



APALACHICOLA



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Bay

May 2018

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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon



Wednesday, May 2nd
Family Coastal Restaurant
 500 US-98, Eastpoint
 Noon

May Business After Hours



Monday, May 14th
 5:30pm-7:00pm
 Indian Pass Raw

Joint After-hours with
 Gulf County Chamber
 of Commerce

8391 County Rd 30A,
 Port St Joe

June Chamber Business Luncheon

June 6th 2018

Apalachicola Classic Boat & Car Show Results

The 20th Annual Classic Boat & Car Show was a great success. We would like to thank Oyster City Brewing Company, The Forgotten Coast Cruisers, Debbie Flowers, Beverly Hewitt and all the Volunteers during the day. We could not have done it without you, and all the Boat & Car owners who took the time to participate in this years event. See below for list of award recipients.

Classic Car- David Roberts 1955 Chevy Belair

Antique Car- Travis Wade 1929 model A

Late Model Car- Jim Dowling 2015 Trans Am Bandit

Modified Car- Bunyan Thomas 1923 Ford Street Rod

Truck- Earl Whaley 1974 Ford F-100 Ranger

Paint- Jim Ward 1968 Chevy Chevelle

Worst Gas Millage- Brad Savary 1999 Monster Truck

Import- Stu Mauney 2006 Nissan 350 Z

Overall Car- Kenneth White 1968 Camaro

Chamber Choice Car- Robert Sutton 1931 Ford Pickup

Sailboat- James Doherty 2010 Sailboat

Sponsors



Events

Chamber Business Luncheon



Wednesday, May 2nd @ Noon
 Family Coastal Restaurant
 500 Hwy 98 Eastpoint

Help Restore our Squares

May 2 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Richard Bickel Gallery, 81 Market St
 Apalachicola

First United Methodist
Church in
Apalachicola

75 5th St
Apalachicola

Noon

Visitor Statistics

Apalachicola

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 2,135
March 2014 1,452
March 2015 1,580
March 2016 1,647
March 2017 2,121
March 2018 2,176

St. George Island

March 2018 1,552

March Website Stats

Users
19,182

New Users
17,794

Sessions
24,282

Number of Sessions
per User
1.27

Pageviews
64,452

Pages / Session
2.65

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:24

Large Sailboat- Jenny Raney 24 ft. Sailboat

Home Built Boat- Dianne Pickett Canoe

Paddle Craft- Dianne Pickett Paddle Board

Aluminum Boat- Bud Harrison 12 ft. Feathercraft

Wooden Boat- Bruce Hall 1964 Correct Craft

Car & Boat Combo- Bruce Hall 1964 Correct
Craft & 1950 Mercury Convertible

Overall Boat- Bruce Hall 1964 Correct Craft

Chamber Choice Boat- Dianne Pickett Paddle
Board

New Members

Kayak Trader

Kayak Trader was founded by life time kayakers Morgan and Emily House and Joe and Karen Vinson. The whole family shares a passion for paddling and expanding the footprint of paddling across the world. Their hopes are that Kayak Trader will connect paddlers from all disciplines and from all parts of the world.

Historic Apalachicola Plat Preservation Inc.

A group of Apalachicola citizens recently formed a not for-profit corporation to advocate for the preservation of Apalachicola, Florida's historic plat. Historic Apalachicola Plat Preservation, Incorporated, or HAPPI, as it is called, is focused on the proposed Denton Cove housing complex proposed for the area near the old high school at 17th and L.

Historic Apalachicola Foundation

This organization was founded in 1988 by Marie Marshall and others to tackle community projects such as preserving precious community assets like the restoration of the gazebo in Lafayette Park, and the Fry-Conter House and bringing prominent traveling exhibits such as the Smithsonian's "The Way We Worked" to Apalachicola.

Lady Katerina River Cruises

The Apalachicola River and Bay has always been the economic force that's driven our County. From the early paddle wheel boats and steamships of the cotton age, thru the lumber and sponge industry. To today's fishing, shrimp and oyster harvesting. The Apalachicola is rich in history from Confederate and Union troops during the

Help Restore our Squares Join us for a reception, Wednesday May 2nd, at Richard Bickel Gallery. 81 Market St in Apalachicola from 5-7 pm Light refreshments. Donations \$10.00

Forgotten Coast Parrot Head Club



Monthly Gathering of the Phlock
Doc Myers Island Pub on St. George Island
Wed. May 2nd
5:00-7:30

Monthly gathering to see where we've been, where we're at, and, more importantly, where we are going! Oh, and it's "Bring a Friend" night! FINS UP!

