

# THE OCTOBER ISLANDER

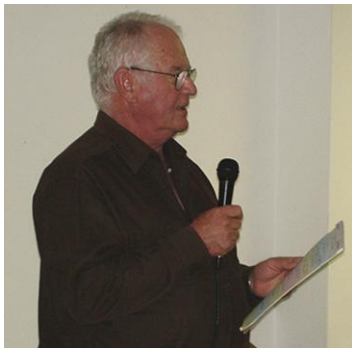
Next meeting October 17 at Lighthouse Park

Social at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 This will be the Annual Pig Roast. Please bring a potential new member

*BYOB and a covered dish*

## September Meeting was Business Meeting

Dr. William Herrnkind, a Professor Emeritus and Senior Scientist in Residence at the FSUCML, had to cancel his presentation at the September meeting. President Newt Colston used this opportunity to get reports from the donations and nominations committees.



*Newt Colston*

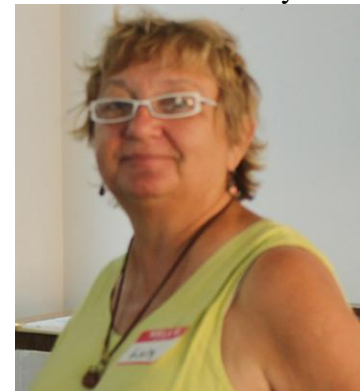
Our By-Laws direct the Civic Club to "...donate money to an organization operating or person residing in Franklin County."

Mason Bean, who chairs both committees, first addressed how our treasury could be used to improve the Island and various charity groups. One of the objectives of the St. George Island Civic Club

is to improve the Island itself and make it more attractive to our visitors. He spoke of the dune walkovers to the beach, landscaping around the Lighthouse and Welcome Sign and also the irrigation system. The committee proposed more landscaping around the center of the Island adding 30 palm trees to the parking areas in the center of the Island. That would cost approximately \$3,000. He also mentioned donating \$1,000 to the Franklin County Library and another \$1,000 to the Franklin County Humane Society. The remainder of the money (around \$3,000) would be voted on during our December meeting. The nominating committee for officers for 2014 said that according to the By-Laws Steve Childers would move from Vice-President to President and President Newt Colston would move to Immediate Past President. That left the offices of Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary open. Mike O'Connell has agreed to run for Treasurer. (See Meeting, Page Two)

## Lois Swoboda makes plea for Florida Wild Mammal Association

One of the charities that we have supported in the past by collecting food and cleaning supplies is the Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA) in Wakulla County. While not a Franklin County entity, FWMA does assist in rescuing injured animals from Franklin County.



Lois, a reporter and photographer for the Apalachicola Times, said the Philaco club was holding a BBQ chicken dinner in Apalachicola with all proceeds going to the FWMA on September 27. The Real Estate companies on the Island purchased over 30 chicken dinner and volunteers also delivered them around Apalachicola and Eastpoint. With several (See FWMA, Page Two)

*(Meeting, from Page One)*  
 Newt brought up a request for Citizen of the Year. This year the Club is asking that members vote for the person they think should be acknowledged for the work they have done during 2013. He mentioned that Officers were not eligible and was questioned from the floor as to why they could not be considered. After discussion that the By-Laws do not exclude Officers from Citizen of the Year and that it was historic policy, a motion was proposed from the members present and seconded that Officers be included. The vote was 17 to include, 2 Officers were opposed and 1 Officer abstained. Votes may be mailed to P.O. Box 451, Eastpoint, FL 32328 or emailed to [sgicivicclub@gmail.com](mailto:sgicivicclub@gmail.com) Voting may begin on October 1 and will close on November 30. The next issue was whether we should meet during two months of the Summer. After discussion, it was voted to continue having meetings 12 months a year, taking into consideration tropical storms and hurricanes.

*(FWMA, from Page 1)*  
 Civic Club members helping out, all the chicken

dinners were sold out before 1 p.m.

