

BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

8th Annual Memorial Day Mud Mayhem It's time to get muddy again! For one ticket price, get the thundering *Mega Mud Truck Races*, ATV races, truck pulls, mud bogs, trail riding, camping, vendors, and more, including live music Friday and Saturday nights! Visit redneckmudpark.com for details and tickets. May 27–29. Redneck Mud Park, 44570 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

3rd Annual Memorial Day Veterans 10K and 5K Run Only 500 slots available, so runners and walkers are encouraged to register early; the race has sold out the past two years! Visit memorialdayrace.org for more information and registration. May 30, Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

Sugar Bert Amateur Boxing Tournament Hundreds of amateur boxers with hopes of advancing to the National Championships in Kissimmee will converge in Punta Gorda! Visit sugarbertboxingpromotions.com for more information. General admission: \$15 per person, per day. Fans of *The Sweet Science* won't want to miss this! June 11 and 12. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Palate Pleasures of Punta Gorda Restaurant Week Visit and revisit old and new favorites and test and taste new dishes and give feedback! Participating local restaurants will offer: two-course Lunch Special: \$12 per person; three-course Dinner Special: \$23 per person. Look for the decal in the restaurant door or window. Check puntagordachamber.com often for an updated listing of participants! June 17–26, **Punta Gorda**

Blues, Brews & BBQ Fest The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to present Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Randy McAllister, as well as Dave Powers and Tucci! Don't miss this weekend of fabulous blues music, local brews, and hot-out-of-the-smoker BBQ. **VIP tickets are sold out**; regular tickets: \$30. Visit puntagordachamber.com or call 941.639.3720 for details. June 24–26, Four Points By Sheraton, **Punta Gorda**

25th Annual Peace River Freedom Swim The beloved annual bobblefest begins on the public beach of the north end of the southbound U.S. 41 bridge in Charlotte Harbor and ends at Harpoon Harry's in Fishermen's Village. Not an organized race but a happening! The Green Hibiscus Trolley will provide transportation between Fishermen's Village and the Swim starting point 8:00 am–1:00 pm. Call 941.661.5622 for more details. July 4, **Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda**

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

2016 World's Richest Tarpon Tournament draws anglers and Captains from all over the world! The event kicks off with the Captain's Party, May 18, at 5:00 pm (Captains only). Fishing commences at 2:30 pm on May 19 and 20. Awards will be presented at 8:00 pm, May 20. Art show and Tarpon Fest: May 20 and 21, 10:00 am–6:00 pm, featuring some of the nation's finest marine and wildlife artists, including Ron Lemoine's whimsical copper fish sculptures. Visit worldsrichesttarpon.com for details and to register. Sponsorships still available! May 19–21. **Boca Grande**

Downtown Punta Gorda Gallery Walk This month's theme is *Salute to the Military*. All are encouraged to decorate in red, white, and blue! Visit PGdowntownmerchants.com for a Gallery Walk map. **Featured this month:**

Military Heritage Museum table and display

Postcards prompting *Gallery Walk* patrons to write notes to the military and/or veterans

Art & Wine with Gilded Grape Winery at the Sea Grape Gallery, 113 W. Marion Ave.

Pop-up art show—with live music!—on the north side of Marion Ave.

The Renaissance Academy supports the arts in Punta Gorda by displaying a local artists' work all month and hosting a reception during Gallery Walk. Call 941.505.0130 for details. 117 Herald Ct., #211

Edward Jones Open House: hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served and parking is available at the corner of Sullivan St. and W. Olympia Ave. Call 941.639.0233 for more information. 223 Taylor St., Ste. 1118

May 19, 5:00–8:00 pm. Downtown **Punta Gorda**

Emancipation Day Celebration at Blanchard House Museum Call 941.575.7518 or 862.684.2000 for details. May 21. Blanchard House Museum, 406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Sun Media Annual Hurricane Expo Seminars and over 60 exhibitors including hurricane protection supplies, government agencies, insurance and financial services, healthcare, and products and services for home and garden, automotive, and marine! Free and open to the public. May 21, 10:00 am. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Bert's Super Swap Saturday: Motorcycle Swap Meet Booth fee: \$15 per 10'x10' space. Must supply own tables and chairs; small tents and trailers welcome. Swap, buy and sell parts, bikes, apparel, and other motorcycle-related items. Reserve booth space at eventbrite.com, search "Motorcycle Swap Meet." May 21, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson, 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Muscle Car City Monthly Car & Bike Show Tom's Traveling Tunes provides great music, trivia and door prizes. Trophies awarded to five Top Choice entries. Enjoy the festivities then check out the daily special or cool off with an old fashioned ice cream sundae at the diner! Third Saturdays: May 21, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Muscle Car City, 3811 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Moonlight Movie Series: Oyster Creek Pool Family-oriented movies, seasonally-themed. Float in the pool and watch! **Children must be accompanied by an adult!** Admission: \$3 per person. For more information, call Community Services at 941.625.7529. May 21, 8:30 pm. Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**

Harmony the Harpist at Sandman Book Company Browse an epic selection of reading material while the delicate tones of the harp relax you! Visit Facebook.com/sandmanbooks for details. May 16, 2:00 pm. 16480 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Friday Night Dance Featuring top local entertainers including Erich, Jay Smith, Mc2 and more. \$7 admission. Visit theculturalcenter.com for more information. Fridays, 7:00–10:00 pm. The Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

ON STAGE

Visani Comedy Zone presents *The Caribbean Chillers—A Jimmy Buffett Band*, May 17, 7:30 pm, dinner and show starting at \$42; and *Mark Klein with Jeff Zenisek*, various times, starting at \$8. Call 941.629.9191 or visit visani.net for details and to purchase tickets. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity Night at Visani Comedy Zone An evening of good food and laughs for a great cause! Tickets: \$10 each, two ticket minimum; available at all three Habitat Resale stores: 3949 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**; 1354 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**; 1750 Manzana Ave., **Punta Gorda**. For more information, contact Wendy at 941.639.3162 or wendy@charlottecountyhfh.org. May 19, 8:00 pm. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

