



# The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club  
The next club meeting will be on January 19. New Franklin County  
Sheriff A.J. "Tony" Smith will be our speaker

## Civic Club Announces Officers for 2017

The members of the SGI Civic Club present at the December meeting were presented with the recommended nominees for the Board of Directors for 2017. President Eric Roberts said at the meeting that the nominating committee had given him an incomplete set of nominees. There wasn't a nominee for Vice-President. After the slate was discussed, Steve Harris volunteered to be Vice-President for 2017. The nominees were:

President - Diane Bodenhamer

Vice-President – Steve Harris

Treasurer – Mike O'Connell

Secretary – Kelly Rowland

Directors-at-Large

Lon Wilkens

Linda Thurman

Immediate Past President – Eric Roberts

It was moved to accept the nominees and seconded. The vote was unanimous.

## Bingo begins on January 3

2017 Winter Bingo begins on January 3. Civic Club Bingo Coordinator Kelly Rowland hopes to have our new Bingo machine up and running for our first bingo game. It has been ordered, but not received yet. The old machine is still with us and

can be used as backup until the new one is up and running. Many of our Snowbirds look forward to Tuesdays at Bingo with games and door prizes.

## Lighthouse Wolf Moon Climb

Watch the sun set and full moon rise from the top of the Cape St. George Lighthouse on Wednesday, January 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Amid the cold and deep snows of midwinter, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside Indian villages. Thus, the name for January's full Moon. Sometimes it was also referred to as the Old Moon, or the Moon After Yule. Some called it the Full Snow Moon, but most tribes applied that name to the next Moon. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, or \$10.00 for St. George Lighthouse Association members, and include light hors d'oeuvres



and a sparkling cider toast to the Full Moon. Contact Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 for  
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reservations.

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

Because space is limited, reservations are recommended.

### ***Upcoming Events***

## **Oyster Paint Party**

The Apalachicola HCA will host its annual Art of the Oyster Paint Party at 6 pm, Thursday, January 5, as a fundraiser for the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department. The popular annual art event attracts dozens of local creative-types together in a fun creative venue to create art with an oyster theme. The completed art will be exhibited beginning January 6 and be included as part of the featured items donated and auctioned



as part of the Apalachicola Oyster Cook-off event January 13-14 in downtown Apalachicola. The HCA Oyster Paint Party Paintings have become a popular component of the annual oyster cookoff event.

## **Pottery Workshop**

The Apalachicola Center for History Culture and Art will host a pottery camp for children ages 5-17 with renowned potter Kirby Gregory. The pottery camp is a cooperative effort with Project Impact, the City's after school program. During the camp, Gregory



will teach students how to create small bowls and on January 5, from 9am to 12pm or 1pm to 4pm, Mr. Gregory is offering 2 opportunities for the public to try their hand at "throwing a pot" in his studio. The activity is free but space is limited, so please contact Nadine Kahn at 850-370-0145 to register.

## **Coffee in the Campground**

A Park Ranger or volunteer will give interpretive programs on many topics which include Apalachicola Bay seafood, panhandle seashells, campfire cooking, flora and fauna of St. George Island, birding and sea turtles on Saturdays, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island.

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.

## Del Suggs Saltwater Music

January 7 – Del Suggs Saltwater Music 8 PM. Florida’s premiere performer returns for his 5th Season and we couldn’t be happier! Del is an award-winning



singer/songwriter/guitarist...one of those individuals who may come on stage as a stranger, but leaves it a friend. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com).

## Yoga Classes



The Apalachicola HCA will host a six week yoga series of classes beginning Monday, January 9 and running each Monday evening until February 13. The classes will run from 5:30-6:45 and will be taught by Yoga instructor Alec Macbeth. The classes will feature a strong Parayoga component, which can be described as the confluence of Yoga, Tantra, and Ayurveda. These classes will combine movement with breath awareness and meditation to bring about energetic shifts to the body, mind, and spirit. They are accessible and appropriate for beginner as well as experienced yoga enthusiasts.

For more information, call 855-272-5224 or go to [www.historicapalachicola.com](http://www.historicapalachicola.com)

## Apalachicola Farmers Market

This local favorite is held the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Mill Pond Pavilion at the Scipio Creek Marina in Apalachicola. This month (on January 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>) features seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, and other regional specialties offered from 9 am-1pm.

