

CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENTS

This Week's Happenings

CHARLOTTE HARBOR & THE GULF ISLANDS CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Week of July 27, 2015

FESTIVALS - DANCES - PARTIES - GATHERINGS - ETC

Canvas Cowboy, Hobby Campbell Art Exhibit FGCU presents the work of artist Hobby Campbell. Hobby, an award-winning, sixth-generation southern Florida native, lives the epitome of a "cracker" cowboy lifestyle. Ranching and trailblazing on horseback are his passions, and his love, respect, and knowledge of nature compel hunters to call upon his services, as their guide. His acrylic work, depicts the cowboy's daily life, central Florida wildlife (turkeys, wild hogs, deer, and ducks) in its natural habitat, and breath-taking, indigenous Florida scenery. July 28, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. <http://www.fgcu.edu/CRM/thisweek.html> 941.505.0130. 117 Herald Court, **Punta Gorda**

Special Wine and Four Course Dinner at Curves located in the Wyvern. The first course will be rock shrimp mascarpone ravioli in a shiitake mushroom jus, fresh marjoram, and shaved Pecorino Romano with Trebbiano D'Abruzzo from Masciarelli, Italy. The second course will feature locally caught grouper; island-style stew featuring coconut, pine apple, sweet potatoes and plantains, The third course will be pan seared halibut and blue corn casserole with a merlot from Hyatt, Wash. The fourth course will be lobster strawberry ice cream, topped with candied bacon and pecans paired with an Enotria Moscato from Mendocino, California. July 29, 6:30 pm. \$49 per person. 101 E. Retta Esplanade. 941.639.7700 **Punta Gorda**

Community Nights - 1/2 Price Sunset Cruise at King Fisher Fleet From June through Sept. 30, King Fisher Fleet will honor those hard-working community members by offering a 50 percent discount on its Sunset Cruise. **Tuesdays** : Teachers, School Administration, and School Support Staff **Wednesdays** : State, County, and City Government Employees, including Fire, Police, and other First Responders **Thursdays** : Healthcare Workers (doctor's offices, retirement communities, hospitals) **Fridays** : Hospitality Industry Employees (hotels, restaurants, area attractions) All community members employed in each category are eligible for half price admission for themselves and their family members on the Sunset Cruise with proof of employment. Proof of employment includes a name tag with the company logo, an employee ID, or other identifying document. Regular ticket price is \$19.95 +tax for adults, \$9.98 for children 3-11, and free for children under 3. Reservations are recommended. For more information: (941) 639-0969. King Fisher Fleet, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade 16A, **Punta Gorda**

Wednesday Night Pub Run 3.0 ish Registration is FREE and begins at 6:00 pm at The Foot Landing. The route will be approximately 2.1 to 3.1 miles in length. Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome. First wave (walkers/strollers) will leave at 6:15pm. Second wave (runners) will leave at 6:30pm The dynamic of the run will be very laid back. No timing will be involved. This is a great opportunity to meet other local runners and walkers in a relaxed atmosphere. This event will be recurring so plan ahead to spend your Wednesday evenings on the run (or walk)! Free public parking is available in the city parking garage above The Foot Landing. 117 Herald Court, Suite 1112. www.thefootlanding.com **Punta Gorda**

Visani Comedy Zone presents comedians Eric Hunter, Juanita Lolita and Josh Blue. Eric performs non-stop around the country leaving his mark as a funny, bright, clean, friendly and original performer. He's known for his hilarious, deadpan attempt to impress the women in the audience. Juanita Lolita's comedy career began when a coworker signed her up for an open mic night. Within one year she was performing for over 7000 women at a church conference in Atlanta and since then has performed throughout Florida. Her Latin flair and hillbilly background have quickly become a crowd favorite. Juanita takes pride in the fact that she can make you laugh hysterically without profanity. Josh Blue has been a fast-rising star since first appearing on Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia" before gaining the attention and endearment of the country as a favorite on NBC's "Last Comic Standing." Josh is a diverse and triumphant individual - hilarious stand-up comedian, stand-out guest star on television, talented artist, and stellar U.S. paralympic soccer player – refusing to bow to any of the challenges that come from living with cerebral palsy. July 29 - Aug. 1. visani.net or 941.629.9191. **Port Charlotte**