26th Annual Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour



May 4 @ 8:00 am - May 5 @ 5:00 pm

A self-guided tour from 10am to 4pm on Saturday showcases residential homes (some with personal gardens), and featured gardens. This event provides a rare opportunity to view some of Apalachicola's loveliest residences and grounds. Other historic homes, not on this year's tour, are scattered throughout the community and provide a scenic backdrop for visitors.

Greeters are stationed at each location to provide detailed information for the tour, and homeowners may be on hand to speak with attendees, as well.

The tour weekend begins on Friday evening with a choral Evensong Service at Trinity Episcopal Church. Immediately following the service a reception will be held at Gorrie Square, just outside the church with refreshments, and information on the following day's events. All proceeds from the event are used to maintain and preserve this historic church and its properties.

Friday, May 4
Evensong Service, Trinity Episcopal Church 6:00pm
Reception following Evensong at Benedict Hall
Saturday, May 5

Self-Guided Home & Garden Tour 10am to 4pm
Luncheon at Benedict Hall 11:30am to 1:30pm
Auction on Church Grounds 10am to 3pm

With our town being small and easy to navigate, most homes and gardens on tour can be accessed by walking, biking or golf-carting. Houses are private residences and are not handicap accessible.

Tickets for the 2018 Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour can be purchased in advance online for \$25 per person using Pay Pal. Tickets bought online via Pay Pal will be "will call only and can be picked up day of the tour in front of Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 Sixth Street (between US 98 and Ave D). Tickets can be purchased at the Trinity Episcopal Church check-in area for \$30 per person. Also advance tickets can be purchased in Apalachicola at the

Bounce Rate
58.50%

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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?
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 execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.

Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

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Civil war to the Army Air Corp during World War II. So Sit back enjoy your time on the water and Captain Steve the worlds greatest story teller will give you a tour you wont soon forget. Owned and operated by Steve Kirschenbaum

Cat Pointe Music

Multi-Functional, Multi-Disciplinary Music Facility featuring: Live music, Performance, Music Instruction, Music Supplies. Located in Eastpoint at 29 Island Drive, Suite 6

Historic Port Theatre Art & Culture Center

The Historic Port Theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a venue for Music, Plays & Gatherings. Located at 314 Reid Avenue Port St. Joe

Jaime Crum Republican Candidate for Franklin County Tax Collector

I am pleased to announce my candidacy to become the next elected Tax Collector for Franklin County.

I am currently a real estate broker associate with Anchor Realty on St. George Island. Over the years,

I have worked in banking, accounting, management, claims administration, education and both real estate sales and property management. I have gained valuable experience in finance, sales, negotiations, marketing, strategic planning, budgeting, and human resources.

Rock By The Sea

Rock by the Sea is a 4 night Charity Music Festival raising money for various charities aiding children and cancer research. This is the 12th Annual Spring event on St. George Island Florida. Pre-Party-Free to the Public on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 May 10-13, 2018 - Weekend Passes Available now!
www.rockbythesea.org

Chamber News

2018 Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Bonnie Fulmer

We would like to congratulate the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Mrs. Bonnie Fulmer. Thank you and all the other

Trinity Church office on 76 Fifth Street or at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber office on 122 Commerce Street. Lunch at Benedict Hall is \$12 per person...Includes a salad entree, fresh fruit, roll, beverage and a selection of homemade desserts. Yum! Yum!...Not to be missed. For ticket sales or event information, email us or call at (850) 653-9550.
For group ticket sales and help with your planning, contact The Trinity Church office at (850) 653-9550 or email us at info@trinityapalachicola.org.

Suzanne Morris Painting Workshop

May 4-6, 2018
May 4 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
\$350

Enrich your artistic spirit, learn a new skill, or refine an existing ability by joining Suzanne Morris in a "Weekend Warrior" workshop as we explore the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Apalachicola, FL. This 3-day workshop, hosted by On the Waterfront Gallery will use field studies, photographs and sketches to develop a studio landscape painting. Topics covered will include subject choice, composition, values, color and light, linear and atmospheric perspective, edges and paint quality. Demonstrations, discussions, and exercises will help build your knowledge and confidence. All levels are welcome. Cost \$350. Friday, May 4, 5:30-7 pm. Wine reception open house at On the Waterfront Gallery, 117 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL. Meet the artist. Free admission.

To sign up, tickets available at <https://squareup.com/store/on-the-waterfront-gallery> or call 850-653-9699 to register.

Workshop Supplies List: Suzanne Morris Workshops

Supplies

Suzanne's website:

<https://suzannemorrisstudios.com/workshop/17623/weekend-warrior-workshop>

Suzanne's paintings will be on display and available to purchase.

