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Ready to Cookoff in March!!!

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, March 1st
ANERR
108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Fl
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday March 23rd
The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
122 Commerce St.
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

April Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, April 5th
Raney Cottage House
46 Ave F
Apalachicola, Fl
Noon

St. George Island Chili Cookoff
Saturday, March 4th 2017

Schedule of Events

8:00am Red Pepper Run 5K
8:30am Booth Set-up
9:30am Crock Pot Chili must be on Site,
Min. One Gallon $5.00 Entry Fee
9:30am Cooks Meeting
10:00am Preparation time for
Competitors
10-11am Crock Pot Judging

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January 2001 1,204
January 2002 917
January 2003 868
January 2004 890
January 2005 1,268
January 2006 1,325
January 2007 1,863
January 2008 2,318
January 2009 1,286
January 2010 1,920
January 2011 1,352
January 2012 1,732
January 2013 1,276
January 2014 1,539
January 2015 1,746
January 2016 984
January 2017 1,081

Website Stats

January 2017

Sessions 13,883
Users 10,877
Pageviews 45,041
Pages / Session 3.24
Avg. Session Duration 00:02:56
Bounce Rate 47.12%
% New Sessions 73.85%

St. George Island Chili Cookoff Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at St. James Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.
Format: Best Ball
Team Selection: Teams of four will be put together by the golf course on a random basis.
Prizes
- 1st Place team, 4 Chili Cook-off Jackets
- 2nd Place team, 4 Chili Cook-off T-shirts
- 3rd Place team, 4 Chili Cook-off Hats
Prizes awarded for team with lowest overall score, 2nd lowest overall score, and 3rd lowest overall score.
Cost: $100 per person, which is tax deductible (Make checks out to SGI Chili Cook-off). Cost includes green fee, and practice balls.
No food is included for the fee.
Contact: Bob Landiss
Golf Tournament
850-653-5437

Chamber News

21st Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

The 21st annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler was a huge success

St. George Island Fire Department Chili Cook-Off

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

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Art Opening at 49 Palmetto Gallery
Apalachicola
Saturday, March 4th, 6-9pm
Super Natural: Art by 5 Women focuses on the artwork of contemporary women artists' unstrained absorption with nature. Rather than merely document beauty, these artists engage in nature's diversity, peculiarities and sometimes unrestrainable character. Artists featured are Cynthia Davis, Lori Field, Marcy Lally, Deedra Ludwig and Kathy Van Kleeck. The mediums span oil painting, sculpture, jewelry and silverpoint drawings. The exhibition will remain on view through May. 49 Palmetto Gallery is located at 49 Ave G in Apalachicola. For more information, please contact 850.323.1600 or consult Facebook on the web.

Rio Carrabelle Art & Music

Events

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 Golf Tournament
March 2 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
St. George Island, St. George Island, Florida 32328
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In her paintings, Deedra Ludwig uses oil pigments, ink, soil, and botanical specimens as a visual record of nature's constant state of regeneration and flux. Since the 1990's, Ludwig has worked on-site, across five continents, with groups of biologists, botanists, and historians, in such places as the Gulf Coast, the Florida Everglades, and the Pacific Northwest wetlands. (Image: Unfolding by Deedra Ludwig). In her sculptures, Marcy Lally combines deer skulls and handmade clay flowers as a symbolic reminder of the cyclical aspects in nature-the ephemeral and the everlasting in the continuum of life. Marcy hails from a long line of Kansas artists and craftsmen, and she is a graduate of The Kansas City Art Institute.

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mainly because of the wonderful volunteers and donators. We would like to thank all of the Restaurants, Table Decorators and Businesses that donated to the silent auction.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2017 Chef Sampler Sponsors.

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World is our Oyster: Travel as Art Inspiration
March 5 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water Street
Upstairs, “The World is our Oyster: Travel as Art Inspiration” slides of the Berrys’ adventures traveling the continental US and Pilgrimage in southern France while deriving inspiration from different landscapes, cultures and experiences under their philosophy of Juicy Sacred Living. From 5-6pm, Gallery wine reception and book signing.

Oysters 101
March 10 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm ANERR, 108 Island Drive Eastpoint 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM Discover the important role oysters play in the health of Apalachicola Bay. We will learn about what makes Apalachicola Bay so ideal for growing oysters, what gives our oysters their distinct taste and how oysters benefit the ecosystem. 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 March 20th.

