

Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle

March

Fri 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Enjoy a Rubeen Sandwich 11 am-1 pm at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. Donation \$ 6. For info, call Pat Bott (317) 408-8409 or call (850) 408-1308 & leave message.

Sat 18th Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Rib Cookoff

Gates open at 9 am, BBQ dinners served at 11 am till gone so get there early! Music, silent auction, & the famous liar's contest. For more info, Call George Pruett (850) 670-9000 or email pru911@gtcom.net.

Sat 18th Tate's Hell State Forest Clean up 8 am-noon. Meet at Gully Branch Recreation Area and Landing in Tate's Hell State Forest. For information & sign up, call (850) 697-0010 or email marti.miller@freshfromflorida.com

Sat 18th Archaeology Day 2017 at the Nature Center in Eastpoint 10 am-4 pm Call (850) for more info

Tues 21st Fertilizer, Compost & Mulches: Making Plants Grow 1:30-3:00 pm Free & open to the public. Presenter: Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director. Carrabelle Library. This is the first of a series of gardening programs to be offered. For more info, call (850) 697-2366

Thurs 23rd Registration deadline for 4th Saturday Paddle on the 25th Go to www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org/4th-saturday-paddle/

Thurs 23rd Board of Directors meeting 4:30 pm at Carrabelle Library

Member meeting/mixer at 6 pm-Crooked River Lighthouse

Fri 24th Dos Blues Guys from Macon, GA at Rio Carrabelle Show Time 8 pm, admission \$ 15, BYOB. A harp blowin' fretboard sliding' string pickin' blues show. For reservations & info, contact Rob @ (850) 307-0098.

Sat 25th Carrabelle Culture Crawl 11 am-3 pm. This cultural event is a free, multi-venue showcase of art, music and history in the heart of downtown Carrabelle. For more info, call Tamara Allen at (850) 0697-2141 or email carrabellehistorymuseum@gmail.com

Sat 25th 4th Saturday Paddle-Come explore the Apalachicola River with us! With the Apalachicola Riverkeepers RiverTrek outings volunteer team. Register by 3/23 For more info, go to www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org/4th-saturday-paddle/

Sat 25th Opening Reception for the Coastal Art Showcase 10 am-5 pm Presented by the Carrabelle Artist Association & Rio Carrabelle Gallery. Corner of Hwy 98 & Tallahassee St.



Friday, March 17, 2017

Welcome to our Newest Member



The Carrabelle Chamber would like to welcome our newest member: **Loco Catering**. They are Franklin County's most versatile mobile catering service, featuring Low Country Boil. Fresh local seafood, cooked on site! They have been in business for more than a decade and they specialize in a creative buffet style service guaranteed to feed that hungry guest list with top quality food. They come to you....perfect for weddings or any group gathering! To learn more about their services, go to their website at www.lococatering.com, follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LocoCatering/> or call them today (850) 766-6299.

Have you overlooked renewing your membership?

We have many members that are still not current. Without this support, our efforts in becoming the "Business Chamber" will be curtailed. Please review your records carefully and send the Chamber your membership renewal TODAY!! Give Lisa a call at (850) 697-2585.



Camp Gordon Johnston Days & the Carrabelle Airport Fly-In last weekend was a great success & fun weekend for everyone! Attendance far exceeded expectations. **The biggest thank-you goes out to ALL our Veterans!** The Chamber was invited to have a booth at the Fly-In along with a lot of local organizations to let the world know not only about this wonderful airport, but all the fun things & places to go around Carrabelle. As always, the parade downtown was a big hit! A big thank you goes out to everyone involved, especially the Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum, the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's First FL Chapter, CGJ Post 82 American Legion, the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center, Carrabelle Airport, City of Carrabelle & the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

Sat 25th Release of the Chinese Memorial Sky Lanterns at the Carrabelle Beach at dark. These lanterns support **Tonya's Hope (April 1st)** to benefit residents of Franklin County being treated for cancer. You can purchase a lantern at the Carrabelle Chamber for \$ 5.

Sat 25th Spring Fling-Dance 7:30 pm until.... Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. "Greg & Krewe" DJ. Bring a friend and your favorite finger food for all to enjoy. BOB. Donation \$ 6 each person

Sat 25th Tony Partington, vocalist & Rio Carrabelle Quartet at Rio Carrabelle Show Time 8 pm, admission \$ 15, BYOB. Music by Cole Porter, Jimmy Van Heusen, Kurt Weill, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Thelonious Monk, Duke Ellington, & Carlos Santana. For reservations & info, contact Rob @ (850) 307-0098.

Events on Multiple Dates:

Feb 2nd-April 13th AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Franklin County Public Libraries Carrabelle Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 3/23, & 4/6 Call (850) 697-2366 for appointment; Eastpoint Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 3/16, 4/13 Call (850) 670-8151 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

For more in-depth assistance in preparing your tax returns, Call for an appointment with one of our Chamber Members: Friedman Financial Advisors, Eastpoint—(850) 670-1253 Roberson & Associates, PA, Carrabelle—(850) 697-2542

Feb 22nd-April 1st Food Drive presented by St. James Health & Rehab to benefit America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend. Drop Boxes located at St. James Health & Rehab, 239 Crooked River Rd. or the Carrabelle Chamber. For more in, contact Kristine Baust (850) 661-3967

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint will be hosting a **series of nature talks & events** this spring: 3/18 Archeology Day; 3/24 Bay Friendly Lighting; 4/14 Estuary Class; 4/19 Reserve Wednesday; 4/22 Birding the Bay. For more info, call (850) 670-7700.

The PanCare Medical Bus will be at the PanCare Dental Facility in Carrabelle, 106 NE 5th St. 10 am-4 pm. 3/21, 4/18, 5/16 Offers Physicals, Exams, Primary Care, Urgent Care & Flu Shots. For an appointment, call (850) 247-9834

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

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/river trek/

For More info on any 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 the Apalachicola Riverkeepers: Water Wars Update

****The US Supreme Court** will discuss the special master's recommended ruling in the landmark Florida v. Georgia case on March 17, 2017.

****US Senator Bill Nelson** has filed legislation that will require the Corps of Engineers, USFWS,NOAA, and other federal agencies to work together on a plan that will protect and improve the health of the Apalachicola River and Bay.

****Congressman Neal Dunn** introduced a resolution to halt implementation of the Corps' revised Water Control Manual for the ACF basin.

****Senator Nelson and Senator Marco Rubio** jointly signed a letter requesting the Corps of Engineers not finalize its draft water-control management plan. Congressman Dunn, along with Florida's other US House members, sent a similar message to the Corps as well.

To learn more about the Tri-State Water Wars, please visit our website at www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org

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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Economic Development:

Skip Frink/Old Carrabelle Hotel
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Lisa Keith-Lucas-Chamber Special Events Committee

	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		25	74	73	
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-March 12: 41,989								
Average of 591 per day !								