

BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

Englewood Rocks Six Decades: Englewood Pioneer Days is celebrating 60 years! **Photo Contest entry deadline: Aug. 26.** Visit englewoodpioneerdays.com and facebook.com/englewoodpioneerdays for updates and details. **Event dates:**

Sing Along: Aug. 30	Diaper Derby: Sept. 4	Corvette Car Show: Sept. 5
Cardboard Boat Race: Sept. 3	Open Car Show: Sept. 4	Pre-Parade Fun Run, Sept. 5, 8:00 am
Shipwreck Dance: Sept. 3	Pioneer Days Festival: Sept. 4 and 5	Parade: Sept. 5, 9:00 am
Fish-a-thon: Sept. 4		

Big Orange Music Festival Music on two stages, from JJ Grey & Mofro, The Fritz, Nick Moss Band, Colin Lake, Thomas Winn and the Believers, and Still Friends! A great food truck line-up will prepare orange-inspired samples and other favorites. Additional events include Sunset Celebration, *Sun Paddle Fun*, *Throwdown* athletic competition, and the *Om Zone*! **Sept. 9 and 10:** bigorangemusicfestival.com

King Fisher Fleet Presents Two-for-One Sunset Cruise as part of the Big Orange Music Festival kick off! Enjoy a glorious Florida sunset over Charlotte Harbor while touring the waterfront. Call 941.639.0969 for tickets and details. **Sept. 9 only:** kingfisherfleet.com

Let's Eat, Englewood! The Englewood Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce their second Restaurant Week! This is a great opportunity to take a culinary adventure through the community without breaking the bank. Three-course dinners (and more) will be available for \$23 and two-course lunches for \$12. **Sept. 15–29:** letseatenglewood.com

Comedy for a Cause This annual improvisational event is cast with community business leaders performing in a hilarious fund-raising evening to benefit the Charlotte Players and its many programs. **Sept 16:** charlotteplayers.org

SWFL Rockin' and Reelin' Fishing Tournament Open to any anglers. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place for both the Inshore and Offshore Divisions. **Sept. 16 and 17:** swflrockinandreelin.com

Punta Gorda Sullivan Street Craft Festival Explore and enjoy the work of 100 of the finest artists and skilled crafters from 30 states, everything from art and handmade crafts to functional pieces, unique gift items, and more! **Sept. 17–18:** artfestival.com

Fishermen's Village Pirate Fest 2016 Three days of family-friendly piracy, live music, live mermaids, pirate ships, magic, and more! **Sept. 23–25:** fishermensvillagepiratefest.com

Florida International Air Show Family-friendly entertainment, education, and excitement! **Oct. 21–23:** floridaairshow.com

War on the Peace Dragon Boat Festival Watch—or participate in!—exciting boat races and Punta Gorda's full agenda of Halloween-related activities. Get your team together now! **Oct. 29:** waronthepeace.com

Englewood Beach Waterfest: Ecofest, Oct. 29: Hands-on learning opportunities geared towards children and families at Lemon Bay Park; **Paddlefest, Nov. 12 and 13:** 6-mile, 3-mile, and 1.5-mile races, PaddleFit Challenge Games, and Rockin' Relay, with a SUP'Squatch division in both 6- and 3-mile races; and **Racefest, Nov. 18–20:** World Championship of the Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) with expected attendance of over 40 boats running at speeds up to and over 130 miles per hour! Visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

Art on the Harbor Enjoy shopping for beautiful art and unique hand-crafted items, and meet authors and browse their books, right on the water! **Nov. 3:** artontheharbor.com

Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida Dedication and VetFest Wall dedication, Veterans Festival, and several live concerts. The celebration culminates in a street fair in downtown Punta Gorda. **Nov. 5–12:** vietnamwallofsouthwestflorida.org

5th Annual Tippetcanoe Trail and Mud Run Conquer fun and challenging obstacles, get great exercise in a beautiful setting, and help protect Charlotte County's natural resources! **Registration is discounted before Sept. 30, 5:00 pm;** regular registration fees apply Oct. 1–Nov. 12. Entries received after Oct. 21 are not guaranteed a spot. **Nov. 12:** charlottecountyfl.com/communityservices/calendars.asp

