

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

Founders Day Week Festivities, Dec. 1–7: facebook.com/pg/PuntaGordaFoundersWeek

Divas® Run in Punta Gorda, Dec. 10: runlikeadiva.com

I Love the '90s Tour with Salt N Pepa with Spinderella, Dec. 30: facebook.com/pg/EdgewaterEvents

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

Alive After Five Shops stay open late, local artists display their works, merchants offer giveaways, and live music is everywhere! Enjoy the art, music and fun, then have a bite at one of Punta Gorda's great restaurants. **Nov. 16**, 5:00–8:00 pm. Downtown **Punta Gorda**

Artisans Atelier Meet the talented artists in residence! 117 Herald Ct. Centre.

Cruise-In by Florida West Coast Vintage Motor Car Club of America: facebook.com/vmcca.org.

Art with Wine: Gilded Grape and Sea Grape Gallery Wine tastings, refreshments, and art demonstrations! 113 W. Marion Ave.

The Renaissance Academy displays a local artists' work all month and hosts 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; parking available at corner of Sullivan St. and W. Olympia Ave. Call 941.639.0233 for more information. 223 Taylor St., Ste. 1118

Englewood Beach Waterfest: Racefest 2017 Experience the sheer adrenaline of Offshore Power Boats racing down Englewood Beach waterway! This is the World Championship Race! Visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com and facebook.com/englewoodbeachwaterfest for details. Nov. 17–19, various times. Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Dearborn Street Block Party Check out the race boats! Visit facebook.com/scgov.net. Nov. 17, 5:00–9:00 pm. Dearborn Street, **Englewood**

Funds for Food and Fences Benefit for Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary Live auction, live music, great fun for a great cause: all proceeds go toward repairing the sanctuary after Hurricane Irma. Visit facebook.com/pg/OctagonWildlifeSanctuary. Nov. 18, 1:00–4:00 pm. Dean's South of the Border, 130 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® presents:

- Ride to Bert's Barracuda for *St. Pete Beach Bikefest*, Nov. 17, 9:00 am. Features *Massive Motorcycle Auction*.
- Pre-Anniversary Casino Royale, Nov. 18 and 19, featuring poker, craps, VIB Money Booth, live music by Alex Lopez and Stolen Fruit, and much more!
- **NOTE: from now until Feb. 28, 2018: purchase a special limited edition Florida Relief T-shirt for \$20; all proceeds go to the Florida Disaster Fund.**

Visit facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson for full schedule of events. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Fishermen's Village Presents Lighting of the Village Over 1,000,000 lights and decorations! Visit facebook.com/pg/fishermensvillage. Nov. 18, 5:30–9:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Southwest Wedding and Event Expo Visit facebook.com/MagnoliaLandingGolfandCountryClub for more information. Nov. 19, noon–4:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Emil's DC presents *Trivia Night, Tuesdays*, 6:00–9:00 pm; *Bar Bingo, Wednesdays*, 8:00–11:00 pm; and *Karaoke Night with Wayne, Thursdays*, 6:00–9:00 pm. 941.764.0640 or facebook.com/EmilsSports. 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

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Trivia Night at Four Points by Sheraton \$50 gift card for first place, \$25 gift card for second place; every six weeks, teams that place will be entered into a drawing for a free night stay! Visit facebook.com/shoplocalswfl. **Thursdays**, 6:00–8:00 pm. Dockside Grill Lounge, 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Weekly Pasta, Karaoke & Mickey Mouse Club Party Dinner and drinks provided, BYOB if desired. Members: \$8, non-members: \$9. Call 941.764.9003 with red or white sauce

Big Orange Music Festival featuring JJ Grey and Mofro and North Mississippi Allstars Featuring six bands, including Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Tinsley Ellis Blues Is Dead, Sean Chambers Band, and Evan Taylor Jones, two stages, vendors, and more! Visit facebook.com/pg/Bigorangemusicfestival for more information and link to tickets. Nov. 18, 2:00–10:00 pm. Laisley Park, 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

Johnny Varro at Cultural Center of Charlotte County Nov. 13, 7:00 pm. Ticket information at bandsintown.com. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Peter, Paul & Mary Remembered Visit facebook.com/peterpaulandmaryremembered. Nov. 14, 7:30–9:15 pm. Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

LLI Special Presentation: Beethoven's 33 Variations on a Waltz by Anton Diabelli Performed by Dr. Arthur Wenk, pianist and musicologist. Search "Lifelong Learning Institute, Charlotte County, FL" on Facebook for details and tickets. Nov. 14, 1:00 pm. 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Saxxy Duo Dance Night at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club Open to the public. Visit facebook.com/deniseandjaysaxxyduo. Nov. 15, 6:00–9:00 pm. 1601 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

MacDaddy & the Trixie Train: at The End Zone Sports Grille, Nov. 15, 6:00 pm, 2440 S. McCall Rd., Englewood and at Englewood Moose 1933, Nov. 18, 6:30 pm, 55 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. Visit facebook.com/MACTRAINDUO. **Charlotte County**

Waterfest Pre-Party with Saint Tone Search "Saint Tone" on Facebook. Nov. 16, 6:00–10:00 pm. SandBar Tiki & Grille, 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Mark Dubbeld Family at First Baptist Church Port Charlotte Nov. 16, 10:15 am. Ticket information at bandsintown.com. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Random Hero with Rise Beyond Visit facebook.com/risebeyondmusic. Nov. 16, 7:00 pm. The Rock Calvary Chapel, 4827 Fairway Dr. N., **Punta Gorda**

preference. Search "Sons of Italy Lodge #2507" on Facebook for menu details. **Thursdays**, 5:00–9:00 pm. Sons Of Italy Lodge #2507, 3725 Easy St., **Port Charlotte**

Friday Night Dance 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

Dave Powers at the Orange House Wine Bar Ticket information at bandsintown.com. Nov. 16, 7:00 pm. 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Concert by Lemon Bay Yoga Studio Visit facebook.com/lemonbayyogafor details. Nov. 16, 7:00 pm. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Freecoasters at TT's Tiki Bar Visit facebook.com/TheFreecoasters. Nov. 17, 7:00–11:00 pm. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Billy Joel Tribute by Mark Anthony Dinner and a show! Visit facebook.com/englewoodeventcenter for details. Nov. 17, 6:15 pm. 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Mindy Simmons Tribute to Peggy Lee at Lemon Bay Playhouse Visit facebook.com/LemonBayPlayhouse for details and tickets. Nov. 18, 7:30 pm. 96 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Discovery of Puerto Rico Celebrate the discovery of Puerto Rico with live Music from Andino Son and Francisco Chandomi Gonzalez. Search "Cilantro's Restaurant" on Facebook. Nov. 18, 9:00 pm–1:00 am. 2705 Tamiami Tr., Ste. 216, **Punta Gorda**

