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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon
 July 1st, 2015
 Caroline's River Dining
 123 Water Street
 Apalachicola
 Noon

Business After Hours

July 23rd 2015
 Island Girl Gifts
 47 Market St.
 5:30-7:00

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Renewal Month

July is the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's renewal month. Renewal forms have been mailed out to all current members. If you have not recieved your renewal letter please email us at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org or call us at 850-653-9419. We will be glad to assist you in getting the renewal forms to you.

Business Luncheon & 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

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Events

August Monthly Business Luncheon
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Visitor Statistics
May

May 2004 1,234
May 2005 1,526
May 2006 1,535
May 2007 2,046
May 2008 2,437
May 2009 1,715
May 2010 2,389
May 2011 2,228
May 2012 2,226
May 2013 2,490
May 2014 1,883
May 2015 1,345

Website stats

May 2015

Sessions
20,463

Users
16,866

Pageviews
59,874

Pages / Session
2.93

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:37

% New Sessions
76.54%

New Members

Segree's Bait & Tackle

Located at 379 Hwy 98 Eastpoint. Owned and operated by Larry, Donnie & Ronnie Segree They offer a full service Bait & Tackle store with snack and drinks. They also provide fishing, Shelling and hog hunt guided trips, Kayak rentals and on Tuesdays and Thursdays they have fried Mullet dinners.
d.segree@yahoo.com

Sadies Seahorse

Located at 140 West 1st Street St. George Island. Owned by Sandra Dixon. Sadies Seahorse is a Coastal Chic Boutique. They have gifts, cards, flowers that are unique to the area. Sadies is also a Oakley distributor.
sandy53066@earthlink.net

(H'Cola) The Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola

They have served the Apalachicola, African-American Community and Franklin County since 1999, and their commitment to service continues today. They are a group of committed and dedicated business-minded people from the Apalachicola, Hillside Community who occupy the same belief, which is that service to others is a high and worthy calling, and we share this view passionately. Their annual flagship event, the African-American History Festival, which takes place each year on the 3rd weekend in February.
<http://www.hcola.org/>

School of Art: Michael Hai

June 18, 2015 to July 20, 2015 8:00-3:00 PM (ET)
Apalachicola School of Art - Watercolor on the Apalachicola River with Michael Hai June 18-21 - Informal lectures and discussions with question-and-answer on the different aspects of watercolor painting from design and composition to technique. The students will do step-by-step painting with one-on-one instruction and critique. Classes held at the Apalachicola School of Art in downtown Apalachicola

SGL Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

July 1, 2015 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
Climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light to watch the sunset and the rising full moon. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes light hors d'oeuvres and a cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

Turtle Talk

Every Wednesday for the months of July and August
Sea turtle nesting season is here! During the first week of May, sea turtles have been spotted on both St George Island and St. Vincent Island, and volunteers are monitoring remaining area beach for their crawls. Each spring hundreds of large creatures arise from Gulf waters to lay their eggs on our sandy shores. The turtles that nest here are Loggerheads, Caretta caretta, but we also have some Green sea turtles, Chelonia mydas, and Leatherback sea turtles, Dermochelys scoria. Hatchlings will start to crawl out of their nests approximately two months after being laid and continue to emerge through October. On average there are 90 nests on St. George and 150 nests on St. George

Running for the Bay Marathon

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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?
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.

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The "Running for the bay!" Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Ultra 50K (all with wheelchair divisions) are races held in beautiful Apalachicola, Florida. The races are designed to bring attention to The Apalachicola Bay area, one of the most beautiful and important estuaries in America; create an avenue for charity fund raising and to promote health and fitness.

<http://www.runningforthebay.com/>

Catering Capers

Owned and operated by Justin Chiricos Catering Capers makes entertaining easy. They ensure every event is a total success by closely and completely caring about Their guests. Their personal approach is to make your event flawless and memorable by relying on them to offer exquisite food and professional services.

<http://www.cateringcapers.com/>

Caught Up Charters

Captain Andrew Sapp was born and raised in Apalachicola and started fishing with his dad as a toddler. Captain Sapp has spent the better part of his life on the waters in and around the Apalachicola Bay. He will share his knowledge of the area and surrounding waters

with you

Drewsapp17@yahoo.com

year.

Bruce Drye has been monitoring turtle nesting on St. George since 1990, and retired from the St. George Island State Park. At first a volunteer, he was later hired by ANERR to oversee the project and Bruce started the ANERR St. George Volunteer Turtlers which also help monitor the nests.

Two interns will be working with Bruce this season. Amy Bergstrom from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area has been an intern at both the Racine Zoo and at Milwaukee County Zoo, and Kallie Gannon, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

Little St. George Island has been monitored by ANERR staff since 1988. Mega with NOAA's Environmental Cooperation Science Center has been assisting with nesting on Little St. George since 2009 and overseeing the beach since 2009.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will offer free weekly talks about sea turtles, their nesting habits, how nests are identified, protected and how visitors and residents can help sea turtles have a successful nesting season, or Wednesdays at 2:00 PM. Dates of talks will be June 3,10,17,24 July, 1, 8,15 and August 5,12,19,26. For more contact 670-7700.