Forgotten Coast en Plein Air

May 4 @ 8:00 am - May 13 @ 5:00 pm
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 this 10-day festival.

Art Opening at Apalach Waters

Friday, May 4 & Saturday May 5th @ 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Art opening for Chrissie J Hawkes presenting the Florida Birds Collection. Friday May 4th & 5th from 10:00am until 4:00pm, followed by a meet the artist reception each night from 4:00pm-7:00pm. at Apalach Waters / Apalach Olive Oil Company 31 Ave E in Apalachicola.

On The Waterfront Gallery Wine Reception Open House

May 4 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
On The Waterfront Gallery, 117 Market St Apalachicola
PARTY PARTY PARTY COME BE OUR GUEST Wine, Beer, Shrimp, Delights Galore Come to On the Waterfront Gallery Meet our featured Artist World Traveler Suzanne Morris and her beautiful Plein Air Paintings. Friday May 4 from 5:30-7 at 117 Market St. Bring a friend, be prepared to have FUN

Library Book Sale

volunteers for your tireless work in our community, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thank You to Franklin County Volunteers

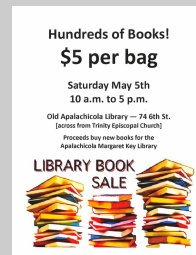
Thank you to Senator Bill Montford, Representative Halsey Beshears, The Franklin County Commissioners, The Mayor and Apalachicola City Commissioners, for showing your support to the Volunteers of Franklin County. Below is the letter written asking for support of our local volunteers, Also the Proclamations & Resolutions we received. We would like to ask for you to share these with your volunteers.

April is National Volunteer Month with National Volunteer Week being, April 15th-21st . I would like to ask you to honor Franklin County's volunteers who tirelessly share their time and talent with their community. Your support can challenge and encourage the people you represent to commit to volunteer service. This is something special to my heart as many of our citizens are champions in volunteering.

Most of what gets done is done by volunteers in some way. The following estimate can help acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Charitable organizations can use this estimate to quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. According to the Corporation for National Community Service, 25.3 percent of Americans volunteer, which is 62.8 million volunteers. They average 32.1 volunteer hours per person, per year, which comes to 7.9 billion hours of service, the equivalent of \$184 billion dollars in 2016. That is an average of \$23.29 an hour that a volunteer saves the organization it volunteers for.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to help their communities. It's about meeting our challenges by working together. This special week was designated by executive order by President Richard Nixon in 1974. Every President since has signed a proclamation of support for National Volunteer Week.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart" - Elizabeth Andrew



Saturday, May 5th
Old Apalachicola Library 74 6th St Apalachicola
\$5.00 Per Bag 10am-5pm
Proceeds go to buy new books for the Apalachicola Magret Key Library.

Ghostwalk



May 5 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Stay in Apalachicola after the Tour of Homes Saturday, May 5 and enjoy the Apalachicola Historic Society's annual Spring Ghost Tour walk of the Historic Chestnut Street Cemetery in Apalachicola. History enthusiasts take on the persona of several of the cemetery's more notable inhabitants to tell of life in Apalachicola more than 100 years ago. The walk will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm EST.

Rock By The Sea

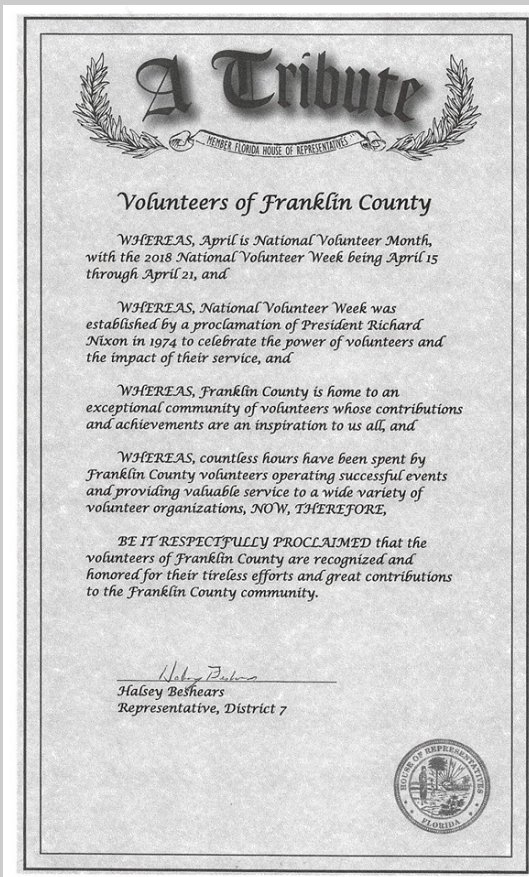


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Chickfest 2018 at Bowery Station

