



May 2016

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Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday May 4th
Up The Creek Raw Bar
313 Water St.
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday May 12th
The Bowery Inn
161 Commerce St
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

June Monthly Business Luncheon

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

Visitor Statistics

18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show



Thank you to all of our sponsors for the 18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show.

Captain Sponsors



First Mate Sponsors



The Tin Shed

Sponsors



Events

Oyster City Brewing Co.
Presents: 2nd Annual
Downtown Hoedown

March 2001 1,474
 March 2002 1,223
 March 2008 820
 March 2004 1,540
 March 2005 1,607
 March 2006 1,687
 March 2007 2,857
 March 2008 3,189
 March 2009 2,082
 March 2010 3,406
 March 2011 3,389
 March 2012 2,907
 March 2013 2,645
 March 2013 2,135
 March 2014 1,452
 March 2015 1,580
 March 2016 1,647

Website Stats March 2016

Sessions
 17,277

Users
 14,002

Pageviews
 50,292

Pages / Session
 2.91

Avg. Session Duration
 00:02:40

% New Sessions
 74.52%

Board of Directors

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Got Ideas? Suggestions?

How can the Apalachicola Bay Chamber better serve you?

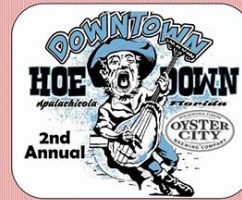
Executive Office Furniture

Award Winners

*Local Work Boat, Apalachee Warrior, an Apalachicola shrimp boat
 *Power Boat, Jim Savage's 1949 green Garwood
 * Best in Show Boat or Car "Jenny Raney" Sailboat belonging to Kristin Anderson
 *Runabout, Jan Burrough's 1958 Layman
 *Sailboat, "Jenny Raney" belonging to Kristin Anderson
 *Paddle Craft, a wooden kayak belonging to Judy McFarland
 *Steam Powered, Eagle belonging to the Apalachicola Maritime Museum
 *Best Skiff, Larson belonging to Chester Reese of Carrabelle
 *Antique Motors was once again awarded to Robert Moore
 *Best Car and Boat was once again awarded to Cletus Heap of Port St. Joe for his 1956 Studebaker pulling a 1946 Thompson pleasure boat
 *Aluminum Classic; a 1949 Feather Craft belonging to Bud Harrison
 *Fiberglass Classic, a 1956 Thunderbird belonging to Steve Maloney
 *Jessica Ward of Eastpoint took Classic Car and Best Paint for her purple Camaro
 *Millard Collins of Port St. Joe took Best Antique Car for his 1940 Ford Coupe
 *Best Overall Car went to Bones Clark for his 1954 Chevrolet
 *Cody Peters took Best Modification for his 1949 red Chevy Pickup
 *Best Late Model Car went to Paul Maloy of Apalachicola for his 2002 Ram Air Trans Am.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Bass Tournament

Friday, April 29
 Oyster City Brewing Co. PRESENTS



Dancing in the Street!

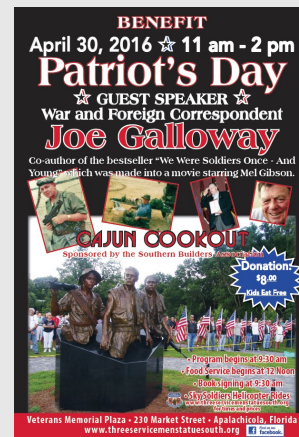
P-Moe's Blues Review

6:00 pm 'til...
 Corner of Commerce and Avenue D
 Downtown Apalachicola

April 29, 2016 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

Friday night, April 29, we are having our second annual Downtown HoeDown Street party (No Cover!). Great Beer and Live Music! Then, Saturday on St George we have our first Annual Brewfest benefitting our Humane Society and Rescue animals like my demon puppy Brix! Tickets are going fast and will not be sold at the door. Best yet, there will be a shuttle service on Saturday between the Brewery and Paddy's, so you can sample ALL the beers at Brewfest. Hope to see y'all out for a super fun weekend!! Please Like and Share so we can get the word out for these two great events! Cheers! Beers! & Puppy Dog Ears!!!

Patriot's Day Celebration



No need to wait until the Fourth of July to express your patriotism.

The fourth Patriot's Day celebration in Apalachicola not only features one of America's premier war and foreign correspondents as guest speaker, but a book signing and Cajun cookout as well. The event will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Plaza, the home of the Three Servicemen, Detail, Statue.