***SGICC Bingo selects Outstanding Volunteers for 2013***

Sherri and Eric Roberts were selected as Outstanding Volunteers for the 2013 bingo sessions.



*Sherri & Eric Roberts receive the 2013 Volunteer Award from Adele Colston*

Sherri and Eric worked both winter and summer bingo events, passing out door prize tickets, explaining the rules, checking the cards for winners, selling drinks to players, calling numbers and acting as banker.

***Upcoming Events***

***Steam Engine Exhibit***



Saturday, October 5 at 103 Water Street, Apalachicola. Steam Engine exhibit to compliment the two live working steam engines and the display of over 20 steam pressure gauges that were unveiled in

September. On this date we will celebrate the addition of nearly 30 steam whistles that will be mounted to allow visitors to operate the whistles to experience the sounds once common when steam vessels arrived into port. In addition we will be placing the 12 whistle calliope on display to allow operation during this event. And once again, we will have our two working steam launches on display at the museum and will offer rides, weather permitting. For more information, call 850-653-2500.

***Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament***

Tee up with business members from around the Franklin, Gulf, Leon and Wakulla County areas at the 10th annual Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 9, 2010. Tee-time is 1:00 pm on the beautiful St James Bay Golf Course east of Carrabelle. Well-known golf course designer Robert Walker created this perfectly manicured 18-hole championship course that creates a challenge for even the most skillful golfer, yet is still a course golfers of all abilities will love. The tournament will be a flighted four man scramble, low score *(See Golf, page 3)*

*(Golf, from Page 2)*

wins with prizes for the top three teams. Scores will be totaled and prizes awarded at a reception following the tournament. Cost per team is \$400, \$100 per player. Fees include range balls, golf carts equipped with the latest color GPS system. Tournament proceeds will go toward the Chamber's building fund. For more information, call 850-653-9419 or go to [www.apalachicolabay.org](http://www.apalachicolabay.org)

### **Conservation Lecture Series: Sea Turtles**



Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m. Florida State University Coastal Marine Laboratory Auditorium at 3618 Coastal Highway 98, St. Teresa, FL. Significant gaps exist in our understanding of early sea turtle life stages. The youngest sea turtle life stages, otherwise known as the "lost years", are the most difficult to study due to the turtles' size, fast growth rates, and oceanic lifestyle. Laws and treaties mandate the recovery of these endangered or threatened animals. Species recovery requires that we understand sea turtle distributions, habitat use, and population dynamics across all life stages-from hatchling

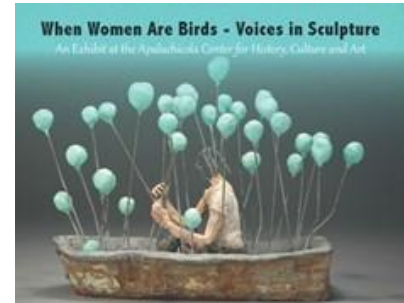
to adult; later sea turtle life stages are necessarily dependent on the survival of the earliest life stages. Yet the dispersal and habitat use of young oceanic sea turtles are largely inferred rather than directly observed or quantified. Existing data are few and based on labor-intensive visual observations or opportunistic animal sightings. Filling these gaps requires new technologies and methods. For more information, call 850-697-4120 or go to [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu)

### **RiverTrek Reception and Ice Cream Social**



On Saturday, October 12, at Battery Park from 5 – 7 p.m., welcome the Apalachicola Riverkeeper volunteer paddlers as they arrive in Apalach after 107 miles of kayaking to promote protection of the river and bay. Please bring non-perishable food donations for Franklin's Promise. Event is free. Contributions encouraged. For more information, call 850-653-8936 or go to [apalachicolariverkeeper.org/rivertrek/](http://apalachicolariverkeeper.org/rivertrek/)

### **Sculpture Exhibit**



There will be a Sculpture Exhibit Oct 12-Dec 14 - "When Women are Birds – Voices in Sculpture" at the Apalachicola Center for History Culture & Art – 86 Water Street. The exhibit will Feature work by Johan Hagaman, Roelna Louw Bashew, Lynn Felton, Charlotte Tate, Alicia Miller, Cheryl Young and Martha Dupont. For more information, call 1-855-Apalach or go to [www.historicapalachicola.com](http://www.historicapalachicola.com)