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

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Gotta Catch 'Em All Pokémon Tournament Wild Pokémon have been spotted in the library! Replenish your items and sign up for the tournament at the Pokétop at front door, then take advantage of this chance to catch new Pokémon and increase your experience. Staff will drop lures in 30 minute increments throughout the library. Whoever catches the most will be declared the winner and receive a cool prize. Games and fun activities included. **Saturdays through Sept. 3:** Aug. 27, noon–2:00 pm. Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Dogs About Town An adoptable dog (or two, or more!) will be featured at a local dog-friendly restaurant or business. This is a great opportunity to visit with a shelter dog in an open and interactive environment. The dogs love it too! Helpful volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions about the pet(s). Visit Suncoast Humane Society at humane.org or call 941.474.7884 for more information. Aug. 26, 1:00–3:00 pm. Loose Caboose, 433 W. 4th St., **Boca Grande**

Bert's 2017 New Model Viewing Party The new model line will be introduced and the first delivery inspection of the season will be performed. Enjoy raffles, \$5 breakfast, and free Bloody Marys. Two hundred **VIB** points will be awarded to the first 20 attendees. Visit blackwidowh-d.com or call 941.883.8000 for details. Aug. 27, 9:00 am. Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson, 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Flash Mob Adventure Choreography practice for the upcoming flash mob. All are welcome! Call 941.460.8072 or email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com for details. Aug. 27, 11:00 am. Dance Etc., 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Raffle for Waterfest Win up to \$500 and help support Englewood Beach Waterfest 2016! \$5 per ticket. Call 941.473.0171 or visit howardsinenglewood.com. **Wednesdays until Nov. 16, 7:30 pm.** Howards Restaurant, 70 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

History Quest: Historical Geocaching and Questing This educational treasure hunt encourages all to explore local historic sites using *questing*—a place-based scavenger hunt, and *geocaching*—an outdoor hunt using GPS devices. Participation and admission is free. For details, contact the Historical Center at 941.629.PAST(7278) or visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov, and click the *Playing* tab. Check the site often for updated listing of quests and geocaches. **Ongoing.** 514 E. Grace St., **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 *Dwight's Return From Memphis Show: A Tribute To Elvis*, Aug. 23, 7:30 pm, starting at \$47.50; and Julie Scoggins with Brian Thomas, Aug. 24–27, various times, starting at \$8. For details and tickets to any show, visit visani.net. Call 941.629.9191 for more information. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Idol Finals Night Festivities will include highlight footage from auditions, chance raffle auction, celebrity judges and special entertainment! All proceeds will benefit the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition's shelter youth tutoring program. Prizes: \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. VIP tickets: \$70, 5:00 pm entry; general admission: \$20, 5:45 entry. To purchase tickets, contact Tina Figliuolo at events@cchomelesscoalition.org or call 941.627.4313, ext. 118. Aug. 27, 6:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Acoustic Gospel Solo Artist John Cheezan John is a vocalist and harmonica player with a unique funk, rock, and blues-with-a-country-flare style! Advance tickets: \$15; \$13 for Cultural Center 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 call 941.625.4175. No refunds or exchanges. Aug. 26, 7:00 pm. The Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar presents Steve Widmeyer, *One Voice, One Guitar*, Aug. 26, 6:00–9:00 pm; and *The Jim Vallie Show*, Aug. 27, 6:30–9:30 pm. Enjoy a global selection by the glass or by the bottle and a variety of beer and craft beers! Visit gildedgrape.com or call 941.235.WINE(9463) for details. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Black Diamond Burlesque Step into a sexy time machine and journey back to a time of more innocent sensuality, featuring the un-draped glamour of striptease and the frivolity of vaudeville. Learn more at blackdiamondburlesque.com. VIP Glitter Room Tickets: \$30; general admission: \$20; available at englewoodeventcenter.com or call 941.270.3324. Aug. 27, 7:30–10:00 pm. Englewood Event Center, 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Shower of Stars Tribute Show presented by Memories "Barbra Streisand," "Neil Diamond," "The Bee Gees," and many more stars will come to life! Reserved seating: \$17, \$15 for CC members (limit two); day of show: \$17/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. Aug. 27, 7:00 pm. The Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

LIVE MUSIC VENUES

There's a ton of live music in all genres in Charlotte County! Visit individual websites and Facebook pages or call for line-ups.

