



January Events

The Corner of Our Country, by Homer Hirt, President of RiverWay South.
January 12, 2013 at 7 p.m.

This talk will center around the junction of the three rivers (Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, Flint) now covered by Lake Seminole. Topics will range from historical importance, transportation on the tri-river system, and people, places, boats and barges. Today's opportunity for tourism on the system and in the riparian counties will also be discussed. Homer Hirt is President of RiverwaySouth Apalachicola/Choctawhatchee, an eight county rural tourism coalition. He has a weekly column in the Jackson County Times, is President of the Lake Seminole Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Governing Board of ACF Stakeholders. He retired from the U. S. Navy (Reserve) with a rank of Lieutenant Commander and went on to become the Port Director of the Jackson County Port on the Apalachicola River. Mr. Hirt has a valuable depth of knowledge of ACF history paired with a vision of the future. \$5 includes low country boil following the presentation. We'll have the fire pit going on the docks!



Build a Canoe! January 18, 2013

The Plywood Canoe is a great boat building project for families or groups of 2 to 4 people. When completed, the canoe is 15' 3" in length with a 31 ½" beam. It can be paddled with kayak or canoe paddles. Inexpensive to build using ordinary tools and materials, the canoe gives everybody access to boat building and a boat. The course runs three days with an optional day of painting on the fourth day. This boat is built using plywood sheets and dimensional lumber and uses many of the techniques used in building larger boats including lofting. This boat is suitable for one adult, and adult and child, two children, or an adult and a couple of dogs. The AMM will provide all of the materials, tools, and instructors to keep you and your friends and family on the right course. We will build up to three boats in a weekend and group size is limited to four. We have a great calendar of boat building classes coming up in the new year, for a variety of small vessels. Stop by or check our website!

Apalachicola Anchors Workshop -- Register Now! January 19, 2013

Ever noticed how many old anchors are laying around in Apalachicola? Ever wonder about their history? Join us for a day all about anchors! We are very excited to have archaeologists Barbara Hines and Franklin Price joining us from Tallahassee for this special project. The day will start with a presentation at 10 a.m. about identifying the parts of an anchor and what those parts can tell us about their history. This session is open to everyone. Then, in the afternoon, help us record the anchors around town so that they can be entered in the world-wide Big Anchor Project Database. The fieldwork component begins at 1 p.m. and requires registration. Email Barbara Hines at bhines@uwf.edu or call 850-877-2206 to register.



Build a Kayak

January 21, 2013



The Wood Duck Kayak is a beautiful, versatile, easy-to-use recreational kayak. With a big cockpit and ample stability, the emphasis is on comfort. But these boats really paddle well. The Wood Duck is built from a kit, with precision-cut panels ready to go. Puzzle-joints and pre-drilled stitching holes make for fast and accurate assembly with no carpentry skills required. Sheathed in fiberglass inside and out, the Wood Duck will withstand real-world abuse and will bounce over submerged stumps without harm. The boat can carry a heavy payload in

the fore and aft compartments, enough for picnicking, camping or a whole lot of fishing gear. The boat is constructed from okoume plywood throughout. This is a beautiful tropical wood, prized for its grain, light weight, and workability.

Community Paddle and Coastal Cleanup to Welcome Expedition Florida 500

January 25, 2013

Samantha Fortunas, one of our newest staff members, will be escorting Expedition Florida 500 into Apalachicola aboard the museum's very own handmade wooden stand up paddleboard on January 25th. Expedition Florida 500 (XF500) is a celebration of Florida's coast and waterways designed as a year-long project where anyone is invited to join expedition leader Justin Riney as he navigates Florida's entire coastline atop a stand up paddleboard. Schedule:

- 3:00pm Meet at Battery Park
- 3:00pm -4:30 Community Paddle
- 4:30pm- 6:00 Coastal Cleanup of Battery Park area

Religion Above and Below Deck in World War II, by Dr. Kurt Piehler, Director of the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience

January 26, 2013 at 7 p.m.

On a cold winter night in February 1943 an American troopship would be torpedoed in the North Atlantic. Panic gripped the men as the ship quickly listed to its side and started sinking. Four chaplains—two Protestant ministers, a rabbi, and a Roman Catholic priest—worked to calm the scores of green soldiers and helped them escape the doomed ship. The four chaplains gave up their own life preservers to those GIs without them and stayed aboard the doomed ship. In the distance, survivors reported seeing these four chaplains united in prayer as they disappeared into the frigid sea.



The Four Chaplains became a major symbol of ecumenicalism and sacrifice for the nation. Their story is emblematic of a larger story about the role religion played in the life of World War II GIs, especially for those in the Navy. In this talk, Professor Piehler will examine the religious life of American sailors and officers in World War II. In contrast to earlier wars, the United States went to great lengths to ensure the American GI had access to chaplains and could freely exercise their right to worship according to the dictates of their conscience. During the war 2,934 chaplains strived to meet the needs of sailors and Marines ashore and afloat. \$5 includes low country boil reception.

Build a Rowing Shell

January 28, 2013

Under the guidance of our boat builder, construct this vessel from plans and materials obtained from Chesapeake Light Craft. Construction time is six to eight days. At the end of session you have functional boat ready for finishing, which takes two to four weeks. This Wherry design offers thoroughbred performance on the water combined with breathtaking grace.