J3 Vocal Band The Johns—Dennis, Bonnie, and Chad—are more than just a family that sings together, they're dynamic musicians with superlative harmony who genuinely love the '50s–'80s classic hit songs they perform! Advance tickets: \$15, \$13 for CC members (limit two); day of show: \$15/no discount; available online at theculturalcenter.com, at the box office 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday and one hour before any show, or by calling 941.625.4175. No refunds or exchanges. May 21, 7:00 pm. The Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

GET OUT

OUT ABOUT TOWN

8th Annual Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Proceeds benefit the Junior Leadership Charlotte Program. Four person scramble. Registration: \$75 per person, includes lunch, range balls and prizes! Corporate sponsorships available or sponsor a hole for \$75. Hole-in-One Car Sponsor: Don Gasgarth Charlotte County Ford. Putting Contest: \$1,000 prize, sponsored by Integrity Employee Leasing. For more information call 941-627-2222 or visit charlottecountyhammer.org. May 21, check in: 7:30 am; shotgun start: 8:30am. Kingsway Country Club, 13625 S.W. Kingsway Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Southwest Florida Food Tours Get an insider's perspective of the area and meet local restaurateurs, taste their food and hear their stories. Currently offering: **Bites of Punta Gorda Culinary Walking Tour**, a three-hour tour through the city's historic downtown district, \$45. **Last of the season: Austrian Temptation, Chocolate Dreams and Wines from Heaven**, a decadent evening of Zotter Chocolates and carefully selected wines will return next season, \$20. Advance purchase required for all events: **tickets and complete schedule available at swffoodtours.com** or call 941.276.6384 for more information. **Punta Gorda**

Charlotte Stone Crabs Baseball Visit stonecrabsbaseball.com for details, promotions, and daily specials. Call 941.206.HITS(4487) for tickets. **No pets or outside beverages allowed. Upcoming home games:**

vs. Daytona, May 16, 6:35 pm	vs. Fort Myers, May 27, 6:35 pm	vs. Clearwater, June 9, 6:35 pm
vs. Daytona, May 17, 6:35 pm	vs. Fort Myers, May 28, 6:05 pm	vs. Clearwater, June 10, 6:35 pm
vs. Daytona, May 18, 6:35 pm	vs. Fort Myers, May 29, 12:35 pm	vs. Clearwater, June 11, 6:05 pm
vs. Daytona, May 19, 6:35 pm	vs. Clearwater, June 8, 6:35 pm	vs. Dunedin, June 12, 12:35 pm

Charlotte Sports Park, 2300 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Englewood Drum Circle Every Sunday, year-round (weather permitting), about one hour before sunset. Everyone is welcome to drum, hoola hoop, dance or just enjoy as the sun sets. You don't have to know the rhythm to drum along! 941.445.1365 or danceenglewood.com for more information. **Note: parking fee is .75 per hour.** 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

NATURE ADVENTURES

Daily Pelican Feedings Come to the "pelican yard" every afternoon around 2:30, weather permitting, to learn about native Florida wildlife. Many wild pelicans and great blue herons stop by for lunch! Permanent residents are available for viewing in attractive, spacious habitats based on their native environments. \$5 donation requested. **No pets allowed.** Call 941.637.3830 or visit peaceriverwildlifecenter.org for more information. Open seven days a week, 365 days a year, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. A great place for families to unwind! Peace River Wildlife Center, 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy., **Punta Gorda**

Kayak Tour of Shell Creek with Gaea Guides For kayaking and nature enthusiasts, this three-hour tour of the undisturbed wilderness of Shell Creek and its surrounding areas is a wonder! A University of Florida-certified Master Naturalist guide will lead an exploration of cypress and oak trees, many fish species, and various birds, including the rare limpkin. You'll be on the water for about two hours; bring your own water, and lunch or a snack. Tickets: \$40 (gratuity not expected but appreciated), available at gaeaguides.com or call 239.694.5513 for more information. May 16, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Hathaway Park, **Punta Gorda**

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) All guided walks and wading trips are led by CHEC naturalists. **Always wear sturdy shoes and bring drinking water. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.** Call 941.475.0769 or visit checflorida.org for information, volunteer opportunities, and directions. **This week:**

Guided Walk: Don Pedro Island Offered in partnership with Captiva Cruises and the Florida Park Service; provides great information on plants, shelling, turtles, and shore birds. Captiva Cruises boat service fee: \$20 per person	May 17, 9:00 am Cape Haze Marina, 6950 Placida Rd., Englewood
Seagrass Wading Adventure This exciting hands-on activity is educational fun for all ages! After an introductory program on aquatic environments, walk to Lemon Bay to wade into the shallow waters. Registration required: call 941.475.0769.	May 20, 9:00 am Cedar Point Environmental Park 2300 Placida Road, Englewood
Guided Kayak Trip Call 941.575.5435 or email zuliana@checflorida.org for more information.	May 21, 9:30 am, Alligator Creek 10941 Burnt Store Rd., Punta Gorda

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary is a non-profit sanctuary/nursing home/retirement village for abused and unwanted exotic animals. Adults: \$10; seniors 55+ and kids 8–17: \$5; children 7 and under: free. **Cash or check only. No pets allowed.** Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 am–4:00 pm; weekday visits by appointment only. 239.543.1130 or octagonwildlife.org. 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Babcock Wilderness Adventures Discover the natural heart of Florida! Two tour offerings: *Wilderness Adventure* is 90 minutes of fun, traveling through the working cattle ranch, experiencing local ecosystems and wildlife; *Heritage* provides the chance to see the Babcock Family Lodge and have lunch *and* a tour. Special group rates for both adults and children. **Photography tours by request!** Reservations: 1.800.500.5583 or email adventure@babcockwilderness.com. Visit babcockwilderness.com for details. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