Guest Speaker Joe Galloway is the co-author of "We Were Soldiers

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?
 If you would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.
 Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at info@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



Go to www.apalachicolabay.org for details and registration forms.

New Members

Forgotten Coast Paddle Sports

Owned By Jerry Canterbury, Forgotten Coast Paddlesports is the only full-service paddle and water sports company in the heart of Florida's Forgotten Coast. At our location in Carrabelle, Florida, we provide cutting-edge paddle boards and kayaks to anyone who loves having fun and being active in the water. Because we're a locally owned and operated business, we strive to always be eco-friendly and, at the same time, offer the lowest prices. More than 10 years of experience in water sports has made us successful in our line of work. Call us and let our instructors and guides provide you with a complete watersports experience.

Apalachicola Community Bicycle Repair & Rentals

Owned and operated by Kevin Hand Apalachicola Community Bicycle Repair and Rentals is located on the corner of Markets St. and Ave F in Apalachicola. They Specialize in bicycle repair and golf cart maintenance. Kevin is also now renting bicycles at this location.

Tuckered Out Charters

Owned and operated by Kit and Bubba Mashburn. They offer fishing trips and tours in the Apalachicola River, Apalachicola Bay and in the Gulf of Mexico.

Kimberly C. Bentley CPA

Located at 171 Hwy 98 in Eastpoint Suite D. Kim Specializes in Small

Once-And Young" which was made into a critically acclaimed movie starring Mel Gibson. The Bronze Star recipient is the only civilian during the Vietnam War to have been awarded a medal of valor, after rescuing wounded soldiers under fire during the Ia Drang Battle.

"Just wait until you hear him speak," said Patriot's Day organizer and Gold Star Widow Linda George. "He uses no notes. He doesn't write anything down. Everything is extemporaneous."

Galloway not only served four tours as a war correspondent in Vietnam but rode with the 24th Infantry in Desert Shield/Desert Storm and made trips to Iraq to cover the war in 2003 and 2005-2006. He worked for 15 years covering foreign postings. The late Gen. H. Normal Schwarzkopf called him "the finest combat correspondent of our generation-a soldier's reporter and a soldier's friend."

Organizer and U.S. Army veteran Jimmy Mosconis said the event is held in order to honor all veterans and active duty service members as well as to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Three Servicemen, Detail, Statue. Mosconis spearheaded the Three Servicemen Statue South nonprofit organization which raised more than \$1 million to have the monument made and brought to Apalachicola.

Galloway will be signing copies of his book on Friday, April 29th from 3 to 5 p.m. at Downtown Books in Apalachicola and on the day of the event at the Plaza beginning at 9:30 a.m. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. and the cookout at 12 noon.

Three Servicemen, Detail hats and t-shirts will be on sale and brick pavers will be available for purchase by those who would like to have a paver installed at the park to honor a veteran or loved one.

Proceeds from the event and the book sales will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the Three Servicemen, Detail, Statue and Veteran's Memorial Plaza. The Plaza is located at 230 Market Street in Apalachicola. For more information, contact Mosconis at 850-653-6044 or visit the website at www.threeservicemenstatuesouth.org.

1st Annual SGI Brewfest

Business Book Keeping and Tax Preparation

Fish On Charters

Captain John "Runt" Sapp Jr. provides full to half day charters with everything provided except for your lunch and drinks.

Elite Worldwide Imports

Elite Worldwide Imports is a Wine distributor from Monticello Florida. They serve many of the restaurants in the area local representatives are Cookie & Peter O'Donnell.

Williams Fishing Adventures

If it's sightseeing you want, or just to put fish in the cooler, then look no further than Williams Fishing Adventures. Captain Bruce Williams has over 10 years of experience on the water and has fished his whole life. He served in the US Coast Guard where he operated various vessels. His love for fishing drew him to Apalachicola's beautiful fish filled bays and rivers.

Associate Members

Robert A. Murray

Robert was born and raised in Carrabelle Florida. He is currently employed with the Franklin Correctional Facility. Robert is a Democratic candidate for the Superintendent of Schools.

Constance Peck

Constance moved from Colorado in 2014 to Apalachicola. She purchased and remodeled Dorothy Rolstad's house on 12th Street in Apalachicola. She also is the owner of the Building the Chamber of Commerce is housed in.



April 30, 2016 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. George Island

The SGI Brewfest is a one day beer tasting festival designed to promote the appreciation of craft beer all while listening to live music and enjoying great food. The event is a fundraiser for the Franklin County Humane Society and all proceeds will benefit the homeless dogs and cats of Franklin County. The event will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Paddy's Raw Bar and Journeys of St. George Island.