Rock'in Days at American Legion Post 110 Visit facebook.com/rockindayz. Nov. 18, 7:00 pm. 3152 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Bring the Pain at The Hive Bar Four hardcore/punk/deathcore/death metal bands. Visit facebook.com/BornToExpireSwflHeavy. Nov. 18, 8:00 pm–1:00 am. 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Kings and Queens of R&B Visit facebook.com/CulturalCenterCC for details, pricing, and tickets. Nov. 18, 7 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

The Good Bad Kids at The Celtic Ray Visit facebook.com/celticraypublichouse and facebook.com/thegoodbadkids. Nov. 18, 9:30 pm. 145 E. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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Tropical Ave: Toga Party at White Elephant Pub, Nov. 17, 7:00 pm, 1855 Gulf Blvd., Englewood and at Hurricane Charley's, Nov. 18, 7:00 pm, 300 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Visit facebook.com/tropicalaveband. **Charlotte County**

Paul Nelson Band/Rule of Three at Porky's Roadhouse Visit facebook.com/ruleof3swfl for details. Nov. 18, 6:00–10:00 pm. 4300 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

Greg Short at Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® Visit facebook.com/GregShortMusic. Nov. 18, noon–3:00 pm. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Stage Play: *Over the River and Through the Woods* by Charlotte Players Nick's parents have moved to Florida, so he has Sunday dinner with both sets of grandparents. When his dream job in Seattle threatens the weekly visits, a series of schemes ensue to keep him in town. Tickets: adults: \$18 plus fee; students: \$9 plus fee. Visit facebook.com/pg/CharlottePlayers or charlotteplayers.org or call 941.625.4175, ext. 220, 10:00 am–3:00 pm, Monday–Friday. **Runs until Nov. 19**, various times. Langdon Playhouse 1182 Market Circle, **Port Charlotte**

Rendezvous at Bandito's Bar Visit facebook.com/RendezvousEnglewood. Nov. 19, 3:00–7:00 pm. 5665 S. McCall Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Pianist Nada Loutfi performing the music of Johannes Brahms. Free and open to the public. Visit facebook.com/portcharlotteumc. Nov. 19, 4:00–5:00 pm. Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Hurricane Irma Benefit Concert starring Kate Keys Band Visit facebook.com/CulturalCenterCC/ for details and ticket link. Nov. 19, 5:00–7:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Harpoon Harry's presents All About Marcy and Shore Patrol this week. Visit facebook.com/harpoonharrys. Harpoon Harry's at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, #55, **Punta Gorda**

Englewoods on Dearborn presents Mitchell-Moss Rythm & Blues Revue, Brandon Santini, and Prestage Brothers this week. Visit facebook.com/EODblues. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Portside Tavern presents Lee James, Raven Kane, and Bob Teesdale this week. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Scotty's Brewhouse-Fishermen's Village presents Rick Rock

Rice, Tiki Tom, Michael Hirst, Paul Roush, and Steve Flagg this week. Visit facebook.com/sbhpuntagorda for complete schedule. 1200 Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Charlie's Pub presents Rasin Cane and Bite the Bullet this week. Search "Charlies Pub" on Facebook for full schedule. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Mango Bistro presents The Bird Tribe this week. Visit facebook.com/mangobistro. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina presents Don Middlebrook, Sunny Jim & John Patti, and Gary & Kerri this week. Visit facebook.com/navigator.grill. 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Bella's Bistro presents live music every Friday and Saturday, 5:00–9:00 pm; and easy listening by Herb Geri, **Sundays**, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. 941.916.9786 or facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda. 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Babcock Ranch Concert Series presents *Tuesday Night Live*, **Tuesdays**, 5:30 pm and *Saturday Concert Series*, **Saturdays**, 4:30 pm. Enjoy live music in the band shell. Visit facebook.com/babcockranch or babcockranch.com. 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Peace River Seafood presents Rita Beach Call 513.290.0335 for details. **Fridays**, 4:00–7:00 pm. 5337 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Fishermen's Village presents live entertainment up to six days a week! facebook.com/fishermensvillage, fishville.com or 941.639.8721. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Jam with Ambush Everyone is welcome! Come on out to meet, greet, and jam. Visit facebook.com/ambushtheband for details, schedule, and locations. **Charlotte County**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army A great evening of music, weekly! Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy for details and to confirm location. **Thursdays**, 6:00 pm. Herald Court Parking Garage (top level), 117 Herald Ct., **Punta Gorda**

TT's Tiki Bar presents live music weekly, Wednesday–Sunday. Visit facebook.com/thetikibarpg. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Visani Comedy Zone presents nationally-recognized comedians, stellar tribute bands, and periodic "Visani Got Talent" amateur nights. For details and tickets to any show, visit visani.net. Call 941.629.9191 for more information. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

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LIVE MUSIC VENUES

All genres of live music thrive in Charlotte County! Visit individual websites and Facebook pages or call for line-ups.

All-Star Sports Grill • 941.743.4140 • facebook.com/allstarsportsgrillpcf • 2360 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

The Bean Depot Cafe • 941.627.3344 • facebook.com/TheBeanDepot • 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bella's Bistro • 941.916.9786 • facebook.com/bellasbistro-puntagorda • 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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**

Charlie's Pub • 941.743.3788 • facebook.com, search by name • 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Cold River Saloon • 941.505.0798 • facebook.com, search by name • 3149 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Common Grounds Meeting Hall • 941.564.8739 • com-mongroundshall.com • 12735 S. Tamiami Tr., **North Port**

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County • 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**

Diablo Creek • 240.394.0266 • facebook.com/diablocreek • 1430 San Jose Dr., **Englewood**

Downtown Gatorz • 941.347.7518 • facebook.com/DowntownGatorz • 502 King St., **Punta Gorda**

D'Vines Wine Bar & Gift Emporium • 941.627.9463 • dvineswineandgifts.com • 701 JC Center Ct., **Port Charlotte**

Emil's DC • 941.764.0640 • facebook.com/EmilsSports • 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

The End Zone Sports Grille • 941.473.9663 • facebook.com, search by name • 2411 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Englewoods on Dearborn • 941.475.7501 • Englewoods.tripod.com • 362 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**

F.M. Don's (formerly Jacks on Marion) • 941.637.8800 • fm-dons.com • 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar • 941.235.9463 • gildedgrape.com • 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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**

History Park • facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy • 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

The Hive Bar • facebook.com/OhBeeHave • 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Hurricane Charley's • 941.639.9695 • HurricaneCharleys.com • 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

JD's Bistro • 941.255.0994 • jdsbistroandgrill.com • 1951 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Lighthouse Grill at Stump Pass • facebook.com/lighthousegrillatstumpass • 260 Maryland Ave., **Englewood**

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**

Nav-a-Gator Grill • 941.627.3474 • nav-a-gator.com • 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

The Orange House Wine Bar • 941.505.8233 • theorange-housewinebar.com • 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

The Placida Pearl • 941.474.8730 • facebook.com/placida-pearl • 2643 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Porky's Roadhouse • 941.629.2114 • facebook.com/porkys-roadhousepc • 4900 Kings Hwy., Ste. 412, **Port Charlotte**

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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**

