

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

Trucks Gone Wild Spring Break, Mar. 22: facebook.com/red-neckmudpark

Peace River Revival, Apr. 7: facebook.com/EdgewaterEvents

4th Annual Blues Brews and BBQ Festival, Apr. 14: facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

A Celebration of Irish Music & Culture Visit facebook.com/wolfhoundband. Mar. 14, 7:00–9:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Bert's St. Patrick's Day Party with Maiden Cane Visit facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson for full schedule of events. Mar. 17, noon. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Fishermen's Village Visit facebook.com/fishermensvillage. Mar. 17, 5:00–8:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

St. Patrick's Day Party by Rock'in Dayz at American Legion Post 110 Visit facebook.com/rockindayz. Mar. 17, 7:00–10:00 pm. 3152 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

The Stillhouse Shakers present St. Patrick's Day at The Ice House Visit facebook.com/thestillhouseshakerevents. Mar. 17, 4:00–7:00 pm. 408 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

St. Patty's Day Party at The New Faull Inn Search "The New Faull Inn" on Facebook. Mar. 17, 7:00 pm. 2670 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

St. Patty's Day at Charlie's Pub featuring Feast or Famine

Visit facebook.com/feastorfaminepg for details. Mar. 17, 8:30 pm. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Saint Patrick's Day at Englewoods on Dearborn Visit facebook.com/EODblues. Mar. 17, 7:00–11:00 pm. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

St. Paddy's Day Celebration at The Pearl Visit facebook.com/placidapearl. Mar. 17, 9:00 pm–2:00 am. 2643 Placida Rd., **Placida**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Show at Englewood Event Center Search "St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Show" on Facebook. Mar. 17, 6:00–10:00 pm. 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

St. Patrick's Day Party at American Legion Post 110

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Cody's Original Roadhouse Port Charlotte Visit facebook.com/CodysOriginalRoadhouse. Mar. 17, 3:00 pm. 1441 Tamiami Tr., #101 (in the Port Charlotte Town Center Mall), **Port Charlotte**

Macy's Sham-Rocked Event at Port Charlotte Town Center Mall Visit facebook.com/PortCharlotteTownCenter. Mar. 17, 1:00–4:00 pm. 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

EASTER EVENTS

The Easter Bunny at Port Charlotte Town Center Mall Visit facebook.com/PortCharlotteTownCenter. Mar. 15, 5:00–8:00 pm. 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte County 10th Annual Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt Search "Harold Ave Rec Center" on Facebook. Mar. 17, 11:00 am–1:00 pm. Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bisque IT Art Studio presents *Kids' Clay Bunny Class*, Mar. 17, 10:00 am and *Wood Chicky Painting*, Mar. 18, 1:00–2:30

pm. Visit bisqueitstudio.com and facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun. **Registration and prepayment required:** 941.624.5955. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Sensitive Bunny at Port Charlotte Town Center Mall Presented in partnership with @autismspeaks, whose mission is to enhance lives and accelerate solutions for families with special needs members. Visit facebook.com/PortCharlotteTownCenter. Mar. 18, 9:00–11:00 am. 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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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. **Mar. 15, 5:00–8:00 pm.** Downtown **Punta Gorda**

Authentic Irish Melodies by Trina & Ian of Wolfhound

Artisans Atelier Art demonstrations! 117 Herald Ct. Centre.

