



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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Friday, March 06, 2015

Events March

2nd -Various Colleges-Spring Breaks start

Fri 6th Coastal Art Showcase-Rio Carrabelle-

Meet & Greet Reception 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sat & Sun 7th & 8th-Artists at Work-Rio

Carrabelle 10:00-4:00 p.m.

Sat 7th Lanark Village-Golf & Pancake

Breakfast 8:30-11:00 a.m. Chillas Hall

Sat 7th Literary Night-Rio Carrabelle 8:00 p.m.

Fri 6th & Sat 7th St. George Island Regional Chili

Cookoff & Auction-SGI Volunteer Fire

Department and it's First Responders

Tues 10th Lunch & Learn Exercise-FC

Emergency Management Center-Apalach

em3frank@fairpoint.net 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thurs 12th Everything you wanted to know

about shark sex, but were afraid to ask-

FSUCML Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Sat 14th-The First People of the Forgotten

Coast-Carrabelle History Museum 10-2 p.m.

Sat 14th Authors in Apalach-Apalachicola

Municipal Library 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Wed 18th Freshwater Turtle Lecture-

Apalachicola Natl Research Reserve Nature

Ctr-Eastpoint 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Thurs 19th Carrabelle Area Chamber

Meeting-Carrabelle Branch of the FC

Library 5:30 p.m. Directors, 6:00 p.m.

Membership

Sat 21st Annual Charity Rib Cookoff-Eastpoint

Firehouse 9:00 till....

Sat 28th Brandon Robertson BIG BAND-Rio

Carrabelle 8:00 p.m.

Sat 28th Camp Gordon Johnston WWII

Museum movie "Fury" Rated R 10:15 a.m.

See our website www.carrabelle.org under

"Things to Do" Entertainment/Events for

More info

Don't forget to set your clocks forward!

Daylight Savings time changes Sunday 2:00 a.m.

New Members

Debi Jordan Music

Welcome Back

Bruce Schaffer

Event Sponsors

Franklin County Tourist Development Council

WOYS-Oyster Radio



This Weekend in Carrabelle

Rio Carrabelle Gallery and the Carrabelle Artists Association are proud to invite you to this year's **Coastal Art Showcase**. The artists will be hosting a Meet and Greet Reception opening the event Friday night March 6th from 6 to 8 PM.

Throughout the weekend contributing artists will be on hand discussing artwork, techniques, and giving demonstrations. Member Art will be featured in the Rio Carrabelle Gallery from March 6th to April 26th. The gallery will be open on Fridays 1-5 pm and Sat/Sun, 10-4.

Events Further afield:

Sat 7th & Sun 8th-150th Anniversary Reenactment **Battle of Natural Bridge** www.exploresouthernhistory.com

Sat 7th Panama City **Scottish Festival & Highland Games** at Gulf Coast State College www.panamacityhighlandgames.com

Sat 14th **St. Patrick's** Parade & Festival-Tallahassee www.tallahasseeirish.org under Events tab

Chamber officers

President-Cher Novaria

Vice President/Treasurer-Sheila Hauser

Secretary-Tonia Chisholm

Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Chamber Directors

Ann Wilson

Lewis Christie

Dr. Lois Kaitland

Visitor's Center

Brochures Sent

	2014	2015	% Inc	2014	2015	% Inc
Jan	51	106	2.1	30	75	2.5
Feb	111	167	1.5	27	63	2.3
Mar	163			25		
Apr	118			41		
May	66			26		
Jun	64			66		
Jul	80			36		
Aug	52			36		
Sept	56			21		
Oct	76			22		
Nov	79			19		
Dec	<u>62</u>			<u>32</u>		

Totals 978 381

Total Website visitors Jan 1st-
March 1st: 24,185

Chamber Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Franklin County Visitor Center
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
After 2:00 p.m.-Enter Through Christie's Cottage Living next door
Sunday 12:00 -4:00 p.m.
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REMINDER: YOUR CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT RENEWALS ARE DUE BY THE END OF MARCH. PLEASE SEND IN ASAP!

Debi Jordan and **Oyster Radio** have joined the Chamber team! Debi, "The Voice of Carrabelle" will become "The Voice of the Carrabelle Area Chamber" next week by recording "**The Chamber Minute**" on WOYS, a 60 second ad spot updated bi-weekly and run once a day in the morning. The content is Chamber News, New Members, planned activities, whatever the Chamber is up to...so let us know about YOUR events so we can get the news out! And listen to WOYS 100.5 Oyster radio!

Drones fly at Carrabelle Chamber Event –Read the article about the February 19th Chamber Mixer at The Pearle Restaurant in Lanark Village with guest speaker Bruce McCormack, CEO of Gulf Unmanned Systems Center. "The Times" Thurs, March 5, 2015 page A18-You can read the entire article by purchasing the paper this week or going to www.apalachtimes.com and typing in "drones" to search. If you missed the event, you can schedule a tour of the GUSC's facilities by calling (850) 720-1500 or email bmccormack@guscenter.com. The **Newsletter** is now available on-line on our website www.carrabelle.org. Click on Contact/Newsletters and pick date of Newsletter you want to download.

Other News Around Town & the county...in case you missed it....
Carrabelle Bottle House interview on aired on Feb 11th can be seen again at: www.WFSU.org/dimensions Top right hand corner search box type in "Carrabelle Bottle House" to view the video.

In 95 % of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene.

Would you know what to do? CERT is the answer!

What is CERT? CERT is a training program for the **Franklin County Community Emergency Response Team** that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.

As a member of a CERT team, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. CERT teams are known and trusted resources to emergency responders and their communities.

Franklin County has 35 CERT certified people – 18 of them in Carrabelle! Apalachicola has 6 on their team. Franklin County Emergency Management would like to develop 3 more groups this year: St. George Island, Eastpoint, and Indiana Pass. Please call the **EOC at (850) 653-8977** or **Cal Allen, Program manager (850) 524-1124** for information on how you can get certified and join the team!