Florida Tracks & Trails Florida's biggest outdoor adventure park is open weekends! Overnight stays, ATV rentals, 22 miles of trails, five tracks, seven paintball fields, mudzone, pro shops, family-friendly lake with white-sand beach, general store and tiki bar with food and drinks. Adults: \$30, children: \$15. Call 1.844.RIDE.FTT(743.3388), or visit floridatracksandtrails.com for more information. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Weekly Paddle Group Bring sun screen, hat, and two bottles of water per person and expect to get wet! Kayak and equipment rental with loading and launching service: \$20 per person; no charge if bringing own kayak. **Online waiver required if renting; registration required for all.** Visit kayakecotours.com to complete waiver and sign up; call 941.249.4579 with questions. Tuesdays, 8:30–11:00 am. Kayak Eco Tours, Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina, 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Hooked on SUP Adventures All instructors carry two certifications specific to Stand Up Paddle: Paddle Fit Level 2 and/or Level 3 and World Paddle Association Class 1. **Visit hookedonsup.com or call 941.504.1699 for more information, tour times, and to book;** in many cases, a specific tour can be scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, no paddling experience is necessary and price includes all equipment and a lesson. **All participants must be able to swim.** Hooked on SUP, 6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Stump Pass Beach Guided Adventure Tour Expect to come back feeling like a local! Dolphin, manatee, sea stars, birds of prey, and local fish are abundant and the water is usually crystal clear. \$45; May 18, 19, 21, 22
Stump Pass Beach State Park
900 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

Snorkel & Paddle Tour at Stump Pass Beach State Park Instead of paddling on the water, jump right in! **No live shelling**, but bring a small net bag to collect empties. Your guide will help determine what's okay to take. **Must be 13 years or older.** \$85; daily, May 17–22
Stump Pass Beach State Park
900 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

Boca Grande "Old Florida" Wildlife Tour One of the most diverse wildlife areas around: grass flats and sand bars teem with fish, birds, manatee, dolphins and the occasional sea turtle. **Note: there is a \$6 toll to cross the bridge.** \$45; May 17 and 19
19th St. Launch, east (bay) side of the island, **Boca Grande**

Don Pedro Island Mangrove Tunnel and Beach Picnic Tour A pristine mangrove tunnel with starfish, upside-down jellyfish, coral, sponges and seahorses leads to a quiet hidden lagoon. **Kids under 12 should ride with an adult.** \$55; May 16, 18, 19, 21, 22
Don Pedro State Park
8540 Placida Rd., **Cape Haze**

Palm Island/Coconut Canal Live Seashell Tour Learn to identify local fish, sea creatures, and wading birds. Dolphin and manatee are regular sights! **No live shells or animals can be taken from the water.** \$45; May 16, 18, 19, 20
Hooked On SUP, Cape Haze Marina
6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Light Up the Night Your kayak or paddleboard will be lit from underneath! Float through mangrove tunnels and into the lagoon while your vessel illuminates starfish, live shells, sponges, and tons of fish species; it feels like a private aquarium! \$55; May 21
Hooked On SUP, Cape Haze Marina
6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

PaddleFit Basic Intro To SUP, aka "Virgin Hookers" Fun Class Start with land-based safety and instruction then launch into calm water; build confidence while learning basic paddle strokes and turns, along with SUP safety rules and etiquette. \$35; May 17 and 20
Hooked On SUP, Cape Haze Marina
6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

ART AND CRAFT

EVENTS

The Peace River Painters will capture Myakkahatchee Creek Park this week. Visit peacriverpainters.com for details.

PAINT PARTIES

Art by the Glass offers a creative evening out! No experience needed; all supplies included. Choice of premium wines, cold beer and non-alcoholic beverages for purchase. Visit artbytheglassllc.com, call 941.780.1743, or email artbytheglassllc@gmail.com for details, party schedule, and upcoming paintings. \$35 plus tax. 1700 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Bisque IT Art Studio offers *Creative Spirits Canvas Painting* and *Paint & Pour Wine Glass Painting*. Unlock your creativity as you're guided step-by-step through the evening's painting! No experience needed, BYOB. *Creative Spirits*: \$30 plus tax, includes all materials; *Paint & Pour*: \$26 plus tax, includes two wine glasses and materials. **Registration and prepayment required:** 941.624.5955. Visit bisqueitstudio.com for schedule, tickets, and to view upcoming paintings. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Painting with a Twist "Uncork" your inner artist! Bring your own wine, beer, soda and snacks; everything else needed to complete your masterpiece—including a talented local artist to take you from blank canvas to finished artwork—will be provided. \$35 plus tax. Visit paintingwithatwist.com for schedule, details, to register, and to view upcoming paintings; call 941.764.3914 for more information. 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

EXHIBITS

The Visual Arts Center presents *The Art of Portraiture*, a 2D portrait exhibit in the Goff Gallery, **on display until May 18, and Elementary Art by** Charlotte County public school students in the First Federal Gallery, **on display until May 21**. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Visit VisualArtCenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

The Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society strives to preserve the rich history of the area through mural art. To date, 28 murals have been completed, establishing Punta Gorda as one of the leading mural towns in the country! Each includes a QR code. Visit puntagordamurals.org for more information. **Punta Gorda**

Art in Public Places by The Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County. View local artists' work at the following locations:

Featured:	Until May 24: <i>Shelliquaries</i> by Pamela Jones. <i>Shelliquaries</i> are re-purposed wooden boxes enhanced with unique treasures to become one-of-a-kind, personal, portable shrines! Contact the artist at 941.681.3736 or pamdjones@embarqmail.com . Englewood-Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd., Englewood
Port Charlotte	The Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County • Charlotte County Administration Center • Charlotte County Government Fiscal Services Division • Charlotte County Public Schools, Murdock Administration Building • Charlotte Technical Center • Cultural Center Of Charlotte County • Family Services Center • Charlotte County Human Resource Center • Lexington Manor Assisted Living • Mid-County Regional Public Library • Port Charlotte Public Library • Royal Palm Retirement Centre • Southport Square, Gables East
Punta Gorda	Bayfront Health • Campbell's Enrolled Agents Co. • Cayo Costa Dental Inc. • Charlotte County Justice Center • Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center • Charlotte Memorial Gardens • Charlotte Sun (The Purple House) • Florida Gulf Coast University, Herald Court Centre • Kays-Pongers & Uselton Funeral Home • Keller Law Office • Wells Fargo Advisors
Englewood	Englewood/Charlotte Public Library • West Charlotte County Annex

