



The Islander

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Pig Roast this Thursday at Lighthouse

The October meeting will be this Thursday at the Lighthouse. This is our annual Luau so bring a side dish that goes well with BBQ pork and enjoy meeting with fellow Islanders. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with the meal at 6:30. There will not be a formal program.

Late Breaking News

SGI Civic Club member Rick Watson has been selected by Governor Rick Scott to replace Pinki Jackel as our District One representative on the Franklin County Commission.

Franklin County Humane Society Addressed September membership



Humane Society President Karen Martin

The Franklin County Humane Society is a not for profit facility nestled in the woods at the edge of the Tate's Hell National Forest, a

little over a mile from the Gulf of Mexico. We have been in existence since 1991. We were born of the desire & hard work initiated by Veterinarian, Dr. Hobson Fulmer, to have a facility that could better the lives of our many homeless animals. We continue to grow and improve our services to better care for the many homeless and unwanted pets that come into our shelter. Providing safe haven, medical care, food and loving attention until our pets are adopted is our primary goal. We are a non-profit organization operating in Franklin County, Florida. Our mission is to relieve animal suffering, prevent animal cruelty, eliminate animal over population, promote humane education and to enhance the human to animal bond.

Denise Butler Spoke on Disaster Insurance

There was also a presentation by local insurance broker Denise Butler. She addressed the meeting on how important Disaster Insurance is for homes on the Island. She said that we should all review our coverage and update if necessary. If we do experience a disaster, you may find out (*See Insurance, Page Two*)

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too late that you might not be covered.

Two items were emphasized:

- If you evacuate the Island and there is no damage, you may not be able to claim temporary housing, and
- If you have a discount for shutters and the insurance adjuster determines that damage was incurred because you didn't use the shutters, you will not receive full reimbursement.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

On Sunday, October 27, climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light and watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon.



The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes 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. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Upcoming Events

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Local seafood, produce, herbs, and honey, homemade breads and pies, along with other regional specialties will be fare offered at the Apalachicola Farmers Market which will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on October 24 at the Mill Pond Pavilion. The Pavilion is located at the north end of Market Street in Apalachicola.

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 off Scipio 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.

St. Vincent Tour: WILD WEEK

In celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week and in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service themed and guided tours featuring guest experts are offered every day.

Tuesday, Oct 13 - Birds - led by expert, John Murphy from the Florida Ornithological Society

Wednesday, Oct 14- Red Wolves - led by Mike Jones, Head Animal Curator at the Tallahassee Museum

Thursday, Oct 15 - Environmental Importance - led by our own Sue Cerulean, Naturalist and author of [Coming to Pass](#)

Friday, Oct 16 - digital outdoor photography - led by Marcy and Rich Trahan

Interested people must register for the limited seating tours at

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www.stvincentfriends.com. The Island is easily reached aboard the St. Vincent Island Shuttle that departs year around from Indian Pass. Launching is located less than 10 minutes from Port St. Joe, Florida and is just east and south of Apalachicola.

Wine & Song

On Friday October 16, the Dixie Theatre and Up the Stairs present an evening of Wine &



Song. Come enjoy one of this autumn's most memorable events: Opici wines served with light Hors d'oeuvres from 6:15 through 7:45. At 8 PM audience favorite Sarah Mac Band will grace the Dixie stage. Seating is limited for this intimate evening with only 70 tickets available at \$60 each. Tickets may be purchased at Up the Stairs fine dining, 76 Market Street Suite F, and the Dixie Theatre Box Office, 21 Avenue E. Or simply call for reservations UTS 850.653.4888 or the DIXIE 850.653.3200. Don't miss this special evening of Wine & Song, it promises to be unforgettable.

Running for the Bay Marathon

The "Running for the bay!" Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Ultra 50K (all with wheelchair divisions) are races held in beautiful Apalachicola, on Sunday, October 18. 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. The Full Marathon and Half Marathon and Ultra 50K start in Apalachicola and head over the beautiful Apalachicola Bay to Eastpoint and St. George Island. The 10K and 5K also enjoy the local beauties of Apalachicola and the Apalachicola Bay. The "Running for the bay!" Marathon course is USATF certified! This means the course can be used to qualify for the Boston Marathon or any other major that requires times to be set on a certified course. The run begins at 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola. For more information go to:

www.runningforthebay.com or email, friends@runningforthebay.com

Art+Science: Works by Beth Appleton



Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a new exhibit, Art+Science: Works by Beth Appleton will be on display from October 23, 2015-February 23, 2016. Opening reception will be Friday, October 23rd at 5:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Exhibit open regular hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. For more information, call (850) 670-7708, go to www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/apalachicola or email at Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us

The 4th annual fall show "Falling Up and Beyond"

On Friday, October 23, at 149 Commerce Street, in Apalachicola, the Bowery Art Gallery will be featuring works by three artists: Paintings by Sherry Cook of Newnan, Ga. & Anne Hempel of Tallahassee, as well as 3 dimensional works by Ken Richardson of St George Island. Come enjoy an evening of art, light music,



and refreshments.

