



# Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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## The Pearl of the Panhandle



### December

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Safari with Animal Tales** 5-6 pm at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin County Public Library—Free, open to the public, and all ages welcome! What animals will they bring this time???? Come & find out.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Skip's Birding Tips** 9 am at the St. George Island State Park Interpretive Room behind campsite 28. Programs are free with park admission. Coffee provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks & if you want, bring a friend! Open to all ages & experience levels.

### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas to All!

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> "To Eat or Not to Eat: Basic Identification of Edible Plants and Trees in Florida"** 9 am at the St. George Island State Park Interpretive Room behind campsite 28. Programs are free with park admission. Coffee provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks & if you want, bring a friend! A great activity to do with the whole family.

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Party and Dance** 7 pm until ??? Music by DJ Greg and Krewe. Donation \$6 Brings snack to share. Chillas Hall, Lanark Village

### January

### Happy & Prosperous New Year Wishes to All!

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> The Currys at Rio Carrabelle**--8 pm. Come early and enjoy a Rankin Crunchy & Confused Taco! Tickets \$20 at Door, or purchase in advance for \$15 at <https://www.caribbeanraftrentals.com/events> Call Rob at (850) 307-0098 for more info.

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Container Gardening: Growing Inside While It is Cold Outside**--Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director 1:30-3 pm Free & open to the public. Eastpoint Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 670-8151 for info.

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of Franklin County Council of Senior Citizens Inc.** 10 am—For the purpose of electing additional members to the Board of Directors. All residents of Franklin County age 50 and over are invited to attend and vote on nominees to be added to the Board. 201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle, FL. Regular Monthly Board Meeting will follow.

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Florida's Invasive Lionfish: Be The Predator!** 7 pm-8 pm Free-Open to the Public, Refreshments available. The FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Conservation Lecture Series, St. Teresa. Phone (850) 697-4120 or go to [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) for more info.

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Muscles Shoals Songwriters in the Round!** at Rio Carrabelle--8 pm Reservations & Advance Tickets \$15 at [www.riocarrabelle.com](http://www.riocarrabelle.com) Call Rob at (850) 307-0098 for more info.

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Classic Concert with reception**--Longineau Parsons (Trumpet) & Joanna Sobkowska (Piano) 4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Apalachicola. \$10 per person donation at the door.

**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Learn Tai Chi with a trained instructor.** 10:30 am Tuesdays Jan 1—Feb 27. No charge for those who register. Carrabelle City Complex. For more info or to attend first meeting, contact Lynn at [twodercks@gmail.com](mailto:twodercks@gmail.com) or call (850) 697-9084.

Friday, December 22, 2017



Best of Show---Terrie Womble's "Dirty Pool"

For all the Boat Parade of Lights results, go to [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) & scroll down

**The Apalachicola Times said it best:**

**"Holiday on the Harbor a Hit"**

### 2017 Event Sponsors:

**BRONZE:** Christie's Cottage Living, Hartman Law Firm PA, Hog Wild Bar-B-Q, Phoenix Family Health Care Center, Sea Crest Real Estate Inc., Harry's Bar

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:** Jackson's Ace Hardware, and City of Carrabelle Commissioners: Frank Mathis and Cal Allen, Funded in part by Carrabelle CRA and the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

We also want to extend a thank you to all the community organizations and individuals that support this event through in-kind services & additional activities that help make Holiday on the Harbor a special weekend for all: At Your Service Concierge, Bring Me A Book Franklin, Carrabelle Artists Association, Carrabelle Cares, City of Carrabelle Police Department, C-Quarters Marina, Chuck Spicer of Forgotten Coastline, Forgotten Coast Photography, FC Sheriff's Department, FC Senior Citizens Center, Lanark Village Association Inc., Lost Treasure Vintage Art Gallery, Old Carrabelle Hotel, Rio Carrabelle, Roberson & Associates P.A., Tow Boat U.S., WOYS Oyster Radio 100.5 FM, Adams Radio Group & all the volunteers.



Tonia Chisholm--Winner of 3' Santa Giveaway--out of 60 entries!

Karey Lehnert won the WOYS Kids Fun Pak Giveaway—315 entries w/>7,000 views!



Jingle Jog presented the FC Senior Center with a check for \$1,000—Great Job!



Kayleigh's Kreations—Sold out

At 11 yrs old--Our youngest Entrepreneur!

