



# Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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## Events-March

### Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Lanark Village Spring Clean Up

**Saturday** Volunteers need from 9 am-1 pm

Meet at the pavilion in Gene Sewell park

### Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Rib Cookoff-Eastpoint

Firehouse 9:00 a.m. till...

### Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Brandon Robertson BIG BAND-Rio

Carrabelle 8:00 p.m.

### Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> The Lighthouse Children's Home

singing at the Lanark Community Church

10:30 am Call Christie 509-3199 for info

### Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Camp Gordon Johnston WWII

Museum movie "Fury" Starring Brad Pitt

Rated R 10:15 a.m.

### Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Archaeology Day Apalachicola

National Estuarine Research Reserve 10:00 am-

4 pm (850) 670-7700

### Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting-Eastpoint

firehouse 10 a.m. Concerned Citizens of

Franklin County (see page 2 of Newsletter)

### Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Dance at Chillas Hall, Lanark Village

Greg K and Krewe 7:30 pm

## April

### Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dance at the Franklin County Senior

Center 7 pm till...

### Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Real Florida: Photography w/ Rex

Adams-FSU coastal & Marine Lab 5 pm-10 pm

[www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/workshops](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/workshops)

### Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Fifth Annual Putt-Masters, A Mini Golf

Tournament noon until...Red Pirate Family Grill

& Oyster Bar, Eastpoint to benefit the Franklin

County Public Library Call Anna Carmichael

(850) 273-1774

Carrabelle Riverfront Festival Fri. the 24<sup>th</sup> 4-8

pm and Sat. the 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am-7 pm

[www.carrabelleriverfrontfestival.com](http://www.carrabelleriverfrontfestival.com)

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup>-2015 Open House-FSU Coastal &

Marine Lab 10 am-3pm [www.marinelab.fus.edu](http://www.marinelab.fus.edu)

See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) under

"Things to Do" Entertainment/Events for

More info

Friday, March 20, 2015

**REMINDER: YOUR CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT RENEWALS ARE  
DUE BY THE END OF MARCH. PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!**

### New Members:

Eastpoint Medical Center

### Welcome Back:

Franklin Mini Storage, Inc.

Jackson Auto Parts & Ace Hardware, Inc.

MS Dockside Marina, LLC

Carrabelle Beach RV Resort Condo Association, Inc.

Carrabelle IGA

Roberson & Associates, P.A.

Big Bend Hospice

## Fifth Annual Putt-Masters

## A Mini Golf Tournament

## Sponsor/Volunteer/Participate

## To Benefit the Franklin County Public

## Library

## Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, noon-until

Red Pirate Family Grill & Oyster Bar, Eastpoint

Various levels of **sponsorship** are available.

If you would like to **participate** or

**volunteer**; contact your library branch to

reach a FRIEND OF FCPL in your area.

Carrabelle (850) 697-2366, Eastpoint (850)

670-8151, or contact Anna Carmichael

(850) 273-1174

The library is a vital county resource. The Services

provided are free, but funding is limited. The

Friends of Franklin County Public Library are proud

to help fund both the Carrabelle and Eastpoint

branches of our public library system. And, with

help from businesses and individuals throughout

the community and their participation in our

efforts, this would not be possible.



**Events Further afield:**

**The 2015 Panama City Passion Play**-Marina Civic Center **Thurs, April 2 and Fri, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 pm; Sat, April 4<sup>th</sup> 4 pm** Admission is **Free** [www.panamacitypassionplay.com](http://www.panamacitypassionplay.com)

**Tyndall Air Force Base Gulf Coast Salute 2015-Open House & Air Show April 11 & 12** The USAF Thunderbirds and US Army Golden Knights-Gates open at 9 am-Free admission and parking [www.gulfcoastsalute.com](http://www.gulfcoastsalute.com)

[www.SeabreezeJazzFestival.com](http://www.SeabreezeJazzFestival.com) April 22-26 Panama City Beach at Pier Park

**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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Inc</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Inc</u>
Jan	51	106	208	30	75	250
Feb	111	167	150	27	63	233
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 1<sup>st</sup>-  
March 15<sup>th</sup>: 31,039

**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.

Enter Through Christie's Cottage Living next door

**Other News Around Town...in case you missed it....**

The Meet and Greet Reception held at the **Rio Carrabelle Gallery** by the **Carrabelle Artists Association** on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, had a great turnout. Attendees were treated to some great appetizers and soothing background music as they enjoyed viewing all the jewelry, ceramics, oil and water color paintings, textile art and more. Most of the art on display is for sale. **The Coastal Art Showcase will continue until April 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**The First People of the Forgotten Coast Event** hosted at the Franklin County Senior Citizen Center by the **Carrabelle History Museum & Historical Society** last Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> was a full house. The speakers and demonstrations were informative and engaging. The food was great too!

**Town Hall Meeting-Concerned Citizens of Franklin County**

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

**Eastpoint Fire House 10:00 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Ben Wilcox from Integrity Florida**

Mr. Wilcox will explain how citizens can make a successful and important difference in their local government. He will also discuss today's troubling challenges and roadblocks to maintaining free and open government in Florida. Mr. Wilcox is now with Integrity Florida, a not-for-profit, nonpartisan research institute whose missions are to promote integrity in government and expose public corruption. His earlier career was spent as news director for the Florida Public Radio Network and WFSU-FM.

Part two of the program will feature an advocacy discussion by the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County (CCFC). Interested guests may choose this opportunity to learn more about the mission of the CCFC, and may join the membership group to help work toward good government at all levels.



Yay! We made it in time for Spring Break!  
We'd better keep a sharp eye out for the kids next week !