



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



April

Sat 30th & Sun 31st Coastal Art Showcase Presented by the Carrabelle Artist Association & Rio Carrabelle Gallery at Rio Carrabelle-Hwy 98 & Tall. St.

Sat 30th Spring Fling Dance 7:30 pm till.... Chillas Hall, Lanark Village. "Kreg & Krewe" DJ, Bring a friend & your favorite finger food for all to enjoy. BOB Donation \$ 6 person.

Sat 30th The Adventures of Annabelle Lyn—A tribute to Merle Haggard & Country Living... Don't miss it! 8 pm Rio Carrabelle corner of Hwy 98 & Tallahassee St. Call (615) 337-1290 for info or reservations. BYOB

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Thurs 5th Celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" 4 pm until...at Sometimes it's Hotter, Gulf Beach Dr, SGI All proceeds benefit the Franklin County Public Libraries (850) 927-5039 for more info.

May 6th-15th Forgotten Coast en Plein Air-America's Great Paint Out All along the Forgotten Coast with nearly 100 events in the works. See www.pleinairfl.com for event schedule or call (800) 378-8419

Sat 7th The 5th Annual "Golf Gone Wild!" Event. St. James Bay Golf Resort (850) 697-9507 or www.stjamesbay.com

Tues 10th Plein Air demonstrations & discussion of the plein air process at the Marine Street Pavilion from 2-4 pm featuring artists Katie Dobson Cundiss, Shelby Keefe, & Thomas Jefferson Kitts. www.pleinairfl.com

Tues 10th Plein Air Reception hosted by Rio Carrabelle & the Carrabelle Artists Association 4-6 pm at Rio Carrabelle, Hwy 98 & Tallahassee St. Appetizers & beverages including wine will be available. Come meet the artists of the Forgotten Coast en Plein Air. www.pleinairfl.com

Thurs 12th What can the Frozen South reveal about warming? FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Conservation Lecture Series 7 pm FSUCML Auditorium. Reception follows presentation. St. Teresa, FL (850) 697-4120 or www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Sun 15th Concert in the Park 2- 4 pm-Presented by The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts with the Franklin County School's Seahawk Concert Band, followed by Fishy Fashion presentations & Community Choir Gospel Sing. Riverfront Park, Apalachicola www.inconcertapalachicola.org (850) 697-2180.

Fri 20th through Sun 22nd Forgotten Coast PaddleJam-Battery Park, Apalachicola & Sun Regatta Park, SGI. Go to www.paddle2love.com for schedule of events.

Sat 28th The 2nd Annual Disaster Expo 10 am-3 pm. FREE-Fun & Food-Franklin County Emergency Mgmt., 28 Airport Rd., Apalachicola (850) 653-8977 x102 or www.franklinemergencymanagement.com

Friday, April 29th, 2016

Carrabelle is rich with history! Did you know Carrabelle has 3 museums for you to explore?

Camp Gordon Johnston is a great place to learn more about Carrabelle's role in WWII. The **Carrabelle History Museum** is the perfect place to learn more about the Legend of Tate's Hell, Indian & nautical history of the area, and the **Crooked River Lighthouse & Museum** gives visitors an inside look at our Maritime History.

Come experience fun the whole family can enjoy here in beautiful Carrabelle Florida. We'll leave the Lighthouse on for you!

Tonya's Hope-Recording breaking \$ 10,263.33 raised!

Sat 2nd the 9th Annual Tonya's Hope Day was held at **American Legion Post 82**, Lanark Village. Yard sale, raffles. A BIG thank-you goes out to all donors and volunteers! Tonya's Hope helps residents of Franklin County that are in treatment for cancer with non-medical expenses. If you are in need of our services call 850-625-0382



Harry's Bar & Discount Liquors
306 Marine Street in Carrabelle

Marine Street Grill

A great new addition to Harry's Bar! Now serving food in their recently renovated courtyard! Wings, Burgers, oysters, shrimp, crab cakes, sandwiches, salads, and even a "kiddos" section on menu. Stop in and check it out today! Enter through courtyard gate. Ms. Julie retired, & we'll miss her!



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As a Google Partner, they have been trusted by Google as a certified expert who has demonstrated proven success using industry best practices. With Partner status, 2K Web Group stays ahead of the curve by working directly with Google to help clients get the most out of their marketing budgets using the latest Google tools and products.

In order to achieve this certification, 2K Web Group met eligibility requirements which included passing certification exams, experience managing Google accounts, continued best practices and maintaining minimum spending levels.