Please come and meet the artists and spend a delightful evening in the gallery where there are over fifty artists being represented and will have new works on display as well. For more information, call 850-653-2425; visit www.boweryartgallery.com/ or email boweryartists@gmail.com

4th Saturday Paddle

Join Apalachicola Riverkeeper for a volunteer-led 4th Saturday Paddle on Saturday, July 25. We'll explore one of the many creeks or tributaries of the mighty Apalachicola River, and sometimes the

mighty Apalachicola River itself. Most of these trips are suitable for paddlers of many different levels of skill and experience. Just let us know what your level is, and we'll almost always be able to accommodate you. On those rare occasions that require more skill, we'll suggest a future trip that's more suitable.

We have kayaks available on "first-reserve, first-get basis." Each one-person kayak includes a PFD (personal floatation device) and paddle. If you bring your own kayak, don't forget your paddle and PFD, which must be worn at all times while on the water. Please plan to reserve your space (and your kayak, if needed) at least two days in advance. Reservations for 4th Saturday Paddle trips can be [requested by email](#) or by calling the Apalachicola Riverkeeper office at 850-653-8936. Prior to the paddle, the trip organizer will contact paddlers and provide them with additional details (time, point of departure, weather uncertainties, etc.).

Paddle trips are FREE to our members, and \$30 each to non-members (which gives you an annual membership for your family, so any other trips are free for 1 full year). Don't forget to bring: water; snacks/lunch; sunscreen; bug spray; hat; camera; and any other items you might want/need, and all in a water proof bag which can be secured to the boat. Make sure you wear clothing that won't weigh you down if it gets wet.

There are also occasional Sunday Excursions. challenging, and suitable for paddlers who have significant experience. Excursions are typically announced a month in advance on our website or our Facebook page. For more information, call 850-653-8936, or go to

apalachicolariverkeeper.org/4th-saturday-paddle/

Chestnut Street Cemetery Ghostwalk

Hauntings abound in Apalachicola on Oct. 31 at the Historic Chestnut Street Cemetery. From 6:30-8:30 pm local 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. Admission \$5.00 or free if you join the historical society. Membership is \$10.00.

For more information, go to:

www.apalachicolahistoricalsociety.org

Movie Showing at Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum

Showing in the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum Movie Theatre at 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Saturday at 1015 hours, (4:15 p.m.) October 31.

When Trumpets Fade - This film portrays the actions of an American soldier, David Manning (Ron Eldard), during the World War II Battle of Hürtgen Forest, a battle between the United States Army's 28th division and German Wehrmacht which took place from September 14, 1944 to February 10, 1945 on the Western Front. The Hurtgen Forest battle was the longest single battle fought by American Forces in Europe during WWII. As a testament to the ferocious fighting the Germans appropriately nicknamed the red 28th shoulder patch the "bloody Bucket". Note: From January through March 1943, the 28th received special training in amphibious warfare at Camp Gordon Johnston in Carrabelle and was assigned to the VII Corps of the Second Army. Many of the young soldiers shown in the training videos at the museum are with the 28th. Admission is by donation, and appreciated.

This film is one in a series shown monthly to educate our visitors on the sacrifices made, for us, by our WWII generation. For more information: call 850-697-8575; go to www.campgordonjohnston.com or email campgordonjohnston@fairpoint.net

Challenge to Civic Club Members

The Board of Directors has challenged Club members to reduce the ecological footprint by bringing their own reusable plates, flatware and glasses to the Club meetings.

Please visit our website

www.sgicivicclub.org for the latest news from St. George Island and the surrounding area. Email us at sgicivicclub@gmail.com Dues are \$20 per person and can be mailed to SGI Civic Club, P.O. Box 451, Eastpoint, FL 32328. Checks may be made to SGI Civic Club.

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