WHAT: Nesting Sea turtles of Frankland County Beaches

WHEN: Every Wednesday in June and August, 2015, from 2:00-3:00pm

WHERE: 108 Island Drive, Eastport Florida 32328

Apalachicola Independence Celebration

July 3, 2015 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (at Riverfront Park, Apalachicola)

The Apalachicola Mainstreet Program is again hosting the fourth annual Apalachicola Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd at River front Park in Apalachicola, at no cost to the public. Day long Festivities include the Traditional Red, White & Blue Parade open to all starting at 6:30 at Lafayette Park. Events are encouraged to participate. Food service at the park will begin at 4:00pm. Featured Firecracker Fried Shrimp Wings of Freedom (Chicken Wings) and Herbs & Beverages including beer and wine are available for purchase. Other Riverfront activities include live music with the

featured band being Johnny Barbat
Lucky Dogs beginning at 6:30pm.

Associate Member Judy McFarland

Judy has just recently moved to Apalachicola. She entered and attended the Antique and Classic Boat show this past year and her Kayak / Canoe came in first in that category. Judy has also started volunteering 4 hours a month here at the Chamber Visitor Center.

4th of July Freedom Fest

July 4, 2015 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Come celebrate our great countries 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 Blue Parrot Bar while the crowd oooohs and aahs to the live music and fun.

Member News

Sculpture Exhibit



SGI Independence Day Parade July 3rd at 1:00am July 6th at 11:00am

Come on down to St. George Island wettest and wildest Independence Day parade on the Forgotten Coast! Because most visitors depart and arrive on Saturdays and Sundays, this year there will be two parades to better accommodate our visitors. The first will be on Friday, July 3rd at 1:00am and the second will be on Monday, July 6th at 11:00am. Decorate your vehicle and join in the parade. Anyone in costume or on a float or in a decorated vehicle, golf cart or bicycle is invited to participate. Bring your squirt guns and water balloons to get wet! No water balloons please as they are harmful to the local wildlife. Line up at the intersection of 1st Street West and Pine Street at 11:00am. Parade begins at noon. For more information please contact Vicki Frost at Eddy Teach's at 927-4

Chamber News

Suspense Author Bases Newest Series in Franklin County

Author Dawn Lee McKenna has just released her second book in the Forgotten Coast Suspense Novels series. The first book "Low Tide" was released in June and drew great reviews. Now "Riptide" released on June 29th

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Local seafood, produce, herbs, and homemade breads and pies, along with regional specialties will be fare offered at the Apalachicola Farmers Market which runs on July 11 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Market Pavilion, located at the north end of 4th Street in Historic Apalachicola. The Farmers Market will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Market Pavilion, which overlooks the historic Scipio Creek boat basin. Browse the market for goodies such as tomato pie, local eggs, homemade jam, jellies, salsa and barbeque sauce, locally produced soaps, handmade turquoise jewelry, and perennials.

has already reached the top of pre-order charts. The story is based in, **not** about Franklin County. The main character Lt. Maggie Redmond is an investigator at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. there is two more books due out in the series "What Washes Up" and "Landfall" due out later this year. The books mention various locations around Franklin County from the Piggy Wiggy, Café Con Leche, Boss Oyster and The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.



Enjoy music with your friends and neighbors in a beautiful setting by the water. Relax under the live oaks that grace the Farmers Market on the Mill Pond on the Mill Creek.

From the blinking light in Apalachicola Center, the Farmers Market is just down Market Street less than a mile.

Interested in becoming a vendor or volunteer? Email apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com to be a part of this vibrant community.

ANERR Workshop: Blue Carbon

Blue Carbon: A Management Tool for the Conservation and Restoration of Coastal Wetlands will be offered by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on July 28th, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Leading Blue Carbon experts Steve Emmett-Mattox with Restore America's Estuaries and Dr. Stephen Crooks will explore the greenhouse gas benefits provided by tidal wetlands, salt marshes, seagrasses, mangroves, and other coastal ecosystems, and how these concepts can be used to support land conservation and restoration goals, plus generate new opportunities. They will discuss the economics of blue carbon, the basics of coastal landscape project planning, and implementation practices, and the benefits of combining blue carbon projects with traditional conservation and restoration activities.

This workshop is intended for anyone interested in coastal conservation and restoration, including natural resource managers, land owners, land trust and policy makers, planners, real estate professionals, attorneys and financial advisors, academia, and federal, state and local officials.

Presenters include Steve Emmett-Mattox and Dr. Stephen Crooks. Mr. Emmett-Mattox is the Senior Director for State Planning and Programs for Restore America's Estuaries, where he leads the U.S. blue carbon effort and has been developing strategic initiatives for 10 years. Dr. Crooks is the Director of Climate Change Services for Environmental Associates, Co-Chair of the International Blue Carbon Working Group and member of the IPCC Working Group that developed the 2013 guidelines to include wetlands in national greenhouse gas inventories.

Registration is \$20. Lunch and refre will be provided. To register go to <http://gulfalliancetraining.com/detailId=96> For more information, please contact Anita Grove at Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us or (850) 770-7708 or Margo Posten at Margaret.Posten@dep.state.fl.us or 670-7719.

WHAT: Workshop: Blue Carbon: Management Tool for the Conservation and Restoration of Coastal Wetlands

WHEN: Tuesday, July 28th, 2015 8:30am-4:30 pm

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

SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

July 31, 2015 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CST)
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