Visani presents TAT2 Total Audio Tribute A night of dancing and 60s and Motown tribute music. The duo has been voted the best duo in Charlotte County and southwest Florida in 2013, and travels by land and sea performing their tribute act. The band consist of Vito Ameruoso, the bassist and lead vocals, Chris Guerzo on keyboard and vocals, and Joe Guerzo, on guitar and vocals. Join them July 28. For details: visani.net or 941.629.9191. **Port Charlotte**

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ARTS

Fine Art Classes The Visual Arts Center is off to the Beach! Visit the newest exhibit Surf, Sand & Shells, on display until Aug. 13 during summer hours: Monday through Friday, from 10am to 2pm. Exhibits and receptions are always FREE and open to the public. Visit www.visualartcenter.org to view the schedule of fine art & crafts classes that begin Sep. 14. Look for some exciting new classes and all your old favorites. 210 Maud St (Across from Fishermen's Village) 941-639-8810. **Punta Gorda**

Art Exhibit -Destination: Anywhere But Here | Englewood Art Center The next open exhibition in the Loranger Gallery is Destination: Anywhere But Here. Artists are invited to let their minds flow past the Florida palm trees or sunsets and bring in their artwork that best represent destinations that do not remind us of the heat and humidity of Florida summers! Only recent, original work will be accepted. This is a juried and judged show. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. The exhibition will be open to the public through July 31. For more details: 941-674-5548 **Englewood**

Sea Grape Gallery is proud to announce the Artist of Month Bonnie Benande, a stoneware potter. Bonnie realized she had a real love for pottery while living in North Carolina, an area well known for its production of pottery. She began taking classes in wheel thrown pottery at the Greensboro Art Council and immediately was hooked on the art form. After a corporate transfer to New Jersey her career began occupying the majority of her time and pottery production took a back burner. However, Bonnie always said that "the day I retire pottery will become an important part of my retirement days". Upon retiring and moving to Florida, she again began actively studying the art of pottery making by studying with local potters. Inspired by the flora and fauna of Florida, Bonnie creates functional and decorative pieces that often incorporate palm trees, sea shells, and other sea-life in her work. While Bonnie enjoys working on the potter's wheel she also enjoys producing unique hand-built colorful pottery from clay slabs. Many of Bonnie's unique stoneware pottery pieces are prominently on display at the Sea Grape Gallery. In addition, more of her art and the art works of all Sea Grape artists can be viewed at www.seagrapegallery.com. Sea Grape Gallery is located at 113 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda and can be reached at 941-575-1718. The Gallery is always open until 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month for Gallery Walk. **Punta Gorda**

MARKETS

Downtown Merchants Association Farmer's Market: Saturday 8 am to noon on Taylor St. and Herald Court, by historic courthouse. Voted the best small market in Florida and 15th in the USA. A large number of vendors offering fruits and vegetables, pickles, jams and jellies, orange juice, German bakery, fresh homemade pasta, kitchenware, cupcakes, beef and fresh seafood, fresh citrus, jewelry, candles and soaps, dip mixes, Florida arts and crafts, cheese, baguettes and olives, homemade pies, orchids, organic produce, personalized pens, kettle corn, coffee beans, drinks, native and exotic plants, natural facial products and smoothies. Live entertainment. The Market now accepts EBT/SNAP cards and as an added bonus is giving 2\$ for 1\$ when you buy Florida grown produce, citrus or honey. WHY?? Because by doing this people eat more healthy foods and along with that help our local farmers sell more so they can produce more. It's a win win so c'mon down!! Details: Jerry Presseller, Manager, 941.391.4856. **Punta Gorda**

The Real Juice Bar Saturday Veggie Stand selling fresh organic fruits and veggies every Saturday in front of The Real Juice Bar. We also have organic juices and smoothies, wheatgrass shots, microgreens, soup, salad and other prepared food. All that and we're fun too! Saturday's from 10 am to 4 pm. 310 Old Englewood Rd. www.thinkenglewood.com **Englewood**

KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

Kids Paddle Camp The goal is to teach the skills of stand up paddle boarding and kayaking while using the water as a classroom to educate about the coastal environment. They will highlight paddle technique, water safety, and equipment knowledge and care, with skills and endurance advancing on the daily paddles. Shark tooth/fossil hunt, species collection and identification, fishing catch and release, paddling games and races and mangrove exploration. Dates offered - Camp is Monday-Friday 8:30 am-2 pm. Summer- July 27-31. Aug. 3-7, Aug. 10-14. www.hookedonsup.com **Englewood**

