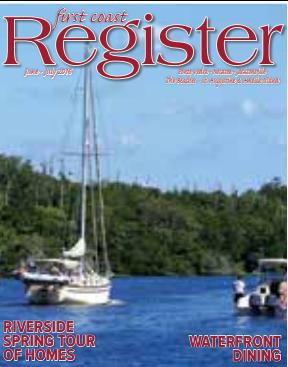
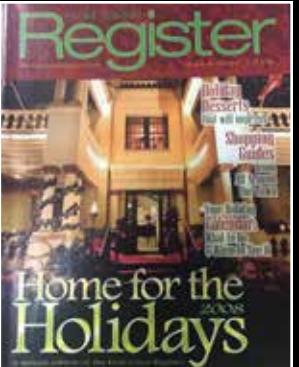
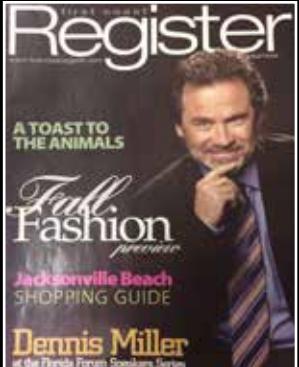
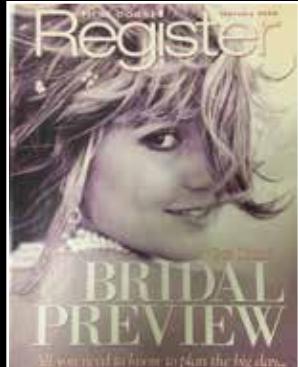


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## KAYE D. SCHMITZ

Kaye D. Schmitz is a mystery author who lives in World Golf Village in St. Augustine. Her first novel, "The Consort Conspiracy, A Covington Family Mystery," was released in 2017. Her next book, "The Revealing Room," is coming soon.

### **What inspired you to become an author?**

I don't know that I was inspired to write as much as the fact that I just always did it. My first publishing experience came at the age of 10, when my poem, "The Garden," was published in our local newspaper. My early writing consisted of poetry and short stories, and I found I had a way with words. When I finally decided to take writing seriously and do something about it, I began taking classes and letting the stories come to me. One of my favorite things is to allow my characters to take over my head and tell the story for me.

### **What makes mystery your favorite genre to write?**

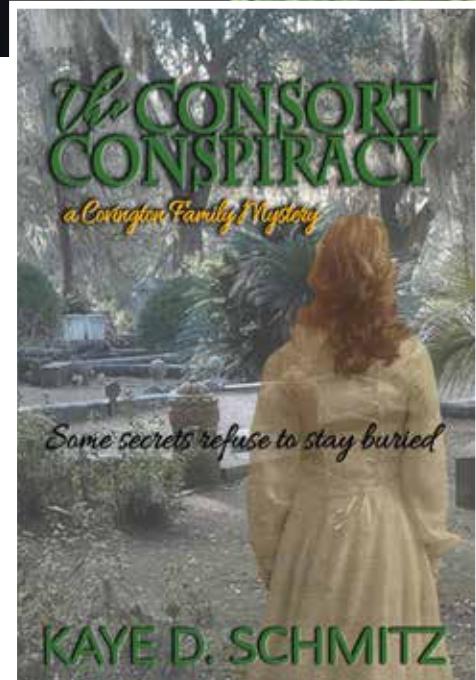
I think I enjoy writing mysteries because I love reading mysteries. I also enjoy hearing from my readers that they thought they had my story figured out and then bam, I threw them a twist they didn't see coming. Along with the mystery, my stories are also about families and their relationships — often including family relationships from the past. And there is normally history thrown in, too — with real people from the past acting as some of my characters.

### **What's the premise of "The Consort Conspiracy, A Covington Family Mystery?"**

For almost 200 years, an ancient cemetery, deep in the lowlands of Georgia, has protected the identity of an infamous, brutal murderer whose act of betrayal changed the course of the town's history and catapulted the family's descendants into the nation's highest political office. Thirty-one-year-old Kate Covington, downsized from her corporate position and desperate for work, calls in her last favor to land a film documentary job designed to boost the president's ratings and travels to his family home in Georgia. But her research unearths clues in the ancient cemetery that prove his entire political career rests on 200 years of murder and betrayal — knowledge that forces her to fight for her life.

### **What can you tell us about your next book?**

My second book is finished and awaiting a publishing date. The title is "The Revealing Room," and it takes place in the fictional town of Sinclair Station, east of Asheville. The entire description is available on my website, but the synopsis is that a small North Carolina town, founded by the wealthy Sinclair family, is selected as the site for an International G7 Summit. But local Summit Coordinator Mattie Maguire, whose working-class family has been intertwined with the Sinclairs for four generations, uncovers a plot by Russian resources that threatens not only the Summit, but also the lives of her family. To save them, she must find the Sinclair heir, missing for decades, and then fight for her own life.





Schmitz and her husband, Michael

**Do you speak or present at any conferences or events?**

Yes. It's one of my favorite things. Earlier this year I taught a three-hour writer's workshop in Midway, Georgia — the site of "The Consort Conspiracy" — followed by a book signing. I've also spoken at several book clubs and would love to do more. Recently, since my book was accepted in the Local Author Collection of the Jacksonville Library System, I did an "Author Talk" at the Southeast Regional Library and have been invited to teach a writers' workshop there later this year. My favorite talk was as a panel member at the International ThrillerFest in New York in July. My panel included members from all over the country, South America and the Mediterranean.



Schmitz looks over a map of the 89th infantry division of the U.S. Army that her father was part of in World War II.

**What's your best advice to someone who wants to become a better writer?**

First, keep writing. When I initially met with publishers, the editors always congratulated me for finishing my novel. They told me that 80 percent of would-be novelists never finish their manuscripts. Even my agent has said that fewer than 20 percent of the writers she invites to submit pages ever do so. Second, don't be afraid to totally take your work apart and rewrite. Writing is rewriting — it's simply a part of the process. But, three, NEVER throw away words. In my newest book, I deleted half the chapters when I rewrote, but I saved everything since something may come in handy for another book. And fourth, I believe we all have a story to tell, so believe in yourself and tell yours.

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

I love to garden ... my yard is filled with hundreds of flowers. My husband and I also have a standing Monday night movie date if we're both in town. In addition, we've been season ticket holders and sponsors of The Broadway Series in Jacksonville for more than 10 years. We also saw three Broadway shows when we were in New York. In addition, we both still love rock and roll and go to as many concerts as possible. We have tickets to see Queen with Adam Lambert in Las Vegas. And, of course, I love to read.

**What do you enjoy most about living on the First Coast?**

I love the weather, of course — going outside in January without a jacket — something I couldn't do in my Maryland hometown. And I also love having my children and grandchildren close by. I enjoy being near the ocean and being a Jaguars fan. I think this is our year!

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# *Weddings with a Twist*

Unique ways to keep  
your guests smiling

by SAMANTHA LOGUE

As the celebration of lifelong love and commitment between two people, the planning of a wedding can often be a daunting task. From the date and location to the décor and more, there are many factors that go into the planning process to ensure the bride and groom and their guests can look back on the day with nothing but happiness.

For those couples seeking unique and creative ways to keep their wedding guests entertained, First Coast wedding planner Sarah White of The I Do List shares some of her favorite methods for doing just that.



Sarah White

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## CAPTURE THE MOMENT

There are countless ways for a bride and groom to memorialize their wedding day that will not only allow them to look back on it with fondness, but will also score them points for creativity with their guests. One of White's personal favorites? Silhouettes.

"One of my favorite things that I have seen done in a few weddings recently is to hire a silhouette artist," White says. "Basically, you sit there, and this artist will hand-cut with just a pair of scissors your silhouette out of black paper and then mount it on a piece of cardstock."

The silhouette artist, White adds, can cut out two copies at a time, so that each guest can add one silhouette to the couple's guest book and take the second home with them as a favor.

Likewise, live-painting is another option White suggests for a stand-out way to capture the joyous memories of one's wedding.

"You can actually hire someone to come and live-paint a moment in the middle of your wedding," she says. "So, whether that's your ceremony, or your first dance or your cake-cutting — whatever moment it is, they will paint that scene throughout your reception. Guests can watch, and at the end of the night you get this really cool keepsake that you can hang on your wall."

For those who still want to celebrate their big day with photos, however, White says photo booths and the more recent selfie stations are always popular — though for digital photos, she notes that it's important to have a way to gather and print them, if the bride and groom wish to have hard copies.

"I usually recommend using a service," she says. "One of the ones I really like and use frequently is called Appy Couple. You pay for the service, but guests can upload any photos they take to a cloud-based system, and then you have access — as do all of your guests — to print those photos."

While using hashtags to gather photos via social media has become popular over the past several years, White adds that there are drawbacks to relying on that method.

"We're seeing more and more guests who aren't active on social media," she reveals. "And also, your guests don't always want to post every single picture they take to a social media account, whether that be Instagram or Facebook. Something like Appy Couple is a great way to get all of those photos, and if you're going to do a selfie station where they're using their phone, that's the best way to make sure you get copies of those photos."



## SURPRISE WITH SNACKS

Refreshments are also an important factor at any wedding and provide an easy way for the bride and groom to personalize their reception while satisfying their guests' cravings. For instance, for those couples who aren't big fans of cake, White proposes offering an alternative to the traditional wedding dessert.

"You can do a gourmet cheese station after dinner, which is very common in Europe, or you could have an ice cream truck pull up," she suggests. "Hippo Gourmet Popsicles actually does catering, and they will bring out their popsicle cart and work with you to do custom flavors, so that's really fun too."

Specialty tasting bars, White adds, are also a fun twist on a traditional wedding staple.

"Instead of having just a bar, you can have a whiskey-tasting bar, or a wine-tasting bar, and guests can get a sampling of a variety of different things," she says. "It's just something different that really piques guests' interest, creating this unique experience for them."