### **Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta**



Florida State University's Coastal and Marine Laboratory at 3618 Highway 98, St. Teresa, (See Marine Lab, Page 4)

*(Marine Lab, from Page 3)* is inviting water lovers from across the Big Bend area to put their creative and environmental spirit to the test in the second annual “Whatever Floats Your Boat” Regatta, taking place on Saturday Oct. 12, from noon to 5 p.m. The overall challenge of the regatta is to create and race a homemade “boat” from a list of approved recyclable materials that is both visually interesting and, at least initially, can float. The first annual regatta included boats made entirely out of materials such as aluminum cans and plastic bottles, and featured boat shapes ranging from canoes to giant sea turtles. “In-between researching the effects of the 2010 Gulf oil spill and furthering our knowledge of the marine ecosystems we rely on, we like to let our hair down a bit and have some fun with the community,” said Felicia Coleman, Director of the Coastal and Marine Laboratory. “Last year’s regatta was a blast, filled with laughter, fun and a few boats that just didn’t seem to want to stay upright. I can’t wait to see what our participants have in store for us this year.” With race objectives and prizes aimed more at staying afloat than being

the fastest to the finish line, fun and laughter are the themes of the day. Prize categories for regatta participants include the following: Most creative use of materials, First boat to cross the finish line, Most spectacular failure and People’s Choice award. For those more inclined to keep their feet planted on dry land, the race will be fully visible from various shoreline vantage points around the Marine Lab and the nearby boat basin. Other festivities surrounding the regatta include live music and food for purchase from Posey’s Steam Room and Oyster Bar. For more information, call 850-697-4137 or go to [marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta.html](http://marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta.html)

### ***Blues in the Lot***



Saturday, October 12 at 48 Avenue D, Apalachicola. This year's lineup includes:

- 12:00- Smackwater
- 1:00 Retrievers - Apalachicola FL
- 1:00- Mat Law, "Guitar Aficionado", Luther, P.C. FL
- 1:45- Johnny Barbato and The Lucky Doggs, Gulfport, MS
- 2:45
- 3:00- Easy Street Blues Band, Tallahassee, FL
- 4:00 Slim Fatz, "Slide guitar extraordinaire", P. C. FL
- 4:45
- 5:00- The John Bull Blues Band, Montgomery, AL
- 6:30

Food Provided by Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department BBQ. For more information, call 850-653-5564 or go to [www.apalachspongecompany.com](http://www.apalachspongecompany.com)

### ***Lantern Making Workshop***

Sunday, October 13 at 1975 Highway 98 West, Carrabelle.

Sunday October 13th - Mini-flower lanterns are easy to make, using tissue paper, glue and plastic soda bottles! Laurel Newman will show you how to make your own lovely blossom using *(See Workshop, Page 5)*

*(Workshop, from Page 4)*  
prepared blanks for petals,  
centers and leaves.

Assorted styles to choose  
from: rose, water lily,  
daddodilly (sic). Since  
space is limited please call  
697-2372 or email  
[lighthouse2@fairpoint.net](mailto:lighthouse2@fairpoint.net)

### ***Full Moon Paddle Trip & Cruise***

Friday, October 18 through  
Saturday, October 19 at the  
Apalachicola Maritime  
Museum paddle trips will  
depart from AMM's  
Breakaway paddle sports  
facility for a moonlit trip  
down the Apalachicola  
River arriving at the AMM  
docks. The paddle group  
will be accompanied by a  
support vessel to help  
ensure safety. Check in for  
the trip must be by 6 PM at  
the AMM facility at 103  
Water Street from which  
paddlers will be shuttled  
by van to the launch site at  
Breakaway to allow  
equipping with boat and  
gear. Experienced paddlers  
only for this trip please.  
The trip cost s\$20. For the  
less energetic or less  
experienced, we will be  
running full moon trips  
aboard the Starfish  
departing the docks at 7  
PM. You are welcome to  
bring food and beverage on  
this trip. The trip and  
cruise will begin at 103  
Water Street,  
Apalachicola. For more

information, call 850-653-  
2500 or visit  
[www.ammfl.org](http://www.ammfl.org)