The Bean Depot Cafe	941.627.3344	 /TheBeanDepot	4370 Garden Rd.	Port Charlotte
Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson	941.883.8000	blackwidowh-d.com	2224 El Jobean Rd.	Port Charlotte
Beyond the Sea Restaurant	941.474.1400	beyondtheseafl.com	3555 S. Access Rd.	Englewood
Carmelo's Italian Ristorante	941.621.4091	carmelosristorante.com	209 W. Olympia Ave.	Punta Gorda
Celtic Ray Irish Pub	941.916.9115	celticray.net	145 E. Marion Ave.	Punta Gorda
The Cultural Center	941.629.4175	theculturalcenter.com	2280 Aaron St.	Port Charlotte
Dean's South of the Border	941.575.6100	deanssouthoftheborder.com	130 Tamiami Tr.	Punta Gorda
Downtown Gatorz	941.347.7518	 /DowntownGatorz	502 King St.	Punta Gorda
D'Vines Wine Bar & Gift Emporium	941.627.9463	dvineswineandgifts.com	701 JC Center Ct.	Port Charlotte
The End Zone Sports Grille	941.473.9663	 Search by name	2411 S. McCall Rd.	Englewood
Englewoods on Dearborn	41.475.7501	englewoods.tripod.com	9362 W. Dearborn St.	Englewood
Farlow's on the Water	941.474.5343	farlowsonthewater.com	2080 S. McCall Rd.	Englewood
Fishermen's Village	941.639.8721	fishville.com	1200 W. Retta Esplanade	Punta Gorda
The Fishery	941.697.2451	thefisheryrestaurant.com	13000 Fishery Rd.	Placida
Flounders Restaurant and Tiki Bar	941.46 0.8280	floundersonthebeach.com	1975 Beach Rd.	Englewood
Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar	941.235.9463	gildedgrape.com	4069 Tamiami Tr.	Port Charlotte
Gilchrist Park		 /groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy	400 W. Retta Esplanade	Punta Gorda
Gulf View Grill	941.475.3500	thegulfviewgrill.com	2095 N. Beach Rd.	Englewood
Harpoon Harry's	941.637.1177	harpoonharrys.com	1200 W. Retta Esplanade	Punta Gorda
Hurricane Charley's	941.639.9695	HurricaneCharleys.com	300 W. Retta Esplanade	Punta Gorda
Jacks on Marion	941.637.8800	jacksonmarion.com	201 W. Marion Ave.	Punta Gorda
JD's Bistro	941.255.0994	jdsbistroandgrill.com	1951 Tamiami Tr.	Port Charlotte
Lock 'N Key	941.474.1517	lockandkeyrestaurant.com	2045 N Beach Rd.,	Englewood
Mango Bistro	941.681.3500	mangobistro.com	301 W. Dearborn St.	Englewood
MS Rascal's Loony Bin	941.255.5999	msrascalsloonybin.com	1182 Tamiami Tr	Port Charlotte
Nav-a-Gator Grill	941.627.3474	nav-a-gator.com	9700 S.W. Riverview Cir.	Lake Suzy