## HIRE A BABYSITTER

The question of what to do with the kids can be a real challenge for many wedding guests. Should the children come along? Would they be a disruption? For the sake of those parents who wish to enjoy the festivities without the downside of having to supervise their little ones, White suggests hiring an on-site babysitter.

"Something that we will do that's very common is we will have a certified babysitter, and they come on-site, so parents are more comfortable than leaving their kids at a hotel or at someone else's house," she explains. "They will block off a room at the venue, put the kids in there with a babysitter and games and movies, and we'll order them pizza. So, it becomes a very fun night for them, but they're on-site with their parents, so parents can still have fun at the reception."

## *The Ocean and You ...*

A photograph of a bride and groom in nautical-themed wedding attire. The bride is wearing a white wedding dress and a sailor's cap, while the groom is in a white officer's uniform. They are standing on a sandy beach with tall grass in the background, smiling and posing for a photo. The overall theme is a "nautical" or "ocean" inspired wedding.

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## GET PERSONAL

Whether it's through incorporating cultural accents representative of the couple's heritage, or even adding personal touches that share their relationship's story, White says the single most effective way for a bride and groom to ensure every guest is happy is for them to focus on just one thing: each other.

"I think the best way to entertain your guests at your wedding is to make your wedding different, and the way to do that is to really make it unique and special to you," White says. "Incorporate parts of your story and parts of your family history and what brought you two together into your wedding, and that in and of itself — because it's different, because it's representative of you — will make your wedding more entertaining to guests."

*For more information on The I Do List, visit [theidolist.net](http://theidolist.net).*



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# GIFTS FOR

by JON BLAUVELT

The men who stand behind you on your wedding day are most likely some of the most important people in your life, and they should be thanked for their impact and friendships with personalized groomsmen gifts. But let's be honest here, sometimes creativity isn't exactly a quality that all men possess.

As a result, the Register has consulted local wedding planner Sarah White of The I Do List to provide our male readers with a few ideas and guidelines to consider.

• **Buy local.** According to White, more and more grooms are focusing on local products and services for their groomsmen gifts. For example, try a bottle of liquor from the St. Augustine Distillery or Manifest Distilling.



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# GROOMSMEN



• **Go the utilitarian route.** Most groomsmen, says White, tend to care less about attire than bridesmaids and prefer gifts they can use again and again. Some suggestions include monogrammed shave kits, YETI koozies or cups, beer steins, pocket knives, sunglasses and money clips, among others.

• **Be classy.** Depending on the budget of the wedding, White notes engraved watches or cufflinks are always well-received by groomsmen.

• **Do different.** Are you interested in doing something different for your groomsmen? White suggests grilling sets, customized coolers or decanters as unique options.



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# BLAKE BORTLES FOUNDATION



Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles gathers with residents of the Arc Jacksonville Village at the third annual Blake Bortles Foundation Charity Golf Tournament June 25 at the King & Bear Golf Course.

Photo courtesy of the BLAKE BORTLES FOUNDATION

## hosts third annual charity golf tournament and concert

by JON BLAUVELT

An array of local celebrities and First Coast residents joined Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles and his family for the third annual Blake Bortles Foundation Charity Golf Tournament June 24-25 at World Golf Village in St. Augustine.

The fun started with a concert June 24 at the Renaissance Resort that was headlined by country star Jon Pardi. The show also featured performances by country singers Maggie Rose and Seth Ennis, in addition to a live and silent auction and dinner from TacoLu. Jaguars players such as Brandon Linder joined Bortles, as well as former Jaguars kicker Josh Scobee. Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry and his wife Molly also attended. Several of the people there were local residents who bought tickets for the event.



Country music star Jon Pardi gathers with Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry and his wife Molly at the concert.



Jaguars mascot Jaxson de Ville and cheerleader Mandy  
Photos by JON BLAUVELT

The following day on June 25, Bortles, Jaguars teammates and personnel and local celebrities competed in the golf tournament at the King & Bear Golf Course.

Both events benefited the Blake Bortles Foundation, which supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and first responders. The funds are used in Jacksonville and Bortles' hometown of Oviedo, Florida. Over \$100,000 was raised for the foundation.

Money raised at previous charity golf tournaments allowed Bortles to engage in numerous philanthropic initiatives during the offseason, including providing lunches to first responders, funding scholarships at the Arc Jacksonville Village, hosting two free youth football camps and donating time and money to the Best Buddies Friendship Walk in Jacksonville Beach.

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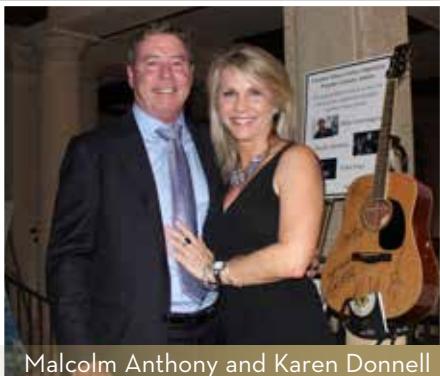
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Latrese Hargrave and Juanita Wright



Malcolm Anthony and Karen Donnell



A chef from Hammock Beach  
prepares food at the event.  
Photos by SUSAN GRIFFIN

The 13th annual Taste of Golf event benefiting the First Tee of North Florida was held June 28 at TPC Sawgrass.

The culinary event showcases top area chefs from private clubs and resorts in the region. Those in attendance came from Deerwood Country Club, Hammock Beach Resort, Hidden Hills Country Club, San Jose Country Club, TPC Sawgrass, Marsh Landing Country Club, Sawgrass County Club, Ponte Vedra Inn and Club/Ponte Vedra Lodge and Club, the River Club/Epping Forest Yacht Club, Atlantic Beach Country Club, 3 Palms Grille at the Oak Bridge Club at Sawgrass and Jacksonville Golf & Country Club.

Nicky Sparrow served as the 2018 event chair, and Action News Jax anchor John Bachman emceed the evening's activities, which also included live music from local band Hit Parade and a silent auction. Items in the auction included jewelry, golf equipment, hotel and restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia and more. Guest judges of the food included Nate Mayo, Lauren Titus, Jessica Morgan, Thomas "Tito" Ward and Scott Schwartz. Cisco and Pivot Technology Solutions served as presenting sponsors.

While Taste of Golf is designed for food, fun and entertainment, it also brings together a network of supporters of the First Tee and serves as the organization's largest fundraiser. The program provides children of all demographics and abilities the opportunity to grow their character foundation while learning the game of golf. In 2017, the organization impacted 111,028 children in North Florida.

For more information on the First Tee, visit [www.thefirstteenorthflorida.org](http://www.thefirstteenorthflorida.org).

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# Palm Valley Academy

## opens in Nocatee to accommodate growth

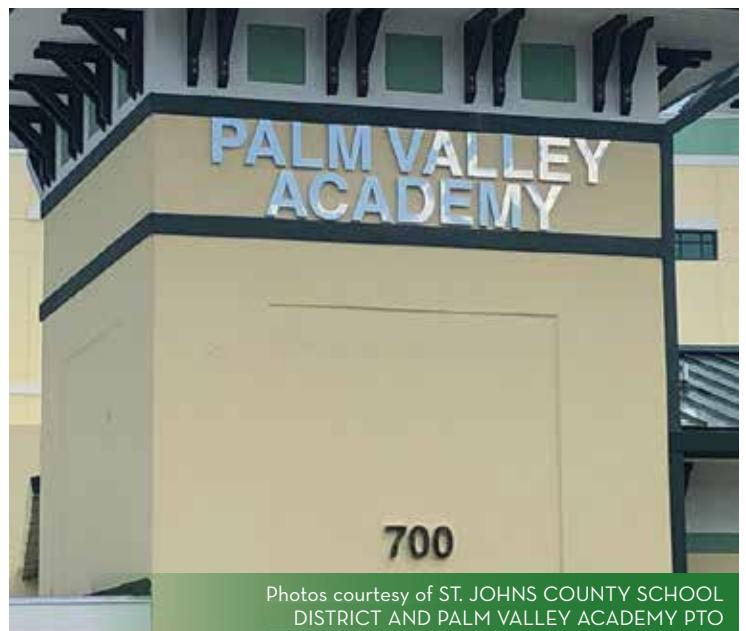
by JON BLAUVELT

Palm Valley Academy in Nocatee is one of the latest schools to open on the First Coast as a result of continued growth in St. Johns County.

Located on 13 acres of land adjacent to Nocatee's Twenty Mile neighborhood, the K-8 school opened its doors in August and welcomed more than 1,200 students.

"I keep saying it's an exciting and exhausting experience all in one," says Jessica Richardson, principal of Palm Valley Academy who previously served as principal of Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) in Ponte Vedra Beach. "I feel a huge sense of responsibility to make it the best it can be for them."

According to Richardson, Palm Valley Academy will be comprised of students from all Nocatee neighborhoods on the Town Center side of the master planned community, as well as all of Twenty Mile and Kelly Pointe. The PARC Group, the developer of Nocatee, has built a bridge for pedestrians, golf carts and bicycles to connect Twenty Mile to the school.



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An aerial of Palm Valley Academy shows the school near completion.

Richardson says students zoned for the new school would have previously attended Landrum Middle School in Ponte Vedra Beach or Valley Ridge Academy, the other K-8 school in Nocatee that mostly serves Greenleaf Lakes. About 70 percent of the students and several staff members from OPES, says Richardson, are going to Palm Valley Academy.

Although the school is designed for K-8, Palm Valley Academy will first start out as K-6 so students currently in seventh and eighth grade at Landrum and Valley Ridge don't have to make two transitions in just one or two years.