Visit charlottearts.org or email info@charlottearts.org for information about exhibiting or hosting an exhibit, **Charlotte County**

CLASSES

Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay offers art and craft classes in jewelry making, oil painting, mask making and more! Visit artsallianceoflemonbay.org for class offerings and call 941.475.7141 with questions. 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Boca Grande Art Center offers classes in everything from drawing to beading, ceramics to photography, and more! Visit bocagrandeartcenter.org or call 941.964.1700. **Note: there is a \$6 toll to cross the bridge.** 236 Banyan St. **Boca Grande**

Charlotte County Cultural Center offers classes in sewing, lapidary, jewelry/silversmithing, stained glass, pottery, and private music classes! Visit theculturalcenter.com for a full schedule. Register by phone at 941.625.4175 ext. 223, or in person Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Erlenbach Modern Art Gallery & Studio offers classes in jewelry enameling and watercolor pen and ink illustration. Call 941.227.4335 to register and for more information. 612 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

Inspiration Studio offers over 60 creative classes in fine art, jewelry making, healing arts and more, as well as a wide variety of unique jewelry, art and gift items. Available for paint and birthday parties as well! Call 941.321.8585 for details and visit inspirationstudiofl.com for a full class schedule. On the grounds of Pottery Express Bamboo Farm, 25370 Zemel Rd., **Punta Gorda**

The Open Studio offers ongoing classes in art, craft, healing and fitness. Visit theopenstudio.org for class schedules and call 941.681.2782 for more details. The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The Painted Cabana offers fun and funky classes in everything from fine art to scarf painting and jewelry making. No experience necessary. Learn actual techniques and have a great time doing it! Full class schedule available at thepaintedcabana.com. Turtle Crossing Plaza, 16500 Burnt Store Rd, Suite 110, **Punta Gorda**

The Visual Arts Center offers creative classes in fine art, craft, and technology. **Session 4 classes begin May 31!** Visit visualartcenter.org for complete class schedule and call 941.639.8810 for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

GALLERIES

The Albritton Gallery is a working gallery and studio, home to original art work by Margaret and Garry Albritton. Margaret not only runs the store but works on her art in public view. She's always happy to discuss her process and answer any questions, so don't be shy. If you are driving or boating over from a ways off, please call 941.698.0603 to be sure they're open; they may be on island time! Visit thealbrittongallery.com for more information. Tuesday–Saturday, 11:00 am–5:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am–4:00 pm. 13020 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Artisans Atelier In-house artisans work right before your eyes! All will answer questions as well as sell their works. Monday–Saturday, 11:00 am–5:00 pm. Call 941.637.8484 or email artisansatelier@yahoo.com for more information. 117 Herald Court Centre, Unit #113, **Punta Gorda**

The Artists' Gallery at The Open Studio Find unique hand-made items, from novice to master-level. You may even encounter an artist or two in their natural habitat! Visit theopenstudio.org or call 941.474.4060 for more information. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 12:30–4:30 pm. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay announces their *Artist of the Month* for May, Linda Thompson, seashell arts and crafts. Linda's passion for using seashells in her work has spanned her whole life and she loves to find new and different ways to use nature's textures. She's won over 25 awards in various art and shell shows. View Linda's work, and the work of many local artists—everything from jewelry to bags to paintings in all media—at the gallery. Visit artsallianceoflemonbay.org for details. Monday–Saturday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Sunday, 11:00 am–3:00 pm. 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Creations at the Village Seaside Art Gallery offers fine, fun and functional art, meticulously crafted by local artists. Browse a unique selection of paintings, gifts, jewelry, pottery, glass, fiber art, tuned wood pieces, photography, metal work, sculpture and more. Call 941.639.6363 for more information. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Unit C46, **Punta Gorda**

Erlenbach Modern Art Gallery & Studio Paintings and prints, fused glass and pottery, artisan jewelry, and natural bath and body products for purchase. Call 941.227.4335 or visit erlenbach-modern.com or [Facebook.com/ErlenbachModernArtGallery](https://www.facebook.com/ErlenbachModernArtGallery) for more information. Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. 612 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

The Hatch Gallery was once used by clam farmers and is now an art gallery, filled floor-to-ceiling with whimsical wildlife driftwood art, wood carvings, antiques, and collectibles created by the entire Hatch family. Call 941.697.9531, email HATCH_JON@hotmail.com, or visit jon-hatch-originals.com. 13060 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

The Potter's Studio and Gallery is a peaceful and inspiring working pottery studio, complimented by a unique gallery. Enjoy browsing innovative and contemporary pieces in every form and style, from functional to whimsical. Visit thepotterstudio.com for a sampling from the gallery and call 941.661.8925 or find them at [Facebook.com/ThePottersStudio](https://www.facebook.com/ThePottersStudio) for more information. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd., Ste. 1151, **Punta Gorda**

Sea Grape Gallery celebrates two *Artists of the Month* for May: **Beverly Yankwitt**, mixed media, and **Bob and Elissa Rioux**, glass. • **Beverly** has a special interest in abstract art, believing it's, "...the most unique, original expression an artist can render." She is also enjoying teaching abstract classes at the Cultural Center in Port Charlotte and at the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda. • **Bob and Elissa** create original stained- and blown-glass kaleidoscopes using fused dichroic glass, iridescent stained glass, and detailed glass embellishments. Their works are in private collections all over the world, including those of Adele, Princess Nora of Jordan, and Stephen King! Beverly's and the Rioux's' works are prominently on display at the Sea Grape Gallery. For details about the gallery and all the artists—and about Sea Grape's Guest Artist Program—call 941.575.1718 and visit the gallery or seagrapegallery.com to see the work of all the artists! Sea Grape artists also exhibit their work at four neighboring locations: Renaissance Academy of FGCU: 117 Herald Ct., #211; River City Grill: 113 W. Marion Ave.; Four Points by Sheraton: 33 Tamiami Tr.; and Edward Jones Investment Services: 223 Taylor St. May 5–June 2. 113 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Sunart Gallery & Framing is a unique family-owned shop offering a fine art gallery, custom framing and handcrafted gifts. Stop in and browse, enjoy the gallery openings and other events, have that precious artwork framed, or just say hello! Call 941.639.3956 or visit sunartgallery.net for more information. 307 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

