

Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle

April

Fri 14th Estuary Class 12 pm-4:00 pm Nature Center (ANERR), 108 Island Dr, Eastpoint. \$ 20 (Rain date is April 28th) Please register for the class in advance. Contact Emily Jackson (850) 670-7743

Sat 15th Artists at work: Acrylic Paint Demonstration 10 am-noon. A Free Coastal Art Showcase Event sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. at Rio Carrabelle. Workshop by Alvin Howard. For more info, call (850) 294-9664

Sun 16th Enjoy an Easter themed brunch at the Crooked River Grill, St. James. 9-2:30 pm \$ 10.95 + tax. Reservations are recommended (850) 697-5050.

Tues 18th Garden Insects: The Good, The Bad & The Buggy 1:30-3:00 pm at the Carrabelle Library presented by: Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director. Free & open to the public. Call (850) 697-2366 for more info.

Carrabelle Riverfront Festival-Downtown Carrabelle

Fri 21st 4-8 pm & Sat 22nd 10 am- 6 pm

Admission is FREE & open to the public

Check out Ave B—The place to be!

Hands on, educational family fun

<http://carrabellerriverfrontfestival.com/>

Fri 21st & Sat 22nd "The Big One in April" Yard Sale 8:30 am-4:30 pm Lanark Village Golf Course, Hwy 98, 4 miles east of Carrabelle. Donations? Call (850) 697-2798 Sale benefits the maintenance & restoration of the golf course & medical helipad.

Sat 22nd Earth day-2017 FSU Coastal Marine Lab Open House, Coastal Literacy-connecting Marine Science & Society 10 am-3 pm For more info, contact fsucml@fsu.edu (850-697-4120).

Sat 22nd Birding the Bay A day-long birding event on the Forgotten Coast for birders of all levels, from advanced to beginners. Professionally-led tours \$ 45. Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Dr., Eastpoint. For more info, (850) 670-7700 or www.birdingthebay.eventbrite.com

Sat 22nd Tate's Hell & Back 5K Run/Walk Race starts at 8 am, pre-registration & pickup starts at 6:45 am. at the Carrabelle Christian Center, 142 River Road. This event benefits Franklin County Senior Citizens Center in Carrabelle. For Race Day registration, t-shirts are on a first come basis. For more info, contact Belinda Wharton (850) 544-5410 or bhwharton@gmail.com. Applications are also available at the Chamber office.



Friday, April 14, 2017

Thurs 27th Board of Directors meeting 4:30 pm

Member meeting/mixer at 6 pm

Both at the Crooked River Grill, St. James

\$14.40 (cash please) per person including buffet, unlimited tea and water, other beverages available for purchase.

Bring &/or win some door prizes! Please RSVP 697-2585.

Open forum meeting...a great opportunity to let your Chamber know how we're doing and to give input and suggestions.

Mixers are Open to the public, look forward to seeing you there!



Welcome to our newest member: SeaBreezefishing.com.

Perfect timing for the fishing/outdoor adventure season! Captain Johnny is a third-generation fisherman and offers four, six or eight hours of a custom excursion for you to enjoy a day fishing, shelling & just sitting back & relaxing. All you need to bring is food and drinks. Call him at 305-731-4987 to book your charter today. You can also go to <http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/outdoor-adventures/seabreezefishingcom/821/> to email or check out his website. Thank you Debi Jordan for this excellent referral!



Welcome to our newest member:

Two Brothers At The Beach
Nightly specials

This is not your cookie cutter seafood place. This is a real Florida seafood restaurant with real southern fried food. The service is great and the food even better. The atmosphere is pure Old Florida and the people you meet are locals who will welcome you like long lost friends. The menu is quite comprehensive. Along with Seafood, awesome onion rings, best hushpuppies ever made, steaks (Friday is prime rib night !), there is Taco Tuesdays with so much more than tacos, and is a favorite with everyone. A variety of beverages are also available. Thank you, Sharon Rider for the referral!

Sat 22nd 4th Annual Car Show by Forgotten Coast Cruisers & the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce 10 am-4 pm On Hwy 98 across from Fathom's Restaurant. For more info call Bobby Turner (850) 323-1450 or Jim Ward (850) 370-0680. Vehicle registration forms are available at the Chamber office.

Sat 22nd Introduction to Kayaking & Archery 10:30 am and 1:30 pm Free field trips from the Carrabelle Riverfront Festival to Rock Landing Recreation Area. For more info, contact (850) 697-0010

Sat 22nd Pet Show at the Riverfront Festival- Open to all Pets: doggies, kittys, parrots..... Purple tent by Marine Street Pavilion Registration begins at 10 am. Viewing ring 11 am Judges will be looking for all kinds of talent and for just plain cuteness. Register early by calling Harriett at (850) 697-8571. \$ 5 per pet or \$ 10 for whole pack & each pet will receive a gift just for entering. Sponsored by the Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers & their people. All registration fees will be donated to the Franklin County Humane Society.

