



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on November 17. Speaker is Andy Wraithmill who will speak on bird migration to SGI

October Pig Roast

The annual SGI civic club pig roast was held on October 20. Over 70 club members enjoyed fresh BBQ and great side dishes. Ben Matthewson's jalapeno poppers was the first side to disappear.

The Club does not schedule a speaker for the October meeting, however we did have 2 guests: AJ "Tony" Smith, a candidate for Franklin County Sheriff, and Pinki Jackel, a candidate for Supervisor of Elections present.



Franklin County Sheriff Candidate AJ "Tony" Smith, Susan Kearney and Adele Colston. In background on left is SGI Civic Club Treasurer Mike O'Connell.

It was announced by President Eric Roberts that long-time civic club member Dale Mullins had passed away.

November Sunset/Moonrise Climb at SGI Lighthouse

The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Monday, November

14. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 5:44 and the "Beaver" moon will rise at 6:17. The November full moon is called the Beaver moon because beavers are preparing for winter and it is the time to set beaver traps to ensure a supply of warm winter furs before the swamps freeze over. Full Moon names are attributable to Native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark



the changing seasons.

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

Florida Seafood Festival

The Florida Seafood Festival, the oldest seafood festival in Florida, is held the 1st weekend of November. This year it will be held on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5. It annually draws tens of thousands of visitors to the historic town of Apalachicola in scenic Franklin County. It is held at the mouth of the Apalachicola river under the shady oaks of Apalachicola's Battery Park. The festival



features delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events, musical entertainment. Rodney Atkins will be the headliner on Saturday night. Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking contest, Blue Crab Races, Photo Contest, Parade, 5k Redfish Run, The Blessing of the Fleet, History of the Festival Exhibit and Tonging For Treasure. For more information, please call 850-653-4720 or go to www.floridaseafoodfestival.com

Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast



Love oysters? Don't miss the 12th annual Downtown Oyster Roast on November 6th, from 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. Tickets are \$60 each. For tickets call (850) 653-9419 or email execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.

Oysters Workshop

On Thursday, November 10 at ANERR, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, from 1:00-4:00 pm, discover the important role oysters play in



the health of Apalachicola Bay. A class will be held to learn what makes Apalachicola Bay so ideal for growing oysters, what gives Apalachicola oysters their distinct taste and how oysters benefit the ecosystem. Please register in advance. For more information, contact Emily Jackson at 850-670-7743 or send an email

to emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us or Anita Grove at (850) 670-7708 or Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us.

Camp Gordon Johnston Museum Dance, Auction & Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum USO Dance/Silent Auction & Golf Tournament will be held November 11-12. This is a two-day salute to America's Veterans and our First Responders at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club.

As part of a full weekend event, a USO style (*See Camp on Page Three*)

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dance and Silent Auction will be held Friday, November 11 at 6PM with hamburgers & hotdogs, and a beer or wine, for a \$20.00 entry fee. A cash bar for spirits will also be available and there will be live music by “Crossroads Band”. The Silent Auction will include area hotel and vacation stays, and a half day Fishing Excursion. A benefit golf tournament will be held Saturday, November 12, with proceeds to support the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. The tournament is open to the public and will be a 4-player, scramble format, kicking off at 11:30AM with a short ceremony to honor America’s Veterans and First Responders and golf at 12:00 noon, shotgun start. Music, a meal and awards ceremony will follow. Cash prizes for the tournament will include \$400 to the first place team, \$350 for second place, and depending on the number of participants, \$200 for third place. A Hole-In-One Challenge will offer a \$10,000 cash prize. The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been honored by Smithsonian Magazine for eleven straight years and is dedicated to preserving the memories of the amphibious soldiers who trained at the camp, which is located in Carrabelle. The museum houses over 7,000 square feet of artifacts, vehicles, photos, memorabilia and memories of the soldiers, sailors, and other military, as well as civilian personnel who trained at the camp during the WWII years. Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at www.stjoebaygolf.com, or by calling 850-227-1751. A special “Honoring/Memorial” sponsorship is also available for those who wish to name their special loved ones who served in the military or as a first responder. On Friday, November 11, at 102 St James

Avenue, join the Carrabelle Fine Art, Sculpture, and Musical Programs sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Association. Opening reception begins at 7 PM. For more information, go to www.riocarrabelle.com

Apalachicola Farmers Market

On Saturday, November 12 and November 26, enjoy local seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, and other regional specialties from 9 AM until 1 PM. If you're interested in being a vendor, please email apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com., or go to www.facebook.com/ApalachicolaFarmersMarket