LECTURE AND LEARNING

The Lifelong Learning Institute offers a wide array of classes, lectures, field trips, book clubs, and film programs! For details, visit lifelonglearning-charlotte.org, call LLI at 941.637.3533, email charlotte.lli@fsw.edu, or drop by Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 10:00 am–noon or 1:00–3:00 pm, at the Peoples Learning Resources Center Building (Building B), Room #114, Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

The Learning Place at the Charlotte County Cultural Center offers classes and social opportunities throughout the year in everything from art and dance to technology and language. Visit theculturalcenter.com's *Education* page for a full schedule. Register by phone at 941.625.4175 ext. 223, or in person Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

LIVE MUSIC

The Bean Depot Cafe offers live music most evenings and a bluegrass jam session every Wednesday, featuring local and visiting musicians. Join the party! Tuesday–Sunday. 941.627.3344. 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson presents *Wicked Karma*, May 21, noon–4:00 pm and *Storm Warning*, May 22, noon–4:00 pm; free beer and food for sale both days! 941.883.8000 or blackwidowh-d.com. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Beyond the Sea Restaurant & Supper Club presents weekly live music and dinner shows. 941.474.1400 or [Facebook.com/beyondthesearestaurant](https://www.facebook.com/beyondthesearestaurant). 3555 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Carmelo's Italian Ristorante showcases Leslie DaCosta, Joe Cerrito, and Gerardo each Thursday–Saturday. 941.621.4091 or carmelosristorante.com. 209 W. Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Celtic Ray Irish Pub presents music this week by West of Galway, Ted Stevens & the Doo-Shots, Slip & the Spinouts, and Open Mic Night, May 22, 9:00 pm! Pub Trivia is every Wednesday evening: play by yourself or with a group, win prizes and have a pint! 941.916.9115 or celticray.net. 145 E. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County presents *Fun with Music*, Mondays, 1:00–3:30 pm, \$2 admission; *INGROOV Big Band* first and third Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 pm in the Centennial Room, \$2 admission; and *Cruis'in Eddie*, Fridays in the cafe, 11:00 am–2:00 pm. Call 941.629.4175 or visit theculturalcenter.com for details. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Dean's South of the Border presents Lazy Daze, Flying Hasselhoffs, Torched, Shore Patrol, Dane, Gas House Gorillas, Paul Roush, and Jesse Allen this week! 941.575.6100 or deanssouthoftheborder.com. 130 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Downtown Gatorz presents live music weekly! 941.347.7518 or [Facebook.com/DowntownGatorz](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownGatorz). 502 King St., **Punta Gorda**

The End Zone Sports Grille presents live music each week! 941.473.9663 or search "The End Zone" on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com). 2411 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Englewoods on Dearborn presents Ellie Lee & The Blues Fury, JP Soars & The Red Hots, Rocking Jake, and Mike Imbasciani & His Bluez Rockerz this week! 941.475.7501 or englewoods.tripod.com. 362 West Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Farlow's on the Water presents Gary Dilley, Bob Comeau, John Patti and Music Box this week. 941.474.5343 or farlowsonthewater.com. 2080 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Fishermen's Village presents fingerstyle guitarist Drew Gale, May 16, noon–3:00 pm; Michael Hirst, May 18 and 20, 11:00 am–2:00 pm; and Paul Roush, May 19, noon–3:00 pm. 941.639.8721 or fishville.com. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Fishery presents live music from Joe O'Brian, Cheeze 'n Crackers, and Wally Gator on weekends, and Happy Hour 2:00–6:00 pm daily. 941.697.2451 or thefisheryrestaurant.com. 13000 Fishery Rd. **Placida**

Flounders Restaurant and Tiki Bar presents Time Trax, Flounders Jam Band, Kenny Rose, 3's Co, Frank Amedeo, Rapsodee, Dick & Kammy, Hip Squad, SOB, Chello Band, Shantel & Damon, Boogiemen, Boca Bande, and Ja Ha Movement this week! 941.460.8280 or floundersonthebeach.com. 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

Gilchrist Park is home to the Waterfront Music Jam Session. Enjoy an eclectic mix of guitar, bluegrass, jazz, folk and country music in a setting that is quintessential Punta Gorda. Thursdays, 6:00–10:00 pm. 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar presents guitarist Dan Dykes, May 20, 6:00–9:00 pm, and Steve Widmeyer: *One Voice, One Guitar*, May 21, 6:00–9:00 pm. Proceeds from the Widmeyer show will benefit Peace River Wildlife Center! Don't miss *Art & Wine* at Sea Grape Gallery for Downtown Punta Gorda Gallery Walk, May 19, 5:00–8:00 pm! 941.235.WINE(9463) or gildedgrape.com. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Gulf View Grill offers live music at *Beaches Down Under*, Wednesday–Sunday, 5:00–9:00 pm. With the breeze, cold drinks, great food and entertainment, it's Happy Hour all day and night! 941.475.3500 or thegulfviewgrill.com. 2095 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Hurricane Charley's presents Highway 1, Paul Roush, Music Box, High Tide Beach Party, He Said She Said, Drop Dead Dangerous, Jack Mosley, Trop Rock Junkies, Lee James, and The Kollections this week! 941.639.9695 or HurricaneCharleys.com. 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Jacks on Marion presents Silent Partners Duo every Wednesday, weather permitting, and features Mixed-Up Duo, May 19, Gary & Kerri, May 20, and Clique, May 21! 941.637.8800 or jacksonmarion.com. 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