"The research will tell you if kids are going to transition, it's best if they can help it not to transition in middle school because that's the hardest time in your K-12 career developmentally, socially and emotionally," says Richardson. "In the last two K-8s that opened, they didn't move the eighth graders over at all because they didn't want them to have a transition and then another transition to high school. They felt the same way about the seventh graders (here)."

Some of the exciting features of the school include a state-of-art media center with a TV production room and virtual lab; 75-inch interactive touch panels, whiteboard tables and flexible seating in the classrooms; and common areas for collaboration. Thanks to a donation from THE PLAYERS Championship and support from the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation, the hallways of Palm Valley Academy will also be filled with close to 400 pieces of art.

According to Richardson, the school will feature the latest technology and surveillance cameras, and administrators, teachers and students will receive safety training to maximize safety and security. Other safety measures incorporated by the school cannot be shared publicly.

Certain aspects of the school will also reflect the history of Palm Valley since the new building is situated in the heart of the old community. For example, the front office will feature black and white photos of the old 210 drawbridge, and the school's mascot is the bobcat, an animal that is indigenous to the area. In addition, the school's colors are green, gold and indigo, a native Palm Valley plant.

A bridge built by the PARC Group will allow students and parents to walk, bike or drive golf carts from the Twenty Mile neighborhood to Palm Valley Academy.



Richardson also explained that the school is one of two in the St. Johns County School District to be launching a new program called "Capturing Kids' Hearts," which trains students and staff on how to respectfully and professionally treat each other.

"That's going to form the foundation for who we are," says Richardson, whose school is partnering on the launch of the program with Freedom Crossing Academy in St. Johns, the other new K-8 school in St. Johns County. "Greeting each other with a handshake. Looking at people in the eyes. Giving positive affirmations. We'll be doing that as a school family."

# Jaguars linebacker **Lerentee McCray** hosts



# Back-To-School

## shopping event for children

by BENJAMIN NAIM

Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Lerentee McCray hosted a back-to-school shopping event July 23 at Academy Sports + Outdoors in Jacksonville to benefit 30 children from the Sulzbacher Village, a community for homeless women and children.

“Coming from my upbringing and my roots and where I came from,” McCray said, “we didn’t have that many resources coming from my city and my community. I took advantage of the resources that I did have, and I just want to help these kids and give these kids resources that they can be able to be helped through their situation and what they’re going through right now.”

McCray, who does philanthropic work through his Big Play McCray Foundation, said he hopes to inspire disadvantaged youth to continue their education and succeed in life.



Children shop for shoes at  
Lerentee McCray’s back-to-school event.  
Photos by BENJAMIN NAIM



**LEFT & ABOVE:**  
Jaguars linebacker Lerentee McCray signs autographs July 23 at a back-to-school event at Academy Sports +

Outdoors for children from the Sulzbacher Village, a community for homeless women and children.



"They have a tough situation that they're dealing with and it's easy for them to get distracted," he said. "I just want them to remain passionate for their academics. I've been talking to those kids once a month for the past year, helping them to keep the same drive, the passion, the desire to do well in school."

Following an autograph signing and brief press conference, participating children shopped for clothing, shoes and school supplies.

The Big Play McCray Foundation provides at-risk youth with outreach programs that include physical fitness activities, education advancement workshops and wellness programs to promote healthy and active lifestyles as well as higher education.



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# Teach For America -Jacksonville celebrates 10th anniversary

Teach For America-Jacksonville (TFA) is this year celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The organization has recruited nearly 600 degreed and certified teachers to Duval County Public Schools since 2008. Nearly 200 TFA alumni in Jacksonville are working as teachers, principals, coaches, administrators and in the law, business and policy sectors.

"Over the last 10 years we've learned important lessons about what it will take to reach the day when every student — regardless of their zip code — can attain an excellent education," says Darryl Willie, executive director of Teach For America-Jacksonville. "We've learned that ours is a community that shows up for kids. We've learned that every child can meet high academic expectations if given more access to rigorous courses, resources and enrichment opportunities.

"We've also learned that leadership is our most powerful lever in solving this problem — leaders who believe in the potential of every student, who prove it in their classrooms and who bring others



The 2018 Teach For America-Jacksonville corps members

Photo courtesy of TEACH FOR AMERICA-JACKSONVILLE

into the movement to expand opportunities for children," Willie adds. "Building and harnessing that leadership is a role TFA-Jacksonville is proud to play in continued service of students, families and the Jacksonville community for years to come."

Teach For America works in partnership with urban and rural communities in more than 50 regions across the country

to expand educational opportunity for children. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding leaders to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to end educational inequity. For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

## Jacksonville community welcomes new superintendent

Duval County Public Schools and the greater Jacksonville community welcomed new Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene at a special reception held July 17 at the University of North Florida's Adam W. Herbert University Center.

Greene had the opportunity to meet more than 250 community members and leaders, as well as discuss her initial thoughts on the district. Prior to her work in Duval, Greene was the superintendent of the School District of Manatee County.

Greene gave a rousing speech, asking



New Duval County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Diana Green (center) stands with members of the community.

Photo courtesy of DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

the community if she could draft them to #TeamDuval. She said it will take the community working together to elevate the children.

Also at the event, School Board Chair

Paula Wright thanked former superintendent Dr. Patricia Willis for providing calm and steady leadership over the past school year in which she served in an interim basis.

# Deck the Chairs celebrates 6th season with

## 'A Chair Affair'

by SAMANTHA LOGUE

In honor of its sixth season in Jacksonville Beach, Deck the Chairs hosted A Chair Affair — an evening of “sipping, sampling and supporting” — on July 18 at the Casa Marina Hotel, raising more than \$16,000 for the organization’s annual holiday festivities.

Sponsored by a host of local businesses, organizations and philanthropists, the event featured food and wine samplings, a silent auction and live jazz music performed by Junco Royals. Refreshments were provided by Salt Life Food Shack, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Campeche Bay Cantina, TacoLu and Taste! Auction items included gift certificates and gift baskets loaded with merchandise donated by local businesses, as well as tickets to local sporting events, such as the Jaguars and the Jumbo Shrimp.

A Jacksonville Beach tradition since 2012, Deck the Chairs continues to bring the joy and light of the holiday season to the Beaches each year. Through the artful decoration of lifeguard chairs by local businesses and organizations, the event seeks to promote the arts and foster pride and involvement in the greater community.

This year, Deck the Chairs will begin Nov. 23 and will continue through Jan. 1 in Jacksonville Beach. To learn more, visit [www.deckthechairs.org](http://www.deckthechairs.org).



Locals Jim and Marcelle Gillis (from left) gather with Jamie Woodward and Max Chmura at Deck the Chairs' A Chair Affair on July 18.

Photos by SAMANTHA LOGUE



ABOVE:  
Foley Family Wines offers attendees samplings of various wines.

LEFT: Jim and Robin Batty (from left) pose with Tisa and Michael Cumbea.



Attendees browse the items up for auction.



A gift box donated by Sidney Cardel's is auctioned off at the event.



The Junco Royals entertain attendees with traditional New Orleans-style jazz.

# 10 YEARS OF THE FIRST COAST REGISTER



JON BLAUVELT

Editor

Here at the First Coast Register, we are extremely proud to be celebrating our 10-year anniversary.

First printed as a glossy publication in 2008, the Register is produced by the team at the Ponte Vedra Recorder, which has been regarded as THE community newspaper for the area since 1969. Now, with 10 years under its belt, the Register is also making its mark

in the community, and we don't plan on taking our pedal off the gas any time soon.

As seen on a bimonthly basis, the Register is inserted within the Recorder, as well as distributed to over 250 strategic locations on the First Coast. From Amelia Island to St. Augustine and from Ponte Vedra to Julington Creek, the Register can be found in exclusive condos and developments; golf, country and social clubs; fine restaurants and upscale shops; and area institutions such as the Cummer Museum and Mayo Clinic, among other locations. The magazine is also found in growing areas of the region like Nocatee and digitally on our website at pontevedrarecorder.com.

Included within the Register are social pieces on some of the First Coast's most swanky galas and events, as well as features on some of the community's most interesting people and businesses. Each magazine focuses on a different theme, with several stories within the publication tying to that topic. For instance, this August/September edition features bridal, back-to-school and arts themes. Most importantly, each magazine features local content that stands the test of time, making the publication a perfect coffee table read for your home or office.

As you flip through this edition of the Register, we encourage you to keep us in mind for future stories and events that you think would make a good fit for the publication. We are always seeking suggestions for content and ways in which we can continue to deliver a lifestyle magazine that you enjoy.

We can't tell you how much we appreciate your support. Several magazines have come and gone on the First Coast, but the Register has pressed on all these years, and that wouldn't be the case if it weren't for YOU.

Now, with that being said, we'd like to take you back to some of the stories that have run in the Register over the past 10 years. Enjoy, and thank you again!

The image shows four issues of the First Coast Register magazine side-by-side. The leftmost cover is for the June-July 2015 issue, featuring a woman in a white dress and the headline 'Spring Bridal Preview'. The middle-left cover is for the October-November 2017 issue, showing a yellow kayak on a beach and the headline 'INSIDE BUYER CONCIERGE SERVICES IN REAL ESTATE'. The middle-right cover is for the August-September 2016 issue, featuring a bridge over water and the headline 'WOMEN IN BUSINESS DRESSING'. The rightmost cover is for the Spring Bridal Preview issue, showing a building and the headline 'One-of-a-kind Wedding'.



## SEPTEMBER 2008

**Jacksonville Beach:** *Sun...Surf...and Shops*  
In the September 2008 edition of the First Coast Register, Sara Kaufman took First Coast readers on a tour of Jacksonville Beach. From cafes to boutiques to surf shops, she highlighted the aspects of the community that make it so unique. "Day or night, Jacksonville Beach's laid-back attitude and ample sun, surf and selection make it a great bet for a visit," Kaufman wrote.