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& THE *Gulf Islands*

VISITOR & CONVENTION BUREAU

This Week's Happenings

Week of Aug. 22–28, 2016

The Orange House Wine Bar	941.505.8233	theorangehousewinebar.com	320 Sullivan St.	Punta Gorda
Portside Tavern	941.629.3055	theportside.com	3636 Tamiami Tr.	Port Charlotte
Ricaltini's Bar & Grille	941.828.1591	ricaltinis.com	1997 Kentucky Ave.	Englewood
The Rooftop Terrace/Wyvern Hotel	941.637.5858	TheWyvernHotel.com	101 E. Retta Esplanade	Punta Gorda
Sunset Grill on the Harbor	941.743.2800	sunsetgrilloth.com	23241 Bayshore Rd	Port Charlotte
Trabue Restaurant	941.639.0900	trabuerestaurant.com	258 W. Marion Ave.	Punta Gorda
TT's Tiki Bar	941.637.6770	docksideandtiki.com	33 Tamiami Tr.	Punta Gorda
Vino Loco	941.473.8466	vinolocowine.com	420 W. Dearborn St.	Englewood
White Elephant Pub	941.475.6801	whiteelephantpub.com	855 Gulf Blvd.	Englewood
Zydeco Grille	941.828.1472	zydecogrille.com	8501 Cape Haze Plaza	Placida

GET OUT

ABOUT TOWN

Muscle Car City Monthly Auto-related Flea Market Auto-related vendors only; no memorabilia, diecast cars, food, or other items sold in Muscle Car City. Call 941.575.5959 with questions. Aug. 28, 7:00 am–1:00 pm. 3811 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

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**

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

vs. St. Lucie, Aug. 29, 6:35 pm
~**Make a Difference Monday**

vs. St. Lucie, Aug. 31, 6:34 pm
~**\$2 Wednesday**

vs. St. Lucie, Aug. 30, 6:35 pm
~**Baseball Bingo**

vs. Palm Beach, Sept. 1, 6:35 pm
~**Last home game of the season: Thirsty Thursday, Fan Appreciation, and fireworks!**

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

NATURE ADVENTURES

Peace River/Hunter Creek Estuary Bird Rookery Kayak Tour with Gaea Guides Prepare for the avian adventure of a lifetime! Experience the quiet and lovely wilderness and birds on the Peace River and its tributaries. All equipment is provided and your guide is a Certified Florida Master Naturalist. Reservations required. 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. Aug. 22, 10:00 am. Hunter Creek Estuary, **Punta Gorda/Arcadia**

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary is "the wildest retirement home in Punta Gorda, Florida," 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. **New! Support the sanctuary by purchasing an awesome t-shirt!** All proceeds go directly to the care of the animals. The shirts are high quality, and there are several different styles and colors to choose from. Visit bonfire.com/octagon-wildlife-sanctuary, and please share the link with all of your friends and family. **Available only until Aug. 31.** 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Native Plant Walk: Tippecanoe II Preserve Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society for a slow stroll to identify and learn about native plants and flowers. Contact Denny Girard at 941.474.1492 or dennyg29@msn.com and visit mangrove.fnpschapters.org for details. Free and open to the public. Aug 27, 9:00–11:00 am. 16259 Joppa Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Hooked on SUP All instructors carry two certifications: Paddle Fit Level 2 and/or Level 3 and World Paddle Association Class 1. **Visit hookedonsup.com or call 941.504.1699 for details, tour times, and to book.** Unless otherwise noted, no experience is necessary and price includes all equipment and a lesson. **All participants must be able to swim.**

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; Aug. 24 and 26
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; Aug. 24
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; Aug. 26
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; Aug. 24 and 27
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; Aug. 24 and 26
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; Aug. 27
Hooked On SUP, Cape Haze Marina
6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

PaddleFit Technique—Paddle Training Break down the stroke to understand each phase, what it should look like, and how proper technique at all times will help you go faster and stay healthy. Weekly classes; distance and speed will accelerate. \$65; Aug. 25
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; Aug. 26
Hooked On SUP, Cape Haze Marina
6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

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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**

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 peacriverwildlifecenter.org for more information. Open seven days a week, 365 days a year, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. A great place for families! Peace River Wildlife Center, 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy., **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**

ART AND CRAFT

EVENTS

Peace River Painters will resume plein air painting excursions Oct. 3. Visit peacriverpainters.org for details.