JD's Bistro presents Mickey Basil, the Danny Sinoff Trio, the Kitt Moran Trio, the Patricia Dean Trio, and Lynn Richardson and The Jazz-Matics every week. Enjoy an evening of exceptional cuisine in relaxed elegance, with soft seating, a fireplace, rich wooden furniture, ivory linens and warm lighting. 941.255.0994 or jdsbistroandgrill.com. 1951 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Lock 'N Key presents Frank Lombardi, Jim Morris, Zombie University, Tropical Ave and Rob Garcia this week! 941.474.1517 or lockandkeyrestaurant.com. 2045 N Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

Mango Bistro presents Swinging Bridge, May 20, and Latin Rendezvous, May 21! 941.681.3500 or mangobistro.com. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

MS Rascal's Loony Bin features Archer, May 20, and White Leather, May 21! Don't miss karaoke with DJ Bobby every Tuesday, 9:00 pm–1:00 am, and Bike Night every Thursday! 941.255.5999 or msrascalsloonybin.com, 1182 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Nav-a-Gator Grill presents Island Drum Circle, May 17, and Charlie Imes, May 21! Never a cover charge; bring canned goods or non-perishable food items for donation to a local food bank. 941.627.FISH(3474) or nav-a-gator.com. 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

The Orange House Wine Bar offers live music periodically. 941.505.8233 or theorangehousewinebar.com for schedule. 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Portside Tavern presents live music periodically, and karaoke Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 941.629.3055 or theportside.com. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Ricaltini's Bar & Grille presents live music each week! 941.828.1591 or ricaltinis.com. 1997 Kentucky Ave., **Englewood**

The Rooftop Terrace at the Wyvern Hotel A breathtaking view and complimentary live entertainment every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:00–11:00 pm, and daily Happy Hour 5:00–7:30 pm at the Rooftop Terrace and The Curve Tavern. The Wyvern Hotel will entertain you this weekend! 941.637.5858 or TheWyvernHotel.com. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Sunset Grill on the Harbor presents live music Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 6:00–9:00 pm and "Charlotte County's Best Happy Hour" daily 11:30 am–6:00 pm. 941.743.2800 or sunsetgrilloth.com. 23241 Bayshore Rd., **Port Charlotte**

TT's Tiki Bar features Kerri & Gary, Coastal Jams, Tropical Ave, NexxLevel, and David Barber this week! 941.637.6770 or docksideandtiki.com. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Vino Loco presents *Music with Lou* every Sunday, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, and *Mid-Week Music* every Wednesday, 6:00–9:00 pm, and original music by Lenny Sales, May 21! 941.473.VINO(8466) or vinolocowine.com. 420 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

White Elephant Pub offers live music daily and features Kat and the Rhythm Gators, May 20, and The Crashers, May 21, and karaoke with Guido and Maryanne Sundays and Wednesdays, 6:00–10:00 pm. 941.475.6801 or whiteelephantpub.com. 1855 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood Beach**

Zydeco Grille features JR Davis & The Bridge, and Sax on the Beach with Mike Parshall this week! 941.828.1472 or zydecogrille.com. 8501 Cape Haze Plaza, **Placida**

FILM

Third Friday Drive-In: *The Good Dinosaur!* Free to the public, broadcast on 97.7 FM. Outdoor speakers; blankets and chairs encouraged, weather permitting. Donations requested at the concession stand. More information at amikidscrossroads.org. May 20, film begins at sunset. 115 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Documentaries with Lunch A special lunch served by the campus cafeteria staff follows each culturally-diverse film. Members: \$10 per film; non-members: \$15 per film. Visit lifelonglearning-charlotte.org, and click *2016 Winter/Spring Class Schedule* for details on each film. **May 18:** *Bugging Hitler's Soldiers*; **May 25:** *The Way of the Samurai*; **June 1:** *The Mystery of the Black Death*. Call 941.505.0130 or stop by, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm for more information. **Wednesdays through June 1, 10:00 am.** Classroom D210, Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Monday Night Movies Free movies on the big screen, popcorn provided! Call 941.861.1207 for movie selection. Mondays, 5:00–8:00 pm, excepting major holidays. Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Classic Foreign Film Series Moderator Naomi Pringle introduces each film and a brief discussion follows. \$5 per film, **check or credit card only**, price includes refreshments. **May 17:** *Indochine* (France, 1992); **May 24:** *The Wind that Shakes the Barley* (Ireland, 2007); **May 31:** *My Afternoons with Margueritte* (France, 2010). Call 941.505.0130 or stop by, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm for more information or visit registerra.fgcu.edu. Tuesdays, 1:00–3:00 pm, FGCU's Renaissance Academy, 117 Herald Ct. Sq., **Punta Gorda**

Regal Town Center Stadium 16: *Captain American: Civil War* (also 3D), *Keanu*, *Mother's Day*, *Ratchet & Clank* (also 3D), *A Hologram for the King*, *The Huntsman: Winter's War*, *Barbershop: The Next Cut*, *Criminal*, *The Jungle Book* (also 3D), *The Boss*, *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, *Zootopia*. 941.623.0114 or regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

MARKETS

The Englewood Farmers Market offers fresh and organic produce, baked goods, beef, BBQ, wild salmon, olive oil, herbs, honey and so much more! Thursdays, 9:00 am–2:00 pm; **runs until May 26**. Visit englewoodfarmersmarket.org for more information and free healthy recipes. Old Englewood Village, 300 Block of West Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Sun Flea Market Great bargains since 1995! Two thrift stores, food court, indoor play area and *Kidstar* right next door. Free Wi-Fi, fresh produce and live entertainment on weekends. For details: 941.255.3532 or visit sunfleamarket.com. Year-round, Friday–Sunday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 18505 Paulson Dr., **Port Charlotte**