SandBar Tiki & Grille (formerly Flounders) • 941.460.8280 • sandbartikigrille.com • 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Snook's Bayside Bar & Grill • 941.475.3712 • facebook.com/SnooksBaysideBarandGrill • 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

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**

Visani Comedy Zone • 941.629.9191 • visani.net • 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

White Elephant Pub • 941.475.6801 • whiteelephantpub.com • 855 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

Will's Honky Tonk Englewood • 941.474.8131 • willshonkytonk.com • 232 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Zydeco Grille • 941.828.1472 • zydecogrille.com • 8501 Cape Haze Plaza, **Placida**

GET OUT

Sporting

Fantasea Scuba offers quality education and customer service, dive equipment, dive training, tech training, snorkel equipment, rentals and service, spearfishing, local dive charters, and dive trips. Visit fantaseascuba.com and [facebook.com/FantaseaScuba](https://www.facebook.com/FantaseaScuba) for details, full schedule, and to register, or call 941.627.3888. 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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 floridatrack-sandtrails.com for more information. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Barrier Island Adventure Parasailing Enjoy the thrill of a powerboat ride and the views and tranquility of gliding up to 500 feet above Florida's scenic coastline! Visit parasailingenglewood.com or [facebook.com/ParasailinginEnglewood](https://www.facebook.com/ParasailinginEnglewood) for details. 1271 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Englewood Parasailing & Tours offers an unbelievable view of Florida's beaches, in single, double and even triple set ups. Visit englewoodparasailing.com or [facebook.com/Englewood.Parasailing](https://www.facebook.com/Englewood.Parasailing) for details. 1450 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

18th Annual Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival Learn about and celebrate the amazing natural environment of Southwest Florida. Hands-on activities, wildlife and nature exhibitors, music, crafts and more! Visit chnep.org/2017-nature-festival and [facebook.com/CHNEP.Florida](https://www.facebook.com/CHNEP.Florida) for details. Nov. 18, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Charlotte Sports Park, 2300 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) presents *Nature Boat Tour*, Nov. 17, 12:30 pm. No large coolers allowed; \$5 parking fee, payable to the Marina office prior to boarding the boat; each trip is limited to six people. \$30 per person, must purchase tickets in advance: visit [facebook.com/CharlotteHarborAquaticPreserves](https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteHarborAquaticPreserves) for details and link to purchase. **Departure location:** Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

Parks That Teach Guided tour by the University of Florida's Master Gardeners. View the unique ecosystems of the man-

Nature Adventures

groves, identify trees and shrubs, and learn how they can fit into your home landscape, while you experience the habitats that support many Florida creatures. Tours depart from the Fishermen's Village parking lot and last about 1.5 hours. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear, sunscreen, and/or a hat. **First Saturdays** and **third Wednesdays**. Nov. 15, 9:30 am. Call 941.764.4340 for more information. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours Experience the natural heart of Florida! Visit [facebook.com/babcockranchecotour](https://www.facebook.com/babcockranchecotour) and babcockranchecotours.com for details; call 1.800.500.5583 for reservations. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

Barrier Island Park Society (BIPS) offers a variety of outings and special events; **reservations may be required**: visit barrierislandparksociety.org, call 941.964.0060, or email infoatbips@gmail.com for more information. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

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Gaea Guides offers extraordinary kayak nature tours of Alligator Creek, Peace River/Hunter Creek Estuary Bird Rookery, and Shell Creek. Travel with a professional naturalist to places rarely seen and experience the magnificence of nature in Southwest Florida, in her true form, in quiet, easy to handle kayaks. Visit gaeaguides.com for full schedule and tickets or call 239.694.5513 or visit [facebook.com/gaea.guides.9](https://www.facebook.com/gaea.guides.9) for more information. **Mondays**. Various locations, **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Kayak Group Bring sunscreen, hat, and two bottles of water per person; expect to get wet! Kayak and equipment rental with loading/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**, 9:00–11:00 am. Kayak Eco Tours, Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina, 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Offers guided walks, wading trips, Mom-and-Tot educational events, lectures and exhibits, boat rides and more, all led by CHEC naturalists. Call 941.475.0769 to register and for information; visit checflorida.org or search "Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center" on Facebook for complete schedule, information, volunteer opportunities, and directions. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

Depthfinders Dive Center Friendly and knowledgeable staff, dive information, equipment sales and service, training, rental equipment, equipment repair, air or Nitrox refills, as well as training in PADI, and DAN certifications. 941.766.7565 and depthfinders.com. 1225 Tamiami Tr., Unit A-5, **Port Charlotte**

Hooked on SUP TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence recipient—three years in a row!—offers the ultimate in stand up paddleboard, kayak, and canoe adventures, with everything from guided adventure and wildlife tours to seashell and picnic tours, snorkeling trips, SUP yoga, and more! A lesson is included in each tour. Visit hookedonsup.com and [facebook.com/HookedOnSUP](https://www.facebook.com/HookedOnSUP) or call 941.504.1699 for details, tour times, and to book. **Must be able to swim.** 6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Horses for a Cure, Inc. Private and semi-private lessons, trail rides, birthday parties, weekend/summer kid's camps, corporate events, and overnight campouts in the Florida wilderness. Call 941.916.5712 or search "Horses for a Cure, Inc." on Facebook. 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Lemon Bay Conservancy Nature outings and exciting volunteer opportunities. **Volunteers:** contact the office at 941.830.8922 to get started. Visit lemonbayconservancy.org for details and full event calendar. **No pets or smoking.** For all

outings: bring water, lunch, and a shady hat and wear good shoes. Various locations, **Englewood**

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary "The wildest retirement home in Punta Gorda," is a non-profit sanctuary 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**

Peace River Audubon Society Offers walkabouts, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. Visit peacriveraudubon.org and [facebook.com/PRASaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/PRASaudubon) or email peacriveraudubon@gmail.com for more information and full schedule of events. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

Peace River Wildlife Center Come to the "pelican yard" **daily at 2:30 pm**, weather permitting, to learn about native Florida wildlife. Permanent residents are available for viewing in attractive, spacious habitats based on their native environments. \$5 donation requested. **No pets.** 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**

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. Trail Rides and child and adult lessons, English or Western, private or semi-private, on basic horsemanship, grooming, tacking, groundwork. Call 941.575.2756 or visit pgfarms.com or [facebook.com/pgfarms](https://www.facebook.com/pgfarms) for details. 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Riding Star Ranch Offers hand-led pony rides, \$30/pony, perfect for the little ones, and Saddle-Up Stroll, \$45/rider, for those who have never ridden or would like a refresher. Call 386.848.7953 or visit ridingstarranch.org. 7701 Cleveland Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Riding the Waves Tour local waterways driving your own fun, compact Personal Power Catamaran boat. Certified Florida Naturalist guides lead the way and share their expertise and insight on local history and valuable sea- and wildlife and habitat protection information while they take you on a fun-filled adventure along beautiful waterways. Visit [facebook.com/RidingTheWavesFL](https://www.facebook.com/RidingTheWavesFL) and RidingTheWaves.COOL for details or call 941.460.358. Skip's Marina, 1990 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Scuba Trek offers classes and refreshers, scuba and snorkeling gear, snowbird specials, exciting day- and weekend trips, and more. 941.347.8454 or scubatrekdivers.com. 1080 Taylor St., #111, **Punta Gorda**

