



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on July 20. There will not be speakers during the Summer

The President's Corner – Diane Bodenhamer

Aloha! We had a small (25 members) but great SGICC meeting in June - less of a crowd means a slower pace and more time to catch up with everyone! Delicious food, including THREE bowls of 🍲!

Highlights from the June 15th SGICC Meeting:

We collected a lot of items for the Backpack Buddies Program.

Reminder: SGICC is doing this every month, so bring individually portioned, non-perishable items that require little to no cooking (canned ravioli/soup/stew, individually wrapped pop tarts/granola bars/fruit chews, juice/milk boxes, instant grits/oatmeal, dried/canned fruit, crackers, pudding/jello cups). Cash donation are also accepted and will be used to purchase items to add to the donations. Diane will stockpile all summer collections to be delivered in August.

SGI Board Meeting Stats: We have over \$10,000 in our account and well over 400 paid members!! Bingo is breaking all kinds of records this

summer - turn-away crowds, tons of door prizes, and very large pots for the winners! Kudos to Kelly's Krusaders for working tirelessly to bring bingo fun to our summer visitors (and some residents). The board voted to order colored balls for the new machine, as it's hard to correctly place the all-white ones that came with the machine.

We tabled discussion on replacement of the "sunset bench" until the fall. We have a Facebook Page! If you haven't seen it, please search for "SGI Civic Club", click on the page, then click "Like" and make sure "Following" is highlighted! I'm hoping this will increase our visibility and make communication even easier! Tell your friends!

That's it for now - please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20th for the next meeting!! Reminder: no speakers at summer meetings.

Highlights from the June 15th SGICC Meeting:

James Donald has agreed to serve as Vice-President of the Civic Club.
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James is a retired Army Major General. He also was on the State of Georgia Parole and Probation Committee and is serving as an advisor to Franklin County Sheriff AJ "Tony" Smith. President Diane Bodenhamer asked the members present to vote on James' position on the Board of Directors. There was no objection to his assuming the position.

Other SGIVFD news:

Jay Abbott still has "I Support SGI VFD" t-shirts for sale in long and short sleeve versions for only \$25 dollars for the short sleeve and \$30 for the long sleeve - he said: "you can buy them and wear them" to show your support. If you can't get by the station, they'll be up for sale again at the 7/20 SGICC meeting. Talk it up - contribute!!!

Lighthouse July Full Moon Climb

The July Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2017. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 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 8:43 p.m. and the "Buck" moon will rise at 9:08 p.m. on July 9. The July full moon is called the Buck moon because buck deer

start growing velvety hair-covered antlers in July. 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

Franklin County 4th of July Fireworks Celebrations

Monday, July 3rd in Apalachicola.

The Apalachicola Main Street group presents Apalachicola's Independence Eve Celebration on Monday, July 3 featuring an all-American cook-out in the park, parade, ice cream social, veterans' tribute, music and fireworks. Leading up to the fireworks display, Main Street provides live music, great food, and *(See 4th Celebrations on Page Three)*

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beverages starting at 5 p.m. at Riverfront Park. This year's featured entertainment will be the Johnny & The Loveseats.

Tuesday, July 4th, St. George Island. Everyone is welcome to join in the annual July 4th celebration. Stick around all day and enjoy festivities and fireworks on the beach behind the Blue Parrot Grill about sunset.

ANERR Presentation

Join the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve at 108 Island Dr, Eastpoint, for weekly Turtle Talk presentations to learn about the behavior and biology of these endangered species as well as what you can do to help make their nesting season successful. The presentations are free, family friendly and will be given each Wednesday throughout the summer. For more information, call 850-670-7700. The ANERR Nature Center will be open during the usual 9-4 hours for the July 4th holiday.

Bowery Market

Visit Apalachicola's new open-air street market each Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Bowery Market is held on Commerce Street between Avenues F and G. Enjoy live music and food as you peruse vendors offering a variety of merchandise, services, and activities. Hosted by Apalachicola Main Street and FAMU Business Incubator Program.

The FSUCML Conservation Lecture

Learn more about "Future Storms", by Dr. James B. Elsner, an Earl B. and So H. Shaw Professor and Chair of Geography at Florida State University. The FSU Coastal Marine Lab is at 3618 Coastal Highway 98 in St. Teresa on Thursday, July 13. As of June 1st, hurricane season is upon us, and it lasts till November. While the peak season occurs from mid-August to late October, predicting storms involves a considerable amount of uncertainty. Starting at 7pm FSUCML Auditorium, refreshments will be available before the lecture.

Youth Fishing Tournament

Kids from all over the South are invited to attend the 13th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament in Carrabelle on Saturday, July 22. Open to all kids 16 and younger. Registration is required on-site. Sponsored by Jimmie Crowder of C-Quarters Marina at 501 Saint James Avenue on Highway 98. For more information, go to www.c-quartersmarina.com/youthfishing

FSUCML Exploring Nature Workshop

Ever wonder how a hermit crab selects a shell or how a predatory snail tracks and attacks its prey? Come join Dr. Heidi Geisz for a short course on the edge of Apalachee Bay. *(See FSUCML on Page Four)*

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Explore the many creatures that live at the interface of land and sea and discuss how they make a living in this highly variable environment. Be ready to get muddy, of course, and enjoy yourself being in nature. From 6-9PM on Saturday, July 22, located at the FSUCML at 3618 Coastal Highway 98 in St Teresa. Price: \$15 per person Minimum age: 9 years Children 9-13 years old must be accompanied by a paying adult.



For more information, go to www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming-Summer Program

On Friday, July 28th, listen to Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming held at the Eastpoint and Carrabelle Public Libraries. Eastpoint Branch will have the Drummers at 1 pm and the Carrabelle Branch at 3 pm. Tampa Taiko is a professional drumming ensemble that has performed for a vast array of



audiences. Using a collection of Taiko drums they made themselves from discarded barrels, Tampa Taiko entertains and educates audiences with an exciting traditional presentation of an ancient Japanese art form. Join us for this interactive drumming program with a performance featuring Tampa Taiko Managing Director Ron Collins. For more information, go to www.fclp.wildernesscoast.org/

Crab Cake Cookoff



A benefit event will be held on *(See Benefit on Page Five)*

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Saturday, July 29th, at the Marine Street Grill in Carrabelle at 304 Marine St, Carrabelle to raise money to rebuild the Carrabelle Lighthouse Playground equipment. Entertainment will Feature Slim Fatz. For more information, call (850) 646-3088, or go to www.marinestreetgrill.com/

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