Sumi-E Workshop

On Saturday Nov 12 from 1– 3PM, a free Sumi-E Workshop will be offered at Rio Carrabelle at 102 St James Avenue. This is a method of painting with ink and a Chinese Brush. It can be simple and enjoyable. Those who participate will enjoy the experience and look at the art form with different eyes. Call to sign-up [850-294-9664](tel:850-294-9664) or go to www.riocarrabelle.com

Coffee in the Campground: Butterflies

Join the Park Rangers on Saturday, November 12 as they offer a class for visitors about identifying common types of butterflies on beautiful St. George Island State Park. The discussion will be about the lifecycle of butterflies and some basic facts. Please feel free to bring questions. Program starts at 9:00 AM and lasts until 11:00. For more information, call 850-927-2111 or go to www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-George-Island

Panhandle Players present: An Evening of One Acts

The Panhandle Players will open their 2016/2017 season with "An Evening of One Acts" at their new home, The Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola, Friday, November 18, through Sunday, November 20. Don't miss Bad Auditions by Bad Actors, a 14-character comedy, followed by the comedic thriller Pandora's Revenge and then the hilarious farce The Chiropodist. Tickets are available online at PanhandlePlayers.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of each performance. For more information, go to www.panhandleplayers.com

Origami Workshop

An Origami workshop (folded paper art) begins at 1 PM on Saturday, November 19. Sponsored by the Carrabelle Artist Association at 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle. For more information, go to www.riocarrabelle.com

Coffee in the Campground: Into to Birding

Have you ever wondered how that hot shot birder can identify a bird so quickly? Join this ranger led program in the campground interpretive center and learn all the tricks! Park Rangers will discuss the 4 basic steps of identification and how to use your field guide to its full potential. Bring your field guides, binoculars and a breakfast item to share if you would like, coffee will be provided. The program runs from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 19 at the State Park at 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island. For more information, call 850-927-2111 or go to www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-George-Island

Festival of Trees

Come see fabulous holiday trees and wreaths created by Apalachicola's talented artists and creative merchants, being offered for sale by silent auction for just one week at the Raney House at 128 Market Street, Apalachicola from Monday, November 21, through Saturday, November 26:

Champagne and Dessert Preview Cocktail Party

Monday, November 21 7-9:00 PM
Historical Society Members (membership can be purchased at the door for a donation of \$10)

Festival of Trees Exhibition & Silent Auction

November 21 - November 26

Tuesday 11/22 & Wednesday 11/23: Noon - 5 PM

Thursday 11/24: Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday 11/25: Holiday Open House 1 - 8 PM featuring costumed Docent tours, mulled wine, candy canes in addition to the festival of trees.

Saturday 11/26: Noon - 5 PM. Silent auction closes at 4 PM.

Bidders may secure their bids with a "Buy It Now" option at any time.

The Raney House will remain decorated throughout the holiday season until New Year's Day.

For more information, call 617-800-4516 or go to aahs.wildapricot.org/

Apalachicola Downtown Christmas Celebration

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up the lovely historic town of Apalachicola from 4:00-8:00 p.m., the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 25). 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 (*See Christmas on Page Five*)

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with the Christmas spirit. Santa will arrive on a shrimp boat at 4:00 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street and will hear children's Christmas wishes and carolers. The Orman House and the Raney House will be decorated in holiday greenery and open for tours. Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration. Plus, help our great local shops on "Small Business Saturday" November 26th 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. For more information, call 850-653-9419 or go to www.apalachicolabay.org

Coffee in the Campground: Local Native Americans

Learn about local Native American Tribes and their history in this area from State Park Rangers on Saturday, November 26 at 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island. Program starts at 9:00 AM and last until 11:00 AM. For more information, call 850-927-2111 or go to www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-George-Island

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for Upcoming Events. Go to: <http://www.saltyflorida.com/events>

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Pictures from the October Pig Roast



Sherri Roberts, Phyllis Lewis and Barbara Young. Steve Harris and Lon Wilkens are in the background



Paul Riegelmayr tends to the Pig and in background John Stewart helps pull the pork



Budd Bodenhamer and Jimmy Lewis



Waiting for the pig to cook. From left: Eric Roberts, WK Sanders, Steve Kearney, Mason Bean, Steve Childers and Ben Matthewson



Jackie Bell and Pat O'Connell



Steve Childers and Paul Riegelmayr enjoy a perfect day for a Pig Roast



Sparkle Bean, our smallest helper