**Shop Small Saturday was a great success in Carrabelle.** Area residents, visitors from as far away as Minnesota, and of course, Oysterman....enjoyed a fun filled day of shopping and eating around Carrabelle. This was a great way to showcase the variety of shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums that make up the wonderful community of Carrabelle. A bonus was the "Passport to the Holiday" with door prizes donated by Carrabelle Chamber members.

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Carrabelle Chamber Board of Directors Meeting Noon-1:30 pm**  
Carrabelle Library

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> World Trio, A mystical evening of world jazz at Rio Carrabelle—**  
Doors open at 7 pm, Performance 8 pm Call Rob at (850) 307-0098 for more info.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Classic Concert with reception-Leon Anderson Jazz Group 4 pm at**  
Trinity Episcopal Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Apalachicola. \$ 10 per person donation at the door.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Classic Concert with reception-Tara Burns, Vocalist from New York**  
4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Apalachicola. \$ 10 per person donation at the door.

**For More info on any Carrabelle Chamber member events & activities**  
See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) under "Things to Do" Events Calendar or the Community Calendar

**Events Further afield:** Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio,  
[www.oysterradio.com](http://www.oysterradio.com) or [www.forgottencoastline.com](http://www.forgottencoastline.com) or  
[www.saltyflorida.com](http://www.saltyflorida.com)



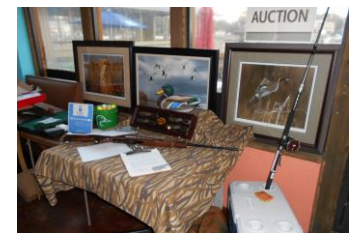
**Awesome ending to the best beard contest for the FC Sheriff's Office.**

The peoplespoke and Hunter Bartley won the honor of Sheriff for the day!! Major Carroll came in as runner up, and was a Santa in the Carrabelle boat parade. Hunter has made the decision to keep the beards through the month of December, if a donation of \$40 is made to "Toys for kids of Franklin" program. This was a fun time and a great showing of support for prostate cancer awareness. Please have annual checkups and stay on top of your health. A check for \$ 875 was given to **Tonya's Hope**, a local charity that helps Franklin County residents who are battling cancer. The organization began in 2010 and has helped over 200 people in memory of Tonya Bridges. Thank-you, Kathy Ingersoll for your dedication to this organization and helping the people of Franklin County.



**Franklin County Public Library, Eastpoint Branch - Flag Ceremony**

Thank you to all who joined us on December 7th to honor our U.S. Flag and what it represents, our Freedom. To all Veterans, local and a far - especially to those who served during World War II, Thank you for your service



**Carrabelle's Chapter # 155 of Ducks Unlimited** had their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner, Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at Pirate's Cove Restaurant on Timber Island. The tariff included annual membership, magazine subscription, dinner and an energetic and fun-filled evening of raffles, live and silent auctions, drawings and a non-sanctioned duck calling contest. Great job by the event organizers and appreciation to Pirate's Cove for hosting this exciting event. Looking forward to their next one! **Ducks Unlimited Mission** is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people and we are excited and thankful for this new chapter's success here in Carrabelle!



**Gulf Coast State College--**Congratulations to our Fall 2017 Associate Degree Nursing graduates! We wish you the best in your new careers!

**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.  
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**Directors**

**Tonia Chisholm, Lisa Lance**/FC Public Library-Carrabelle  
**Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel  
**Sheri Wesson**-Forgotten Coast Photography

**Downtown Improvement Committee:**

**Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel  
**Lewis Christie**/Christie's Cottage Living

**Executive Director**-Lisa Munson

**Total [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) Website Visitors: Jan 1-Dec 17: 230,529**

**2K WebGroup--**Our team was honored to be selected to judge the entries for Florida's Second Congressional District 2017 Congressional App Challenge. We are so proud of all the students who demonstrated the value of computer science.



**St. James Bay--The Holiday Wine & Cheese Tasting Event** on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the **Crooked River Grill** was a treat and fun. Sorry that some may have missed out. The planning has already started for January. We hope to have some type of drink and food tasting each month. Don't miss out on the next great event. Call the Golf Shop (850) 697-9606 or the Crooked River Grill (850) 697-5050 to be added to the list of invitees. Thanks to all that did participate, and especially those that helped to put it together.