



The Islander

December 2016

A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on December 15. There will not be a speaker as this is our Christmas Party

SGI Civic Club begins donations

On Saturday, November 19, Club President Eric Roberts presented a check for \$1,000 to Beth Brinkley of Franklin Promise. Franklin Promise had just sponsored a motorcycle run from Fathoms restaurant in Carrabelle to Harry A's on the Island to raise money for presents for needy Children in the county.



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Other donations approved by attendees at the November meeting were:

Friends of the Franklin Co. Library	\$2000
SGI Volunteer Fire Dept.	2000
Franklin Co. Food Bank	2000
Wild Mammal Association	1000
Big Bend Hospice	1000
Humane Society	500
Cat Allies	500

We also purchased a new Bingo machine for the Club that should arrive early December.

Civic Club Assumes Lighting for Christmas on Island

The SGI Civic Club has accepted the responsibility for lighting in the center of the Island, Welcome sign and on the platform in front of the Welcome Center. Kelly Rowland placed lights around the Welcome sign and spotlights on the palms behind the sign. She, her sister and father decorated the platform in front of the Welcome Center with a 9 foot Christmas tree, lighted reindeer and plants in front of the platform.

On Wednesday, November 30 and Friday, December 2, members of the club put new LED lights around the palms in the center of the Island and in front of Lighthouse Park. Harry A's provided volunteers with lunch on both days. It took two days because all the lights weren't here until Thursday.

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Civic Club Volunteers on December 2. From left are Ed Barnell, Fred Stanley, Robin Wilcox, Kelly Rowland, Chris Jensen, Ben Matthewson and Eric Roberts. Not pictured are Wednesday volunteers Jimmy Lewis, Lon Wilkens, Stanley Colvin, Sherri Roberts and Larry and Sharon Poston

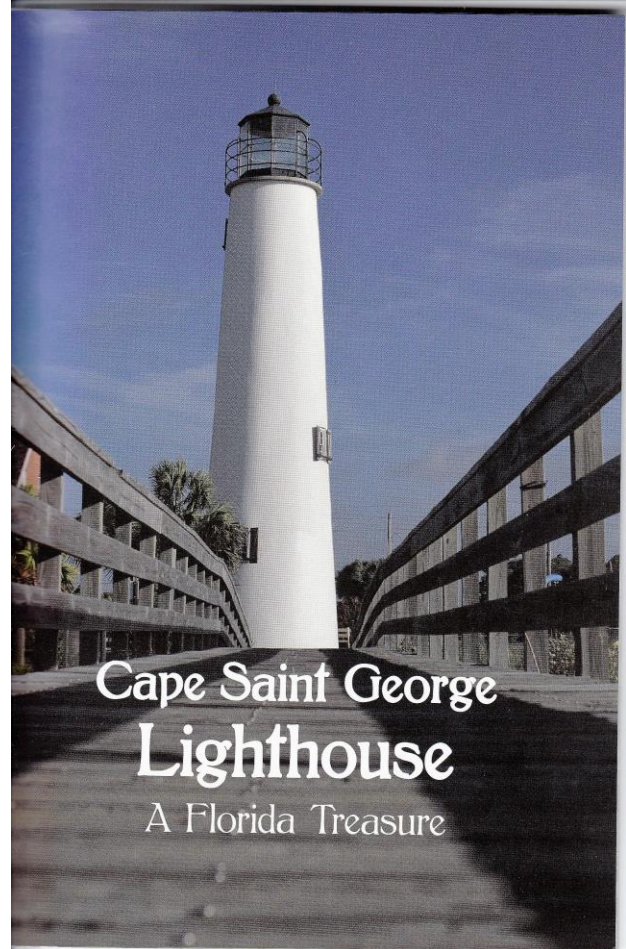
Cape St. George Light, A Florida Treasure

The St. George Lighthouse Association is pleased to announce the publication of a full-color, 36-page souvenir booklet entitled, “Cape Saint George Lighthouse, A Florida Treasure.”

Association members James Hargrove, Carol Talley, and Terry Kemp compiled text and photographs to recount the role of the lighthouse in over 180 years of Apalachicola’s maritime history. The final layout was completed by local graphic designer, Cindy Clark.

The narrative begins with the 1804 Forbes Purchase and describes the need for the lighthouse as an aid to navigation to protect ships engaged in the cotton trade from the shoals around the passes into Apalachicola Bay. The earliest lighthouse was built at West Pass in 1833, and was rebuilt on Cape St. George in 1848. After the great Florida hurricane of 1851, a stronger tower that survived for 153 years was built on the Cape in 1852.

The new booklet describes the earliest lights and the 1857 conversion to the more powerful beam produced by a third-order Fresnel lens. The narrative summarizes events that interrupted commerce during the Civil War and the resumption of trade during Reconstruction.



Also highlighted are the lives of prominent lighthouse keepers and their families, including Edward Porter, Pearl Porter Marshall, and members of the Walter Roberts family. Vintage photographs illustrate keepers’ lives and the narrative includes information from current displays and digital archives from the Lighthouse Museum and Gift Shop in Lighthouse Park on St. George Island.

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collapse of the lighthouse in 2005 after several hurricanes surged through the area, and its reconstruction through the persistent work of many Franklin County residents and volunteers.

“Cape Saint George Lighthouse, A Florida Treasure” is available at the Lighthouse Gift Shop adjacent to the lighthouse at the center of St. George Island. All proceeds will be used to support ongoing maintenance and updates of the Cape St. George Lighthouse by the non-profit St. George Lighthouse Association.