Events on Multiple Dates:

Tri-Area Franklin County School Board Code of Conduct Community Workshops 5 pm- 6pm- 5/11-Apalachicola at Holy Family Center, 5/18 - Eastpoint at Willie Speed Board Room, 5/25 Carrabelle at City Commission Room. 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct-Target areas: student offenses, dress code, cell phone & attendance. Monica Moron (850) 670-2810 x 4111 or mmoron@franklin.k12.fl.us

FSU Coastal & Marine Lab offering Emergency First Responder One Day Workshops 6/4; 9/17 CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator, & Oxygen Administration www.marinelab.fus.edu or (850) 697-4120

FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Workshops: Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea 6-9 pm 5/21; 6/3; 6/18; 7/2; 7/17; 7/30; 8/17; 8/27 FSUCML St. Teresa. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Price \$ 40 adult, \$ 30 student; (850) 697-4120 fsucml@fsu.edu www.marinelab.fus.edu

See our website www.carrabelle.org under "Things to Do" Entertainment/Events for More info

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

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Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-Apr 24: 48,015
Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 8
Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50

	Visitors at our Visitor's Center				Carrabelle Brochures Sent			
	2014	2015	2016	% Inc	2014	2015	2016	% Inc
Jan	51	106	131	1.24	30	75	56	(.75)
Feb	111	167	233	1.40	27	63	56	(.89)
Mar	163	171	248	1.45	25	74	73	.99
Apr	118	178			41	47		
May	66	137			26	79		
Jun	64	153			66	90		
Jul	80	133			36	66		
Aug	52	125			36	70		
Sept	56	109			21	37		
Oct	76	152			22	25		
Nov	79	113			19	31		
Dec	<u>62</u>	<u>142</u>			<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>		
Totals	978	1,686			381	683		

The **Carrabelle Riverfront Festival** has come and gone once again! The Festival Committee would like thank all the hard working staff, dedicated volunteers, and visitors for making the 2016 Carrabelle Riverfront Festival a success.

Once again, the Carrabelle Chamber supported the Riverfront Festival by providing volunteers for shuttle service, trash pickup, & a variety of other areas. Christie's Cottage Living, Phoenix Medical Center & the Chamber co-hosted the vendor reception on Friday night. This year we were given the Welcome Booth/T-shirt concession---although we broke even on the cost of the shirts....we have A LOT of leftover t-shirts available for sale at the Chamber Office....come by and get yours today! We did distribute a lot of Franklin County Visitor Guides and Carrabelle Snapshot Tour brochures at our Welcome Booth. The Downtown merchants the Chamber has heard from have reported last weekend was great for their businesses! (**Sorry, no room for pics!---See Facebook**)

Tate's Hell & Back 5K! Thank you to all Participants & Sponsors! Another great success with 100 participants. A check for \$ 2,100 was presented to the Franklin County Senior Center at the weekly Thursday lunch. **Winner of the FC Senior Center 50/50 Raffle was Shannon MacDonald**, a waitress at 2 Bro's Restaurant. The Senior Center also raised \$ 230 at the Pavilion selling donated baked goods, including 2 of Ms. Merle's pies!

Fishy Fashion Show "fishonista" Joan Matey received an award of appreciation from Mayor Brenda La Paz for a decade of excellence. The entire Show is a brilliant exhibition of her design skills and the witty monologue is something everyone enjoys every year. Of course, the shoreline show girls were on hand to celebrate this important moment. You can now see it on Youtube at the link below. About 1 hour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxhh3eQVAfk>

Results of the Duck Race

Winner: Chelsea Register (10th grader at Franklin County School) **Raised \$ 1,285 net profit** to be used toward the **FC School band** trip in 2017. Thank you for all your support for the FC Seahawks!

Forgotten Coast Cruisers 3rd Annual Car Show

There were **18 great cars on display** for everyone's viewing pleasure. All cars were voted on by people's choice enjoying the Riverfront Festival. Cash prizes were awarded to the Top Three of the Show.

1st Place-Capt. Randy Craft, Sopchoppy-1965 Chevy C-10 Truck-- \$ 100 prize sponsored by Coastline RV Resort of Eastpoint.

2nd Place-Jessica Ward, Eastpoint-1967 Camaro SS-\$ 75 prize sponsored by Fathoms Raw Bar of Carrabelle.

3rd Place-Tracey Strain, Tallahassee-1970 Chevy Camaro 454--- \$ 50 prize sponsored by Gulf Coast Auto Parts of Eastpoint.

All vehicles registered received door prizes donated by Napa Auto parts of Eastpoint & Ace Hardware of Apalachicola. Gift certificates were given away for 4th through 10th place & were sponsored by Lynn's Retail & Raw Bar, Eastpoint; Red Pirate of Eastpoint, & Fathoms Raw Bar of Carrabelle.