon!

#### 4th of July Freedom Fest



Monday, July 4, 2016 68 West Gorrie Drive, St. George Island, FL 32329

[www.blueparrotsgi.com](http://www.blueparrotsgi.com)

Come celebrate our great countries spirit of freedom and independence. Watch the greatest fireworks display on the Island from the Blue Parrot decks.

Have a delicious fresh seafood dinner while the sky lights up. Enjoy drinks from the Tiki Bar while the crowd ooohs and aaahs. Music and fun.

Learn about the behavior and biology of these endangered species, and what you can do to make their nesting season successful

Every Wednesday in June, July, and August  
2 - 3 p.m.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Nature Center  
108 Island Dr.  
Eastpoint, FL 32328

Registration is not required, but seating is limited. For more information, call 850-670-7700 or email [gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us).

ANERR will have a weekly "Turtle Talk" where you can learn more about our sea turtle visitors. The Turtle Talk presentation will be given each Wednesday throughout the summer to provide vacationers and residents with multiple opportunities to attend. Check the dates below to see if a Turtle Talk will fit into your schedule. Amidst the schedule of regular Turtle Talks, Dr. Mariana Fuentes will present on June 15 about her nighttime work on the nesting females of SGI, and on June 22, Jamie Price will talk about his MS work last summer looking at beach brightness and nesting spatial relationships. Please call (850)- 670-7700 for more information. The talks are free and family-friendly so everyone can join us to learn more about these incredible animals!

June	1	8	15	22	29
July	6	13	20	27	
August	3	10	17	24	31

## Chamber News

The Chamber Cook Team won 1st place in Chicken Category at the 6th annual Butts & Clucks Cook-off by the Bay held by Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation



**Apalachicola Bay Chamber of  
Commerce Bass Tournament**  
July 9th & 10th



Go to [www.apalachicolabay.org](http://www.apalachicolabay.org)  
for details and registration forms.

**Chamber Membership Dues**



Invoices to all current Chamber members  
we mailed out last week. Membership  
dues for the 2016-2017 year are due on or  
by July 1st 2016. The Chamber is now  
using a invoice system to help us better  
serve our members. If you are not a  
current member and would like to join the  
Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce  
email John at

[execdiretor@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdiretor@apalachicolabay.org)

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