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Summer Art Camp It's going to be a long summer: bring your child age 6 - 18 for two-week art camp sessions at the Visual Arts Center! Registration is now open for sessions beginning July 27. Stop by or call to sign up: 210 Maud St in Punta Gorda (Across from Fishermen's Village) (941)639-8810. www.VisualArtCenter.org **Punta Gorda**

LIVE MUSIC

Mango Bistro presents Latin Rendezvous and The Honey Creepers. Friday and Saturday from 6:45 pm to 9:45 pm. mango-bistro.com or 941.681.3500 **Englewood**

Farlows on the Water presents music this week by Beans & Seeds. Wednesday - Saturday. Details: farlowsonthewater.com or 941.474.5143. **Englewood**

Flounders Restaurant and Tiki Bar offers live music this week by Jersey Vic, Jam Night Cross Over Trio, Kenny Rose, Trinidad Trio, Straight Up, Tropix Trio, Sundown, Guilty Pleasures, SOB, Ja Ha Movement, Gary & Keri and JC & House Rockers. For more details: floundersonthebeach.com or 941.460.8280. **Englewood Beach**

JD's Bistro presents live jazz music every week. This week's bands include the Danny Sinoff Trio, Kitt Moran Trio and Patricia Dean. You are cordially invited to join them for an evening of relaxed elegance and exceptional cuisine. Soft seating, fire place, rich wooden furniture, ivory linens and warm lighting set the tone for a comfortably elegant evening. For more details: jdsbistroandgrill.com or 941.255.0994. **Port Charlotte**

Dean's South of the Border presents live music by Accoustic Valley, Jeff Hughes, Barefoot Willy, Torched, Remedy, A-200, Dane, Clive and Pat Gannon. Details: deanssouthoftheborder.com **Punta Gorda**

The Rooftop Terrace at the Wyvern Hotel is the place to be! Join us at the Rooftop every week for complimentary live entertainment every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening from 7 pm - 11 pm with a breathtaking view. Don't forget, the best Happy Hour in town runs every day from 5 pm to 7:30 pm at both the Rooftop and The Curve Tavern. Get up, get ready, and let the Wyvern Hotel entertain you this weekend! For details: 941-637-5858 or visit: TheWyvernHotel.com. **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Seafood presents Mark the Pan Guy every Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm. Come enjoy tropic rock with his steel drums. For more information: 941.505.8440, 5337 Duncan Road, **Punta Gorda**

Waterfront Music Jam Session at Gilchrist Park every Thursday from 6 pm. FREE. 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Hurricane Charley's presents live music this week by Black Velvet, Tony & Alonzo, Kracker Beach, High Tide Beach Party, Joe O'Brian, Tropical Ave, John Patti, Jack Mosely, Mike Hurst and Cozy & JC. www.HurricaneCharleys.com or 941.639.9695 **Punta Gorda**

Lock 'N Key presents live music this week. You can enjoy the music on the patio directly across the street from beautiful Englewood Beach. For more details: www.lockandkeyrestaurant.com **Englewood Beach**

Celtic Ray Irish Pub presents live music this week by Doug Burns and Bobby Vesey. Enjoy Pub Trivia every Wednesday evening. You can play by yourself or with a group. Win prizes and have a pint while doing so. celticray.net or 941.916.9115. **Punta Gorda**

Stump Pass Grille presents live music this week by Kenny Rose and Tommy D. For details visit: stumppassgrille.com or 941.697.0859. **Englewood**

TT's Tiki Bar offers live music this week. From all over, people find their way to this "off-the-beaten-path" hideaway with Tiki ambiance. Sink your toes in the sand and enjoy tropical drinks or beer of choice on the beautiful Charlotte Harbor. Great sunsets, great food and great host. docksidesandtiki.com or 941.637.6770. **Punta Gorda**

Nav-a-gator offers live music this week by Jim Morris on Thursday from 6 p to 9 pm. For more details: nav-a-gator.com or 941.627.FISH. 9700 SW Riverview Circle, **Lake Suzy**

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SEA TO SHORE

Don Pedro State Park Island Shuttle - Enjoy the natural beauty and serenity of Don Pedro Island which is accessible only by boat. Fee includes state park and parking fees. Shuttle leaves from 8450 Placida Rd. Captiva Cruises is also running beach trips out of Boca Grande to Cayo Costa and lunch trips to Cabbage Key and Useppa Islands. For more details call Captiva Cruises at 941.889.8000 or on Facebook enter "Don Pedro State Park" with available cruises. **Cape Haze**

