



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club

The next club meeting is November 19. The Speaker will be Bear Expert Caitlin Goode, niece of Mike O'Connell. Social hour begins at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Program begins at 7:30.

We now have a new website address: Stgeorgeislandcivicclub.org. Due to a lack of customer service on our old website provider, we moved the website to the new address.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

On Wednesday, November 25, 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

Autos & Oysters

On Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, join local car collectors and enthusiasts from throughout the region. Antique and classic Porsche, Triumph, MG, Alfa Romeo, Rolls Royce, Mustang, Camaro, and Mopar models, among others, will be on display. Harry Arnold's newly acquired 1922 Model T will also be part of the show.

With a sock hop on the City Docks on Friday night featuring local refreshments, music, and oysters, and the car show taking place on Saturday, it promises to be a fun weekend for all.

Package deals offered by lodging providers and restaurants will encourage participants to stay, dine, and shop. So far, the Water Street Hotel, Coombs House Inn, Tamara's Cafe, Tamara's Tapas Bar, and The Tin Shed have all signed on to offer discounts to visitors entering vehicles in the car show. On the Waterfront Gallery and Harmony Bath & Body are contributing door prizes. This event is one of our initiatives to draw people downtown to stimulate the economy. The time period between the Seafood (See autos, Page Two)

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Festival and Thanksgiving is typically a slow time of year for local lodging providers, restaurants, and retailers. The car show will be held on downtown on Water Street at Riverfront Park and will be free and open to the public.

The judge will be J.C. O'Steen of Tallahassee, a lifelong collector, restorer and judge of automobiles. Mr. O'Steen has an extensive collection of cars and has served as judge for the Hilton Head Concours for over 9 years.

[Click here](#) to download a registration form.

[Click here](#) to become a sponsor.

Package Deals:

All deals are valid November 13-14.

Water Street Hotel - \$15 Off Nightly

Coombs House Inn - \$20 Off Nightly (Tesla charging stations available)

Tamara's Café - 10% Off Lunch or Dinner

Tamara's Tapas Bar - 10% Off

The Tin Shed - 10% Off Any Purchase of \$10 or More

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 open 9 am to 1 pm at the Mill Pond Pavilion, located at the north end of Market Street in Historic Apalachicola.

The Farmers Market will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Pavillion, which overlooks the historic Scipio Creek boat basin.

Browse the market for goodies such as tomato pie, local eggs, homemade jams, jellies, salsa and barbeque sauce, locally-produced soaps, handmade turquoise jewelry, and perennials.

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.

SGI State Park: Panhandle Shells



Sat., Nov. 14 at 9 am

Featuring a hands-on Ranger led shell identification program in the interpretive center. Get up close and personal with some of the area's amazing local seashells.

Participants can bring a breakfast item to share if they would like. Coffee provided.

Will meet at the interpretive center in the campground behind site #28. For more information, call 850-927-2111, or go to

www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-George-Island

Panhandle Players present The Mousetrap

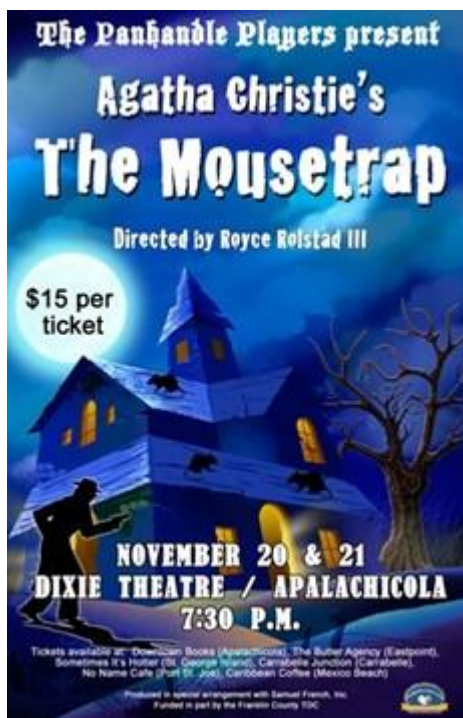
The world's longest running play. Now celebrating its Diamond Anniversary in its 60th year with a presentation at The Dixie Theatre on November 20th & 21st.

A group of strangers is stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one of whom is a murderer. The suspects include the newly married couple who run the house, and the suspicions in their minds nearly wreck their perfect marriage.

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Others are a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift, and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. Into their midst comes a policeman, traveling on skis. He no sooner arrives, when the jurist is killed. Two down, and one to go. To get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, the policeman probes the background of everyone present, and rattles a lot of skeletons.



Another famous Agatha Christie switch finish! Chalk up another superb intrigue for the foremost mystery writer of her time. Tickets are \$15 each. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (850) 653-5586, or go to www.panhandleplayers.com

Apalachicola Annual Christmas Celebration

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration

will light up the lovely historic town of Apalachicola from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 27, the day after Thanksgiving. The streets will be lined with luminaries and filled with holiday spirit. Merchants will be open late and the sounds of carolers will echo through the streets filling the evening with the Christmas spirit. Santa will arrive on a shrimp boat at 4:00 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street. Santa will hear children's Christmas wishes and carolers will sing. The Orman House is trimmed in holiday finery and open for tours. The Raney House is decorated in holiday greenery and open for tours.

Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas celebration on Saturday from 1:00-3:30 pm the fun continues as Santa has a special day devoted to hearing wishes from his furry friends. There will be a pet costume contest at 3:00 and special treats for dogs. Bring your camera and make a donation to the Franklin County Humane Society and get your pet's photo taken with Santa. Plus, help our great local shops on "Small Business Saturday" November 28th from 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET) Come shop our small local business in Apalachicola. From art to jewelry, food or antiques, you'll find the perfect gift for everyone on your list, minus the crowds and the hassle of going to the mall.

Free Fishing Days

Free fishing days provide an excellent opportunity for parents who don't yet have licenses to take youth fishing, or avid anglers to introduce a friend to fishing without having to purchase a license. On these days, the fishing license requirement is waived for all recreational anglers (residents and non-residents).

All other rules (e.g., [seasons, bag and size limits](#)) apply.

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License-free freshwater days for 2015 and beyond

- First Saturday and Sunday in April
- Second Saturday and Sunday in June

License-free saltwater days for 2015 and beyond

- First Saturday and Sunday in June
- First Saturday in September
- Saturday following Thanksgiving

The saltwater waiver applies to any recreational harvest requiring a saltwater fishing license (e.g., [crabbing](#), [lobstering](#), [scalloping](#), etc.) as well as fishing from shore or a boat. A snook or spiny lobster permit are not required on these days.

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.

Willie Norred

We lost another long time member of the Civic Club last week when Willie Norred passed away.

Please visit our website

www.stgeorgeislandcivicclub.org for the latest news from St. George Island and the surrounding area. (*Note new website address*)

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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