### ***Apalachicola Riverfront Film Festival***

Don't miss the first annual  
Apalachicola Riverfront  
Film Festival on Saturday,  
October 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverfront  
Park, Apalachicola. This  
one night event will feature  
an array of professional  
independent films from  
around the country, local  
filmmakers and  
participation from the  
prestigious film schools of  
Florida State University  
and Savannah College of  
Art & Design. The  
outdoor festival located  
along the river's edge in  
historic downtown  
Apalachicola, creates a  
majestic and memorable  
venue. Bring your lawn  
chairs or blankets, or  
purchase a ten person v.i.p.  
table for a group of film  
enthusiasts.



Join us as we celebrate a  
night of quality  
entertainment, culture,  
education and enjoyment  
while utilizing an

incredible backdrop  
provided by nature. For  
more information, call  
850-419-7445

### ***Lantern Fest***



On Saturday, October 26 at  
Crooked River Lighthouse,  
1975 Hwy 98 W, Carrabelle  
for Lantern Fest when it  
shines again with history, art,  
music and dance. The  
Crooked River Lighthouse  
celebrates its 118th birthday  
from 6pm until 10 pm.  
PLUS: Keeper's Museum &  
Gift Shop, children's  
activities and a food vendor.  
Fees are \$4/Adult and  
\$1/Child (5-12 years) For  
more information, call850-  
697-2732 or visit  
[www.crookedriverlighthouse.org](http://www.crookedriverlighthouse.org)

### ***Ghostwalk - Apalachicola***

Saturday, October 26 at  
Chestnut Street Cemetery  
(Highway 98)  
Hauntings abound in  
Apalachicola on Oct. 26 at  
the Historic Chestnut Street  
Cemetery. From 7-9 pm local  
history enthusiasts from the  
Apalachicola Area Historical  
Society will don the garb and  
take on the persona of several  
of the cemetery's more  
notable inhabitants to tell  
their tale of life in  
*(See Ghostwalk, Page 6)*

*(Ghostwalk, from Page 5)*  
Apalachicola more than 100 years ago. For more information, visit [www.apalachicolahistoricalscociety.org](http://www.apalachicolahistoricalscociety.org)

### Locals and Members Go Free Day



On Sunday, October 27 at 103 Water Street, Apalachicola, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum will be hosting a number of trips to the out islands and a sailing trip aboard their flagship vessel s/v Heritage. AMM hopes to christen the launch of the gaff sloop rigged sailboat Robert Baker that day and taking as many people as possible on sailing excursions. Weather permitting; AMM will host a reception at 7 PM on the docks to celebrate the launch of this addition to the active sailing fleet of the AMM. For more information, call 850-653-2500 or visit [www.ammfl.org](http://www.ammfl.org)

### Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast

Love oysters? Don't miss the 9th annual Downtown Oyster Roast on November 1st, 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. For tickets call (850) 653-9419 or email [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org).

### Florida Seafood Festival



On Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2 enjoy Florida's oldest maritime festival! This is the 50th year of the Florida Seafood Festival, a two-day celebration of great 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 Battery Park. The celebration 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, Cooking Contest, a downtown Parade, 5k

Redfish Run and the Blessing of the Fleet. The headliner for Saturday night is American Idol and Country star Kelly Pickler.

*Thanks to the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for Upcoming Events.*

<http://www.saltyflorida.com/events>

Visit our website: [www.sgcivicclub.org](http://www.sgcivicclub.org) for the latest news from St. George Island and the surrounding area. Email us at [sgcivicclub@gmail.com](mailto:sgcivicclub@gmail.com)

**It is time to renew memberships for 2014. President Newt Colston has asked each of us to bring potential members to the October Pig Roast.**

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