



November 2016

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Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

**Meetings****Monthly Business Luncheon**

Wednesday, November 2nd  
**Up The Creek Raw Bar**  
 313 Water St.  
 Apalachicola  
 Noon

**Business After Hours**

Thursday, November 10th  
**The Coombs House Inn**  
 80 6th St.  
 Apalachicola  
 5:30-7:00

**December Monthly Business Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 7th  
**Gormley's at the Gibson**  
 51 Ave C  
 Apalachicola  
 Noon

**Apalachicola Bay Chamber of  
 Commerce  
 Downtown Oyster Roast**


Tickets are on sale now at the  
 Apalachicola Bay Chamber of  
 Commerce for the Apalachicola  
 Downtown Oyster Roast on

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### Visitor Statistics

September 2001	661
September 2002	680
September 2003	854
September 2004	930
September 2005	758
September 2006	624
September 2007	1,575
September 2008	1,357
September 2009	1,688
September 2010	1,002
September 2011	1,165
September 2012	1,882
September 2013	1,380
September 2014	1,253
September 2015	732
September 2016	1,074

### Website Stats

September 2016

Sessions  
6,872

Users  
5,785

Pageviews  
22,508

Pages / Session  
3.28

Avg. Session Duration  
00:02:40

Bounce Rate  
52.59%

% New Sessions  
77.97%

November 4th 2016. Limited number of tickets are available so get yours now. Call us at 850-653-9419 to purchase your tickets today. \$60.00 per person

### New Members

## ECCC ( E Triple C) Elder Care Community Council of Franklin County

A group of concerned citizens interested in providing and supplementing services for seniors with dignity, compassion and love

## PanCare of Florida

PanCare of Florida is committed to providing affordable medical and dental services to rural communities throughout Northwest Florida. We realize many families and assisted living/nursing home patients are unable to travel to our facilities for needed care, especially those with Medicaid who need our dental services. We take Medicaid for adults and children for services, as well as many private health insurance plans. Sliding fee for those who are uninsured. There are no travel or setup fees to any host organization or patient served.  
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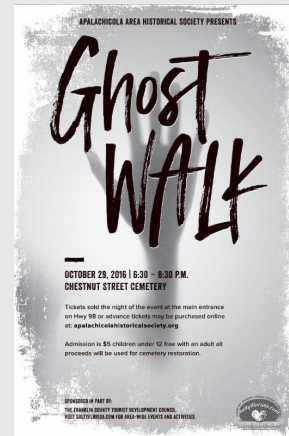
## My Beautiful Home

Visit Beautiful St. George Island. We have a lovely home with a Breathtaking view of Gulf & Bay just minutes away. Enjoy a gourmet kitchen, roof access & min.to town. Fishing, bird watching, Boaters & kayakers plenty of easy parking.

### Member News

### Events

#### Apalachicola Area Historical Society invites you to "GHOST WALK" 2016



October 29 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Visit Franklin County's most historic cemetery and meet some of its residents on Saturday October 29th, as the Apalachicola Area Historical Society invites you to "GHOST WALK 2016." Tour the Chestnut cemetery on Avenue E in Apalachicola and meet some of Apalachicola's earliest residents. Graves in this historic cemetery date back to Apalachicola's founding in 1831. It's "GHOST WALK 2016" on Saturday, October 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Chestnut Street Cemetery. Tickets sold at the Ave E. entrance on the night of the event. A donation of \$5 is requested and will be used for cemetery restoration. Children under 12 get in free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are also available online at the Apalachicola Area Historical Website. Sponsored in part by the Franklin county Tourist Development Council.

#### Florida Seafood Festival Carnival

November 3rd @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm thru  
November 6th 10:00pm  
Battery Park, 1 Bay Ave  
Apalachicola  
Special this year the Florida Seafood Festival Board of Directors is proud to announce that the Florida Seafood Festival Carnival will start on Thursday November 3rd at 6:00pm to 11:00pm. The Florida Seafood Festival will not be open to general public but access to the Carnival area will be accessible from the Water Street gate location starting at 6:00pm Thursday evening and run till Sunday at 10pm.

#### Pokémon Meet Up



Come and join the Pokemon Trainers of Franklin County Florida for an afternoon of Pokemon Go.

## Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Holiday Light Contest



The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the Holiday Light Contest. The contest will comprise of two Categories and four areas of competition. The categories are Businesses and Homes. The Four areas are Apalachicola, Eastpoint, St. George Island and Carrabelle. The Businesses and Homes will be judged on December 7-9, the winners will be announced on December 10th. Each winner will receive a small banner to display with their decorations.

Judging criteria will be based on the judge's personnel opinion. There will be multiple judges coming by at random times during the judging time period. The judges will remain anonymous; no one participating in contest will be a judge.

If you wish to enter into the contest or know someone that should be entered into the contest please submit either name of business and address or resident and address. The entrants can be emailed to [lights@Apalachicolabay.org](mailto:lights@Apalachicolabay.org). The entrants will be listed on the list on the chamber website and we will also have copies at the Visitor Centers for people to pick up.

After December 10th the winners will be highlights on the Apalachicola Bay Chamber Website to make it easier for people looking for the locations of the lights. The List will be printable so they can take it with them.

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber has secured two Sponsors for this Contest they are Duke Energy and The Tin Shed. With these sponsors the Chamber will be producing a TV Commercial that will air on cable channels from Bay County to Leon County. Including the Hallmarks Channel, HGTV and others. Let's show our holiday small town spirit.

## Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings

### Board of Directors

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### Executive Director

John C. Solomon  
[exccdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:exccdirector@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?  
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 [exccdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:exccdirector@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@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:John.C.Solomon@apalachicolabay.org)

Apalachicola features five Pokemon Gyms and dozens of Poke Stops within easy walking distance of downtown and there are lots of rare water Pokemon lurking along the river. Aerodactyls, Vaporenes and Tauros have all been spotted recently. Local businesses will provide charging stations for players free of charge.

Meet up at the Fort Coombs Armory (corner of Fourth Street and Avenue D) at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 3. Register for a chance to win a Level 32 account and other cool prizes including passes to the carnival rides for the Florida Seafood Festival that evening. Drawing at the end of the Pokemon event, 6 p.m. All ages are invited to participate. Bring your fully charged smartphone!

There's plenty to do while visiting Apalachicola! The 53rd annual Florida Seafood Festival takes place the same weekend and will offer awesome rides in their carnival section. The festival fun continues on Friday with delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events and Christian music entertainment by Ardent Worship and The Shepards. Saturday's events include a 5k run, parade along Highway 98, more tasty seafood, exhibits and country music entertainment by Rodney Atkins. Sunday the carnival will be open again for rides.

### Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast



Love oysters? Don't miss the 12th annual Downtown Oyster Roast on November 6th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Apalachicola. This enchanting event, sponsored by the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, will feature roasted oysters, oysters on the half shell, creamy artichoke, oyster and thyme soup, fresh local shrimp, blue crabs, salad greens and fantastic desserts. Dine under the stars next to the Apalachicola River. Local blues man Joe Hutchinson will provide live entertainment. Tickets are \$60 each. For tickets call (850) 653-9419 or email [exccdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:exccdirector@apalachicolabay.org).

### 53rd Annual Florida Seafood Festival



## Apalachicola Ice Company



### Office Space Available

Office Space available for lease on St. George Island at 140 w 1st street next to The Cut Salon. 800 sq ft. Great location with high visibility and heavy traffic. Call Connie 850-899-0168

## Florida Seafood Festival Schedule of Events

**FLORIDA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**  
*Rodney Atkins*  
SATURDAY 8:30PM  
NOVEMBER 4TH-5TH  
APALACHICOLA

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
9-5pm - Vendor Setup. Park only open to vendors  
6-11pm - Carnival Midway open to public access through the Water Street gate entry. All other parts of the Florida Seafood Festival will not be open until Friday 10:00am.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**  
10am - Park Opens (No Admission Charge); Booths Open  
3pm - Musical Entertainment  
4pm - Blessing of the Fleet  
4pm - Arrival of King Batsy T.J. Ward and Miss Florida Seafood Corie Cates  
4:30pm - Opening Ceremonies (Information Booth)  
5-6:45pm - Christian Musical Entertainment  
7pm - Headliner Christian Entertainer - Ardent Worship  
8:30pm - Headliner Christian Entertainer - the Shepards  
10:30pm - Park Closes Street gate entry