Port Charlotte Mangrove & Lagoon Night Paddle - Kayak or paddle board at night on the water and see it in a whole new light! Literally, your kayak or paddleboard will be lighted from underneath while you float above in the dark, giving you a whole new perspective and ability to see sea creatures in a light you've never seen them in before! Float through twisted mangrove tunnels and into the lagoon which has starfish, live shells, sponges, and tons of fish species, all illuminated as you float over them like a private aquarium. This is an unequaled experience on the water. \$55 includes rental of paddleboard or kayak, all equipment, lesson and 1.5 hour guided tour. 941-504-1699 or www.HookedOnSUP.com. **Englewood**

Smoke and Roses is offering a special package for the popular, annual July lobster mini season event. WHO: Smoke and Roses Sailing Charters and You. WHAT: Private All-Inclusive Lobster Mini Season Event Sail and Dive Package. WHEN: Full Week Charter July 26th to August 1st, 2015. Four Day Charter July 28th to July 31st, 2015. WHERE: Key West, Marquesas Keys and Port Charlotte, Florida. WHY: Visit famous Key West with its historic sites, energetic strip of shops and lively nightlife. Enjoy sailing aboard the luxurious Smoke and Roses catamaran. Dive for lobster during the 2 day mini season at the uninhabited, mangrove forest islands of the Marquesas Keys. DETAILS: Visit our website <http://www.smokeandroses.com/SPECIALOFFERS.html>. A boat load of fun! Smoke and Roses offers luxury catamaran sailing charters with a premium on comfort, space and relaxed cruising in beautiful surroundings. An all-inclusive sailing charter means you get a private yacht, captain and first mate. Avoid the crowds and completely relax while your crew is looking after the catamaran, in addition to being your personal tour guides. Cruise from a few hours on Charlotte Harbor, to a few days or more to the Gulf Islands between Tampa and the Keys or Tortugas. You're on a floating resort where the scenery always changes and the adventure never ends. www.smokeandroses.com, or (605) 366-7673. **Port Charlotte**

Seashore Eco Tours offers kayaking tours along the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve. Discover miles of canopy mangrove trails on the Woolverton Trail Kayak Tour. Learn about the history of the area and the trails while exploring nature with Florida Master Naturalist certified guides. Trips are two hours and all inclusive. Woolverton Trail Tours are offered Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. \$45 per person. Reservations required please call 855-2PADDLE or 855-272-3353. Visit them and book online at www.SeashoreEcoTours.com. **Englewood**

Nav-A-Gator is once again offering a lunch/cruise combo boat tour to small groups and individuals. That's right, you and your family can enjoy a Wilderness River Cruise and lunch for one low price. Your lunch would be either before the cruise or after and served in the restaurant. The cruise is a narrated eco-tour along the calm Peace River. The lunch would consist of eight delicious choices from the special lunch cruise menu. For more information call 941-627-3474 **Lake Suzy**

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Bingo Mania Every Tuesday doors open at 10 am. Games start at 11 am. Smoke free, no tipping, food and drinks available, fun games and mystery prizes. Benefits Charlotte County Homeless Coalition. Port Charlotte Elks Lodge #2153, 20225 Kenilworth Blvd. Off Veterans Blvd and Atwater. 941.627.4313, email: bingo@cchomelesscoalition.org or www.cchomeless-coalition.org/images/2014-BingoMania-Tues-Flyer.pdf **Port Charlotte**

Enjoy cards and games at the Cultural Center. Bingo on Friday and Saturday from 11:45 am to 3 pm. Cribbage on Wednesday from 12:45 pm to 4 pm. Mah-Jongg on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, Friday from 1 pm to 5 pm. Pinochle on Monday from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Tuesday from 6 pm to 8 pm, Saturday from 1 pm to 3 pm. Double Deck Pinochle on Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Contract on Wednesday from noon to 3 pm and Friday 6 pm - 9 pm. Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday from 1 pm to 4 pm and Thursday from 9am to noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm. Chess on Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm, Thursday from noon to 4 pm and Sunday 11 am to 3 pm. Scrabble on Wednesday from 1 pm to 4 pm. Euchre on Friday from 6 pm to 9 pm. For details: theculturalcenter.com or 941.625.4175. **Port Charlotte**