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SW Florida Skydive Club Flight in its truest form! Call 941-875-8554 or 1-888-447-JUMP(5867), email info@sky-

diveswflorida.com, or visit skydiveswflorida.com. Shell Creek Airport, 36886 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

About Town

Peace River Wildlife Center Ambassadors at Fishermen's Village Luna the screech owl, Orion the barred owl, or Bella the Great Horned—and possibly Blossom the Awesome Opossum—will make appearances weekly. Learn about the Center, volunteer opportunities, the gift shop, and more! Visit facebook.com/peaceriverwildlifecenter for details. **Tuesdays**, 11:00 am. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Frontier Days Authentic frontier food, fun, and fellowship. Free lunch both days as well as competitions and lessons on how they lived back on the frontier. Dress up in your best frontier outfits on Sunday and get a free family photo! Visit facebook.com/tricitybaptistPC for details. Nov. 18, 1:00 pm–Nov. 19, 11:00 am. Tri-City Baptist Church, 24058 Heritage Pl., **Port Charlotte**

Florida West Coast Vintage Motor Car Club of America presents *Culver's Cruise-In*, Nov. 13, 4:00–7:00 pm, 1140 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte; *Alive After Five Cruise-In*, Nov. 16, 4:30 pm, downtown Punta Gorda; and *Luigi's Cruise-In*, Nov. 19, 4:30–7:30 pm, 3883 Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte. Visit facebook.com/vmcca.org for details and full schedule. **Charlotte County**

Game Zion presents game nights and much more! Visit facebook.com/GameZion for full schedule of events. 327-B Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

PopnComics presents *Learn to Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e*, Nov. 18, noon–4:00 pm; weekly *Dungeons & Dragons* play, **Sundays**, 4:00 pm; and a full schedule of game play, draft nights, and more! Visit facebook.com/popncomics for details and full schedule. 1109 Tamiami Tr., #4, **Port Charlotte**

Hump Night Kickoff Party at The Placida Pearl Bar & Nightclub Visit facebook.com/placidapearl, placidapearl.com, or

call 941.474.8730. **Wednesdays**, 9:00 pm–2:00 am. 2643 Placida Rd., **Placida**

Club XS Visit facebook.com/clubxsportcharlottefl for full schedule. 4300 Kings Hwy., #415, **Punta Gorda**

Senior Game Club Enjoy Mahjong, Bridge, Scrabble, Checkers, Chess, and other board games in this new drop-in program. \$3 drop-in fee; \$10 punch-pass for four visits; \$30 punch-pass for 12 visits. **Tuesdays**, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Englewood Drum Circle Sundays, 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**

History Quest: Historical Geocaching and Questing Explore local historic sites with questing and geocaching! Contact the Historical Center at 941.629.PAST(7278) or visit Charlotte-CountyFL.gov, and click the "Playing" tab. Ongoing. 514 E. Grace St., **Punta Gorda**

The Hive Bar Visit facebook.com/OhBeeHave for full schedule of events. 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Joshua Citrus A real Florida orange grove! Fresh-squeezed orange juice, strawberry orange juice and grapefruit juice. Free samples of juices, citrus and gourmet items, grove walks, and see the packinghouse in operation. Visit facebook.com/joshuacitrus and joshuacitrus.com. Oct.–mid-May, Monday–Saturday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. 4135 SE County Road 760, **Arcadia**

CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

Punta Gorda Brew Tours Providing a safe and fun brewery, distillery and winery tour experience across west coast of Florida. Private bookings available. Visit facebook.com/pg/puntagordabrewtours for details. 3131 Foley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Alligator Bay Distillers Craft distillery, producing quality, handcrafted, "cane-to-bottle" rum. Offers tours and tastings. Call 941.347.8419 and visit alligatorbaydistillers.com and facebook.com/alligatorbayrum for more information. 25522 Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Catania's Winery Award-winning custom-blended and red and white wines, full line of winery equipment for home and commercial use, gourmet coffees, first cold press extra virgin olive oil from Italy, gift baskets made to order, espresso and cappuccino machines for sale, and wine making classes and tastings. Call 941.475.7553 or 941.321.9650, email cataniaswinery@yahoo.com, visit cataniaswinery.com, or search "Catania's Winery" on Facebook for more information. 524 Paul Morris Dr., Ste. B, **Englewood**

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Fat Point Brewing Produces fresh, local, hand-crafted beers and features live music, bar bingo, open mic nights, and other special events. Call 800.380.7405 and visit fatpoint.com and facebook.com/FatPointBrewing for details. 611 Charlotte St.,

Punta Gorda

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar Boutique wine shop, wine

hobby shop, wine cellar, and wine bar. Features *Art with Wine* event at Seagrape Gallery during *Alive After Five*, third Thursday of every month, make-your-own wine classes, craft beers, snacks, live music, and tastings. Available for event rental. Call 941.235.9463 and visit gildedgrape.com and facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery for more information. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Annual Holiday Grub Crawl Stroll through downtown Punta Gorda enjoying the sights, sounds, and bill of fare of many of the finest local restaurants. Free parking available. Participating restaurants: F.M. Don's, Angela's Cafe Italiano, Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar, Isabel & Annabel's Mexican Restaurant, Blue Turtle, River City Grill, Italia, Bella's Bistro. \$20 includes food, wristband, and map of restaurant locations. For reservations call the CSO office at 941.205.5996. Wristbands will be available at F.M. Don's, 201 W. Marion Ave., on the day of the event. Visit facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch. Nov. 14, 5:00–9:00 pm. Downtown **Punta Gorda**

4th Annual Beaujolais Celebration: Tapas & Wine Tasting at the Visual Arts Center Catered by F.M. Don's. Tickets: \$40 per person; proceeds benefit United Way of Charlotte County. Search "The United Way of Charlotte County" on Facebook for details and tickets. Nov. 15, 5:30–8:00 pm. 210 Maude St., **Punta Gorda**

John Ski's House of Breakfast Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Animal Welfare League. Dinner includes salad, garlic cheese toast, and beverage. Tickets are available at the shelter: 3519 Drance St., Port Charlotte. Visit facebook.com/awl.pets. Nov. 19, 4:00 pm. 502 King St., **Punta Gorda**

Sunday Brunch at Table & Tap Great food, live music, and breathtaking views! Visit facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch. **Sundays**, 11:30 am. 42680 Crescent Lp., **Punta Gorda**

Southwest Florida Food Tours presents *Bites of Punta Gorda Culinary Walking Tour*, Nov. 16, 11:00 am and Nov. 17, 11:00 am and offers a variety of innovative, interesting, and delicious culinary adventures! Visit swffoodtours.com for details, schedule, and to purchase tickets, or call 941.276.6384 for more information. Various times and locations, **Punta Gorda**