Sat 22nd Pastel Portrait Demonstration 1 pm. A Free Coastal Art Showcase Event sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. at Rio Carrabelle. Workshop presented by Wynn Hasselgren. For more info, call (850) 294-9664

Sat 22nd Fishy Fashion Show at the Riverfront Festival- 2 pm Learn the "Dos and Do Knots" of coastal couture! Main stage by the Marine St. Pavilion.

Sat 22nd Big Daddy & Red Hot Java Returns! 8 pm at Rio Carrabelle. Experience this incredible seven piece band & enjoy a "finest all Beef Hot Dog" served up by Mr. V. \$ 15 at the door. Reservations suggested @ riocarrabelle@gmail.com Questions? Call Rob at (850) 307-0098

Sat 29th Explore the Black Backwater of Tate's Hell Swamp 10 am- 2 pm. A four mile intermediate canoe/kayak trip led by Instructor, Serge LaTour, Owner, LaLutra LLC, Kayak/Canoe Guide & Certified Green Guide. Cost only \$ 22. Call (850) 661-2461 for more info.

Planning on participating in RiverTrek '17?

This is five days in October, 106 miles, wonderful people, & great fun! But hurry, the team will be selected by mid-April. For more info, go to www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org/rivertrek/

Events on Multiple Dates:

Weekends--March 25th-April 22nd Coastal Art Showcase sponsored by the Carrabelle Artist Association & Rio Carrabelle Gallery Corner of Hwy 98 & Tallahassee Street in Carrabelle.

Attention Bird Watchers! Saturdays in April: Skip's Birding Tips at the youth camp area, St. George Island State Park. 9:00 am. Program is free with paid admission into the park. (4/15, 4/22, & 4/29) Guided walk during the full swing of spring migration! Call (850) 927-2111 for more info.

The PanCare Medical Bus will be at the PanCare Dental Facility in Carrabelle, 106 NE 5th St. 10 am-4 pm. 4/18 & 5/16 Offers Physicals, Exams, Primary Care, Urgent Care & Flu Shots. For an appointment, call (850) 247-9834

For More info on any of these area events

See our website www.carrabelle.org under "Things to Do" Events Calendar or the Community Calendar under "The Area"

Events Further afield:

Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio

Or go to

www.oysterradio.com or www.forgottencoastline.com or www.saltyflorida.com

From Coastal Realty Group (April Newsletter)

The real estate market is alive and well along the Forgotten Coast. The market was super aggressive through 2005, but then with the hurricanes of 2005 and the national mortgage meltdown in 2008, we have had some rough going. And in 2012 we sold off a bunch of foreclosures and since then we have started to see clear improvements. We are clearly seeing our market bounce back now and I predict we will see prices rise 9-10% per year on coastal properties here for the next several years. Our area will benefit from millions of dollars coming from the settlement with BP which will strengthen our infrastructure and prepare us for many years of future growth.

Coastal Realty Group has clearly set itself up as the top company here. We were the NUMBER ONE Company in sales volume last year and this year to date our sales are over \$20m which is almost double our nearest competitor and with 108 closed transactions we have closed 35 more than our nearest competitor in number of sales.

In preparation for more growth, we are moving our Port St. Joe office next month to a much larger space and we just relocated our office on St. George Island. Stop in at our Carrabelle office next to the Chamber for more information or call (850) 697-1010.

	Visitors at our Visitor's Center				Carrabelle Brochures Sent			
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	51	106	131	215	30	75	56	64
Feb	111	167	233	233	27	63	56	47
Mar	163	171	248	428	25	74	73	63
Apr	118	178	226		41	47	77	
May	66	137	160		26	79	69	
Jun	64	153	171		66	90	74	
Jul	80	133	188		36	66	46	
Aug	52	125	93		36	70	92	
Sept	56	109	111		21	37	47	
Oct	76	152	147		22	25	36	
Nov	79	113	203		19	31	20	
Dec	<u>62</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>189</u>		<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	
Totals	978	1,686	2,100		381	683	676	

Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-April 9:

Executive Board

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge
 Vice President- **Lewis Christie**/Christie's Cottage Living
 Secretary- **Dr. Lois Mendez Catlin**- Phoenix Family Health Care Ctr.
 Treasurer- **Paul Marxsen**/Roberson & Associates, P.A.

Directors

Tonia Chisholm/FC Public Library-Carrabelle
Skip Frink/Old Carrabelle Hotel
Pamela McCreery/The Beachtrader
Sheri Wesson-Marketing/Forgotten Coast Photography
Mixers & Member meetings- **Dr. Lois Mendez Catlin**-Phoenix Family Health Care Ctr.

Economic Development:

Skip Frink/Old Carrabelle Hotel
Bo May/Rio Carrabelle
Lewis Christie/Christie's Cottage Living
Executive Director-Lisa Munson
Representatives-**Chester Reese**-FC Tourist Development Council
Lisa Keith-Lucas-Chamber Special Events Committee

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