For more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

December Sunset/Moonrise Climb at SGI Lighthouse

The December Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 5:30 p.m. 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 general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 5:42 p.m. and the “Cold” moon will rise at 5:49 p.m. on December 13. The December full moon is called the Cold moon for obvious reasons: winter is about to arrive and temperatures are dropping. It’s getting cold! 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.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St.

George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive.



Parking is available in lots at either side of the park.

Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Upcoming Events

Island Lights

Greet Santa when he arrives at St. George Island's Lighthouse Park on Friday, December 2 and enjoy the festive illuminating of holiday lights on the Cape St. George Lighthouse, Visitor Center, and along Franklin Boulevard. Hot chocolate, cookies, carolers, and Santa’s sleigh full of gifts for the children contribute to the island holiday spirit! Santa and tree lighting will occur about sunset.



Children's Ornament Making Workshop



On Saturday, December 3, at 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, join the "Artists at Work" Children's workshop for ornament making at 1 PM. For more information, go to www.riocarrabelle.com

Coffee in the Campground

On Saturday, December 3, at the State Park at 1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, a Park Ranger or volunteer will give interpretive programs on many topics which may include Apalachicola Bay seafood, panhandle seashells, campfire cooking, flora and fauna of St. George Island, birding and sea turtles.

Bringing a breakfast related dish is welcomed. Coffee is provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks. The Coffee in the Campground is held in the interpretive building in the family campground. Free with regular park admission. For more information, please call (850) 927-2111, or go to

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

Living Shorelines Workshop

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, will host a workshop on Living Shorelines on Tuesday, December 6th, 2:00-4:30 pm. The workshop will discuss living shorelines vs. harden shorelines, how to evaluate a shoreline by considering the physical factors such as wave energy,



prevailing wind and wave direction, vegetation, and soil type, and present living shoreline methods, materials, permitting, and share success stories of local living shorelines. Inspect types of plants to plant and visit a local living shoreline. The lecture is free, registration is suggested. For more information, please contact Anita Grove at 850-670-7708 or

Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us

Estuary Class



Join the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on Friday, December 9, 2016 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, to learn all about the estuary we depend on. Participants will learn about the habitats and creatures that make up our estuary and how the river and bay are intricately connected. We will see these habitats up close on the Reserve's research vessel the *Henry Lee*. The class is \$25.00. Please register for in advance. For more information, contact Emily Jackson at 850-670-7743 or send an email
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to emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us or Anita
Grove at (850) 670-7708 or
Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us.

Tocamos Mas LIVE at Rio Carrabelle!

Come on out for a fun evening of Mambo, Merengue, Bolero and Cha Cha on Friday, December 9, at 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle Tocamos Mas performs traditional Latin arrangements

Rio Carrabelle presents
Tocamos Mas
TRADITIONAL LATIN MUSIC
Mambo * Merengue * Bolero * Cha Cha

December 9, 2016
8pm * Carrabelle, FL
Questions? call Rob at 850-307-0098

LIVE \$15 door

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combining keyboards, congas, timbales, base guitar and vocals. Dancing Optional" Doors open at 7:30 PM with a \$15 cover at the door. For more information, call 615-337-1290, or go to www.riocarrabelle.com

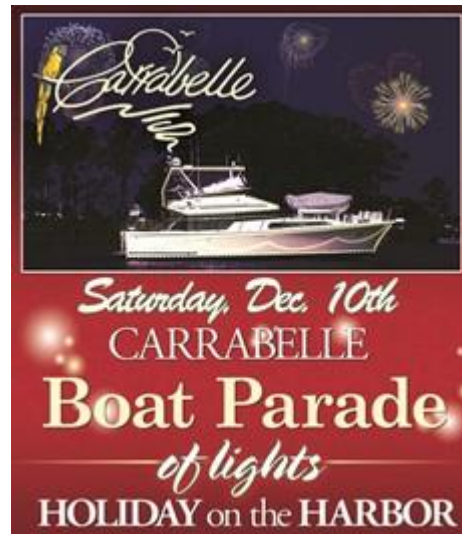
Eastpoint Christmas Parade

On Friday, December 9, the Annual Eastpoint Christmas Parade begins 4 PM at Seller's Tile Plaza and goes along Highway 98.

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Local seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, and other regional specialties offered every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9 AM until 1 PM. If you're interested in being a vendor, please email apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com

Holiday on the Harbor & Boat Parade of Lights



On Saturday, December 10, at 306 Marine Street, Carrabelle, enjoy the Annual Holiday on the Harbor Street Festival. Join the fun with family and friends. Live entertainment, holiday shopping, festival food, holidays treats and goodies and visit with Santa, and fireworks. This event is free to attend and enjoy the festivities.

The Boat Parade of Lights starts at 6:30 pm at the mouth of the river and proceeds to the Carrabelle Bridge. Watch from any spot along the riverfront. No charge for spectators. For those interested in entering your boat there is also no fee to enter, please contact us at 850-697-2585

<http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/holiday-on-the-harbor-boat-parade->
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[of-lights/534/](#) The Holiday fun runs from 12 noon until 9 pm. For those interested in being a vendor, please contact 850-697-2585.

IN Concert: Bay Choral Society Holiday Concert

INCONCERT



IN (Ilse Newell) Concert series presents the Bay Area Choral Society's Holiday Performance beginning at 4pm on Sunday, December 1 at 79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola. A free open reception to follow concert. For more information, call 850-697-2180 or go to www.inconcertapalachicola.org

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

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