Visit pureflorida.com/restaurants to browse and search for great new culinary experiences! **Charlotte County**

ART AND CRAFT

Events and Exhibits

The Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society presents *History of Punta Gorda in Its Murals*, Nov. 14, 9:30 am–noon. The Society strives to preserve the area's rich history through mural art. With 28 so far, Punta Gorda is one of the leading mural towns in the country! Private Tours available for groups of 10–20. Visit puntagordamurals.org for more information. **Punta Gorda**

Fine Arts Festival at Visual Arts Center Celebrating Pablo Picasso, whose work transformed modern art and permeates modern culture. The month-long celebration leads up to Tapas Night, a Spanish-inspired evening of dancing, drinks and delicious tapas. For events requiring tickets, call 941.639.8810 to purchase. Search "Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda" on Facebook or visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. **Runs until Nov. 17**, various times. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Visual Arts Center presents *Harvest of Art*, **until Nov. 30**. Exhibits are always free and open to the public and much of the art is for sale! Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Emerging Artisans Program Venue and support for emerging artisans, musicians, and craftspeople to display, sell, and demonstrate their hand-crafted art and wares—as wide a range of styles and techniques as possible! Visit facebook.com/EmergingArtisansProgram for details. **Sundays**, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. The Open Studio Gardens, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Radio Show: Exposed: Behind the Doors Inside the arts in Charlotte County! Hosted by Marie LaBrosse, Toastmaster: 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

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Art in Public Places by Charlotte Arts Nearly 100 free exhibits annually, in all 2D media; all pieces available for purchase. Visit charlottearts.org and email info@charlottearts.org for details on artists, exhibiting, or hosting.

Englewood: Englewood/Charlotte Library • Englewood Event Center • West Charlotte County Annex

Port Charlotte: Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County • Charlotte County Administration Center • Mid-County Regional Library • Port Charlotte Library

Punta Gorda: Bayfront Health • Cayo Costa Dental • Charlotte County Justice Center • Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center • Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home • Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home • Punta Gorda Airport

Paint/Create Parties

The Painted Cabana presents *Alcohol Ink Class*, Nov. 14, 10:30 am and *Rock Painting Party*, Nov. 15, 6:00 pm. **Reservations required:** call 239.986.2273. Visit facebook.com/the-paintedcabana for details and pricing. 16500 Burnt Store Rd., Ste. 110, **Punta Gorda**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar presents *Wine Glass Painting*, Nov. 17, 4:30–6:30 pm, \$32 per person includes two glasses to paint and all supplies. Visit facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery for more information. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Painting Palms/Making Masks at Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts \$45 per person, all supplies and individualized instruction included. Call to reserve: 941.623.4563. Visit facebook.com/DownToEarthFL for details. Nov. 18, 1:00–3:00 pm. 2792 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Funkie Junkies Consignment and Marketplace presents Chalk Paint Classes, *Tuesdays and Thursdays*, 2:00–4:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/shopfunkiejunkies for details and full schedule. 204 E. McKenzie St., **Punta Gorda**

Wine & Design: Thanksgiving Centerpiece at Port Charlotte Florist Light snacks, a glass of wine, and all supplies included. Visit facebook.com/pcflorist for details and pricing. Nov. 14, 6:00 pm and Nov. 16, 10:00 am. 900 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Visual Arts Center presents *Create & Paint: Etched Wine Glasses*, *third Wednesdays until Nov. 15*, 6:00 pm. Search "Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda" on Facebook or visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Art by the Glass features paint nights and parties in studio. No experience needed; all supplies included. Choice of premium wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages for purchase. Visit artbytheglassllc.com or facebook.com/artbytheglassllc, call 941.780.1743, or email artbytheglassllc@gmail.com for details, party schedule, and upcoming paintings. 1700 Tamiami Tr., Unit F4, **Port Charlotte**

Bisque IT Art Studio presents paint nights, glass fusing classes, wine glass painting, clay painting, and much more! Visit bisqueitstudio.com and facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun. No experience needed, BYOB. Price includes all materials. **Registration and prepayment required:** 941.624.5955. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Painting with a Twist 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. Visit painting-withatwist.com for schedule, details, to register, and more; call 941.764.3914 for more information. 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

Creative Classes

The Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County (Charlotte Arts) is the one-stop shop for creative classes and *all things art and culture* in the area! Visit charlottearts.org, click "Events," then "Cultural Calendar." **Charlotte County**

Artists in Action Work on whatever you want in a collaborative environment!. \$2 donation requested. Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. **Saturdays**, 9:00–noon. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay Visit artsallianceoflemonbay.org or call 941.475.7141. 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Bit O' Yarn presents knit and crochet classes, open craft nights *Monday and Thursdays*, and much more! Visit facebook.com/ABitOYarn for details and full schedule. 232 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

The Boca Grande Art Center 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**

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Charlotte County Cultural Center Sewing, lapidary, jewelry/silversmithing, pottery, and more Visit theculturalcenter.com; 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**

Charlotte Players offers acting classes for all ages. Visit facebook.com/pg/CharlottePlayers/services or charlotteplayers.org for details. Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Cir., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Sewing Studio Large selection of sewing accessories, notions, quilting and garment fabric, and extensive guide classes and creative project classes. Visit facebook.com/pg/CharlotteSewingStudio or call 941.235.3555. 1109 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

The Craftin' Cow A lounge for socializing, creating, and learning, with classes, clubs, and special events. Call 941.505.0155 or visit facebook.com/thecraftincow. 29291 Tribune Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Art Center All media, exhibitions and events; four galleries, two well-equipped 2D studio classrooms, pottery studio, a digital media studio, lending library. Visit ringling.edu/EAC, call 941.474.5548, or email eac@ringling.edu. 350 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Expert Sewing Center Inc. presents demos, classes, and other great events, as well as fabric and notions and more!

The Albritton Gallery Working gallery and studio, home to original work by Margaret and Garry Albritton. Call before you go: 941.698.0603 to be sure they're open; they may be on island time! Visit thealbrittongallery.com for details. 13020 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Artisans Atelier In-house artisans work right before your eyes! All will answer questions and 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. You may even encounter an artist or two in their natural habitat! Visit theopenstudio.org or call 941.474.4060 for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay Jewelry, bags, paintings, more! 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 Fine, fun and functional art by local artists. Call 941.639.6363 for details.