## Full Moon Dinner Cruise

Join the Apalachicola Maritime Museum (AMM) on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for a two hour Sunset and Full Moon dinner cruise in the ambiance of oil lamps. The “STARFISH” is a US Coast Guard approved 40 passenger power catamaran operated for



educational tours. The menu for the evening will be pesto chicken parmesan stuffed with mozzarella with a white wine Alfredo on penne pasta with sautéed spinach, kale, tomato, fresh garlic and mushrooms with a touch of caramelized onion, Caprese salad with goat cheese, a key lime pie for dessert and a selection of beverages. The AMM Founder will be hosting the event while providing a talk on maritime heritage, bio diversity and projects underway at the AMM. The STARFISH is operated by a USCG licensed Master Captain and Crew, is heated, surrounded by clear vinyl windows and has a bathroom with wash  
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basin. The cost is \$95 per person with proceeds to support the educational mission of the AMM. Reservation can be made online by clicking the link [Full Moon Dinner Cruise](#), via the phone at 850-653-2500 or coming by the AMM at 103 Water Street in downtown Apalachicola. Click [River Trip Dining](#) to watch a video of a recently hosted river dining event trip.

## **Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off will be held January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Riverfront Park. All proceeds go directly towards paying for the new fire truck purchased a few years ago, due to this sole fundraising event!

The event features a silent auction, oysters galore, shrimp, smoked mullet, hot dogs, hamburgers, local beer, live music, kids' activities, dancing performances and a 5K run! Enter your best recipe and be a contestant in the oyster cook-off or just come out and enjoy a day of wonderful food, refreshments and music. For more information, call (850) 323-0385 or go to [www.oystercookoff.com/](http://www.oystercookoff.com/)

## **Earl David Reed: Comedy Tour**

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, come see Earl David Reed: The Secret of My Unsuccess Comedy Tour at 3 PM and 8 PM.

Earl David Reed's genius is the way he interacts with the crowd. Back for his third season, he has a way of knowing just who to pick on to get the biggest laugh, and the audience loves it! The Las Vegas Review-Journal called him "...an urban Don Rickles!" And Don Rickles himself commented, "This guy works the room like a Las Vegas showgirl...funny without being offensive." His TV credits include the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, HBO

Showtime, FOX's Comic Strip Live, A&E's Comedy on the Road, and NBC's Friday Night Videos. Earl can also be seen on DVD as one of Bill Engvall's All-Stars of Country Comedy with Larry the Cable Guy and Jeff Foxworthy. He is currently working on his reality-based TV pilot called The Secret of My Unsuccess. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets, or to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com).

## **Wooden Boat Building Classes and Open House**

Starting on Monday, 1/16, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum (AMM) Wooden Boat School (WBS) will be hosting a seven day wooden boat construction class for two



touring kayaks. The vessels are constructed from laminated strakes made of Okume, a tropical hardwood from the Congo region of Africa. Visitors and Volunteers are welcome to come by to view or take part in the construction project under the direction of AMM WBS program manager Nicholas Cupp. The program is paid for by a sponsor or student who takes home the finished project at the end of the class. There are a wide variety of vessels that are able to be constructed in the AMM WBS programs including the Passagemaker sailing / rowing dory, Whitehall rowing shell, Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP), Pirogue, Canoe and the most popular, wooden kayaks. Examples of all of the foregoing constructed by the WBS staff are on display at the AMM at 103 Water Street. Overall there are more than 60 (See *Wooden Boats, Page Five*)



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models to select from. Boat construction building sponsorship/student programs run from \$250 to \$2,500 based on the complexity and size of the vessel selected. Week long classes start on the first and third Monday week of each month. Contact the program manager via email at [WoodenBoatSchool@AMMFL.org](mailto:WoodenBoatSchool@AMMFL.org) or by calling the AMM at 850-653-2500 or coming by the AMM at 103 Water Street in downtown Apalachicola.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration**

Franklin County School System presents Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration "You Can Achieve It" will be on Tuesday, January 17 at 1250 Highway 98 in Eastpoint.  
Motivational Speakers:  
Marshal Silvester Dawson (Marshal of Supreme Court of Florida)  
R. Damien Davis (Former FCS Honor Student, Class of 2010 President, and Former FCS Band Drum-Major)  
for more information, call (850) 653-5943.