## MARCH 2009

### *The Florida Forum*

The Florida Forum Speaker Series benefiting Wolfson Children's Hospital brought Jim Lehrer, George Stephanopoulos and David Gergen to Jacksonville on Feb. 3, 2009. Following their talk at the Florida Theatre, the three speakers mingled with guests at a private reception at the home of Billy and Laura Howell in Jacksonville, which was covered by the First Coast Register the following month in March.



Photo courtesy of the CULTURAL CENTER AT PONTE VEDRA BEACH

## APRIL/MAY 2010

### *The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach sponsors its first Tour of Homes*

The First Coast Register promoted the first-ever Tour of Homes organized by the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach in its April/May 2010 edition. For the event, the Cultural Center partnered with the American Society of Interior Designers to showcase four homes in the Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, Marsh Landing and on the oceanfront.



## JUNE/JULY 2011

### *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*

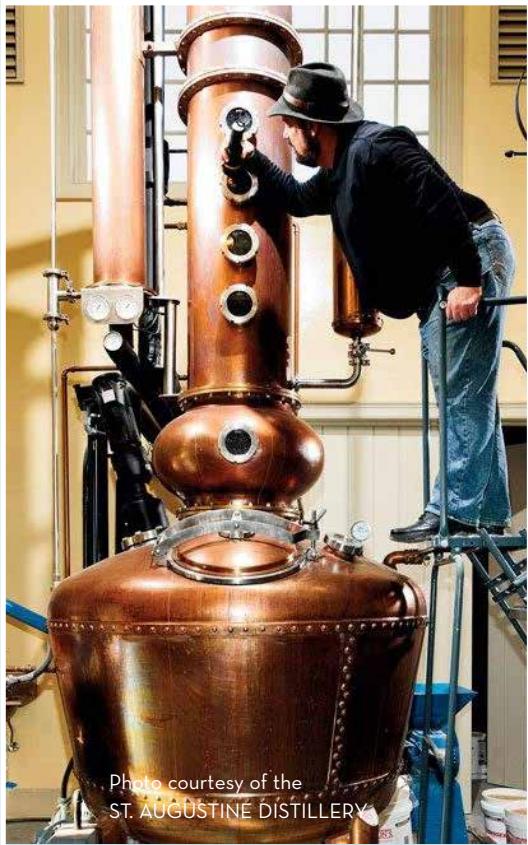
Long before the Jumbo Shrimp made their way to Jacksonville, the First Coast was home to the Suns. In the June/July 2011 edition of the Register, Lauren Ely wrote an article on the minor league baseball team. "Lucky for you," she wrote, "Jacksonville is home to the Jacksonville Suns, who not only serve up fun, fast-pitched excitement but also act as the minor league farm team for the Florida Marlins."



## DECEMBER/JANUARY 2012

### *All that glimmers this holiday season: Your guide to family-friendly offerings on the First Coast and beyond*

As is the case every year, the staff at the Register compiled a holiday event guide in the December/January 2012 edition. From day trips to weekend getaways to light shows, Carrie Resch provided readers with an overview of what was taking place that particular year.



## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013

### *St. Augustine Distillery:*

*Drink local...drink better*

When the St. Augustine Distillery first came to the First Coast, the Register was there to cover its journey. Our article on the new business was published in the February/March 2013 edition before the distillery opened about a year later, focusing on its history, planned location, mission and future.



## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

### *River Club celebrates with Diamonds in the Sky*

A story was included on the 60th anniversary of the River Club of Jacksonville in the August/September 2014 edition of the First Coast Register. The anniversary party included a champagne and martini bar, casino games, live entertainment by The Faze Band, a photo booth and a Forevermark diamond display courtesy of Underwood's Jewelers.

## APRIL/MAY 2015

### *George and Laura Bush: From White House to First Coast*

Former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush visited the First Coast in March 2015, participating in a fireside chat at Christ Church's Mandarin Campus on Greenland Road. An article about their visit and discussion appeared in the April/May 2015 edition of the Register.



## JUNE/JULY 2016

### *Dining with a View:*

#### *First Coast waterfront dining*

Jennifer Logue wrote an article in the June/July 2016 edition of the Register on First Coast waterfront dining. From Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill to The Reef to Cap's on the Water and more, she provided readers with a look into what options are available in the area. "From laid back, family-friendly casual spots to more upscale dining spots, First Coast foodies can spend the summer season dining their way up and down the coast," Logue wrote.



## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

**Cutter & Cutter Grand Opening:** Spanish master ROYO travels to Ponte Vedra for exhibition of his work

First Coast residents had an opportunity to meet one of the art world's noted stars in January 2017 when acclaimed Spanish painter ROYO visited Ponte Vedra Beach for the grand opening celebration of the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art gallery in Sawgrass Village. Jennifer Logue detailed this event in the February/March 2017 edition of the Register.



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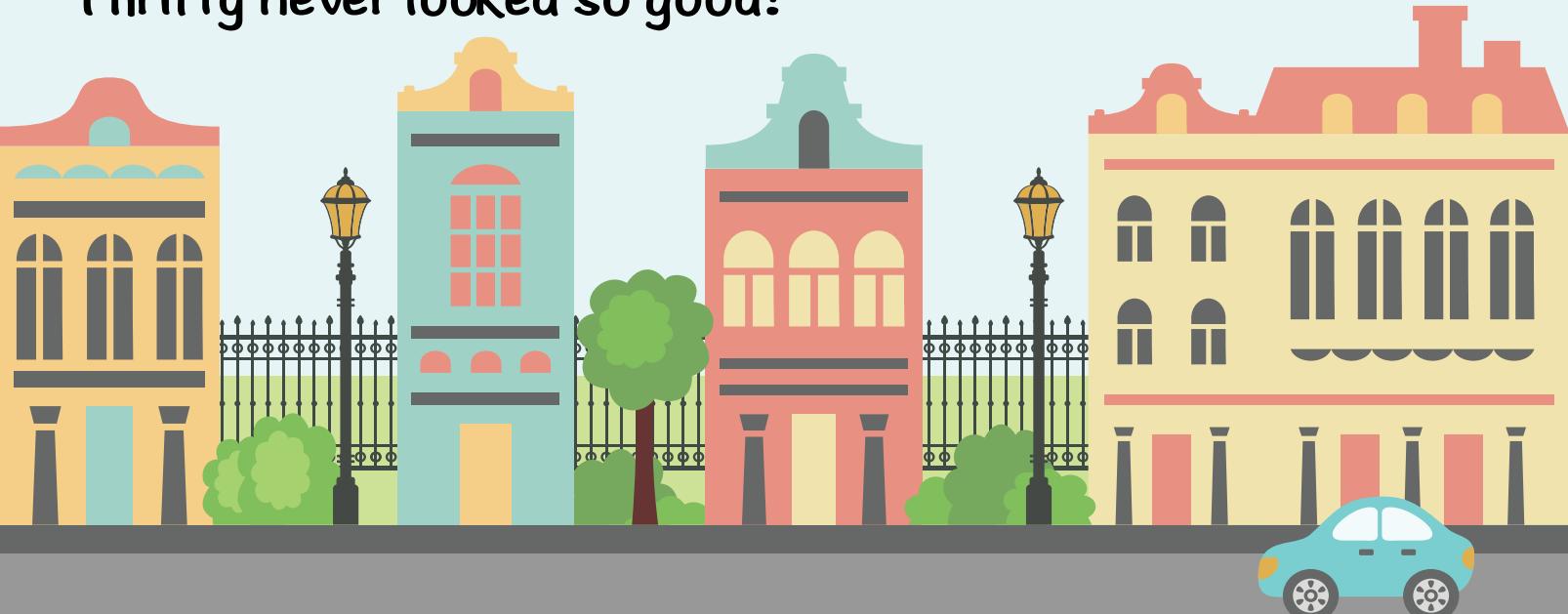
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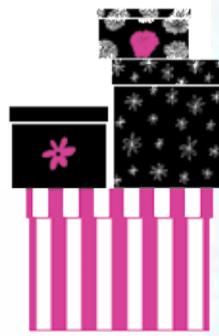
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# FALL Arts PREVIEW

The First Coast offers several arts-related events in the fall and through the next year, including theatre, museum exhibits, concerts, shows and more.

Photos by The Register staff and courtesy of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, Jacksonville Symphony and Limelight Theatre

## PONTE VEDRA CONCERT HALL

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is a multipurpose performing arts facility located in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach.

The concert hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in the former Cornerstone Baptist Church and underwent a conversion to transform the building into a modern performing arts facility.

For tickets, call (904) 209-0399 or visit [www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com).

Tickets are also available for purchase at Ticketmaster outlets and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall or St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices.

- Joanne Shaw Taylor with special guest JD Simo - Sept. 11
- Lee Ann Womack - Sept. 21
- Here Come the Mummies "The Wicked Never Rest Tour" with guest Honey Hounds - Sept. 22
- Louie Anderson - Sept. 27
- Rickie Lee Jones w/ special guest Anders Osborne - Sept. 29
- Delbert McClinton - Oct. 5
- Gary Gulman "Must Be Nice" Tour - Oct. 7
- Todd Snider - Oct. 10
- Gene Watson - Oct. 13
- The Fabulous Thunderbirds Featuring Kim Wilson - Oct. 18
- Colt Ford Presented by 99.9 Gator Country - Oct. 19
- Max Weinberg's Jukebox - Oct. 26
- Dweezil Zappa: Choice Cuts! - Oct. 27
- Amy Ray and Her Band w/ Guest Danielle Howle Band - Nov. 8
- Shemekia Copeland - Nov. 10
- Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra - Nov. 11
- Marc Broussard & His Band w/ Guest Kristopher James - Nov. 29
- Iris DeMent w/ guest Pieta Brown - Dec. 8
- A Peter White Christmas w/ Rick Braun and Euge Groove - Dec. 11
- Steven Wilson - Dec. 16
- Donna the Buffalo- Dec. 29
- Marcia Ball & Her Band - Jan. 12, 2019
- An Evening w/ Robert Klein - Jan. 20, 2019

## ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATRE

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre hosts a variety of shows year-round in the outdoor venue. From rock legends to country superstars, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, helmed by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division, has attracted an array of talent from a variety of genres.