Visit facebook.com/ExpertSewingCenter for full schedule and pricing. 3846 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Inspiration Studio Fine art, jewelry making, healing arts and more, and a wide variety of unique jewelry, art and gift items, and paint and birthday parties! Call 941.321.8585 or visit inspirationstudiofl.com for a full class schedule. On the grounds of Pottery Express Bamboo Farm, 25370 Zemel Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Old Florida Outdoor Center and Gallery Classes, paint/create parties, and much more! Contact at 941.460.1561 or oldfloridaoutdoorcenter@gmail.com and visit facebook.com/oldfloridaoutdoorcenter for upcoming classes and parties. 463 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Open Studio Art, craft, healing and fitness. Visit theopenstudio.org for class schedules or call 941.681.2782. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The Painted Cabana Fine art to scarf painting, jewelry making, and more. Full class schedule available at thepaintedcabana.com. Turtle Crossing Plaza, 16500 Burnt Store Rd, Suite 110, **Punta Gorda**

The Visual Arts Center Creative workshops and classes in fine art, craft, and technology. Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Galleries

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. Call 941.227.4335 or visit erlenbach-modern.com or Facebook.com/ErlenbachModernArtGallery for details. 612 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

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

The Hatch Gallery Once a clam shack, now an art gallery, filled with whimsical wildlife driftwood art, antiques, and more. Call 941.697.9531, email HATCH_JON@hotmail.com, or visit jon-hatch-originales.com. 13060 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Old Florida Outdoor Center and Gallery 941.460.1561 or oldfloridaoutdoorcenter@gmail.com. Visit facebook.com/oldfloridaoutdoorcenter for details. 463 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

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The Potter's Studio and Gallery Inspiring working pottery studio complimented by a unique gallery. Browse innovative and contemporary pieces in every form and style, from functional to whimsical. Visit thepottersstudio.com or Facebook.com/ThePottersStudio for details or call 941.661.8925. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd., Ste. 1151, **Punta Gorda**

Sea Grape Gallery features Artists of the Month and various guest artists. Call 941.575.1718 or visit seagrapegallery.com or facebook.com/SeaGrapeGallery or just stop by! Always open until 8:00 pm the third Thursday of the month for *Alive After Five*. 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**

Featured

CAST for Kids provides disabled, disadvantaged and ill children the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing. Free BBQ lunch and award ceremony to follow. Space is limited to 40 children. No cost to participate. Pre-registration is required to attend. Participants must be 5–17 years old and be accompanied by an adult. Search "CAST for Kids - Charlotte Harbor" on Facebook for information. Nov. 18, 7:30 am–1:00 pm. Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

Saturday Family Game Day Bring the family and feel free to bring your own puzzles and games, or enjoy the ones provided including Scrabble, Jenga, chess, checkers, some Legos, puzzles, and kids' games like Candyland. Fun for the whole family! **Saturdays**, 10:30–11:30 am. Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for details. Punta Gorda Public Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

Creativity

Art by the Glass • Birthday parties • artbytheglassllc.com • 941.780.1743 • 1700 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Bisque IT Art Studio • Pottery painting, kid's classes, mom-and-kid events, more • bisqueitstudio.com • 941.624.5955 • 1931 Tamiami Tr., #3, **Port Charlotte**

Painting with a Twist • Kid's events/theme paintings • paintingwithatwist.com 941.787.2443 • 18700 Veterans Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

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**

Tamiami Art & Frame Offers award-winning photo restoration and custom framing of all types of memorabilia including sports jerseys, diplomas, 3D objects, prints, photographs, and fine art. Serving the Charlotte County area for over 30 years! Visit tamiamiartandframe.com or call 941.629.8888. 21234 Olean Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

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. Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

KID STUFF

Learning

Reading & Science: Space Free event: get excited about science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics! Visit facebook.com/sandmanbooks for details. Open-house style event, no RSVP required. Nov. 6, 3:00–4:00 pm. Sandman Book Company, 16480 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

8th Annual Chefs Cooking for Kids This culinary extravaganza will feature top local chefs showcasing their specialties. Guests will enjoy delicious samplings. Visit facebook.com/bbbssun for details. Nov. 9, 6:00–9:00 pm. Englewood Event Center, 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Sporting

Bowland • bowlandcenters.com • 941.625.4794 • 3192 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Englewood Bowl • englewoodbowl.net • 941.474.5400 • 299 S. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

Treasure Lanes • treasurelanes.com • 941.625.3930 • 1059 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Fish Cove Adventure Golf • coralcaygolf.com/fishcove • 941.627.5393 • 4949 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Exploration

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) • checflorida.org • 941.575.5435 or 941.475.0769

Horses for a Cure • facebook.com, search "Horses for a Cure, Inc." • 941.916.5712 • 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary • octagonwildlife.org •

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239.543.1130 • 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**
Peace River Wildlife Center • peacriverwildlifecenter.org •
 941.637.3830 • 3400 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**
Riding Star Ranch • ridingstarranch.org. 386.848.7953 • 7701
 Cleveland Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Library Programs

Charlotte County Library System Visit [facebook.com/CCLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/CCLibraries) for schedule of events.

- **Englewood-Charlotte** (Englewood) • 941.681.3736 • 3450 N. Access Rd.
- **Mid-County** (Port Charlotte) • 941.613.3160 • 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.
- **Port Charlotte** (Port Charlotte) • 941.764.5562 • 2280 Aaron St.

Featured

Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts presents *Essential Oils for your Furry Friends*, Nov. 15, 3:00–4:00 pm, \$15 per person. Call 941.623.4563 or visit [facebook.com/DownToEarthFL](https://www.facebook.com/DownToEarthFL) for details. 2792-B Tamiami Tr. Plaza 444, **Port Charlotte**

Dog-Friendly Restaurants

Many Charlotte County restaurants allow leashed dogs on their patios and outdoor spaces. Call first: pureflorida.com/restaurants is a good place to start!

Shopping

Leashed, under-control dogs are welcome at notable shopping venues **Fishermen's Village** in Punta Gorda (**fishville**).

LECTURE AND LEARNING

Author Talk: Libby Schaefer will talk about her latest book, *Memoir of a Streetwalker: A Paripatetic Journey of Reduction*, which includes stories of the author's struggles and her walks everywhere, from her hometown in PA to Japan and stops on an around the U.S. trip and her adopted hometown of Punta Gorda. **RSVP required:** call 941.205.2560 or email copperfishbooks@comcast.net, and visit [facebook.com/CopperfishBooks](https://www.facebook.com/CopperfishBooks) or copperfishbooks.com for details. Nov. 14, 6:00 pm. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Korman Relief and Wellness Center presents *Kombucha Class*, Nov. 18, 11:45 am. Visit [facebook.com/kormanreliefandwellnesscenter](https://www.facebook.com/kormanreliefandwellnesscenter) for details. 16954 Toledo Blade Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

- **Punta Gorda** (Punta Gorda) • 941.833.5460 • 424 W. Henry St.

Pools

Ann Dever • 7001 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**
Port Charlotte Beach • 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**
South County • 670 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

Playgrounds

Gilchrist Park* • 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**
Laishley Park Fountain* • 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**
Kidstar Park • kidstartpark.com • 941.235.3131
 *Details: ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/visitors

Parks: Complete list and details: charlottecountyfl.gov, "Playing," "Parks and Recreation"

DOG DAYS

com) and **West Dearborn Street** in Historic Old Englewood (**oldeenglewood.com**), as well as at the various Farmers Markets in the area.

