

THE SEPTEMBER ISLANDER

Next meeting September 20, Josh Hodson of the State Park will be the speaker

Social begins at 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Hall at the SGI Firehouse, 324 E. Pine Avenue

BYOB and a covered dish

Water Management Sale focus of August Civic Club Meeting

Vice-President Newt Colston made a presentation regarding recent events pertaining to the potential sale of Water Management (WMSI) and the recent Public Service Commission (PSC) meeting. He read excerpts from the PSC staff report and a letter that owner Gene Brown had sent to the PSC.



Gene Brown

Mr. Brown, owner of Water Management Services, Inc., attended the August meeting of the St. George Island Civic Club and was accompanied by Nita Molsbee, Operations Manager and Hank Garrett, Assistant Operations Manager of WMSI on the Island. After speaking for a couple of minutes, he

made himself available for questions from the members.

Mr. Brown stated that WMSI is for sale and he is willing to work with the SGI Water District.

Civic Club membership more than doubles

At the end of 2011, the membership of the St. George Island Civic Club stood at 119 members. In May, the club sent out a letter from Civic Club President Mason Bean to the owners of property on the Island asking each of them to become members, or if former members to rejoin.

Civic Club Treasurer Ann Giknis purged duplicate addresses from the SGI Volunteer Fire Department mailing for the Chili Cookoff. Several people own more than one property, so sending them more than one letter was redundant and this reduced the cost of mailing.

The mail out of the recruitment letter resulted in the addition of 253 members bringing our membership from 119 to 372 members.

SGI Turtle Patrol receives Grant

Sea Turtles at Risk, Inc. has again been awarded a grant from the USFWS to assist St George Island property owners retrofit beach view houses with Wildlife “Friendly” Lighting aka Sea Turtle “Friendly” Lighting. Properly shielded wall-mount light fixtures with amber LED bulbs are being made available, at no cost, to property owners who want to replace unshielded light fixtures in line-of-sight of the beach for the purpose of providing better habitat for endangered SGI sea turtles and other wildlife. The island is still losing many hatchlings every year, and untold numbers of nests due to female sea turtles being deterred from nesting, due to unshielded lighting being visible from the nesting beach – both interior and exterior lighting are problematic. Wildlife friendly lighting not only provides a better habitat for wildlife but, when properly installed, also a safer environment (*See Turtles, page 2*)

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for people as well as preserving visibility of our starry night skies.

Criteria for projects on St. George Island:

1. Retrofit locations must be in line-of-sight of the nesting beach to qualify for this project.
2. Up to six fixture/bulb pairs are allowed for each property meeting criteria.
3. Property owner must complete an agreement form and note number of fixtures and bulbs needed before receiving the fixtures.
4. There is a 30 day deadline for installation after which the property will be inspected to ensure proper installation of all fixtures. For more information, call Bruce Hall at 653-3820 or 653-5964.

For more information on SGI Sea Turtles and habitat restoration go to STAR's website at www.seaturtlesatrisk.org

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The next Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Friday August 31 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will 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.



The sun will set at 8:02 p.m. and the moon will rise at 7:56 p.m. on August 31. 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 St. George Island Visitor Center at 850-927-7744 or toll free at 888-927-7744. The September Climb will be on Sunday, September 30, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Summer Bingo Concludes

1,177 bingo players joined us for Summer Bingo and their participation added \$3,005 to the civic club treasury.



Rock by the Sea Charity Golf Tournament

Rock by the Sea hosts a charity golf tournament, Rock By the Tee, on September 21 at Carrabelle's St. James Bay Golf Resort. The \$125 entry fee, includes everything you will need for the day: cart, greens fee, lunch and a free amenities bag.

There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. There is also the annual Rock by the Sea music festival on St. George Island. Entry to the music festival is included with your golf entry fee. Proceeds from the tournament and festival benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Camp Sunshine. Sponsorships and registration are available by calling 850-927-2883.

Turpentine Industry Lecture



The Apalachicola Maritime Museum will host a talk on the North Florida Turpentine Industry on Saturday, September 1 at 7 pm. Archeologist Barbara Hines is the featured presenter for the talk which is being held at the AMM facility on Water Street in Apalachicola. Hines is a Registered Professional Archaeologist who specializes in historic archaeology, 19th and early 20th century. Admission is free. There will be a social event on the docks following the lecture.

John Spohrer Photo Exhibition

John Spohrer's The Seasons of Apalachicola Bay Photo Exhibition will be held on September 1, 6-8 pm - the public is invited. Artist Tours will be held from Saturday, September 1 through Sunday, September 30 at the Apalachicola Center for Art, 89 Water Street, Apalachicola. The Center for Art is open Thursday, Friday & Saturday from noon-5pm.

Plein Aire Painters of the Southeast Workshop

From Thursday, September 13 through Saturday, September 15.
Cost: \$325.00
Sept. 13th

Anne Blair Brown – Fresh Perspective: Painting the Town
Dawn Whitelaw–Notan: Using Value to Tell Your Story
Sept. 14
Perry Austin – The Role of Composition and Design
Kevin Menck – Value Structure in the Landscape
Sept. 15
Lori Putnam – Capturing the Landscape in Modern Impressionism
James Richards – The Value of Values
Morning Session will run from 9:00-12:30
One-hour lunch break from 12:30-1:30
Afternoon Session will run from 1:30-5:00
Participants will enjoy instruction and painting time with six of PAP-SE’s world-class instructors during this amazing three-day workshop. Each day will be divided into two, half-day sessions, giving you the opportunity to experience various approaches to plein air painting. While each PAP-SE member has his or her individual style, they share a common passion to promote the traditional methods of painting en plein air. This is a rare opportunity to tap into the minds of all six of these highly sought after teachers over the course of three days. Please mail a deposit check for 50% of the workshop fee made payable to:
Historic Apalachicola Main Street
PO box 86
Apalachicola, FL 32320
attn: Paulette Moss

Franklin County Coastal Cleanup Schedule

Cleanup Locations	Where to Meet
Apalachicola: 10’ Hole	Battery Park – under the bridge
Apalachicola: Abercrombie Landing	12th St. – out about 4 mi.
Apalachicola: Lafayette Park	Meet at the Gazebo
Bald Point State Park	148 Box Cut Rd, Alligator Point
Carrabelle: Carrabelle River and Beach	City Public Pavilion – Marine St.
Eastpoint: Downtown & Pavilion Area	Hwy 98 & 8th St. – near Capt. Snook’s
Eastpoint: Millender Park	Marion Millender Park – off Patton St.
Lanark Beach	Public Access Pt. – Arizona St. south of Hwy 98
St. George Island: Downtown	Lighthouse Park – in front of restrooms
St. George Island: State Park	Check-in at Park Gate

On Saturday, September 15, (See Cleanup, page 4)