The event is scheduled to start at 3:00PM and will run until 6:00PM.

VIP guests are invited to arrive at 2:00PM to enjoy tastings before the General Admission ticket holders are granted access. Ticket sales are very limited and tickets must be purchased in advance via the SGI Brewfest website. Ticket holders will have the opportunity for unlimited tastings of a number of different beers. Food will be available for an additional charge.

Enjoy live music throughout the event. Brewers are being added daily so be sure to check the Brewfest website for the latest news and updates. For security and safety purposes no one under 21 years of age will be admitted.

Website: www.sgibrewfest.com

Email: sgibrewfest@gmail.com

Location: Paddy's Raw Bar & Journeys of SGI - 240 East 3rd Street, St. George Island

CHICKFEST 2016 Bowery Station



Hey folks, Lisa's Birthday is Saturday April 30th!! When asked what she wanted, she said...

**The Apalachicola Bay
Chamber of Commerce &
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"How about a day of all the great female performers that we have play Bowery Station!"

So to that end....Chickfest 2016 was born.

We have lined up many of the great female performers that have graced the stage at Bowery Station for a full day of music from Noon - 10pm.

Leadin' off with The Krickets, from 1-3pm. These ladies are four of the most talented young ladies you will ever have the pleasure of seeing perform. But hold on, that's not all...the day continues on with Cat Braaten, Jenny Odom, Melissa Bowman, and finishes off with Tallahassee Phenom Rachel Hillman joined by Michelle Medrano of Fungle Junk on percussion.

To top is all off, we will be raising money for the Cricket Fund, which helps pay for mammograms for women in Gulf and Franklin Counties. \$1 from every beer or wine sold during the course of the event will be given to this great community cause!

**Apalachicola Home &
Garden Tour**

May 6, 2016 to May 7, 2016 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Apalachicola

A reverence for the past and a vision for the future are combined in the 24th Annual "Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour." A flurry of recent building activity in Apalachicola is reflected in the homes on this year's tour. From historic preservation and restoration to home renovation and new construction, this year's tour features outstanding examples of the building boom for your pleasure and inspiration. The gardens pay homage to the area's temperate climate and the horticultural and creative talents of the homeowners.

The featured house for the 2016 tour, "Villa Rosa" is the home of Michaelin and Dave Watts. Built by George and John Marshall for The Mohr family, circa 1895, this Queen Anne Victorian home graces the east end of historic Lafayette Park, commanding a view of the park and the bay.

Evensong service at Trinity Episcopal Church, the traditional opening for the home tour, will be held on Friday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by a reception to which all are invited. Homes will be open only on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets will be available at \$25 until the day of the event. On Saturday, May 7, ticket sales will begin at 9:30 a.m. at \$30 per ticket. A gourmet lunch will be served at Benedict Hall on the grounds of Trinity Church from 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. during the tour. A silent auction, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.,

will be a part of Saturday's festivities, as well.

Guests to Apalachicola can enhance their weekend experience by allowing time to visit the many historical buildings and churches, museums, inns and parks that mark this historic town as a truly original locale. We welcome you to join us for the weekend and come back again and again.

3rd Annual Artists of Apalachicola Area Members Exhibition

May 6th - 29th

Apalachicola Museum of Art 95 5th St.

Forgotten Coast Plein Air

May 6, 2016 to June 14, 2016 1:00 PM (ET)

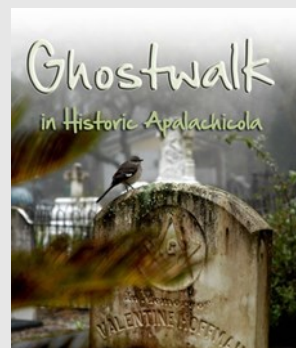
Franklin & Gulf County

More than 20 nationally acclaimed artists along with several hundred art enthusiasts will gather on Florida's Forgotten Coast soon to participate in the 11th annual Forgotten Coast en Plein Air Invitational, America's Great Paint-Out, May 6-15, 2016.

The event will include several exhibit venues stretching from Carrabelle more than 100 miles west along the coast to Mexico Beach. The 10 day event features daily artist demonstrations, workshops, art sales and a series of public receptions. Art enthusiasts can visit the exhibits and attend the many free special events that occur throughout the 10 day event.

Now in the 11th year of documenting the landscape and culture of the last vestige of authentic "Old Florida", Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, America's Great Paint-out is among the world's most prestigious plein air events. Artistic excellence and the production of investment quality art continues to be the trademark of the 10-day festival. As the event moves into its second decade, organizers are honing what makes the Forgotten Coast event exceptional.