Camp Gordon Johnston Days
March 11 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
This annual event was created to honor the service of veterans from WWII and beyond. Located in Carrabelle, Florida, the exhibits and artifacts preserve the heritage of the men who trained at this camp during WWII. Camp Gordon Johnston opened in 1942 for the purpose of training amphibious soldiers and their support groups. The camp trained a quarter of a million men and closed in June of 1946. Attendees will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with tours of WWII Army vehicles and exhibit displays of the historic WWII camp once located just east of Carrabelle.
Full Moon Dinner Cruise

Join us on Saturday, March 11th for a two hour Sunset and Full Moon dinner cruise amid the ambience 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.

Full Moon Climb

The St. George Lighthouse will host a full moon climb March 12 from 7:30-9 pm. Climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light to watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes 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.
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Edge Salon - Aveda
Florida Seafood Festival
On The Water Front Gallery
Bay-Eco Tours
Gibson Inn
Michele Seawright
Dixie Theatre
Dr. Zoe Segree
Retsyo Inc.
Oyster Radio
Buccaneer Inn
Krystal Shuler
Forgotten Coast Fitness (Erika Pender)
Iggy Art
Oysterbones
John & Helen Spohrer
Charlie Sawyer
Enjoy Apalachicola
Deep Southern Boutique
Apalachicola Farmers Market

Saturday, March 11th & March 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

Thank you to the Following
Restaurants who participated in this years Chef Sampler

13 Mile Seafood Market
Apalachicola Seafood Grill
Blue Parrot Oceanfront Café
Big Top Supermarket Catering
Bite Me Deli
Hole in The Wall
Gormley's at the Gibson Inn
Owl Café
Oyster City Brewery
Red Pirate Family Bar & Grill
Tamara's Café Floridita
Tamara's Tapas Bar
Up The Stairs
Up The Creek Raw Bar

Thank you to the Table Decorators who also
participated in the 21st annual
Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

Reserve Wednesday Talks: Florida's Bears

Reserve Wednesday Talks: Seagrass Awareness
March 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Florida 32328
Seagrass Awareness Speaker: Jon Brucker, Central Florida Aquatic Preserve

Seepage Bog Wetlands Lecture
March 16 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
FSU Coastal Marine Lab, 3618 US-98
St Teresa, Florida
“Panhandle Florida's Spectacular Seepage Bog Wetlands Lecture” The conservation lecture series continues with "Panhandle Florida's Spectacular Seepage Bog Wetlands: Vanishing Biodiversity and Why You Should Care". Dr. Bruce Means (Coastal Plains Institute,) will discuss the local wetlands of Florida's Panhandle and how current issues are shaping its biodiversity. 7 pm - 8 pm. Light refreshments will be provided prior to talk.

Eastpoint Fire Department Rib Cookoff
Winner 2017 Table Decoration
Andrea Duval-Riverside Mercantile
Apalachicola Municipal Library-Caty Greene
Enjoy Apalachicola-Judi Stokowski
Bayside Gallery & Florist-Amy Price
Centennial Bank-BJ Kent
CareerSource-Valentina Webb
Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic-Bonnie Fulmer
The Seahorse Too-Ouida Sack
H‘COLA
Panache Tent & Event-Elizabeth & Rich Wynn
Mary Kay-Anna Carmichael
Party Rental Company-Shelly James
Dixie Theatre Foundation / Oysterbones
Up the Stairs-Judi Stokowski
Chamber of Commerce-Michele Seawright
Dall's Seafood-Anna Carmichael
Southern Bells Hair Salon-Brittany Turner & Dona Harrell
Weem's Hospital Foundation-Jody Wilson
Mary Stutzman & Bunnie Ison
Fireplace Room Decorated by: Bonnie Fulmer

Special thank you to the Volunteers which include many people. Wayne Thomas for the Sound, Krista Miller Photos, Ellis and Michele Seawright & Bonnie & Hobson Fulmer for Silent Auction. Debbie Flowers, Donnie Gay, Earl Solomon, Valerie Covington for taking care of the Bar and many others. We could not have done it without your help.

New Members

Live Communications (106.5)

At 106.5 Sports and More, we promote small business as well as start up businesses. We promote shows as well as games of the week. 106.5 Sports & More has live up to dates sporting events as well as live talk show hours from 12-3 pm daily. Our station reaches Panama City, Eastpoint, Tallahassee, Carrabelle and parts of south Georgia as well as Apalachicola.