Off-Leash Parks

Edgewater Paw Park • 22410 Glass Ln., **Port Charlotte**
Ann Dever Paw Park • 6791 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**
Hounds of Henry Street • 557 W. Henry St. (W. Henry St. and Shreve St.), **Punta Gorda**
Brohard Paw Park/Dog Beach • 1600 Harbor Dr. S., **Venice** (Dogs are not allowed on Charlotte County Beaches)
Leashed dogs are welcome at most Charlotte County parks. Visit charlottecountyfl.gov/services/parkssecs for more information.

Book Discussion: *How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times*

Free and open to the public. Visit [facebook.com/EckankarinSarasota](https://www.facebook.com/EckankarinSarasota) for details. Nov. 18, 11:00 am–noon. Mid County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Waves of Light presents *Psychic Fair*, Nov. 18, 10:00 am and much more. Search "Waves of Light" on Facebook for full schedule or call 941.456-7643. 3057-B Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Florida Gulf Coast University at the Herald Court Centre presents a plethora of classes, lectures, short courses, film series, more! Visit registerra.fgcu.edu to browse the Charlotte County Course Catalog, search "FGCU Academy" on Facebook, or call 941.505.0130 for details and class times. 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 211, **Punta Gorda**

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Rain Barrel Workshop at Englewood Sports Complex Learn how to conserve water and save money! Visit [facebook.com/UFSarasotaExt](https://www.facebook.com/UFSarasotaExt) for details. Nov. 18, 10:00 am. 1300 S. River Rd., **Englewood**

The Yoga Sanctuary presents classes, workshops, and more. Visit theyogasanctuary.biz for details. 112 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

The Lifelong Learning Institute presents lectures, classes, film, outings, and more! Lifelonglearning-charlotte.org, 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 South-Western State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts presents lectures and classes, paint parties, Meet Ups, concerts, psychic healing fairs, and more! Visit [facebook.com/DownToEarthFL](https://www.facebook.com/DownToEarthFL) for full schedule and details and call 941.623.4563. 2792-B Tamiami Tr. Plaza 444, **Port Charlotte**

Radio Show: Writers on the Air Writers of all levels read their original work—three–five minutes per piece—on Sundays at the Common Ground Meeting Hall (near Warm Mineral Springs), 12735 Tamiami Tr., North Port at 3:00 pm. Sign up is 2:30 for taping. The show broadcasts on WKDW 97.5 FM the following Sunday at 5:00 pm. For more information contact Loretta Martin at 941.237.1985 or Loretta@kdwradio.com. Listen online at wkdwradio.com. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

The Soul's Journey presents *Meditation for the Soul*, **Wednesdays**, 6:00–7:00 pm. Visit lorenzomarion.com for details. 4456 Tamiami Tr., Ste. A-9, **Charlotte Harbor**

Web Series: Adventure and Wildlife Hosted by the Shark Brothers Get the inside scoop on The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast, its natural environments, outdoor recreational opportunities, its people, communities, and quality of life in this unique web series! Visit pureflorida.com/adventure-series to watch. **Charlotte County**

Friends of Boca Grande Community Center presents a wide

variety of lectures, discussions, workshops, social activities, and art and literature events. Visit friendsofbocagrande.org or search "Friends of Boca Grande Community Center" on Facebook for a full schedule. **Note: \$6 toll to cross the bridge.** 131 First St. W., **Boca Grande**

Motorcycle Riding Academy Learn to ride on a Harley-Davidson®; in-class and on-range instruction from Motorcycle Safety Foundation® (MSF) and H-D® Certified coaches. Successful riding evaluation earns an MSF Basic RiderCourseSM Completion Card. Visit blackwidowh-d.com/~learn-to-ride for details and sign up. \$169 per person. **Saturdays and various weekdays/nights.** Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson®, 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Radio Show: Solo Travel Girl's Adventures Near and Far, hosted by Jennifer Huber, will share the all fabulous things to do in Southwest Florida and beyond! Contact: solotravelgirl@kdwradio.com. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Thursdays, noon–12:30 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

Radio Show: Tropical Tarot and Beyond, hosted by Pamela Jones, certified by the Tarot Certification Board of America and the Tarot Guild Endorsed Readers program. Contact Pamela at tropicaltarot@kdwradio.com. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Thursdays, 12:30–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center, Inc. Regattas, camps, classes, more. Visit charlotteharborcommunitysailingcenter.com or call 941.773.6326 or 941.456.8542 or email thesailingcenter.org@gmail.com for details. 19246 Palmdale Ct., **Port Charlotte**

The Learning Place at the Charlotte County Cultural Center Classes and social opportunities year-round in art, dance, technology, and more! Visit theculturalcenter.com for schedule. Register at 941.625.4175 ext. 223, or in person Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Radio Show: Sleuthing: Eye-Opening Tales of the Past Discover the interesting history of the area! Hosted by Marie LaBrosse, Advanced Toastmaster: marie@kdwradio.com or call 941.815.6230 or 941.624.2912. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Fridays, noon–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

FILM

2nd Tuesday Foreign Film Series: Europa Europa German with English subtitles. Free and open to the public; all ages welcome. Call 941.766.READ (7323) and visit [facebook.com/CCLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/CCLibraries) for details and more events. Nov. 14, 6:00 pm. Punta Gorda Public Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

Movie of the Month: Yogi Bear: Life's a Pic-a-Nic Free and open to the public, bring own snack and drink. Visit [facebook.com/stcharlespc](https://www.facebook.com/stcharlespc). St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 21505 Augusta Ave., **Port Charlotte**

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

Classic Foreign Film Series Each film is introduced and briefly discussed. \$5 per; *check or credit card only*, includes

Babcock Ranch Farmers Market Local growers selling fresh vegetables and fruit! Visit facebook.com/babcockranch.

Thursdays, 3:00–7:00 pm. Babcock Ranch, 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Englewood Farmers Market Fresh and organic produce, baked goods, beef, BBQ, wild salmon, olive oil, and more! Visit englewoodfarmersmarket.org for details and free healthy recipes. **Thursdays**, 9:00 am–2:00 pm, Oct.–May. Old Englewood Village, 300 Block of W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market Fresh produce, peanut butter, dog treats, jam/jelly, mushrooms, microgreens, and more! \$1 off every \$10 purchase. Visit Facebook.com/BurntStoreMarina. **Fridays**, year-round, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Cass Cay parking lot, 3200 Matecumbe Key Rd., **Punta Gorda**

The Saturday Veggie Stand Fresh organic fruits, veggies, juices, smoothies, microgreens, soups, salads, and more, in front of The Real Juice Bar. **Saturdays**, 10:00 am–4:00 pm.