The theatre is located at 1340C A1A S. For tickets, call the box office at (904) 209-0367 or visit [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com). Tickets are also available for purchase at Ticketmaster outlets and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall or St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices.

- Rick Springfield presents "Best In Show" with guests Loverboy, Greg Kihn and Tommy Tutone - Aug. 25
- MC50 "Kick Out the Jams: The 50th Anniversary Tour" with guests Waylon Thornton & The Heavy Hands and 9E - Sept. 6
- Widespread Panic - Sept. 14-16
- Sing Out Loud Festival: Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, The Decemberists and Lucero - Sept. 22
- Wu-Tang Clan "25th Anniversary" Presented by Power 106.1 - Oct. 7
- Iration w/ Guests Common Kings, Katastro and More - Oct. 13
- Ween - Oct. 14
- Death Cab for Cutie w/ guest Charly Bliss Presented by X106.5 - Oct. 20
- Alice in Chains - Oct. 26
- Lil Dicky "Life Lessons Tour" with guests Mustard and Oliver Tree - Oct. 29
- Vince Gill - Nov. 11
- Old Dominion "Happy Endings World Tour" w/ Guests Michael Ray and High Valley - Nov. 30

## PLAYERS BY THE SEA THEATER

### 2018-2019 SEASON

Founded in 1966, Players by the Sea is located at 106 N. 6th St. in Jacksonville Beach. The theatre will start its 53rd season on Sept. 21 with "The Color Purple," the tale of 40 years in the life of a family in rural Georgia. For tickets, call (904) 249-0289 or visit [www.playersbythesea.org](http://www.playersbythesea.org).

- "The Color Purple" Sept. 21 to Oct. 14
- "Pontypool" Oct. 26 to Nov. 3
- "Noises Off!" Dec. 7-23
- "Curvy Widow" Jan. 25 to Feb. 26, 2019
- "True West" March 15-31, 2019
- "The Wild Party" April 26 to May 18, 2019
- "New Voices: Young Voices" June 7-16, 2019
- "Shrek the Musical" July 19 to Aug. 11

## LIMELIGHT THEATRE'S 2018-2019 SEASON

Limelight Theater begins its 27th season with the opening of "Cabaret" Sept. 21. The theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine. For tickets, call the box office at (904) 825-1164 or visit [www.limelight-theatre.org](http://www.limelight-theatre.org).

- "Cabaret" Sept. 21 to Oct. 21
- "Foxfire" Nov. 30 to Dec. 23
- "An Enemy of the People" Jan. 11 to Feb. 3, 2019
- "Girls' Weekend" Feb. 22 to March 17, 2019
- "Father of the Bride" April 5 to April 28, 2019
- "Calendar Girls" May 17 to June 9, 2019
- "Smoke on the Mountain" June 13 to June 29, 2019
- "Fun Home" July 26 to Aug. 25, 2019

## MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART JACKSONVILLE

The Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville is a cultural institute partnered with the University of North Florida as a direct support organization. It is located at 333 N. Laura St.

MOCA will feature several exhibits through the fall.

- "A Dark Place of Dreams" - April 28 to Sept. 9
- "Project Atrium: Claire Ashley" - July 7 to Nov. 4
- "Attentive Arrangements" - April 1 to Aug. 19
- "A Patterned Response" - March 31 to Aug. 19
- "A World of Their Own: Art with a Heart in Healthcare" - Aug. 4 to Dec. 2
- "Gideon Mendel: Drowning World" - Sept. 1 to Dec. 9
- "Frank Stella Unbound: Literature and Printmaking" - Oct. 6 to Jan. 13, 2019

## THEATRE JACKSONVILLE'S 2018-2019 SEASON

Florida's longest running community theatre, Theatre Jacksonville has been in existence since 1919. Located in San Marco, the theatre's 99th season kicks off Sept. 14 with "Arsenic and Old Lace," the story of a New York newspaper critic Mortimer Brewster's marriage to the preacher's daughter.

Theatre Jacksonville is located at 2032 San Marco Blvd. For more information, call (904) 396-4425 or visit [www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com).

- "Arsenic and the Old Lace" Sept. 14-30
- "The Savannah Slipping Society" Nov. 2-18
- "Silent Sky" Jan. 11-27, 2019
- "Old Love" March 1-17, 2019
- "I Hate Hamlet" April 19 to May 5, 2019
- "Sister Act" June 7-23, 2019

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### Florida Blue Masterworks Series

- "A Hero's Life" Sept. 28-29
- "Bachtoberfest 2018" Oct. 19-21
- "Pictures at an Exhibition" Nov. 9-10
- "A French Fantasy" Nov. 30 to Dec. 1-2
- "Beethoven, Haydn and Sibelius" Jan. 4-5, 2019
- "Don Giovanni" Jan. 25-27, 2019
- "Daphnis and Chloe" Feb. 15-16, 2019
- Verdi's "Requiem" March 15-16, 2019
- "Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2" April 5-6, 2019
- Mozart's "Jupiter" April 26-28, 2019
- "Brahms Symphony No. 1" May 17-19, 2019
- "Season Finale! Mahler 5" June 7-8, 2019

### Fidelity National Financial Pops Series

- "The Music of John Williams" Sept. 21-22
- "Ragtime, Blues and Jazz" Oct. 12-13
- "The Music of The Who" Nov 2-3
- "Holiday Pops" Dec. 6-9
- "Cirque Musica" Feb. 1-2, 2019
- "Cherish the Ladies" March 8-9, 2019
- "Frank and Ella" March 29-30, 2019
- "Patriotic Pops" May 24-25, 2019

### Raymond James Coffee Series

- "The Music of John Williams" Sept. 21
- "Bizet Symphony No. 1" Nov. 16
- "Holiday Pops" Dec. 7
- "Coffee with Wolfy" Jan. 11, 2019
- "Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 1" Feb. 8, 2019
- "Cherish the Ladies" March 8, 2019
- "Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2" April 5, 2019
- "Patriotic Pops" May 24, 2019

## EMMA CONCERT ASSOCIATION

### 2018-2019 SEASON

The 2017-2018 EMMA Concert Association Season will kick off Sept. 23 with a performance from the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. All performances take place at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, located at 14 Granada Street in St. Augustine.

- Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra - Sept. 23
- The Chris Thomas Band - Oct. 6
- Gainesville Orchestra - Dec. 19
- Chicago Tap Theatre - Jan. 26
- Russian National Orchestra - Feb. 16
- Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra - March 30
- Siberian Virtuosi - April 6

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The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features exhibitions from local, regional and national artists. The center also features events, arts classes, lectures, workshops and more.

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ccpbv.org](http://www.ccpbv.org).

## SING OUT LOUD FESTIVAL

The Sing Out Loud Festival is a series of free concerts to be held Sept. 2 and Sept. 21-23 at multiple venues around St. Augustine such as Colonial Oak Music Park, Sarbez, Nobby's and the Ponte Vedra Concert hall. Visit [www.singoutloudfestival.com](http://www.singoutloudfestival.com) for more information.

### Lineup

- Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit
- The Decemberists
- Against Me!
- Lucero
- The Mountain Goats
- Leftover Salmon
- Rising Appalachia
- Iron Reagan
- The Weepies
- Chuck Ragan
- War on Women
- Austin Lucas
- Tim Barry
- Southern Avenue
- The Commonheart
- David Dondero
- Leah Song
- Al Riggs
- Verlon Thompson
- Twelve Hour Turn
- American Aquarium
- Susto
- Amigo the Devil
- The Hirs Collective
- The Pauses
- Lapeche
- Ample Angst
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- Bears and Lions

## ABET'S 2018-2019 SEASON

The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre's 27th season kicks off Sept. 7 with "James and the Giant Peach," a heartfelt adventure of a small boy on a musical journey of epic proportions. Performances are held at 544 Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach. For tickets, call (904) 249-7177.

- "Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach" Sept. 7 to 23
- "Wait Until Dark" Oct. 26 to Nov. 11
- "Dashing Through the Snow" Nov. 30 to Dec. 16
- "The Robber Bridegroom" Jan. 25 to Feb. 10, 2019
- "Eleemosynary" March 15 to 31, 2019
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- Blues, Brews and BBQ 2018 - Aug. 23
- Summer Movie Classics: "The Big Lebowski," 20th Anniversary - Aug. 26
- Brian McKnight - Aug. 31
- K.D. Lang Ingenuer Redux 25th Anniversary Tour - Sept. 10
- Dr. Jordan Peterson 12 Rules for Life Tour - Sept. 16
- Civic Cinema, "Philadelphia" - Sept. 19
- Here Come the Mummies - Sept. 22
- David Byrne - Sept. 26
- Not in My House the Remix - Sept. 29
- A Symphonic Celebration of Prince - Oct. 6
- Eddie Izzard - Oct. 10
- Benise "Fuego!" - Oct. 11
- Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games - Oct. 12
- Mary Chapin Carpenter - Oct. 13
- Steep Canyon Rangers - Oct. 14
- Max Weinberg's Jukebox - Oct. 26
- Kidz Bop Live 2018 - Oct. 28
- Rumours of Fleetwood Mac, 40 Years of Rumours - Nov. 1
- Tom Segura - Nov. 2
- Toto: 40 Trips Around the Sun - Nov. 3
- Chris D'Elia: Follow the Leader 2018 Tour - Nov. 9

- An Evening w/ Ira Glass: Seven Things I've Learned - Nov. 10
- Kathleen Madigan - Nov. 15
- The Australian Bee Gees - Nov. 16
- Stephen Stills & Judy Collins - Nov. 19
- Benji Brown - Nov. 23
- The Piano Guys: Christmas Together - Nov. 26
- Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2018 - Nov. 29
- Ghost: Pale Death Tour 2018 - Dec. 1
- A Peter White Christmas - Dec. 11

## BEACHES ART FEST

The Beaches Art Festival is presented by the Beaches Museum & History Park and Driftwood Jacksonville Beach and produced by Holiday Art Shows. The event features artists and craftsmen from around the country whose work has been carefully selected for the event by a jury committee.