Gone Country Airboat Charters

March 18 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
The Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Rib Cookoff will be held on March 18th 2017. Gates open at 9 AM. Free admission. Rib cook-off contest, silent auction, liars contest, live entertainment, rides and face paintings for the kids. The Eastpoint Fire House is located one block North of US Highway 98, Corner of Sixth Street and CC Land Road in Eastpoint, Florida. BBQ dinners served from 11:00 AM until the food is gone! Come out and enjoy a day of food, fun and music. All proceeds go to benefit the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department

Tate's Hell State Forest Clean-up
Meet 8:00-8:30 AM at Gully Branch Recreation Area and Landing in Tate's Hell State Forest. Saturday March 18th, 2017 8:00 AM to Noon Sign-up Today! Volunteers should wear: Protective clothing such as hats, light-weight long pants and long sleeve shirts Work shoes that protect your feet from sharp objects, and that can get wet and muddy. Sunscreen Gloves Volunteers will be provided: Insect repellant Drinking Water Trash Bags For more information and sign up: call 850-697-0010, or email marti.miller@freshfromflorida.com

Authors in Apalach
Owned and operated by Duane Cook, Gone Country specializes in Airboat Tours of our area and Charter trips involving floundering and Bow Fishing.

The Shop

The Shop is a local vendor Antique Mall owned by Debbie Poloronis. Located at 16 Avenue D, it is described as "A Place of This and That, in downtown historic Apalachicola, FL has something to offer every shopper!" Come see us!

Gunner Pontoon Rentals

Owned and operated by Mike & Debbie Mock of Carrabelle, Gunner Pontoon Rentals is focused on providing high-quality service and customer satisfaction - we will do everything we can to meet your expectations.

Franklin County School

The Franklin County School District, in partnership with the entire community, will empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community.

Cody Northcutt

Ben E. Keith Foods - Southeast Division

Ben E. Keith Company is a distributor of food service products and premium alcoholic beverages. Our independent Food Division supplies a full line of produce, frozen foods, meats, dry groceries, refrigerated foods, paper goods, equipment and supplies to restaurants, hospitals, schools, nursing homes and other institutional businesses.

Associate Member:

Dawn Lee McKenna

The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library will host its 2017 Authors in Apalach event on Saturday, March 18, at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. This year's event theme is "Go Coastal, Go Local" and will feature celebrated writers including Mellissa Farrell, Christina McDermott and Emily Raffield, authors of "Saints of Old Florida." This year's event will also feature an author's forum with environmental authors Bruce Means, Joe Hutto, Doug Alderson and Apalachicola's own Michael Kinnett, author of "Apalachicola Pearl." Other noted authors to be featured will include Faith Eidse, Gil Autrey, Charles Farley, Jan Annino, Adrian Fogelin, Sara McFerrin and Dawn Lee McKenna. The event will run from 10AM to 5PM, with authors signing and selling books, and forums on different topics throughout the day.

Archaeology Day

March 18 10:00am-4:00 pm
Archaeological evidence indicates that Apalachicola has been occupied for over 2,000 years and was considered a center for culture and commerce. Come learn about area archaeology and the science behind it at Archaeology Day. The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) will be here and participants are encouraged to bring artifacts they wish to be identified, as well as learn more about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities in archaeology. This event is free and registration is not required. For more information, please call the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve at (850) 670-7700.

Bay Friendly Landscaping Workshop

March 24 @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
1:00 pm -3:30 pm
The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a Bay Friendly Landscaping workshop on March 24th from 1:00-3:30pm. Yard design and maintenance can have a big effect on adjacent water bodies. Learn to be Bay Friendly by implementing some simple techniques. Participants will learn about resources to help them transform their yard into a luscious bay conscious landscape. The class will also feature innovative Green Infrastructure techniques such as rain gardens, green
Dawn Lee McKenna was born in South Florida and grew up there and in the Keys before moving to East Tennessee twenty years ago. She is the author of "See You" and the bestselling "Forgotten Coast Florida" suspense series, set in Apalachicola.

More Chamber News

Art & Wine Walk
The Downtown Apalachicola Art & Wine Walk will be held on Saturday, April 1st 2017

The Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show will be held at Riverfront Park in Apalachicola on Saturday April 15th 2017

Member News

Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Rib Cookoff Saturday, March 18th

Apalachicola Art & Wine Walk
April 1 @ 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Art in all forms will be woven in and around picturesque downtown Apalachicola where artists and musicians will be showing, selling, and demonstrating their talents from 11:00-6:00 pm. The festivities continue into the evening with a wine tasting at 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Afterwards area chefs will prepare dishes at their restaurants paired with special wines (850) 653-9419 or email info@apalachicolabay
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