May 11 @ 8:00 am - May 12 @ 5:00 pm
Chickfest 2018, Bowery Station's annual celebration of female performers that grace our stage, has become a two day event this year! The original Gulf Coast Chickfest begins Friday, May 11 with Ashley Feller, followed up by an evening with Natalie Gaza joined by violinist Jennifer Cimbala, and Wendy Whitmore on percussion! Then



Saturday sees rising star McCall Chapin open the day, followed up by Cat Braaten, the Adventures of Annabelle Lyn, Savanna Leigh Bassett, Sarah Moranville, and closing with the Krickets into the evening!

Apalachicola Farmers Market



Saturday, May 12th & 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

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours



Monday, May 14th
Indian Pass Raw Bar
Joint After Hours with Gulf County Chamber of Commerce
8931 County Rd. 30A
5:30-7:00pm

Reserve Wednesday's



May 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Florida 32328 + Google Map
Upcoming Reserve Wednesdays Talks: May 16th- Oyster Reef Communities 2pm-3pm Speaker: Megan Lamb, UF Graduate Research Registration is not required, but seating is limited.

Vive La France

RESOLUTION

National Volunteer Week April 15th - 21st 2018

WHEREAS, the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world; and
WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and
WHEREAS, during the week of April 15th – 21st 2018 all over the nation, service projects will be performed, and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and
WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and
WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of 63 million is a great treasure; and
WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation; and
WHEREAS, in 2016 there was a reported 62.8 million volunteers. They averaged 32.1 volunteer hours per person, per year, which comes to 7.9 billion hours of service, the equivalent of \$184 billion dollars. An average of \$23.29 an hour that a volunteer saves the organization it volunteers for.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim April 15th – 21st 2018 National Volunteer Week in Franklin County and also urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in Franklin County. Also we urge others to recognize those who serve, by tirelessly sharing their time and talent with those in need.
 This Resolution adopted by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 3rd day of April 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Joseph A. Parrish
Joseph A. Parrish, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court



CITY OF APALACHICOLA
RESOLUTION 2018-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING APRIL 15th – APRIL 21st, 2018 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA

WHEREAS, the entire Community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world; and
WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and
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WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and
WHEREAS, our Country's volunteer force of over 63 million is a great treasure; and
WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation; and
WHEREAS, in 2016 there was reported 62.8 million volunteers. They averaged 32.1 volunteer hours per person, per year, which comes to 7.9 billion hours of service, the equivalent of \$184 billion.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola does hereby proclaim April 15th – April 21st, 2018 as National Volunteer Week in Apalachicola and also urge fellow citizens to volunteer in Franklin County and the great City of Apalachicola by volunteering and recognizing those who serve by tirelessly sharing their time and talent with those in need.

Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola this 3rd day of April, 2018.

FOR THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF APALACHICOLA

ATTEST:

Lee Mathes
Lee Mathes, City Administrator

Van W. Johnson, Sr.
Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

New Cell Phone Charging Stations in Visitor Centers



Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th 6pm
Up the Stairs Presents Vive La France a five Course Wine Tasting Dinner. 653-4888

Talk & Book Signing

May 21st @ 6pm
ANERR

Jack E Davis will be a Apalachicola National Estuarian Research Reserve Nature Center on May 21st. To give a talk about his latest Book " The Gulf: The making of an American Sea. Seating will be limited for the talk, so registration is required at www.authoratANERR.eventbrite.com

St. George Light Full Moon Climb



May 29th

The Full Moon Climbs at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island are held every month and include 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. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

June

The Gallery at High Cotton is excited to present:

Artworks by Jenny Odom and Beth Appleton
Friday, June 1, 2018
5 pm - 7 pm
230 Water Street, Apalachicola
(same location as Iggyart and Forgotten Coast Music)



Thank you to Duke Energy, who has donated two cell phone charging Stations to the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. These Stations will be placed in the Visitors Centers in Apalachicola and St. George Island. This free service will allow the public to have a secure place to charge their mobile devices.

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The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce &

Please join us for good cheer and spirits as we celebrate summer and our colorful collaboration.

Reserve Wednesday's



June 6 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint

Upcoming Reserve Wednesday Talks: June, July and August
Every Wednesday during the summer Sea Turtle Talks 2pm-3pm

Chamber Business Luncheon



Wednesday, June 6th
First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola
75 5th St.
Noon

Visitor Center is a Certified Travel Information Center



Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Centers
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