Arts & Crafts Show Enjoy lots of local vendors displaying *only hand-crafted items!* Food concession on site. Call 941.861.1380 for details. Aug. 27, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., **Venice**

Artist Reception: Carroll Davis Join Carroll for this closing reception of her latest exhibit. Enjoy good food and wine and Carroll's art! Call 941.639.1171 for more information. Aug. 25, 5:00–7:00 pm. Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, 9400 Indian Spring Cemetery Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Mural Dedication: Bayshore Lodge Wine, beer, and other refreshments will be served after the dedication. There will be a tent in case of rain. Park on the grass or street behind the building. **RSVP required:** email frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com or call 941.639.3720. Aug. 25, 5:00–6:00 pm. Amberg Insurance, 1900 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

The Visual Arts Center Calls to Artists Visit visualartcenter.org for detailed prospectuses: click *Exhibitions*, then *Call for Artists*. Call 941.639.8810 **after Sept. 6** with questions.

Exhibit: Glorious Nature, Sept. 7–30, will focus on depicting and expressing the beauty of the physical world. Megan Kissinger will judge. Receiving: Sept. 6, 9:00 am–noon. Winners announced at reception, Sept. 15, 5:00 pm. **Entry open to all.** Fees: members: \$15 for one entry, \$20 for two, \$25 for three; non-members: \$20 for one, \$25 for two, \$30 for three; students ages 14–19: \$5 per.

Exhibit: Mayhem, Chaos & Confusion, Oct. 1–Nov. 4, delves into the broad spectrum of current events, abstractions and emotions. Members and non-members are welcome to submit in both 2D and 3D media. Guest judge is Joseph Palmerio. Receiving: Sept. 30, 9:00 am–noon. Reception: Oct. 6, 5:00 pm. **Entry open to all.** Fees: members: \$15 for one entry, \$20 for two, \$25 for three; non-members: \$20 for one, \$25 for two, \$30 for three; students ages 14–19: \$5 per.

Fine Arts Festival: Great Art, Great Fun, Great British Isles, Oct. 29–Nov. 29 The theme is the art of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales during the Victorian era. Artists representative of the period include Turner, Raeburn, Rossetti, Millais, Constable, Guthrie, Danby, Faed, Sanby, Williams, Cadell, Orpen. Pieces can be: 1) copies of the work of a specific artist; 2) work "in the style of;" or 3) an original, representative piece. **No entry fees.** 2D artwork in any medium must be 16" x 20" or smaller with a maximum price of \$350. VAC and the artist will split profit 50/50; artwork not sold will be returned. Artist's Agreement must be completed. Receiving: Oct. 28, 9:00 am–noon in the Goff Gallery. More information: painters: contact Ed Kosiewicz: edkosie@comcast.net; photographers, ceramicists, jewelers and glass artists: contact Kimberly Phillips: education@visualartcenter.org

210 Maud St., Punta Gorda

Radio Show: Exposed: Behind the Doors Radio show hosted by Marie LaBrosse, Advanced Toastmaster. Get an inside view of the arts in Charlotte County, everything from literary to visual to performance! Contact Marie at marie@kdwradio.com or call 941.815.6230 or 941.624.2912. **Listen online at kdwradio.com.** Wednesdays, noon–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

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., Unit F4, **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

Art in Public Places by The Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County. Free art exhibits number up to 150 annually, and include all media. Most pieces are available for purchase. Visit charlottearts.org for details on featured artists, and email info@charlottearts.org for details about exhibiting your work or hosting an exhibit. View local artists' work at the following locations:

Englewood Englewood/Charlotte Public Library

Port Charlotte Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County • Charlotte County Administration Center • Charlotte County Government Fiscal Services Division • Charlotte County Human Resource Center • Charlotte County Public Schools, Murdock Administration Building • Charlotte Technical Center • Cultural Center Of Charlotte County • Family Services Center • 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 Funeral Home • Florida Gulf Coast University, Herald Court Centre • Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home • Punta Gorda Herald/Charlotte Sun (The Purple House)

Fellowship Members and Friends Exhibit Paintings, photography, digital art, jewelry, basketry and more; many works are for sale! Free and open to the public. Call 941.627.4303 for details. **Runs until August 31**, Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am–1:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Note: The Visual Arts Center will reopen Sept. 6 with two new exhibits: multimedia exhibit *Glorious Nature in the First Federal Gallery* and Charlotte Digital Art Photographers featured in the Goff Gallery. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Visit VisualArtCenter.org for more information.