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KEEP MOVING

Qigong Healing Class Qigong is an ancient Chinese art form that works to strengthen the body's vital energy. The practice includes breathing techniques, subtle movements, specific postures, balancing work, stretching, meditation, living oils and food healing. Thursdays. For more info call Janet Jones 941-468-4296. Englewood Sports Complex. **Englewood**

Tai Chi at the Open Studio. Join Sue Drummer for Beginner's Mind Tai Chi Chang, Yang Style. Sue has been practicing Tai Chi for 18 years and teaching for three years. The class is FREE, but donations are accepted. Every Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6 pm. For more details: theopenstudio.org or 941.681.2782. **Englewood**

Loving Light Yoga presents a Good Morning Yoga class. This class is beginner-friendly, available to all ages and all levels of ability. Located at Chadwick Park at north-end near the volleyball net and right of the pavilion. Classes are Monday through Sunday and an hour long. The Sunset Yoga classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Bring a blanket or sheet. Parking fee. lovinglightyoga.com or 941.473.0135. **Englewood Beach**

Indoor Pickleball - For ages 15 to seniors. Drop in for some fun competition and make new friends. Just \$3 drop in fee. Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 N. Access Rd., Unit 4, Fridays 10 am. For more details: 941.681.3742. **Englewood**

Ballroom Dance Class with Wayne Brockman. Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. \$15 drop in or \$40 for four classes. This is a group class, no partner necessary. For details: www.danceenglewood.com or 941.270.4599 **Englewood**

Beach/Paddle Fitness Class on Boca Grande at the range light beach every Saturday at 10am. It combines paddling and beach fitness intervals for a fun and self-paced work out that is designed for all skill and fitness levels. Classes are \$30 per person. Sunset Paddleboard Yoga class on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm. You can also join as they paddle out for the sunset and honor the rising moon. Experience the calming and healing powers of combining nature with exercise in a class designed for beginner to intermediate levels led by an experienced Certified Yoga Instructor. You'll focus on stretching, modified poses, and breathing. You'll leave feeling relaxed, refreshed, and renewed! Class will begin with a warm-up paddle out where you will securely anchor your boards in calm, shallow water. There you will focus on breathing, basic yoga poses, and stretching, all modified for SUP (stand up paddle board) practice. As the sun sets you'll turn on the lights underneath the boards giving a gorgeous view of the amazing water world beneath you, as you end with savasana (relaxing meditation). The paddle back to the starting point is like floating on an aquarium as you enjoy the sights and sounds of the water above and below you. Reservations 844-SUP-PROS 941-504-1699 www.HookedOnSUP.com. **Englewood**

Dao Yin Sheng Gong Wednesdays at 10 am. Cost is \$8 per lesson. This is an ancient Traditional Chinese Medicine system of exercises of gentle twisting motions, involving breath control, the stimulation of acupressure points in the body and mental development. These fluid harmonious movements aim to improve energy circulation within the whole body, to loosen the joints, tone up and oxygenate the muscles, and to relax the nervous system. Contact instructor: Richard Curtis 407.923.8310. Register at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association office or call 637.1655. **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Riders You've got the wheels, they've got the club. www.peaceriverridersbicycleclub.com **Punta Gorda**

Saturday Morning Acme Bike Ride at Acme Bicycle Shop Leisure, medium, fast and unlimited. Coffee's on at 8 am. Wheels roll at 8:30 am. Leisure, medium and fast are no drop. Unlimited is until you can't hang on. acmebicycleshop.com or 941.639.2263. **Punta Gorda**

It's a Free Ride! Loaner bicycles can be found at a number of locations including the Bayfront Health's Wellness Center, Laishley Municipal Marina, Four Points by Sheraton, Fishermen's Village Marina, Isles Yacht Club Marina and The Wyvern Hotel. Details: teampuntagorda.org or 941.637.8326. **Punta Gorda**

FILMS

Movies: *Paper Towns, Pixels, Southpaw, Ant-Man, Mr. Holmes, Trainwreck, The Gallows, Minions, Magic Mike XXL, Terminator Genisys, Ted 2, Inside Out* and *Jurassic World*. Regal Town Center - 1441 Tamiami Trail. regmovies.com or 941.623.0114. **Port Charlotte**