The Beaches Art Festival starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 13 and ends on Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. It will be held outdoors at 498 Pablo Ave. in the heart of Jacksonville Beach.

## AMELIA ISLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival presents world-class jazz in many styles, including swing, bebop, Dixieland, big band, Latin and contemporary. During the week-long festival, held Oct 7-14, performances will be staged in several venues around Amelia Island including Saint Michael Parish Hall, Sandy Bottoms Beach Bar & Grill, Amelia Park, Arte Pizza, the Florida House Inn, Horizons and OMNI Hotels and Resorts Amelia Island Plantation. For tickets, visit [www.ameliaislandjazzfestival.com](http://www.ameliaislandjazzfestival.com).

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• Art Fundamentals: Acrylic Painting - Sept. 19 to Oct. 24

• A Tour with Ninah - Sept. 20

• Classical Concert - Sept. 23

• Cummer Beaches: Kickoff - Sept. 27

• Artists & World War I: Behind the Lines - Oct. 4

• Art for Tots: Mythical Beasts - Oct. 18

• History of Western Art: Early Christian to High Renaissance Art - Oct. 23

• Art Adventures: Collage - Oct. 20

• Artists & World War I: The Home Front - Nov. 1

• Art Fundamentals: Acrylic Painting - Nov. 7 to Dec. 19

• Art for Two: The Art of Food - Nov. 10

• History of Western Art: Baroque Art - Nov. 13

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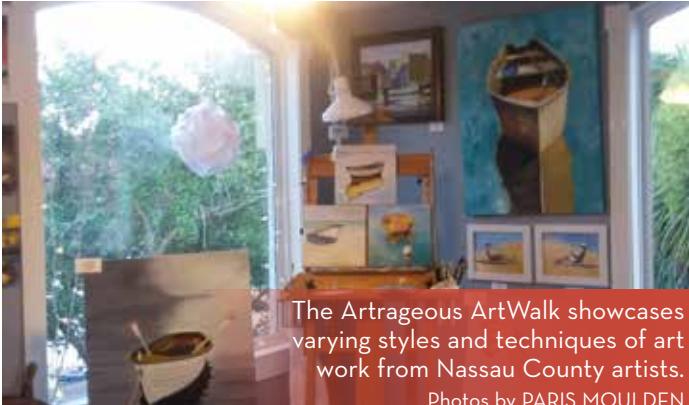
# Artrageous ArtWalk

by PARIS MOULDEN

showcases variety of styles, expressions around Nassau County



Photographer and manager of 2nd Story Gallery and Studios Pam Vieser showcases the natural beauty of Northeast Florida in her photographs.



The Artrageous ArtWalk showcases varying styles and techniques of artwork from Nassau County artists.  
Photos by PARIS MOULDEN



Artist Bill Kinney creates unique clocks made out of leather.



Unique jewelry designed by Camille Breen is on display at the Island Art Association.



Much of the art on display in Fernandina Beach showcases the natural beauty of the area.



The Nouveau Art room at the Island Art Association showcases work of local artists competing in a themed art show.

The Second Saturday Artrageous ArtWalk showcases artists from around Nassau County in the picturesque setting of historic downtown Fernandina Beach.

The Artrageous ArtWalk takes place on the second Saturday of every month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. during the spring and summer, and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. during fall and winter. Galleries around the downtown area open their doors and host open houses for visitors and area residents to see the myriad of techniques and varied styles of art Nassau County has to offer.

"There's a pretty big art community here," says Camille Breen, whose unique jewelry designs are on display at the Island Art Association, a nonprofit, volunteer organization aimed at developing and sustaining "an interest, appreciation and enjoyment in and of the arts of Nassau County, Florida."

The Island Art Association showcases an artist of the month and boasts a "Nouveau Art" contest, which is a themed, juried

show, occurring every two months with a different theme and open to any artist in Nassau County. Art entries for the contests are displayed in a separate room and prize money is awarded for Best of Show and first, second and third places.

"There's an awful lot of local talent," says Pam Vieser, manager of 2nd Story Gallery & Studios.

Vieser, who is from the Northeast U.S. and moved to Fernandina Beach several years ago, opened the studio about a year-and-a-half ago to highlight local artists as well as foster her love for photography, which focuses on the natural beauty of the Northeast Florida area.

"The gallery is my retirement project as well as my passion," said Vieser, a former business consultant who credits her artist grandfather for her passion for the arts.

For more information on the Artrageous ArtWalk, visit [island-art.org/artrageous-artwalk](http://island-art.org/artrageous-artwalk).

# 'In the Mood'

by SAMANTHA LOGUE

## A collection of works by Harry McCormick

World-renowned artist Harry McCormick made an appearance at the St. Johns County Administration Building in St. Augustine on July 17 for the opening reception of his "In the Mood" exhibition.

Hosted by the St. Johns County Cultural Council as part of its "Art in Public Spaces" series, the exhibition features some of McCormick's latest works, including those from his bold and lively "Circus Suite," as well as many detailed depictions of interiors.

"It's sort of a retrospective, really," McCormick said of the collection. "There's so many pieces and each one of them has a different story."

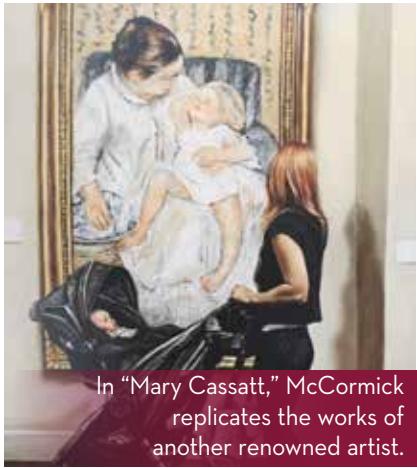
With a particular penchant for bar room scenes, McCormick seems drawn to the study of the human condition. In fact, throughout the whole collection, there are only two paintings that do not include people — "My Father's Chair" and "Abandoned" — and in those cases, their absence would indeed appear to be the point.

From the sophisticated hostess depicted in "Pierre's Tea Room" to the poor and aging "Peach Woman," McCormick's brush seems to find the beauty in every person and situation. In "Mary Cassatt," he comments on the tenderness of motherhood while paying homage to another great artist of the past, and with works like "Wailing Wall" and "Birkat Hachamah," he beautifully depicts the traditions of the Jewish faith and the hope they bring to so many.

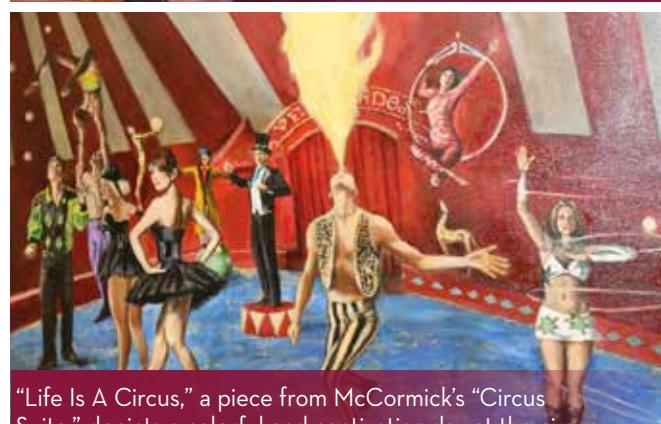
McCormick's "In the Mood" exhibition will be open for viewing weekdays through Sept. 20, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., in the rotunda of the Administration Building at 500 San Sebastian View.



Artist Harry McCormick (left) stands with Danny Berenberg at the opening reception of the "In the Mood" art exhibition held July 17.  
Photos by SAMANTHA LOGUE



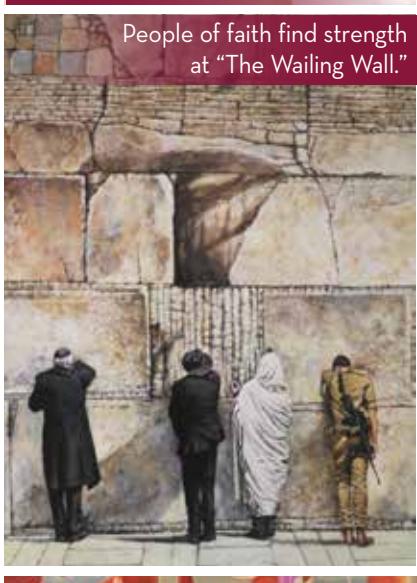
In "Mary Cassatt," McCormick replicates the works of another renowned artist.



"Life Is A Circus," a piece from McCormick's "Circus Suite," depicts a colorful and captivating day at the circus.



St. Augustine Community Band VP Michael Mann takes in McCormick's "Birkat Hachamah."



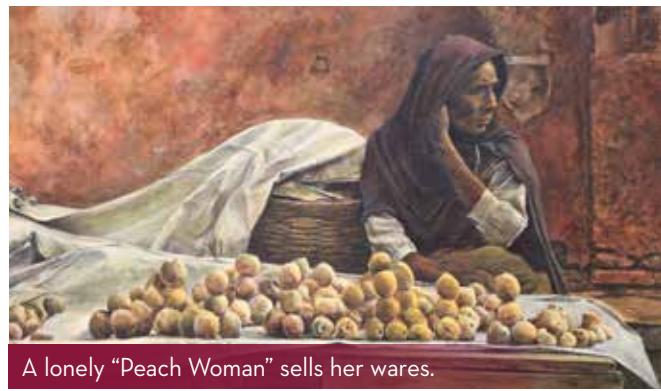
People of faith find strength at "The Wailing Wall."