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. **Private Tours** are available for groups of 10–20. Visit puntagordamurals.org for more information. **Punta Gorda**

CREATIVE 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's classes will begin again in November, 2016. Visit bocagrandeartcenter.org for details.

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**

The Craftin' Cow A crafting lounge for socializing, creating, and learning, with classes, clubs, and special events. Search "The Craftin' Cow" on Facebook or call 941.505.0155. 29291 Tribune Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Art Center offers fine art classes in all media as well as exhibitions and events, and boasts four exhibition galleries, two well-equipped 2D studio classrooms, a pottery studio, a digital media studio, and a lending library. Visit ringling.edu/EAC for details and class schedules, or contact at 941.474.5548 or eac@ringling.edu. A division of Ringling College of Art and Design. 350 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

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 workshops and classes in fine art, craft, and technology. **Registration now open for classes beginning Sept. 12.** Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 or stop by when **the Center reopens Sept. 6** to register and 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 featured Artist of the Month is Marsha Banas. She works primarily in oil paint, but also creates in mixed media, ceramics, and sculpture, and takes commissions for whimsical portraits of pet dogs. Visit the gallery to view Marsha's work and much more—everything from jewelry to bags to paintings in all media. 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**

Gabriele Childs Studio & Gallery Contemporary art gallery and working studio. Facebook.com: search "Gabriele Childs" and click "Gabriele Childs Studio & Gallery" under "Intro." 251 E. Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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 the *Artist of the Month* for August: **Nancy and Bill Giffin, Nantucket and Shaker Baskets**. The Giffins' award-winning baskets and boxes are beautiful, functional, and an amazing way of preserving a unique American tradition. Learn more about Nancy and Bill at their website: missnancescustomcrafts.com. Call 941.575.1718 or visit for details about the gallery, the artists, and about Sea Grape's Guest Artist Program. 113 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Stoneware Pottery by Jack Vartanian & Friends Art Gallery Browse functional and decorative pottery and fused glass home decor by Jack—who has been teaching pottery for the last seven years at the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda—and a creative group of his former pottery students. Visit cargocollective.com/stonewarepottery for details. 1080 Taylor St., **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**

The Visual Arts Center features art and craft in three exhibition spaces: First Federal Gallery, Goff Gallery, and Rebecca Hall. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Summer hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

LECTURE AND LEARNING

New! Introduction to Essential Oils Class Learn how essential oils can help your family, your pets and the health of your home. Class covers the top ten oils, how to use them, and how they can help improve your health! Call 303.564.7913 or visit eoeducation.com/classes for details. Aug. 25, 6:00–7:30 pm. Torch Bistro Restaurant, 2113 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

New! Florida Facts & Fables In the early 20th century, "lake cow bacon" was making a big splash, Hawaii was a runner up, and Seminole clothing was going vogue. This lecture series explores Florida history and unveils the facts behind these local tales. For more information, contact Charlotte County Historical Center at 941.629.PAST(7278). Aug. 26 and Sept. 30, 10:00–11:00 am. Charlotte County Historical Center, 514 E. Grace St., **Punta Gorda**

Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center, Inc. organizes regattas and offers Youth Summer Sailing Camps, Open Sailing, Disabled, Adult, and Family Sailing Classes. Wednesdays and second and third Saturdays are Sail Days! Visit charlotteharborcommunitysailingcenter.com or call 941.773.6326 or 941.456.8542 or email thesailingcenter.org@gmail.com for details and to register. 19246 Palmdale Ct., **Port Charlotte**

Florida Gulf Coast University at the Herald Court Centre offers diverse and interesting single lectures, short courses, film series, and enrichment and overseas travel programs on a wide array of subjects. Visit registerra.fgc.edu and browse the *Charlotte County Course Catalog* or call 941.505.0130 for information. 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 211, **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**