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
7am - Registration for Redfish Run (Free Steps of Gibson Inn)  
8am - Start of Redfish Run  
10am - Gates Open (\$5.00 admission, children under 12 free)  
10am - Parade Starts (Heavy 90)  
Noon - 1pm - Musical Entertainment Main Stage  
1-5pm - Blue Crab Races (at the top of each hour, children under 12)  
Throughout the day - Sampling for Treasure  
1pm - Oyster Shucking Contest  
1:15pm - Musical Entertainment: Boo Radley, The Curry's, Clayton Anderson  
3-7pm - Musical Entertainment: Rodney Atkins  
8:30pm - Headliner Entertainer Rodney Atkins  
11pm - Park Closes

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
1-10pm - Carnival Open to Public - Carnival Midway open to public access through the Water Street gate entry

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November 4 @ 10:00 am - November 5 @ 11:00 pm  
Come celebrate the 53rd year of the Florida Seafood Festival, Florida's oldest maritime festival. This two-day celebration offers the best in fresh quality seafood that annually draws thousands of visitors to the historic town of Apalachicola. The Festival is held at the mouth of the Apalachicola River under the shady oaks of Apalachicola's Battery Park. The festival features delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events and musical entertainment. Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking contest, Blue Crab Races, a downtown Parade, 5k Redfish Run and the Blessing of the Fleet. Friday Night Headliners are Christian music Groups Ardent Worship and The Shepards and Saturday Night Headliner is Rodney Atkins. Special this year the new large Amusement ride area that will run from Thursday November 3rd till Sunday November 6th.

### The Recollections in Concert

**The Recollections**

In Concert at...  
**Rio Carrabelle**  
Friday, November 4, 2016  
7:30 pm  
\$10.00 cover / BYOB  
Information: 952-491-0131  
Rio Carrabelle  
102 St James Ave, Carrabelle, FL 32322

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Jazz at it's best!  
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### Oyster Workshop

November 10th 1:00-4:00 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 a 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](mailto:emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us) or Anita Grove at (850) 670-7708 or [Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us)

### ***Holiday Art Show***

Friday, November 11, 2016

Fine Art, Sculpture, and Musical Programs sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. Gallery Exhibit of Carrabelle Area Artists. Opening reception begins at 7 PM. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

### ***CGJM WWII Museum Dance, Auction & Golf Tournament***



The 6th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum USO Dance/Silent Auction & Golf Tournament to be held November 11-12, 2016: a two-day salute to America's Veterans and our First Responders at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club.

As part of a full weekend event, a USO style dance and Silent Auction will be held Friday, November 11 at 6PM ET with hamburgers & hotdogs, and a beer or wine, for a \$20.00 entry fee. A cash bar for spirits will also be available and live music by "Crossroads Band". The Silent Auction will include area hotel and vacation stays, and a half day Fishing Excursion.

A benefit golf tournament will then be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 with proceeds to support the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. The club is open to the public and the tournament will be a 4-player, scramble format, kicking off at 11:30AM ET with a short ceremony to honor America's Veterans and First Responders, and golf at 12:00 noon ET, shotgun start. Music, a meal and awards ceremony will follow. Cash prizes for the tournament will include \$400 to the first place team, \$350 for second place, and \$200 for third place. (depending on number of participants) A Hole-In-One Challenge will offer a \$10,000 cash prize.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been honored by Smithsonian Magazine for eleven straight years and is dedicated to preserving the memories of the amphibious soldiers who trained at the camp, which is located in Carrabelle, FL. The museum houses over 7,000 square feet of artifacts, vehicles, photos, memorabilia and memories of the soldiers, sailors, and other military, as well as civilian personnel who trained at the camp during the WWII years.

Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at [www.stjoebaygolf.com](http://www.stjoebaygolf.com), or by calling 850-227-1751. A special "Honoring/Memorial" sponsorship is also

available for those who wish to name their special loved ones who served in the military, or a first responder

### ***Sumi-E Workshop***

On Saturday Nov 12 from 1pm -3pm a free Sumi-E Workshop will be offered at Rio Carrabelle. This is a method of painting with ink and a Chinese Brush. It can be simple and enjoyable. Those who participate will enjoy the experience and look at the art form with different eyes. Call to sign-up 850-294-9664. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

### ***Coffee in the Campground: Butterflies***

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Educating the visitors about identifying common types of butterflies on beautiful St. George Island State Park. We will discuss the lifecycle of butterflies and some basic facts. Please feel free to bring questions. Program starts at 9:00 am and last until 11:00 am. 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

### ***Apalachicola Farmers Market***



Saturday, November 12th 9am-1pm

Saturday, November 26th 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](mailto:apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com)

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



Monday, November 14, 2016 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. 2 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

### ***Reserve Wednesdays: Monarchs and Milkweed***

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Speaker: Scott Davis

2 PM - 3 PM

Learn about butterflies and butterfly attractant plants. Monarch migration begins right about this time every year, and you can get ready for them by landscaping your yard with native Florida milkweed 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, Florida 32328.

### ***Live Music with Susan David & Friends***

Friday, November 18, 2016

7:30 PM- Music with Susan David and Friends.

Sponsored by the Carrabelle Artist Association 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

### ***Panhandle Players present: An Evening of One Acts***



Friday, November 18, 2016 through Sunday, November 20, 2016

The Panhandle Players will open their 2016/2017 season with "An Evening of One Acts" at their new home, The Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola. Don't miss Bad Auditions by Bad Actors, a 14-character comedy, followed by the comedic thriller, Pandora's Revenge, and then the hilarious farce, The Chiropodist. Tickets are available online at PanhandlePlayers.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of each performance.

Origami Workshop

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Origami workshop (folded paper art) begins at 1 PM. Sponsored by the Carrabelle Artist Association. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

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### ***Coffee in the Campground: Into to Birding***

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Have you ever wondered how that hot shot birder can identify a bird so quickly? Well join this ranger led program in the campground interpretive center and learn all the tricks! We will discuss the 4 basic steps of identification and also how to use your field guide to its full potential. Bring your field guides, binoculars and a breakfast item to share if you would like, coffee will be provided. Program starts at 9:00 am and last until 11:00 am. 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

### ***Festival of Trees***



Come see fabulous holiday trees and wreaths created by Apalachicola's talented artists and creative merchants, being offered for sale by silent auction for just one week.

Champagne and Dessert Preview Cocktail Party  
Monday, November 21 7-9:00 PM  
Historical Society Members (membership can be purchased at the door for a donation of \$10)

### ***Festival of Trees Exhibition & Silent Auction***

November 21 - November 26

Tuesday 11/22 & Wednesday 11/23: Noon - 5 PM

Thursday 11/24: Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday 11/25: Holiday Open House 1 - 8 PM

featuring consumed Docent tours, mulled wine, candy canes in addition to the festival of trees.

Saturday 11/26: Noon - 5 PM. Silent auction closes at 4 PM.

Bidders may secure their bids with a "Buy It Now" option at any time.

The Raney House will remain decorated throughout the holiday season until New Year's Day.

### ***Coffee in the Campground: Local Native Americans***

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Learn about local Native American Tribes and their history to this area. Program starts at 9:00 am and last until 11:00 am. 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

Annabelle Lyn Live Music

Friday, December 2, 2016

The Adventures of Annabelle Lyn Musical Group begins at 7:30 PM. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

### ***Island Lights***





Friday, December 2, 2016

Greet Santa when he arrives at St. George Island's Lighthouse Park on Friday, December 2 and enjoy the festive illuminating of holiday lights on the Cape St. George Lighthouse, Visitor Center, and along Franklin Boulevard. Hot chocolate, cookies, carolers, and Santa's sleigh full of gifts for the children contribute to the island holiday spirit! Santa and tree lighting will occur about sunset. 1 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL

### ***Holiday Fresh Market***



Saturday, December 3, 2016

Why fight the crowds and traffic at the malls? Come for the day or the weekend and find one-of-a-kind unusual presents. Shop in a relaxed, hassle free environment, Buy hand crafted Apalachicola specialties such as baked goods, artwork, wood carving, pottery, hand knitted goods. Your gift shopping has never been easier! Located in front of the Dixie Theatre Avenue E and Market Street. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call (850) 653-9419 for details. Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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