"Pierre's Tea Room" features an elegant hostess awaiting her guests' arrival.



Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach Board member Dick Williams (left) views the exhibition alongside Fred Sampson, director of the St. Johns County Cultural Council.



A lonely "Peach Woman" sells her wares.



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# Fine art and family The Cutter & Cutter way

by JON BLAUVELT

Art galleries tend to be regarded as somewhat stuffy and pretentious, but Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Galleries is trying to prove that stereotype wrong.

"We're not trying to intimidate anyone," says Len Cutter, who owns the art dealership with her wife, Sonya, and sons Matthew and Mark. "If there's any intimidation, it's the art we represent. We want our people to know we're there, it's a family business, it's right in your backyard and we would love it if you would just come in and say hello."

Cutter & Cutter has been a prominent player in the First Coast art scene for 20 years. Its galleries feature artists from across the United States and globe including Salvador Dali, ROYO, Pablo Picasso, Dr. Seuss and Frederick Hart, among many others. The business offers originals, sculpture and limited edition fine art from various genres including cityscapes, figurative, landscapes, marine, master prints, portraits and still life.

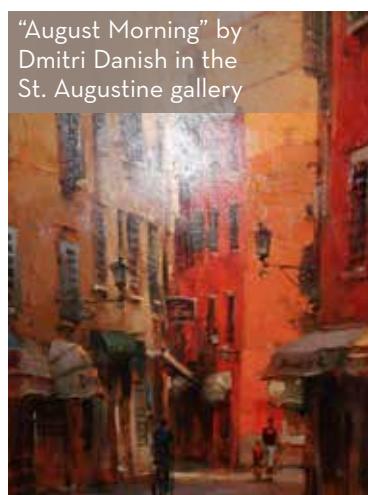
Some of the business' pieces cost tens of thousands of dollars and most are regarded as world-class, but that doesn't mean the Cutter family has forgotten its humble beginnings.

"We didn't start out in our business," Mark Cutter says. "We didn't know the first thing about it. We've learned over the years all about these artists, and we can share that. But it's not in one of those snooty ways where there's a buzzer at the door and you're not going to be let in if you're not looking to our standard."

Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Galleries began 20 years ago as a simple gift shop in St. Augustine. Now, the business has highly regarded galleries in downtown St. Augustine in the Plaza de la Constitucion and within the shops of Sawgrass Village in Ponte Vedra Beach. The firm also operates a full-service frame shop and a secure warehouse.



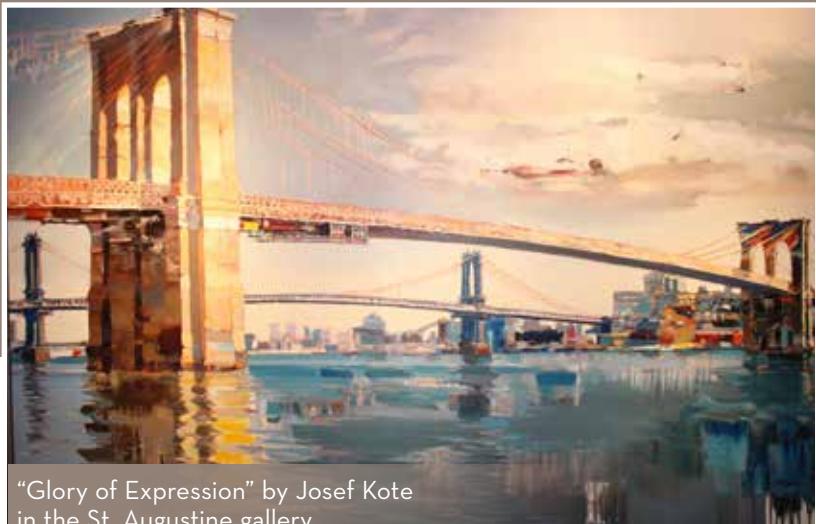
"Another Time" by Anne Packard in the St. Augustine Gallery



"August Morning" by Dmitri Danish in the St. Augustine gallery



A piece in the Dr. Seuss collection in the St. Augustine Gallery



"Glory of Expression" by Josef Kote  
in the St. Augustine gallery



"Place Furstenberg" by Salvador Dali in the St. Augustine Gallery

What makes Len most proud, however, is that his family has worked together in growing the business. Sonya runs the office, Matthew is a respected First Coast artist and partner in the business and Mark "can comprehend well what it takes to make everything work and keep the old man quiet," jokes Len.

"Our company is a family business," Len says. "We're proud of it. We worked so hard to bring art to this community."

Mark added that their family does not simply include the four of

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- **Oct. 12:** Ramon Vilanova personal appearance at St. Augustine gallery
- **Nov. 9:** Salvador Dali event at Ponte Vedra Beach gallery
- **Dec. 7:** Matthew J. Cutter event at St. Augustine gallery
- **Jan. 25:** Tang Wei Min event at Ponte Vedra Beach gallery

them. It also includes their employees, many of whom have worked for the business for several years, and clients.

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# The Collector Luxury Inn & Gardens

by JON BLAUVELT

It's no secret that St. Augustine is home to several bed and breakfasts and boutique hotels. What may come as a surprise, though, is that there is one relatively new property in the Ancient City that marries both concepts together.

"We are the best of both worlds," says Jennifer Jenkins, director of sales for The Collector Luxury Inn & Gardens. "Our grounds are expansive, so they walk in and have all this charm and history, yet you have all these modern amenities and the feel of a luxury hotel."

Opened in June 2017, the Collector encompasses 30 different rooms in nine historic homes dating back to the late 18th century. The property features more than an acre of landscaped grounds that span an entire city block of St. Augustine, from St. George Street to Cordova Street and along Bridge Street.

Located at 149 Cordova Street, the property was previously the site of the Dow Museum of Historic Houses, which fell into disrepair and was ultimately sold to the owners of The Collector. The inn features aspects that were unique to the original property, such as the preserved coquina walls.

Of the Collector's nine buildings, seven house the guest rooms, with 20 of the 30 rooms serving as suites. Rooms range from 216 square feet to more than 519 square feet, with each one featuring a different configuration. All rooms include a kitchenette, private space and bathroom. The rooms include amenities from "mom-and-pop" companies, with several based out of the First Coast. The Collector is designed for executives or couples seeking a luxurious getaway, but Jenkins says families also stay there.



Photo by JON BLAUVELT



Photos courtesy of THE COLLECTOR LUXURY INN & GARDENS

The property's other buildings include The Well, a craft cocktail bar that was once the city's first two-car garage, and a lobby, breakfast and reception area that previously was the Star General Store. The Collector's oldest building, the Murat House, dates to 1790 and was the temporary residence of Prince Achille Murat, the nephew of Napoleon who ultimately married one of George Washington's nieces. In addition, the property is home to nine historic markers, including the site of where the Emancipation Proclamation was read for the state of Florida, and where slaves were freed.

As for dining, the Collector offers a European continental breakfast that features smoked salmon, meats, cheeses, fresh fruit and more. The Well also offers charcuterie plates and other appetizers. The property does not offer lunch or dinner, however.

"We do not focus on dining here because we are in the heart of St. Augustine," Jenkins says. "People need to go out and experience what's indigenous to St. Augustine, support the locals and walk to any restaurant from here."

Other amenities and features of The Collector include outdoor fire pits, brick walkways, onsite history tours, valet parking, a heated outdoor pool and more. In-room amenities include bath robes, flat-screen LCD HDTVs and turndown service, among other features.

According to Jenkins, rates for The Collector vary from night to night and from season to season. Weekdays (Sunday to Thursday), she notes, typically cost half of the price of staying during the weekend (Friday to Saturday). According to The Collector's website, rates in August and September range from \$159 to \$379 depending on the date. The inn, according to Jenkins, is busiest from the first of October through the end of April.

For more information, visit [thecollectorinn.com](http://thecollectorinn.com).

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Scott Grant delivers a presentation in Nocatee July 25 entitled the Summer of 1964, in which the historian highlighted key local events leading up to, and following, the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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Local historian Scott Grant delivered a presentation July 25 in Nocatee entitled "The Summer of 1964," detailing the history of civil rights in St. Johns County and the crucial events that led to the Civil Rights Act.

According to Grant, just one photograph changed the course of civil rights history. On June 11, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King and a group of his supporters attempted to enter the Monson Motor Lodge in St. Augustine, which was owned and operated by Jimmy Brock. They were not allowed to do so, and King consequently spent three nights in jail.

"A week later, everyone is back at the Monson Motor Inn," Grant said at the event in the Nocatee Room. "In the morning, they have a pray-in and Brock is beside himself at this point."

Evidently, 17 rabbis were arrested at Brock's restaurant for praying on the property as a form of protest. As the Rabbis were sent to jail, Grant explained, seven students jumped into the hotel swimming pool. Two of them were white and five of them were black, he added.

"Brock takes two bottles of muriatic acid and he runs around the pool, pouring the acid into the pool while the kids scream in horror," Grant said. "Photographers from all over the world sit there, snapping this shot. It is — in my mind — the most iconic photograph to come out of the civil rights movement."

Grant said an off-duty St. Johns County deputy jumped into the pool and dragged the students out. They were arrested and taken to jail under Florida's "unwanted guest" law. However, Grant noted the photo ran worldwide the very next day. According to the historian, the event and the ensuing photograph led to President Lyndon B. Johnson ultimately signing the Civil Rights Act into law on July 2, 1964.



Grant gathers with members of the audience following his presentation.

# Local historian delivers presentation in Nocatee on FIRST COAST CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

by BENJAMIN NAIM

Additionally, Grant explained the controversy surrounding a local Beatles concert and its impact on civil rights history.