The Saturday Veggie Stand sells fresh organic fruits, veggies, juices and smoothies, wheatgrass shots, microgreens, soups, salads, and more every week in front of The Real Juice Bar. All that and they're fun too! Saturdays, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Visit theopenstudio.org for more information. 310 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Punta Gorda Downtown Farmers Market Voted the best small market in Florida and 15th in the USA! Offers everything from fruits and vegetables, pickles, jams and jellies, orange juice, German bakery items, fresh pasta, kitchenware, cupcakes, beef and fresh seafood, jewelry, candles and soaps, dip mixes, cheese, olives, homemade pies, orchids, kettle corn, and coffee beans to exotic plants, natural facial products and smoothies, **and** live entertainment. The Market accepts EBT/SNAP cards and as an added bonus is giving \$2 for \$1 when Florida-grown produce, citrus, or honey is purchased, to encourage healthier eating and to help local farmers sell more so they can produce more. It's a win-win, so c'mon down! Call Jerry Presseller, Manager, at 941.391.4856 for details. Saturdays, 8:00 am–noon. Taylor St. and Herald Ct., next to the historic courthouse, **Punta Gorda**

History Park Farmers Market Most Sundays feature live music by local musicians. Guided garden tours available after the market closes; a \$5 suggested donation includes a plant to take home! For more information call 941.639.1887. Sundays, 9:00 am–2:00 pm. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

SEA TO SHORE

Captiva Cruises runs the Don Pedro State Park Island Shuttle and also offers full- and half-day excursions, sunset cruises, lunch and beach/shelling trips and dolphin watch/wildlife adventure cruises to Don Pedro Island, Boca Grande, Cayo Costa, Cabbage Key, and Useppa Islands. Island Eco-Expeditions to Don Pedro Island State Park include narration on wildlife and local history, great photo opportunities, and a two-hour stop on pristine Don Pedro Island. Call 941.889.8000, visit captivacruises.com, or search "Captiva Cruises" on Facebook for details. Cape Haze Marina, 6950 Placida Rd., **Cape Haze**

King Fisher Fleet offers deep sea and back bay fishing trips, sightseeing cruises to the out-islands, eco-tours, full- and half-day cruises, sunset cruises and harbor tours that will keep your camera clicking at dolphins and other wildlife. Specials: **Annual Cruise Pass**: unlimited free admission on all regularly scheduled sightseeing cruises for one year from date of purchase (park fees, special events and Christmas Light Canal Cruises not included); **Military Appreciation Month**: May 1–31, military personnel with a valid military ID, veterans with proof of service, and spouses and dependents receive half-price admission on any sightseeing cruise. Visit kingfisherfleet.com for details or call 941.639.0969. Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Ste. 16A, **Punta Gorda**

Nav-A-Gator offers a lunch-and-narrated eco-tour cruise combo to small groups and individuals along the calm Peace River for one low price! Lunch either before or after the cruise. Also offers air boat tours! For more information: 941.627.3474 or nav-a-gator.com. 9700 SW Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Seashore Eco Tours Kayak trips to Don Pedro Island, the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve/Woovlerton Trails, Boca Grande, Gasparilla Island and Stump Pass Beach State Park; paddle board tours of Stump Pass, the Great Calusa Blueway paddling trail and Don Pedro Island. Paddle board lessons also available. Guides are Florida Master Naturalist-certified and trips are all-inclusive. **Reservations required**. Bring water, sunscreen, inexpensive sunglasses, a strap for glasses, a hat and extra water. Call 855.2PADDLE or 855.272.3353 or book online at SeashoreEcoTours.com. 1540 South McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Smoke and Roses is a boat load of fun! Sunset cruises, full-day sails to an island, and overnight charters available. The all-inclusive charter includes a private yacht with a captain and first mate to act as your personal tour guides. Avoid the crowds and completely relax in beautiful surroundings! Private parties only, for up to six passengers, start at \$45 per person including the discount. For reservations and more information, call Agnes Long at 605.366.7673, email info@smokeandroses.com, or visit smokeandroses.com. 140 Leland St. S.E., **Port Charlotte**

MOVEMENT

Ballroom Dance Class Drop-in for \$15 or pay \$40 for four classes. This is a group class, no partner necessary. For details call 941.270.4599 or visit danceenglewood.com. Wednesdays, 7:15 pm at Dance Etc., 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Dao Yin Sheng Gong Gentle twisting motions, breath control and acupressure point stimulation. Wednesdays, 10:00 am, \$8 per lesson. Richard Curtis: 407.923.8310. Register at the PGICA office or call 941.637.1655. 2001 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Indoor Pickleball For ages 15 to seniors. Drop in for some fun competition and make new friends. For more details call 941.681.3742. Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 N. Access Rd., Unit 4. **Englewood**

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: 941.637.8326 or teampuntagorda.org. **Punta Gorda**

Line Dancing Englewood Country Liners offers 'improver' and intermediate line dances. The public is welcome! Contact Nancy at 941.474.6027 or nvargo@verizon.net. Thursdays, 9:30–11:30am. Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

Peace River Riders You've got the wheels, we've got the club! peacerridersbicycleclub.com **Punta Gorda**

Qi Gong/Tai Chi Free workshop, come join in! Saturdays, rain or shine, 9:30–10:30 am. Gilchrist Park, by the statue of Ponce de Leon. 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Saturday Morning Bike Ride Coffee at 8:00 am, roll at 8:30 am. Leisure, medium and fast are no-drop; unlimited is until you can't hang on! 941.639.2263 or acmebicycleshop.com. 615 Cross St., #1116, **Punta Gorda**

Sunday Morning Wake Up Run! There is no set route or pace; go however long and at whatever pace you wish! Please arrive at the Gilchrist Park Pavilion by 6:50 am; begin running at 7:00 am. Visit thefootlanding.com for details. Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Tai Chi at the Open Studio Beginner's Mind Tai Chi Chang, Yang Style. The class is free, but donations are accepted. Tuesdays, 5:30–6:00 pm. 941.474.4060 or visit theopenstudio.org for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Wednesday Night Pub Run, Walk or Stroll 3.0-ish Route is approximately 2.1 to 3.1 miles. All are welcome. Walkers/strollers start at 6:15 pm, runners at 6:30 pm. Call 941.347.7751 or visit thefootlanding.com for details. Wednesday evenings. Free registration and free parking in the parking garage above The Foot Landing, 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 1112, **Punta Gorda**

Yoga on Englewood Beach Yoga for Every Body, 8:30–9:30 am every day—holidays included! Class is free, donations accepted and appreciated. **Sunset Yoga** 6:00–7:00 pm every Monday and Wednesday. Bring a blanket or sheet and plan to have fun! **Note: parking is .75 per hour.** 941.474.5511 or englewoodchamber.com for details. 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**



Quick Tip: visit CharlotteHarborTravel.com often to find your next adventure, and take lots of pictures to submit to the ongoing Show Us Your Charlotte photo contest. Details at ShowUsYourCharlotte.com!