Giving Thanks: An Outdoor Yoga Class Supporting the work of the Charlotte Community Foundation. Suggested donation: \$20. Visit theyogasanctuary.biz for details. Nov. 19, 4:00–5:30 pm. Punta Gorda History Park, 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Adult Beginner Ballet Barre Class \$10 drop-in fee and a warm, welcoming environment. Visit facebook.com/christinakoinisballet for details. **Saturdays until Dec. 16**, 1:00–1:45 pm. Christina Koinis Ballet, 6210 Scott St., Ste. 215, **Punta Gorda**

Lemon Bay Yoga offers classes and much more. Visit facebook.com/lemonbayyoga for full schedule. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Babcock Ranch Fitness Series features *weekly* Cardio Jazz, Strength & Conditioning, Bootcamp, Yoga, Mom and Me Fitness, and more! Visit facebook.com/babcockranch for details and full schedule. 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Zumba with Carla Suggested donation: \$5. Visit facebook.com/clclive. **Tuesdays**, 6:00 pm. 19048 Edgewater Dr., **Port Charlotte**

refreshments. 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: Visit regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

MARKETS

Visit theopenstudio.org. 310 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

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**

Punta Gorda Downtown Farmers Market Voted the best small market in Florida and 15th in the US! Fruits, vegetables, pickles, jams, German bakery goods, fresh pasta, kitchenware, cupcakes, beef, fresh seafood, jewelry, candles, soaps, dip mixes, cheese, olives, orchids, kettle corn, coffee beans, exotic plants, natural facial products, smoothies, and much more, plus live entertainment! EBT/SNAP accepted and the Market gives \$2 for \$1 on purchase of Florida-grown produce, citrus, or honey! 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**

MOVEMENT

Wednesday Night Pub Run, Walk or Stroll 3.0-ish Destination changes weekly, is always 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 facebook.com/PuntaGordaPubRun for details of each week's run. Free registration and free parking in the parking garage above. 1-2-3 Runners, Inc., 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 1112, **Punta Gorda**

Dance Etc, Englewood presents a plethora of dance, movement, music, and even self-defense classes and social gatherings. Visit facebook.com/TheBeatGoesOnAndOn for details and pricing, call 941.270.4599, email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com or visit danceenglewood.com. 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Ballroom Dancing Education by Southwest Florida Chapter 6049 of USA Dance Inc. Ballroom dancing for beginners/intermediate and experienced dancers. Social dance, **third Sundays**, 2:00–5:00 pm. Visit usadance6049.org for details. PGHS Women's Club Ballroom, 118 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

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Yoga By The Sea for Veterans and Caregivers Yoga gathering; an enlightening morning of relaxation and healing from within. Bring a mat or towel. For more information contact Deborah: Deb@Hlah.org or 941.877.2277. **Tuesdays**, 11:00 am. Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

Townie Tuesday by Acme Bicycle Shop Bring a helmet, lights, and a friend for this no-drop, family-friendly, cruiser-style ride around Punta Gorda. After-ride festivities include either ice cream or an adult beverage! Be at the shop by 6:00 pm. Call 941.639.2263 for details. **Second and fourth Tuesdays**, 6:00–8:00 pm. 615 Cross St., **Punta Gorda**

Aqua Zumba 18 or over. \$8 per class or 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**

Dance Etc, Englewood presents a wide variety of movement classes and social events. Search "Dance Etc, Englewood" on Facebook, call 941.270.4599, email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com or visit danceenglewood.com. 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Dao Yin Sheng Gong Gentle twisting motions, breath control, 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**

Free Ride! Find loaner bicycles at 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**

Higher Ground Performing Arts presents dance, voice,

music and theater lessons, and Zumba. Visit highergroundperformingarts.net or call 941.625.3622. 17353 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Indoor Pickleball Ages 15 to senior. For more details call 941.681.3742. Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 N. Access Rd., Unit 4. **Englewood**

Line Dancing 'Improver' and intermediate; 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**

Loving Light Yoga presents Yoga on Englewood Beach Yoga for Every Body, 8:30–9:30 am **every day—holidays included!** Free, donations accepted and appreciated. Sunset Yoga 6:00–7:00 pm every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Bring a blanket or sheet. **Note: parking is .75 per hour.** Call 941.473.0135 or visit lovinglightyoga.net for details. 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

Peace River Riders 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**

Sunday Morning Wake Up Run No set route or pace! Arrive by 6:50 am; begin running at 7:00 am. Visit thefootlanding.com for details. Gilchrist Park Pavilion, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Tai Chi at the Open Studio Yang Style. Free class; donations accepted. Beginners welcome. **Tuesdays**, 5:30–6:00 pm. 941.474.4060 or visit theopenstudio.org for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

SEA TO SHORE

King Fisher Fleet Deep sea/back bay fishing; eco-tours; full- and half-day, sunset, harbor, and sightseeing cruises. Annual Cruise Pass: unlimited free admission on all regularly scheduled sightseeing cruises for one year; park fees, special events, Christmas Light Canal Cruises not included. Call 941.639.0969 or visit facebook.com/kingfisherfleet, or kingfisherfleet.com. Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Ste. 16A, **Punta Gorda**

Captiva Cruises Don Pedro State Park Island Shuttle; full- and half-day excursions, sunset cruises, lunch and beach/shelling

trips, dolphin watch/wildlife adventure cruises. 941.889.8000, captivacruises.com, or facebook.com, search "Captiva Cruises." Cape Haze Marina, 6950 Placida Rd., **Cape Haze**

Diamond Charter Cruises Private luxury yacht cruises for up to six people. 941.639.0969 or diamondchartercruise.com. Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Nav-A-Gator Narrated eco-tours and lunch for one low price! 941.627.3474 or nav-a-gator.com. 9700 SW Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

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MUSEUMS

The A.C. Freeman House Built in 1903 for less than \$900. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Guided tours: Monday and Thursday only, 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 Open-access, educational institution devoted to the procurement, preservation, study and display of historical and cultural materials related to the 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.org for more information. 406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Boca Grande Historical Society and Museum is committed to preserving and enhancing the history of Gasparilla Island and its surrounding area and providing rewarding opportunities to learn about the remarkable people and events that shaped the past. Visit bocagrandehistoricalsociety.com for more information. Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. 170 Park Ave., **Boca Grande**

El Jobean Post Office and General Store Designated local historic landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, 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**

Englewood Area Historical Museum Features books by local authors and Pioneer Crafting Kits for sale. Free admission! Visit eahmuseum.org or call 941.208.5942 for details and hours. 1394 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The History Park Four fascinating historic buildings: The Cigar Cottage, The Trabue Land Sales Office, The Price House/Gilchrist Inn, and The Calaboose. Tours given Sundays after the Park's Farmer's Market—1:00 pm. Visit puntagordahistory.com

com for more information. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum The oldest structure on the island 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 and visit barrierislandparksociety.org for open hours and details. Note: there is a \$6 toll to cross the bridge. 880 Belcher Rd., **Boca Grande**

The Punta Gorda Train Depot 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**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

December

Bert's Custom Car & Bike Show, Dec. 2: [facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson](https://www.facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson)

Macaroni Kid Holiday Kid Fest, Dec. 2: search "Macaroni Kid Port Charlotte FL" on Facebook

Divas® Running Series, Dec. 10: runlikeadiva.com

I Love the '90s Tour with Salt N Pepa with Spinderella, Dec. 30: [facebook.com/pg/EdgewaterEvents](https://www.facebook.com/pg/EdgewaterEvents)