



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on November 16 at 6:30.

Annual Pig Roast

The St. George Island Pig Roast was very well attended on October 19. You might have renamed it the Boston Butt roast as a pig could not be found. Mason Bean saved the day acquiring 100 lbs. of pork and Chef Paul Riegelmayr did his magic on the grill.



Paul Riegelmayr tends the port shoulders

This non-business meeting is the most attended meeting of each year and this year seemed to outdo previous years. Members brought chairs and flashlights and enjoyed dinner. So many side dishes and desserts were brought that there almost wasn't enough room for it all.

Veteran's Day Program

On Saturday, November 11, the St. George Island Lighthouse Association will celebrate Veteran's Day beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Lighthouse Park.

This ceremony will honor the veterans on St. George Island, in Franklin County, Florida and the Nation. Speakers will include Major General James E. Donald, US Army (Ret) and Rear Admiral John Stewart, US Navy (Ret). All veterans are invited to attend.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse will be held on Friday, November 3. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00

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for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 6:50 p.m. and the “Beaver” moon will rise at 6:54 p.m. The November full moon is called the Beaver moon because beavers are preparing for winter, Native Americans 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.

Diabetes Education Classes at Eastpoint Library

Civic Club member Suzanne Laws is working with the library at Eastpoint to offer free diabetes education classes as a community project. The classes will be offered on the second Monday of each month from 4:30--5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be November 13. They will be informal

and consumer driven. The classes will be patterned after the American Association of Diabetes Educators' 7 Self-Care Behaviors. These include "Healthy Eating", "Being Active", "Monitoring", "Taking Medication", "Risk Reduction", "Problem Solving", and "Healthy Coping". The classes are designed for people who have type 1 and type 2 diabetes, prediabetes and their families.

Suzanne has been involved in diabetes education and management for 40 years and is now retired. She is a registered dietitian, certified diabetes educator, and a board certified advanced management specialist. She can be reached at (850)933-5770 or email at suzdiabed@juno.com

SGICC Members Enjoy Apalachicola Car Show



Civic Club Members Fred Stanley and Ben Matthewson pose before a 1962 Corvette

The Autos and Oysters Car Show was held on October 28 in Downtown Apalachicola. This was close to the biggest turnout of the event. Cars ranged from Rat Rods to a Rolls Royce.

Upcoming Events

Florida Seafood Festival

The 54th Annual Florida Seafood Festival will be held in Apalachicola November 3-4. Heralded as the



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State's oldest maritime event, this annual fall classic is a celebration of the Franklin County commercial seafood industry. The Florida Seafood Festival promises to feature delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events and musical entertainment including recording artist [Jerrod Niemann](#).

For more information, call 850-653-4720 or go to www.floridaseafoodfestival.com/

Apalachicola Oyster Roast

Love oysters? Don't miss the annual Downtown Oyster Roast on November 3rd, 6-9 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 and more. Dine under the stars next to the Apalachicola River.

Holiday Art Show

The Carrabelle Artist Association will kick off its 2017 Carrabelle Holiday Art Show with music at Rio Carrabelle, Friday, November 17th at 8 p.m. at 02 St James Ave, Carrabelle. Contributing artists will be on hand with cheese and wine during intermission. The show will last 4 weekends at the Rio Carrabelle and end with the Boat Parade and Holiday on the Harbor on December 9th. The gallery will be open on Fridays 11- 4 and Saturdays 11- 4. This year's Carrabelle Holiday Art show will feature local, renowned oil artist Roger Leonard.

For more information, call (615) 337-1290.

“All Girl” Songwriters in Carrabelle

“All Girl” Songwriters in the Round performance at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 17 at Rio Carrabelle on the corner of U.S. 98 & Highway 67. Rio Carrabelle is delighted to host this “first”. Alligator Point resident, Susan David, will be hosting this. For more information, call (850) 307-0098 or go to www.caribbeanraftrentals.com/events

Oysters 101

Learn about the famous bivalves of Apalachicola Bay on Friday, Nov. 17. This, class offered by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, will teach you all about the role that oysters play in the health of Apalachicola Bay. Discover



what makes the bay so ideal for growing oysters, what gives our oysters their distinct flavor, and how oyster bars benefit the ecosystem. After spending some time in the classroom, participants will get the chance to walk along an oyster bar, and look at its inhabitants under a microscope. This class is full of opportunities to learn more about the animals that live in our bay and along the tidal flats. Registration is required and the cost is \$25 per person. The class will meet at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, in the upstairs classroom at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint.

For more information, call (850) 670-7708 or go to oysters101november.eventbrite.com/

Steamboat a-comin'!



The Carrabelle History Museum is hosting a fascinating, free program about steamboats and steamships in Carrabelle and along the Forgotten Coast on Saturday, November 18, 10 am -12 pm. It will be held at the Franklin County Senior Center at 201 Avenue F, Apalachicola. Discover an (*See Steamboat on Page Five*)

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era when steamships were a vital part of transportation, communication, relationships and commerce. From before the civil war till the 1930's steam operated vessels moved commerce and people all around this area. Learn about the different types of steamers and hear the songs that reflected life during the age of Florida steamboats. This program features historical interpreters Ken Horne and Gibby Conrad.

Ken Horne is a talented musician and walking fountain of knowledge about Florida history & folk lore. He is a teacher in Leon County and a former educator for the Florida History Museum.

Gibby Conrad is a pioneer of ecotourism on the Apalachicola Estuary, a lifelong student of Gulf Coast maritime history and a former museum educator. He has conducted tours on the Apalachicola River and Bay for over 10 years.

For more information, call 850-697-2141.

Christmas Celebration

Apalachicola's annual Christmas Celebration will light up the streets in the historic downtown on Friday, November 24 from 4-8 p.m., the day after Thanksgiving. The streets will be lined with luminaries, merchants will be open late and the sounds of carolers will echo through the streets



filling the evening with the Christmas spirit. Santa will arrive on a shrimp boat at 4 pm. Both the Orman House and Raney House Museums will each be trimmed and open for tours. Stay the night and enjoy “Small Business Saturday” November 25th from 11-6 pm.

Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited will hold its first dinner event in Carrabelle on Thanksgiving Friday at Pirate's Cove-Timber Island. Starting at 5pm tariff: \$57.50/person or \$100.00/couple, includes annual membership, magazine, and dinner. Enjoy raffles, live & silent auctions, drawings, non-sanctioned duck calling contest, and *(See Ducks on Page Six)*

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lots more! Seating is limited to 55 only! Call and reserve your tickets today!

For more information, call 602-510-1888

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