MUSEUMS

The A.C. Freeman House was built in 1903 for less than \$900. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Guided tours are offered Monday and Thursday only from 11:00 am–3:00 pm. Puntagordahistory.com. 311 West Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture of Charlotte County An open-access, educational institution devoted to the procurement, preservation, study and display of materials related to the history, culture and contributions of African Americans in the settlement of Charlotte County and Southwest Florida. Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Call 941.575.7518 or visit blanchardhousemuseum.us for more information. 406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, **Punta Gorda**

El Jobean Post Office and General Store is designated a local historic landmark on the *National Register of Historic Places* and reveals the history of Southwest Florida and the community. A book about the area, *The History of Early El Jobean*, is available in the Charlotte County public library system. Call 941.766.1117 for more information. 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

The History Park Explore four fascinating historic buildings: The Cigar Cottage, The Trabue Land Sales Office, The Price House/Gilchrist Inn, and The Calaboose. Tours of the gardens are given Sundays after 1:00 pm, after the History Park Farmer's Market. Visit puntagordahistory.com for more information. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum is the oldest structure on the island and has been a comprehensive museum since 1999. Three rooms cover cultural and social history dating from 12,000 BC–present; a fourth contains a “please touch” area. Features a gift shop offering souvenirs, local artwork and jewelry. Call 941.964.0060 for details. **Note: there is a \$6 toll to cross the bridge.** November–May: Monday–Saturday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm; Sundays, noon–4:00 pm. 880 Belcher Rd., **Boca Grande**

The Punta Gorda Train Depot is the sole surviving depot of the six built by the Atlantic Coast Line in Mediterranean revival style. Over 20 independent booths comprise The Antique Mall, which occupies the large freight room, and the ticket office houses three exhibits: *The History of the Railroad*, *The Fishing Industry*, and the *Punta Gorda Army Air Field*. Sept.–June: Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Call 941.639.6774 or visit puntagordahistory.com for more information. 1009 Taylor Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Military Heritage Museum strives to promote understanding and respect for the rich military heritage of the United States and the sacrifices made by America's veterans, living and dead. Monday–Saturday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm; Sunday, noon–6:00 pm; closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call 941.575.9002 (admin) or 941.347.7941 (museum) or visit freedomisntfree.org for more information. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Unit 48, **Punta Gorda**

Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City features nearly 200 automobiles of every era, dating back to the 1920s, with a major focus is on GM “muscle cars.” Work up an appetite then enjoy the best omelets, biscuits and gravy, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and cheesesteak sandwiches in the area, as well as old-fashioned floats, sodas, shakes and homemade ice cream at the '60s-themed Muscle Car City Diner, open Tuesday–Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Call 941.575.5959 or visit musclecarcity.net. Muscle Car City, 3811 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

GAMES

Monday: Pinochle: 5:30–8:30 pm; **Tuesday:** Pinochle: 6:00–8:00 pm, Chess: 1:00–4:00 pm, Mah-Jongg: 11:30 am–3:30 pm, Duplicate Bridge: 1:00–4:00 pm; **Wednesday:** Contract: noon–3:00 pm, Cribbage: 12:45–4:00 pm, Scrabble: 1:00–4:00 pm, Double Deck Pinochle: 5:30–8:30 pm; **Thursday:** Chess: noon–4:00 pm, Mah-Jongg: 11:30 am–3:30 pm, Duplicate Bridge: 9:00 am–noon; 1:00–4:00 pm, Double Deck Pinochle: 5:30–8:30 pm; **Friday:** Contract: 6:00–9:00 pm, Mah-Jongg: 1:00 pm–5:00 pm, Euchre: 6:00–9:00 pm, **Saturday:** Pinochle: 1:00–3:00 pm, **Sunday:** Chess: 11:00 am–3:00 pm. For details call 941.625.4175 or visit theculturalcenter.com. The Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

MAY

Author Katherine Harbour at Copperfish Books, May 24: copperfishbooks.com

8th Annual Memorial Day Mud Mayhem, May 27–29: redneckmudpark.com

Inaugural Punta Gorda Downtown Merchants Association *Downtown Bash*, May 28: puntagordachamber.com

3rd Annual Memorial Day Veterans 10K & 5K Run, May 30: memorialdayrace.org

JUNE

History Quest: Historical Geocaching and Questing Event, June 3: charlottecountyfl.gov, search "History Quest"

21st Annual Peace River Cleanup Sponsored by Nav-A-Gator, June 4 and 5: nav-a-gator.com

Stage Play: *Making God Laugh*, June 8–26: lemonbayplayhouse.com

History of Punta Gorda in its Murals, June 9: fgcu.edu/hcc, search "Punta Gorda Murals"

Charlotte County Pride Dance, June 10: [Facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride](https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride)

Sugar Bert Amateur Boxing Tournament, June 10–12: sugarbertboxingpromotions.com

National Marina Day with Fishermen's Village and King Fisher Fleet, June 11: fishville.com

Palate Pleasures of Punta Gorda Restaurant Week, June 17–26: puntagordachamber.com

Moonlight Movie Series, June 18: charlottecountyfl.com

Saturday Sizzling Summer Concert Series: '80s Party, June 18: [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com), search "TT's (The Tiki) Bar on Charlotte Harbor"

Blues, Brews & BBQ Fest, June 24–26: puntagordachamber.com

8th Annual *Hooked on Habitat* Redfish Tournament, June 25: charlottecountyhfh.org

JULY

25th Annual Peace River Freedom Swim, July 4: 941.661.5622

Garden Bros Circus, July 13: gardenbroscircus.com

A Summer Night on the Serengeti Benefit Ball by Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, July 23: cbhcf.org

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