Lemon Bay Garden Club offers hands-on instruction in Florida gardening! Bring your gloves and join in. For more information call 941.474.9068. Fridays, 8:30–10:00 am. Lemon Bay Garden Club, 480 Yale St., **Olde Englewood**

The Lifelong Learning Institute will resume their wide array of classes, lectures, field trips, book clubs, and film programs in the fall! Keep an eye on lifelonglearning-charlotte.org for updates, or 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**

Radio Show: Sleuthing: Eye-Opening Tales of the Past Hosted by Marie LaBrosse, Advanced Toastmaster. Discover the interesting history of the area! Contact Marie at marie@kdwradio.com or call 941.815.6230 or 941.624.2912. If you can't pick up the station, **listen online at kdwradio.com**. Fridays, noon–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

Trabue Restaurant offers private cooking classes! Get a group of friends together and spend the afternoon at Trabue with Chef Keith and enjoy some wine while he whips up some of his favorites and answers your questions about preparing your favorite meal at home. Call to book: 941.639.0900. Visit trabuerestaurant.com. 258 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

FILM

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**

Documentaries with Lunch Each online film has been chosen for its cultural diversity and will be followed by a special lunch served by the campus cafeteria staff. **Visit lifelonglearning-charlotte.org for details on each film; showings begin at 10:00 am.** Members: \$10 per film; non-members: \$15 per film. **Aug. 24: Superhuman: The World's Smallest People; Aug. 31: Biology of Dads.** Call 941.505.0130 or stop by, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm for more information. Classroom D210, Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Regal Town Center Stadium 16: *Ben-Hur 2016* (also 3D), *Kubo and the Two Strings* (also 3D), *War Dogs*, *RiffTrax Live: Mothra*, *Anthropoid*, *Florence Foster Jenkins*, *Pete's Dragon* (also 3D), *Sausage Party*, *Nine Lives*, *Suicide Squad* (also 3D), *Bad Moms*, *Jason Bourne*, *Nerve*, *Ice Age: Collision Course*, *Lights Out*, *Star Trek Beyond*, *Ghostbusters 2016*, *The Secret Life of Pets*, *Finding Dory*. 941.623.0114, regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

MARKETS

Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market Featuring fresh produce, peanut butter, dog treats, jam and jelly, mushrooms, microgreens, flavored vinegar, natural homemade soap, olive oils, and more to come. A great way to support local businesses and have fun at the same time! Receive \$1 off every \$10 purchase. Visit facebook.com/BurntStoreMarina for details. Fridays, year-round, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Cass Cay Parking lot, 3200 Matecumbe Key Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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**

Diamond Charter Cruise offers Summer Private Luxury Yacht Cruises for up to six people: \$149 plus tax for 1.5-hour on the water. See dolphins, feel the breeze, and relax to the sway of the water. Enjoy the harbor or tour the isles. Perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or just to get away! Call 941.639.0969 for reservations and visit diamondchartercruise.com for more information. **Special runs until Oct. 31.** Diamond Charter Cruise, Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

King Fisher Fleet offers deep sea and back bay fishing trips, sightseeing cruises, eco-tours, full- and half-day cruises, sunset and harbor tours that will keep your camera clicking at dolphins and other wildlife. **Community Nights** Half-price Sunset Cruises for employees and their families in each category with proof of employment: name tag with the company logo, employee ID, etc. No online ticket purchases: **call 941.639.0969. Tuesdays:** schools (teachers, admin, support staff); **Wednesdays:** government and first responders; **Thursdays:** healthcare workers, includes retirement communities. **Runs until Sept. 30.** 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/cruise combo boat tour to small groups and individuals. Enjoy a narrated eco-tour along the calm Peace River and lunch for one low price! Lunch either before or after the cruise. 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, 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. **Summer Sailing Special:** 10% off all 2016 summer charters ***Not valid on existing bookings, with referral, or on holiday weekends.** 140 Leland St. S.E., **Port Charlotte**

