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Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday April 6th
AJ's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
120 MLK Blvd
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday April 21st
Sea Oats Gallery
128 East Pine St.
St. George Island
5:30-7:00

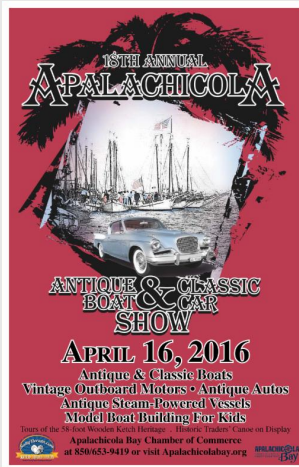
May Monthly Business Luncheon

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Visitor Statistics

February 2001 1,414
February 2002 1,150
February 2003 694
February 2004 950

18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show



Captain Sponsors



First Mate Sponsors



Sponsors



Events

Apalachicola Art Walk

February 2005 1,538
 February 2006 1,430
 February 2007 2,309
 February 2008 3,330
 February 2009 1,972
 February 2010 2,444
 February 2011 2,193
 February 2012 1,999
 February 2013 2,052
 February 2014 2,684
 February 2015 1,606
 February 2016 1,684

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%

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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.



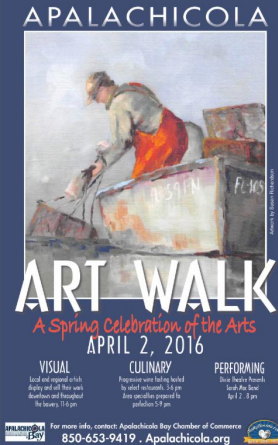
18th Annual Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show Sponsorships

Captain - \$500
 Business name on listings on all social media, newsletter, and visible in Riverfront park during the event - 2 18" annual shirts

First Mate - \$250
 Business name on listings on all social media, newsletter, and visible in Riverfront park during the event: 1- 18" annual shirt

Deckhand - \$100
 Business name on listings on all social media, newsletter, and visible in Riverfront park during the event

Art Walk April 2nd



APALACHICOLA ART WALK
 A Spring Celebration of the Arts
 APRIL 2, 2016

VISUAL
 Local and regional artists display and sell their work. Refreshments and beverages. The hours: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

CULINARY
 Performances and displays by local musicians. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Free parking adjacent to park. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

PERFORMING
 Local and regional musicians perform. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

For more info, contact: Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
 850-653-9419 . Apalachicola.org

New Members

American Red Cross

Located at 1115 Eastwood Dr Tallahassee, Fl The American Red Cross is dedicated to providing humanitarian support by helping the community to prepare, respond and recover from manmade and natural disasters.

Betsy's Sunflower Inc

Betsy's Sunflower Shop will be located at 268 Water St in Apalachicola with a opening date set for early July 2016. Betsy's Sunflower will be a one stop shop for Kitchen , Garden, Home and Gourmet items

April 2, 2016 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)
 Downtown Apalachicola
 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. The festivities continue into the evening with a wine tasting at 3:00pm. Afterwards, area chefs will prepare dishes at their restaurants paired with special wines.

The Dixie Theatre Presents: Sara Mac Band 8:00pm April 2nd

Sarah Mac's voice at times has the full power and grit of Janis Joplin, the sweet, soothing breathy tone of Feist or Edie Brickell, and the gut-wrenching raw tones of an old soul or gospel singer. Paired with Charlie's intricate, sultry guitar work and Claire's solid, intriguing bass lines, this trio creates a powerful live experience that has earned them a loyal, growing following as well as given them the opportunity to provide support for acts such as the Lee Boys, Shawn Colvin, Robert Randolph, Marc Roberge (O.A.R.), and Shawn Mullins.

Panhandle Players Southern Fried Funeral April 15th-16th



Panhandle Players present
SOUTHERN FRIED FUNERAL

DIXIE THEATRE
 APALACHICOLA
 FRIDAY, APRIL 15
 SATURDAY, APRIL 16
 7:00 P.M.

\$15 PER TICKET
 FOR TICKETS INFORMATION CALL
 404-326-7791

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
 DOWNTOWN BOOKS
 WILKINSON

SOME TIMES
 12:00 DINNER
 SEATING ONLY
 17:00 DINNER

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NO BANNING CAFE
 PART OF LAW

Directed by Robbin Johnson
 Produced and Staged by Robbin Johnson

18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show

Apalachicola will host the 18th Annual Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Antique boats, examples of classic and traditional vessels, workboats, and fiberglass and aluminum classics will all be on display throughout the day. Also this year Classic and Late Model Automobiles have been added to the show. Special highlights include home-built boats by skilled craftsmen, authentic oyster boats and workboats, antique outboard engines,

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

Bay View Charters of SGI

Bay View Charters of SGI owned by Captain Wes McCall located at 408 North Sawyer St. St. George Island provides a wide array of fishing options to include; Charter Fishing, Shelling Trips, Dolphin Encounters, Sunset Cruises, Shark Fishing, Sight Seeing Tours, Kid's Adventure and Custom Trips & Tours

Triple Tails Oyster Bar & Grill

Located at 2413 St. Rd 30 A in Port. St. Joe. They are a full outdoor & indoor Restaurant/Oyster Bar. They serve Fried Grouper Sandwiches, Burgers, Homemade Crab cake Sandwiches, Corndogs, Fried Shrimp Baskets, Fried Soft shell Crab Baskets, Snow crabs, Steamed Shrimp, Stuffed Shrimp, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Corn on the cobb Homemade fish & Crab Dip. Raw Oysters, Steamed Oysters, Parm & Garlic Oysters, Cheddar & Bacon Oysters, Jalapeno & Jack Oysters, Gumbo. They have Bottle Beer, Draft Beer, Mixed Drinks, Barefoot wine. Free Wi-Fi and Pet friendly (leash required) We accept only cash and have an ATM on the premises.