### **Winter Bacchanalia**

Up the Stairs at 76 Market St Apalachicola, presents the 3rd Annual Winter Bacchanalia Wine Tasting Event, held Friday January 20th, from 6:00 – 9:00pm. Featuring 80+ wines & brown liquor sampling heavy buffet and hor d'oeuvres. \$75 per person. Call 850-653-4888 for tickets.

### **IN Concert: Ivan Moschuk**

The Ilse Newell Fund For The Performing Arts Inconcert Series 2016-17 presents Ivan Moschuk, pianist on Saturday, January 21 at

Benedict Hall at 79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola at 7:00 PM



"An Evening with Ivan Moschuk" with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Only 100 advance tickets will be sold, \$50 each. First Come, First Serve.

Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 PM

Regular concert beginning at 4 pm. Tickets are \$10. Doors open at 3:30 pm. No reserved seating.

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts is committed to cultural enrichment, raising awareness of the musical arts and providing support for student creative development.

For more information, call (850) 697-2180 or go to [www.inconcertapalachicola.org](http://www.inconcertapalachicola.org)

### **Bob Milne Ragtime Piano**

On January 21, enjoy Bob Milne Ragtime Piano 3 PM and 8 PM at the Dixie Theatre. Bob is considered the best ragtime/ boogie-woogie pianist in the world. He was declared a "National Treasure" by the Library of Congress and is an active "Musical

Ambassador" for the United States Dept. of State. Returning to the Dixie for his 18th year, Bob has been playing in concert halls since 1991 and plays worldwide every year. He delights audiences with his piano-playing pyrotechnics and his infectious enthusiasm for the music and the history behind the music. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office 850-653-3200 for tickets.

## Forgotten Coast Film Festival

Come to Carrabelle at 201 NW Avenue F, Carrabelle, for the Forgotten Coast Film Festival highlighting movies filmed around Carrabelle and the Forgotten Coast area. A program of the Carrabelle History Museum, this series will feature a total of four dramas and documentaries. The goal of the series is to bring the best quality Forgotten Coast area films to Carrabelle and introduce people to these wonderful works featuring our very own region. The film series will kick off Thursday, January 26 from 6-9 p.m. with a showing of the classic, "Ulee's Gold". The series will continue with "Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida" on Thursday, February 16, 6 pm. Then, Thursday, February 23, 6 pm, join us for "Coastlines". Our final film, on Thursday,



March 16, 6 pm, will be "Apalachicola River: An American Treasure", about the Apalachicola River basin.

Our premier night, January 26, will also feature a Meet and Greet with a member of the film crew from "Ulee's Gold" and "Coastlines", Gus Holzer, First Assistant Director. Make this your Thursday night date night. Screenings will take place at the Franklin County Senior Center - Carrabelle. There is no admission and refreshments will be available for purchase. No one under 18 please.

Schedule:

Thursday, January 26, 6:00 pm "Ulee's Gold" (1997) R

Thursday, February 16, 6:00 pm "Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida" (2015)

Thursday, February 23, 6:00 pm  
"Coastlines" (2009) R

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 pm "Apalachicola River: An American Treasure"

Presented by: Carrabelle History Museum.

Funding in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

## Jim Croce Tribute: Reno & Gambino

On January 28 at 3 PM and 8 PM see Bigger Than Life... A Tribute to Jim Croce, by Reno and Gambini returns for a 3rd Season. John Reno, a native of New Orleans, takes us on a musical journey



through the songs of Jim Croce with his accompanist Detroit born Brett Gambino as they blend acoustic guitars and vocals to capture the essence of Jim Croce whose musical gifts transcend time. Call the Dixie Theatre Box Office (850)-653-3200 for tickets, or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com)

## IN Concert: Leon Anderson Jazz Featuring Avis Berry

The Ilse Newell Fund For The Performing Arts Inconcert Series 2016-17 presents Leon Anderson Jazz Group featuring Avis Berry beginning at 4:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church at 79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola, on Sunday, January 29. Admission is \$5.

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts is committed to cultural enrichment, (*See IN Concert, Page Seven*)