MOVEMENT

Coming Up! The Big Orange Music Festival OM Zone by The Yoga Sanctuary Enjoy yoga on a beautiful waterfront lawn during this inaugural event! Choose from a variety of classes, all set to a fun play list. Get your groove on and bliss out before you rock out! Individual classes: \$6; full day: \$24. Schedule: *Morning Flow* (easy): 8:00 am; *Groove & Move* (moderate): 9:00 am; *Open Power* (all levels): 10:00 am; *Big OM Stretch* (easy): 11:00 am; *Bhakti Bliss* (moderate): noon. All classes will be 40 minutes long. Own yoga mat recommended; a very limited number of mats will be available. Visit bigorangemusicfestival.com to register. Sept. 10, 8:00 am–1:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center Lawn, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Aqua Zumba So fun, you'll hardly notice you're improving your fitness—without wear and tear on the joints! Must be 18 or over. \$8 per class or purchase a 5-class punch card for \$32. Call 941.505.8686 or visit charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityServices. Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 am year-round. South County Regional Recreation Center & Pool, 670 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

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**

Higher Ground Performing Arts Dance, voice, music and theater lessons, as well as Zumba fitness. Visit highergroundperformingarts.net for details; call 941.625.3622 with questions. 17353 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

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, they've got the club! Regularly scheduled rides: Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday–Sunday mornings. 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 promptly at 8:30 am. Leisure, medium and fast are no-drop; unlimited is until you can't hang on! No ride when it's raining or really foggy. Helmets are required. 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**

MUSEUMS

The Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture of Charlotte County will re-open in September with a new exhibit about Jim Crow. Visit blanchardhousemuseum.org for information.

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**

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**

The Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum will reopen in September; visit barrierislandparkssociety.org for information.

The Punta Gorda Train Depot will reopen Sept. 6; visit puntagordahistory.com for information.

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**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SEPTEMBER

Aquatic Preserves Nature Boat Tours and Snorkeling Ecoventures, Sept. 1, 15, 16: eventbrite.com, search by tour title

Big Orange Music Festival, Sept. 9 and 10: bigorangemusicfestival.com

Comedy for a Cause, Sept 16: charlotteplayers.org

SWFL Rockin' And Reelin' Fishing Tournament, Sept. 16 and 17: swflrockinandreelin.com

Food Truck Battle by Charlotte County Pride, Sept. 17: charlottecountypridefl.org

Punta Gorda Sullivan Street Craft Festival, Sept. 17–18: artfestival.com, search "Punta Gorda"

Fishermen's Village Pirate Fest 2016, Sept. 23–25: fishermensvillagepiratefest.com

Pirate's Paddle & 5K, Sept. 24: facebook.com/TheFootLanding

The Academy's 4th Annual Wolfpack Golf Outing, Sept. 24: 941.255.7545, ext. 317

OCTOBER

Moonlight Movie, Charlotte Sports Park, Oct. 15: 941.625.7529

Visual Arts Center Fine Arts Festival, Oct. 20–Nov. 11: visualartcenter.org

Florida International Air Show Family-friendly entertainment, education, and excitement! Oct. 21–23: floridaairshow.com

Trick or Trot, Oct. 22: zoomersrun.com/races

War on the Peace Dragon Boat Festival, Oct. 29: waronthepeace.com

Englewood Beach Waterfest: Ecofest: Oct. 29: englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

NOVEMBER

Moonlight Movie, Bayshore Live Oak Park, Nov. 5: 941.625.7529

Art on the Harbor, Nov. 6: artontheharbor.com

Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida Dedication and VetFest, Nov. 5–12: vietnamwallofsouthwestflorida.org

5th Annual Tippecanoe Trail and Mud Run, Nov. 12: charlottecountyfl.com/communityservices/calendars.asp

Suncoast Humane Society's Walk to Benefit Homeless Animals, Nov. 12: humane.org

Englewood Beach Waterfest: Paddlefest, Nov. 12 and 13; Racefest, Nov. 18–20: englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Season Opener with Guest Artist Franklin Cohen, Nov. 13: charlottesymphony.com

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