"(The Beatles) are scheduled to perform at the Gator Bowl in September of 1964," Grant said. "There is one problem, the Gator Bowl is segregated. The Beatles don't like that."

Despite the enactment of the Civil Rights Act and The Beatles' public demand for a racially-unified concert, Grant noted that Jacksonville officials insisted on segregation at the Gator Bowl.

"The Beatles issue a press statement," Grant said. "They say unless whites and negroes are allowed to sit together, we will not come. The city relents, and the concert is saved."

But there was one problem. On Sept. 10, 1964, one day before the concert, Hurricane Dora made landfall.

Still, Grant said the band unrelentingly performed their standard 12-song set on Sept. 11 — as scheduled.

## A NEW VENTURE

Grant, the president and CEO of Standfast Asset Management, is also working on a documentary for the Summer of 1964 presentation. As a result, the historian is starting a new venture called Standfast Productions to get his documentary off the ground and supply digital content for other projects.

"We're interested in video generally," he said. "Video for the investment company's needs and we're looking to try and do some video and some promotion work for some other companies. We're going to make short videos for us and for other people and we're going to do that to promote other businesses."

Grant hopes to get the documentary syndicated on major outlets such as PBS or Netflix.

MALIVAI WASHINGTON  
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# Champions for Children Gala

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MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation's Champions for Children Gala will take place Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Florida Blue Conference Center in Jacksonville. The annual Pro-Am Tennis Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 5 at San Jose Country Club.

The gala, featuring a silent auction and a celebrity guest speaker (to be announced), will start at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guests should wear a cocktail attire. Meanwhile, the Tennis Pro-Am will start the following day at 8 a.m.

The gala has traditionally raised approximately \$250,000. For more information, visit [www.malwashingtong.com](http://www.malwashingtong.com) or call (904) 359-5437. For sponsorship information or to reserve a package, contact Terri@malwashingtong.com.



A group of First Coast Kids display their Sherry Murray Extra Mile Scholarship Awards at the 2017 Champions for Children Gala.



Florida Blue CEO Patrick J. Geraghty, MaliVai Washington and Action News Jax sports anchor Dan Hicken conduct the live auction at the 2017 Gala.  
Photos by JON BLAUVELT

The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation promotes academic achievement and uses tennis to engage students in an active youth development program. The group's flagship program, Tennis-n-Tutoring (TnT), is a comprehensive afterschool program including daily homework assistance, life skills classes and tennis lessons for Jacksonville's underserved youth.

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# FIRST COAST ANGLERS COMPETE IN 38TH ANNUAL

# GREATER JACKSONVILLE KINGFISH TOURNAMENT

by BENJAMIN NAIM

The 38th annual Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament was held July 16-21, with an awards ceremony taking place on the last day of the event to honor the winners and participants.

Kevin Bridges, who won the Redfish Spots competition, said competing in the tournament is a challenging endeavor that requires fishermen to do their homework.

"If you don't go everyday and you just go once in a while you're not going to win," said Bridges, who competed in the tournament for the first time.

Florida State University graduate Kyle Pausche also found himself in the winning bracket, picking up a first-place finish in the Redfish

Weight tournament with a 7.47-pound fish.

Kyle's father, Jimmy Pausche, accepted the prize money on his son's behalf and said winning a fishing tournament requires a mix of skill and luck.

"You have to be in the right place at the right time," he asserted. "You can't make the fish eat, you can put stuff in front of them and hope they eat but you can't make them eat."



Clayton Kirby and other members of the "Team Fountain" boat celebrate their first-place finish with a check presentation at the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament awards ceremony, held Saturday, July 21 in Jacksonville.

Photos by BENJAMIN NAIM



Junior Angler winner Taylor Hildum of Green Cove Springs poses for a photo at the awards ceremony.



Jimmy Pausche (second from the left) stands in for his son Kyle, who won the Redfish Weight tournament.



Redfish Spots tournament winner Kevin Bridges accepts his prize.

A lot of skill involved too, you've got to know tides, you've got to know water movements ... there's a lot of skill that goes into it."

Lady Angler winner Connie Adkison, who has competed in the last four Kingfish tournaments, said she dealt with inclement weather during the competition.

"We were soggy all day," she said. "Mostly it was fighting the rain, and I get so seasick so the only time I didn't feel like I wasn't nauseous was when the lines were going off — it was fun though."

Adkison picked up a win for the first time after capturing a 33-pound fish.



Connie Adkison (second from right) poses for a photograph with her trophy after finishing in first place in the Lady Angler tournament.

"My husband has been in these tournaments since he's been 8 years old," she said. "He encouraged and invited, supported and instructed me. He's been great."

Other first-place finishers included Jr. Angler Dock winner Lorianna Capes; Kayak winner Edward Smith; Jr. Angler winner Taylor Hildum; Cobia winner Curtis Lang of the "Vitamin Sea" boat; All Weight and Largest winner Everette Cameron of the "Team Fountain" boat; Hi-Roller Single Engine winner David Smith of the "Talechaser" boat; Single Engine Large winner Mike Strickland of the "Fish Candy" boat; and Aggregate winner Chris Stephens of the "Beermoney" boat. For complete results, visit [www.kingfishtournament.com/2018-2](http://www.kingfishtournament.com/2018-2).

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# Downtown Jacksonville's July 4 celebration lights up the night sky

The City of Jacksonville held its annual fireworks display on July 4 over the St. Johns River in Downtown Jacksonville. There was live music, activities, food vendors and more leading up to the big fireworks display.

The event drew thousands to both sides of the Riverwalk to see the city sky light up as fireworks were shot from a barge near the Main Street Bridge and from the Acosta Bridge.



Fireworks are shot from the Acosta Bridge in Downtown Jacksonville July 4.  
Photos by PARIS MOULDEN



A group of people enjoys the fireworks show in downtown St. Augustine.

Photos by JON BLAUVELT



A family plays with sparklers after the fireworks concluded.

# St. Augustine celebrates Fourth of July with fireworks and fun

by JON BLAUVELT

First Coast residents and visitors celebrated the Fourth of July in downtown St. Augustine with a fireworks show over the historic bayfront, a live concert and more.

People lined Avenida Menendez, the Bridge of Lions and the Plaza de la Constitucion as fireworks shot in the sky over the waters of Matanzas Bay. Local band The All-Star Orchestra performed earlier in the evening.

Once the fireworks concluded, residents and visitors continued the fun of the holiday, playing with sparklers and visiting downtown restaurants and pubs for a bite to eat and cold drinks.



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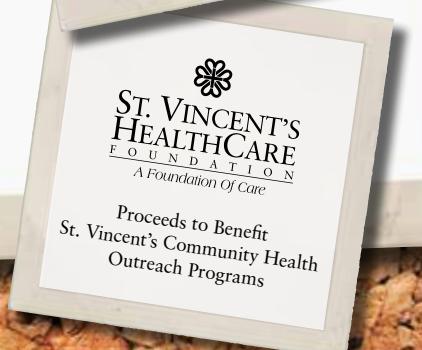
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# Rock Solid Law, Casa Marina Hotel support BEAM with

## Sterling's Summer Pier Dance

by JON BLAUVELT

Rock Solid Law hosted Sterling's Summer Pier Dance benefiting the Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) on June 13.

Held at Casa Marina Hotel in Jacksonville Beach, the third annual event was also hosted by Sterling Joyce, the maitre d'hotel of Casa Marina. The evening featured live music by BayStreet, which includes Rock Solid Law Founder and Owner John Miller, as well as hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a raffle. The event ultimately raised \$1,600 for BEAM, a nonprofit organization serving low income residents living in Jacksonville's Beaches communities.

"BEAM thrives at the beach because it is a local community that is supported by local people," said Lori Richards, executive director of BEAM. "The beach is a place where people get together and take care of each other."

Funds from the event helped feed underprivileged children during summer break.

"It means the world to know that those kids are going to make it through the summer and come back and continue their education in the fall," Miller said.

In general, BEAM provides its clients with emergency assistance to cover overdue rent and utility payments; helps families struggling with food insecurity; offers nutrition education and assistance; and more.

"It's that little bridge that they need to just have enough to get by until they can be back on their feet and be self-sufficient," Richards said.



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BEAM Executive Director Lori Richards and Rock Solid Law Founder and Owner John Miller



Gina Ranson and Salvatore and Rosanna Gioia



BayStreet entertains the crowd at Sterling's Summer Pier Dance.



Scott Spence and Carol Carter

# 17TH ANNUAL *Delicious Destinations* TO BENEFIT FAMILIES IN NEED

Tickets are now on sale for the 17th annual Delicious Destinations event, which will be held Sept. 7-8 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

The celebration of inspired food and notable wines benefits St. Vincent's HealthCare's community outreach programs, which provide free medical care for children and adults in need throughout the area.

"Our community outreach programs enable us to literally meet patients where they are and provide critical care they need in their own communities," said Jane R. Lanier, president of the St. Vincent's Foundation. "For nearly two decades now, so many wonderful chefs, sponsors and patrons join us to support this important cause."

The two-day event, with a theme of "Paradise Found – The South Pacific," features executive chefs from some of the most prestigious restaurants and resorts throughout the nation.



Chefs from Epping Forest Yacht Club participate in last year's Delicious Destinations at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.  
Photo by SUSAN GRIFFIN

The first event, a demonstration-style luncheon complete with wine pairings, will take place Friday, Sept. 7 at 11:30 a.m. The VIP Preview Reception will be Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. Guests will enjoy culinary masterpieces prepared by Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Executive Chef Hermann Muller.

The main event will take place on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m., during which chefs from some of the nation's premier resorts — including The Cloister, The Greenbrier and Montage at Palmetto Bluff — will showcase their culinary talents. Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits will provide wines from select domestic and international vineyards, and the event will also include live and silent auctions, as well as a drawing of unique items including spa and restaurant gift certificates, catered dinners and weekend getaways.

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