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

Located at 140 1st West Suite B on St. George Island. When our name goes on a real estate sign, it means something. It's a promise of integrity, professionalism, innovation and the highest standard of work. Berkshire Hathaway is one of the most respected in the world-especially when it comes to real estate.

Focus Hook LLC

Owned and operated by Marci and Donnie Gay. Strengthen your client and

plus antique automobiles and artist booths. The Governor Stone will be on hand at Riverfront park. The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will have displays on the Apalachicola River and its flora and fauna, along with booths. The Apalachicola Traders' Canoe, a hand built 50-foot long vessel used between 1750-1850, recovered from the Apalachicola River will be on display at the Cotton Warehouse and the restored 1877 gaff-rigged schooner the Governor Stone will also be in attendance. Questions? Please call (850) 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org, or visit <http://www.antiqueboatshow.org>

Apalachicola Maritime Museum Wooden Boat building Class

The Apalachicola Maritime Museum class schedule has been filling up for 2016 to the extent we recently added more classes as shown in the following schedule for construction of wooden kayaks. With the partnership of Pybmy boats out of Port Townsend, Washington, we are finding a national demand for the boat building experience in Apalachicola. To register call us at (360) 385-6143. Tuition: \$750 for primary student, \$200 for student helpers.

April 18-24, 2016
 May 30-June 5, 2016
 July 11-17, 2016
 August 8-14, 2016
 August 22-28, 2016
 September 5-11, 2016
 September 19-25, 2016
 October 10-16, 2016
 October 31-November 6, 2016
 November 14-20, 2016
 November 28-December 4, 2016
 December 12-18, 2016

Pygmy Boats (www.pygmyboats.com) is a manufacturer of high-quality small boat kits which has selected the Apalachicola Maritime Museum as an instructional program partner. In this capacity the AMM offers building classes to the public during which builders will construct their own wood kayak under the guidance of AMM Wooden Boat School director Ron Dierolf and Assistant Director Spencer Fegley. Pygmy Boats, founded in 1986, is headquartered in Port Townsend, WA. Their boat models include 21 kayak separate designs, two of which been voted Best Wooden Kayak by Sea Kayaker magazine on several occasions. All designs are made of British Standard 1088 okoume marine plywood and are light,

employee relationships with attractive, useful and thoughtful promotional gifts that make lasting, good impressions. The people on your holiday list will look forward to receiving your gift year after year.

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The Naumann Group Real Estate Inc

Located at 139 West Gulf Beach Drive St. George Island, Our mission is to offer the client the very best Real Estate Services available. To accomplish our objective, we begin by selecting only the most uniquely qualified individuals to be Associates with The Naumann Group. We then set exceptionally high sales standards for them to accomplish in order to produce the highest volume of sales with the least number of agents. Our goal is to create a friendly, competitive environment where each Associate has the necessary tools to grow a highly successful career while, at the same time, having sufficient opportunity for a quality personal and family life.

Chamber News

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Cook-off Team

rugged, and beautiful, head-turning craft. Their performance rivals any production kayak on the market.

All sessions for building Pygmy Boats with the AMM can be booked online through the Pygmy website. During the building sessions builders will construct their kayak from pre-cut wooden parts using the "stitch-and-glue" method. This process, which is used on almost all plywood boats, is a simple, straightforward method of building a strong, beautiful wooden boat. Upon completion of the session the builder will have boat ready for varnishing - a process completed by the builder at home. The building process spans seven days and finishing can take an additional week

Any questions concerning the classes and the boats should be directed to Pygmy Boats. Also, please feel free to contact the museum at woodenboatschool@ammf.org. We are honored by our partnership with Pygmy to be their Southeast building center and instruction program.

Shorebirds Lecture

April 20th 2-3pm ANERR

Speaker: Megan Lamb

Spring is here, so it's time for shorebirds to start nesting all along Apalachicola Bay. Megan Lamb will share some information about our shorebirds' nesting season, and about the efforts that help protect vital nesting grounds

Full Moon Climb

St. George Island April 21, 2016 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The April Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2016. Climb to the top of the lighthouse to see spectacular views of the sunset and full moon. Light refreshments are served.

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 Once-And Young" which was made

St. George Island Fire Department Chili Cook-off



Won Best Booth Trophy

Eastpoint Fire Department Rib Cook-off



Won Most Popular Booth &
Honorable Mention Trophy

Thank you to the **Tin Shed**
For loaning the tent decorations

Member News

Aqua Force

Aqua Force is proud to announce that we now clean exterior windows up to 46 feet high. This is the perfect addition to your spring cleaning list. Homes facing the salt air from the Gulf of Mexico will really appreciate a good polishing. Don't forget to ask us about our Chamber Member discount

Wake & Bake is now Wendy's on the Waterfront

On the Waterfront Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of our Café WOW Wendy's on the Waterfront. Opening Art Walk weekend. Serving the same delicious breads plus homemade soups & sandwiches also cheese and fruit trays. Wendy's on the Waterfront is now located at 117 Market Street in Apalachicola

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 Brewfest

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

Gulf Coast State College



Gulf State College is offering a Hospitality Class on April 19th and then again on April 21st. The class runs from 10:00am - 4:00pm. The Class will be held at the Apalachicola Community Center. Anyone interested please contact the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for more information.

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

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