Spring Ghostwalk



May 7, 2016 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Come join us for the first Ghost Walk in 2016. There will be characters dressed in period clothing representing locals from our past buried at the Chestnut Cemetery. Price is \$10.00 at the front entrance of the cemetery the night of the event. AAHS members renewing or joining the night of the event will get in free.

GOLF GONE WILD!

Saturday May 7th

St. James Bay Golf Resort in Carrabelle, FL will host Golf Gone Wild, the 5th annual golf tournament and silent auction to benefit Florida Wild Mammal Association. Beautiful St James Bay Golf Resort, an Audubon sanctioned golf course and a pleasure to play, is located at 151 Laughing Gull Lane, Carrabelle, FL 32322. In addition to golf, there will be speakers, animal encounters and delicious food to enjoy, so there's something for everyone!

With no government funding and providing care to our wildlife patients free of charge, fundraisers such as Golf Gone Wild are vital to keeping our doors open. We hope you'll come out and join us for a fun day to support a great cause!

There will be 4-player teams with a \$100 entry per person that includes: golf, cart, range, lunch at the Crooked River Grill, and CASH prizes to the winners. You can find more information at

www.StJamesBay.com. To register, please call golf pro Rob Burlison at 850-697-9606 or email him at Rob@StJamesBay.com.

Golf Gone Wild Speakers

12:00-Terry Peacock of St Marks National Wildlife Refuge will be speaking on Whooping Cranes. This presentation will be on history of the Whooping Crane program at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and an update on program changes.

1:00 Thomas Darragh of St Marks National Wildlife Refuge Photo Club will be giving a presentation on Wild Flower and Macro Photography. He will be going over some of the high points and answering questions.

Auction

Come and join us at the silent auction that features many great items from local artist, restaurants, hotels, and services. Get some great deals while supporting a good cause! Auction will be open at 9 am and the last tables close at 4:00pm.

If you would like to become a sponsor or donate an item to the silent auction please contact Chris at choppaotta@aol.com. Thanks again for your support!

INCONCERT: Concert in the Park - Seahawk Concert

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May 15, 2016 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts presents a "Concert in the Park" at Riverfront Park in Apalachicola, beginning at 2 pm. Partnering with Plein Air on their closing day, the Franklin County High School Seahawk Band will present a concert under direction of Karl Lester. Plus a gospel sing by Maxine Kellogg and Tami Ray Hutchinson.

Forgotten Coast Paddle Jam



May 20, 2016 to May 22, 2016 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Riverfront Park, Apalachicola
Grab your kayak and head to the coast May 20-22 and join in what organizers hope will be another world-record attempt to gather the largest number of kayaks together in one floating mass to break the current Guinness world record. The three-day Forgotten Coast PaddleJam event is sponsored by the Forgotten Coast Paddle Club. The Guinness World record attempt is just one activity planned as part of the area-wide fundraising event featuring paddle sports, music and food. Other activities planned include kayak and SUP races and live music throughout the county.

Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation 6th Annual Butts & Clucks Cook-off by the Bay



Saturday, May 21st

The 6th Annual Weems memorial Healthcare Foundation Butts & Clucks Cook-off By The Bay will be held in conjunction with the Forgotten Coast Paddle Jam.

Are you a good home cook or a professional Chef? Do people tell you all the time your food is so good it should win an award? Or do you just want to get some redemption from the Rib Cookoff? Well here is your chance. The Butts & Clucks Cook-off is what it says it is Chicken and Pork cooking contest. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both categories, People Choice and a Grand Champion. Go to The Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation website to download an application.

St. George Island Full Moon Lighthouse Climb

Saturday May 21st

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.

FSUCML: Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea



May 21, 2016 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

The Florida State University Coastal & Marine Lab will host a series of courses this summer entitled "Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea." The courses, scheduled to begin Saturday, May 21, are designed to educate and inspire through a hands-on experience with the area's shores and shallows. This course is designed to educate and inspire you through a hands-on experience with the strange and wonderful sea life along our pristine shores and shallows. We begin with a brief, illustrated overview of the general ecology of this part of the Gulf of Mexico, spotlighting its more intriguing habitats and organisms. After a short, guided walking tour of the Lab, we will meet some of the local marine denizens in our seawater touch-tanks. From there, we don wading shoes and walk the exposed tidal sands where an array of fascinating creatures can be seen. The evening ends in the auditorium for some Q & A, visiting and refreshments.

Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Price: \$ 40 adult, \$ 30 student.

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.



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