

# Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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*The Pearl of the Panhandle*



Friday, March 31, 2017

## April-Busy month!

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Sumi-E Demonstration** 1 pm. A Free Coastal Art Showcase Event sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. at Rio Carrabelle. Workshop presented by Suzanne Zimmerman. For more info, call (850) 294-9664

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Tonyas Hope Day** at the American Legion Post 82, Lanark Village. Benefiting residents being treated for cancer.

**Yard Sale 9 am. Memorial Service & grace at noon** followed by a Boston Butt dinner for \$ 10 Plate. **Music by Debi Jordan** Noon-3 pm **Auction at 2 pm. Cash Raffle drawn at 6 pm**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Oysters 101** 1-4 pm at the Nature Center (ANERR), 108 Island Dr, Eastpoint. Free. Please register for the class in advance. Contact Emily Jackson (850) 670-7743 or email [emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us)

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Translating the Language of Life: Chemical Ecology as Planetary Drug Discovery** 7-8 pm Part of the Conservation lecture Series by the FSU Coastal Marine Lab, St. Teresa. Refreshments are available before talk in Auditorium. Call (850) 697-4120 or go to [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) for more info.

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Meet the Artist Wine & Cheese Reception**-8 pm. A Coastal Art Showcase Event sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. at Rio Carrabelle. For info, call (850) 294-9664

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Florida Lighthouse Day Celebration** Climb the Crooked River Lighthouse from 1-4 pm, Adults \$ 5, kids climb FREE! Museum open noon-5 pm with complimentary refreshments. For more info, call (850) 697-2732

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Pottery Demonstration & Workshop for adults** 1-3 pm. A Free Coastal Art Showcase Event sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. at Rio Carrabelle. Workshop presented by Marian Morris. For more info, call (850) 294-9664

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Bay Friendly Landscaping Workshop** 1 pm-3:30 pm Nature Center (ANERR), 108 Island Dr, Eastpoint. Free. Please register for the class in advance. Contact Emily Jackson (850) 670-7743

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Free Kayak 101 & Paddling Tour at St. George Island State Park** 1:30 -4:30 pm Great tour for beginners. Reserve your place on the tour & reserve your boat & equipment by calling (850) 927-2111. (Reservations are required even if you bring your own kayak.) Space is limited. Children over 12 & older & must be accompanied by an adult. No fees except your park admission charge.

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Fertilizer, Compost & Mulches: Making Plants Grow** 1:30-3:00 pm at the Eastpoint Library presented by: Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director. Free & open to the public. Call (850) 670-8151 for more info.

**Thurs 27th Board of Directors meeting 4:30 pm**

**Member meeting/mixer at 6 pm**

**Both at the Crooked River Grill, St. James**

**\$12 per person including unlimited tea and water, other beverages available for purchase.**

**Bring &/or win some door prizes!**

**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!**



## The Inaugural Carrabelle Culture Crawl on March 25th

What a great event presented by Carrabelle History Museum ! Plenty of browsers wandering the streets & a few characters too! Music throughout the whole Carrabelle downtown area. And perfect weather too! My favorite part? All the happy, excited people discovering the town & all its charms. Sponsored by Carrabelle Cares, Chamber & Artist's Assoc. Funded in part by the FCTDC.



**Franklin County Senior Center** volunteers enjoyed the comradery and help given by senior missionaries Elder Jim Ross and Sister Shirley Ross of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. The couple lived in Carrabelle for six months and helped with every week's Thursday lunch preparation and serving. Sadly, with the end of their mission, they recently had to return to Idaho. Cook Brenda Bottles (in apron) gives going away gifts to volunteers Shirley and Jim Ross. Jim and Shirley Ross receive appreciation plaque from President Rick Moore.

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

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:fsucml@fsu.edu) (850-697-4120).

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.birdingthebay.eventbrite.com)

### **Carrabelle Riverfront Festival-Downtown Carrabelle Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 4-8 pm & Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 am- 6 pm**

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bhwharton@gmail.com). Applications are also available at the Chamber office.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Fishy Fashion Show at the Riverfront Festival-** Learn the "Dos and Do Knots" of coastal couture! Main stage by the Marine St. Pavilion.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:riocarrabelle@gmail.com) Questions? Call Rob at (850) 307-0098

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



Photo of President Rick Moore of **Senior Citizens Council** thanking Richard Jaskowski for his generous donation of a new, full-size microwave for the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Mr. Jaskowski made the donation to honor the memory of his wife.

#### **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/](http://www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org/rivertrek/)

#### **Events on Multiple Dates:**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>-License –free freshwater fishing days** For more details:

[www.myfwc.com/license/recreational/do-i-need-a-license/free-fishing/](http://www.myfwc.com/license/recreational/do-i-need-a-license/free-fishing/)

**Weekends--March 25<sup>th</sup>-April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 starting 4/8: 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. (4/8, 4/15, 4/22, & 4/29) Guided walk during the full swing of spring migration! Call (850) 927-2111 for more info.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>-April 13<sup>th</sup> AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Franklin County Public Libraries** Carrabelle Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 4/6 Call (850) 697-2366 for appointment; Eastpoint Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 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

**The PanCare Medical Bus** will be at the PanCare Dental Facility in Carrabelle, 106 NE 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.carrabelle.org) under "Things to Do" Events Calendar or the Community Calendar under "The Area"

#### **Events Further afield:**

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Or go to

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