



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on August 18

St. George Island Civic Club to hold Political Forums

Join the SGI Civic Club in September as we host the candidates for positions for the formal election in November. Forums were not scheduled before the primary because ballots would only be sent to voters who are registered as Democrat or Republican according to State Law. No Political Affiliation (NPA) candidates do not appear on the primary ballot and voters registered as NPA will not receive ballots from the Supervisor of Elections.

Because many of the positions are being contested by one Democrat, one Republican and/or several NPA candidates, it was decided to wait until after the primary to hold the forums. The forums will not be held at a regular meeting of the Civic Club, but will be held on another date as determined by the committee headed by Vice-President Diane

Bodenhamer. Anyone wishing to assist Diane on planning the forums may contact her at bodenhmr@me.com. The Civic Club will not plan to endorse any candidate, but only provide information that may assist our members in determining for whom to vote.

Summer Bingo Rolls Along

On July 26, there were around 170 in attendance at Bingo. Many were children enjoying the last of the summer of 2016. So far this summer, Bingo had 1,089 people playing and the Club made \$3,934.11. The next Bingo will be on August 2 at 7:00 p.m.

August Sunset Climb at SGI Lighthouse

The August Sunset Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse will take place from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday the 18. The sun will set at

8:43 and the “Sturgeon Moon” will rise early Friday morning. Some Native American tribes called the August Moon the “Sturgeon Moon” because they knew that the sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this Full Moon. They also called August’s Moon the “Full Green Corn Moon.” Different tribes had different Moon name preferences. Other examples for August are: “Wheat Cut Moon” (San Ildefonso, and San Juan), or “Moon When All Things Ripen” (Dakotah Sioux) or “Blueberry Moon” (Ojibway). One week earlier, on August 11th, barely after its First Quarter, it will set by 1:00 a.m. for the perfect environment in which to see the Perseid meteor shower. All indications are that 2016 will be a great year to see this spectacular show of hooting stars. (See *Lighthouse*, Page Two)

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Admission for the climb is \$15 (\$10 for St. George Lighthouse Association members) and includes snacks and a sparkling cider toast. Please call the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 to make reservations as space is restricted.

Upcoming Events

FSUML Workshop: Exploring Nature



The Florida State University Coastal & Marine Lab at 3618 Coastal Highway 98, St. Teresa will host a series of courses this summer entitled “Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea.” The courses scheduled for Wed. August 17 and Sat. August 27, are designed to educate and inspire through a hands-on experience with the area’s shores and shallows. It begins with a brief, illustrated overview of the

general ecology of this part of the Gulf of Mexico, spotlighting its more intriguing habitats and organisms. After a short, guided walking tour of the Lab, participants will meet some of the local marine denizens in our seawater touch-tanks. From there, They don wading shoes and walk the exposed tidal sands where an array of fascinating creatures can be seen. The evening ends in the auditorium for some Q & A, visiting and refreshments. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Price: \$ 40 adult, \$ 30 student. The summer course instructor is Dr. Heidi Geisz. Dr. Geisz, (FSUCML adjunct faculty) gravitated to the coast from Colorado 20 years ago. Although most of her experience is in the Antarctic marine ecosystem, studying at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science allowed her to explore the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean coasts. Following a fellowship in the House Natural Resources Committee, her most recent interests include marine science policy and education. For more information, call 850-697-4120 or go to [\[teach/workshops/exploring-nature\]\(http://teach/workshops/exploring-nature\)](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/ou</p></div><div data-bbox=)

13th Annual Kingfishing Tournament



On Saturday, August 6, and Sunday, August 7, C-Quarters Marina, at 501 St. James Avenue in Carrabelle, will sponsor the final weekend of the Kingfish Shootout. This event gives everyone an opportunity to enjoy themselves while advocating a wonderful cause that helps so many. All proceeds go to the Leukemia Research Foundation. For more information, call 850-697-8400 or go to: www.c-quartersmarina.com/shootout.html

St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run

The St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race & One Mile Fun Run is an annual event sponsored by the Tate's Hell Track Club. All *(See Sizzler, Page Three)*

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proceeds benefit the Franklin County Humane Society. 2016 will be the 19th year. After the



race, enjoy a Post-Race Party with fresh seafood & beverages at St. George Lighthouse Park with live music by Debi Jordan. On-site registration & packet pickup begins at 4:00pm at St. George Lighthouse Park. The One Mile Fun Run begins at 6:30pm at 1 Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island and the 5K Race begins at 7:00pm. Post-Race Party and awards at St. George Lighthouse Park at 7:30pm. Discounts for military personnel and school cross country teams. For more info and pre-registration information visit: www.stgeorgeislandsizzler.com or call 850-509-2191

Turtle Talks at ANERR

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a series of weekly “Turtle Talks” every Wednesday in August from 2-3 pm. The talks will be held August 10, August 17, August 24 and August 31 at the Nature Center, 108 Island Dr. in Eastpoint. ANERR hosts “Turtle Talks” to inform visitors about sea turtle visitors. The talks are free and family-friendly. For more information, call 850-670-7708 or go to www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/apalachicola/

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 August 13 and August 27 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Mill Pond

Pavilion, located at the north end of Market Street in Historic Apalachicola.

Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art

On Saturday, August 13 at 1:00 pm at the Center for History, Culture and Art. Professor Uzi Baram, Dr. Ed Gonzalez-Tennant, and Vickie Oldham will discuss the history of anti-slavery resistance in Florida, an incredible story of freedom-seeking people. From the Apalachicola River to Tampa Bay, people of African heritage battled for their freedom, sought refuge, and fell back in a southern movement that ultimately led some to Andros Island in the British Bahamas and the others to the Florida interior, where they and their descendants fought in the Second Seminole War. The Apalachicola Center is located at 86 water street, Apalachicola, Florida. Admission is free and open to the public
2016 brings the bicentennial of the destruction of the Negro Fort on the Apalachicola River in 1816. This event will highlight the archaeological insights into the history for the fortification at Prospect *(See Center, Page 4)*

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Bluff, as well as the Angola on the Manatee River, and will unveil new community known as virtual reconstructions that will enable better understanding of all of the early 19th century Maroon communities on Florida's Gulf Coast.

The destruction of the Negro Fort on the Apalachicola River in 1816 was followed by the Battle of Suwannee in 1818 and then the destruction of Angola and the other maroon communities south of Tampa Bay in 1821. It is a history of tragedy but also of survival. More information on the project can be found at <http://goo.gl/OAyUEZ>. For additional information, please telephone Barbara Clark, Florida Public Archaeology Network at 850-877-2206.

Barbershop Quartet Style Gospel Concert

The Capital Chordsmen, featuring a 25 man chorus and individual quartets will appear at the First United Methodist Church at 75 5th St, Apalachicola, on Sunday, August 14. The concert will be from 4-5:30pm in the FUMC Sanctuary with Coffee Cake Social to follow

5:30-6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Seagrass Exploration Class

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) will offer a Seagrass Ecology Class on Friday, August 19, at 3915 State Road 30-A, Port St Joe, from 12:00-4:00 pm. The class will feature an overview of the delicate seagrass ecosystem, basics of life in a seagrass bed, as well as the intricate ties between organisms, and the importance of



conservation and protection efforts in our area. Be prepared to get wet! Participants will put their knowledge to the test in a guided snorkeling tour of the clear seagrass beds in St Joseph Bay. Class fee is \$25 per person, registration is required, please visit gulfalliancetraining.com to register or call (850) 670-7743. Attendees must know how to swim and

bring their own snorkeling gear.

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