Cruise-In by Florida West Coast Vintage Motor Car Club of America, downtown Punta Gorda

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

Dr. Suess Readings at 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

Dine with a Star at the Burg'r Bar Visit facebook.com/charlottebehavioralhealthcare for details. Mar. 13, 5:00 pm. 317 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

New Pickleball Courts Ribbon Cutting Party at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club Search "Boca Royale Golf and Country Club" on Facebook. Mar. 15, 5:00–7:00 pm. 1601 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Sing Out Night: Irish Edition Visit facebook.com/TheBeatGoesOnAndOn for details. Mar. 16, 7:00–9:30 pm. Dance Etc, Englewood, 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Joshua Citrus Orange Blossom Festival 2018 Visit facebook.com/joshuacitrus. Mar. 16 and 17, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. 4135 S.E. County Rd. 760, **Arcadia**

Alpaca Shearing and Fiber Processing Weekend Watch the alpacas get sheared and take hands-on classes in picking, carding, spinning and weaving. Each guest staying the week-

end is provided their own fiber to process to yarn! Visit facebook.com/alpacafunretreat and call 361.739.8875 for details, address, and to reserve your spot. Mar. 16–18. **Punta Gorda**

Latin Social Night Visit facebook.com/FuzionDanze. Mar. 17, 7:00 pm–midnight. 24 Twentyone Event Center, 2421 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® presents:

- **H-D 101: Ladies Intro to Riding**, Mar. 18, 11:00 am
- **Live music from Radio Ghost**, Mar. 18, noon

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

Fat Point Brewing presents Taproom Bingo, **Wednesdays**, 6:00–8:00 pm and Taproom Trivia, **Thursdays**, 6:30–9:00 pm. Visit fatpoint.com and facebook.com/FatPointBrewing for details. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Tuesday Tacos & Trivia at Peace River Beer Company Free to play! Visit facebook.com/peacriverbeercompany. **Tuesdays**, 7:00 pm. 1732 Steadley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Trivia at Beef's Visit facebook.com/pgbeefs. **Sundays**, 6:00–8:00 pm. Beef 'O' Brady's Punta Gorda, 1105 Taylor Rd., **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**

Trivia Night at Four Points by Sheraton First: \$50 gift card; second: \$25 gift card; teams that place are entered into a drawing for a free night stay every six weeks! 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 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**

ON STAGE

Charlie's Pub Birthday Blowout by Rocky Trop Visit facebook.com/rockytrop. Mar. 14, 4:00 pm. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

The Turtle Club presents *Blues and Bourbon Night* with live music from Mike Imbasciani and His BluezRockerz, **second Wednesdays**: Mar. 14, 4:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/Bluetur

tlepg for details. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Comedian John Heffron at Visani Comedy Theater Visit facebook.com/JohnHeffron. Mar. 14–17, various times. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

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Rendezvous at Gatorz Bike Night Visit facebook.com/RendezvousEnglewood for details. Mar. 15, 6:00–10:00 pm. 3816 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

The Gummy Sharks

- Mar. 15, 5:30 pm: White Elephant Pub, 1855 Gulf Blvd., Englewood
- Mar. 16, 6:00 pm: All-Star Sports Grill, 2360 Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte

Visit facebook.com/TheGummySharks. **Charlotte County**

Aubrey Wollet Live at Fat Point Brewing Visit facebook.com/aubreywollettings. Mar. 16, 6:00 pm. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Harpoon Harry's presents Boogiemer, Mar. 16, 8:30–11:30 pm. Visit facebook.com/harpoonharrys. Harpoon Harry's at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, #55, **Punta Gorda**

Cane Dog at Downtown Gatorz Visit facebook.com/canedog-FL. Mar. 16, 7:00 pm. 502 King St., **Punta Gorda**

Family Movie Night and Alva School Jazz Concert at Babcock Ranch Visit facebook.com/babcockranch or babcockranch.com. Mar. 16, 5:30–8:30 pm. 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Tropical Ave at Hurricane Charleys Visit facebook.com/tropicalaveband. Mar. 16, 7:00 pm. 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Broadway Curtain Time by Charlotte County Concert Band Visit facebook.com/charlottecountyconcertband for the full lineup of songs to be played. Mar. 16, 7:30 pm. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., **Punta Gorda**

Celtic Ray Public House presents The Freecoasters, Mar. 16, 9:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/celticraypublichouse. 145 E. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Sandy Forbes: Musical Escapes

- Mar. 16, 6:30 pm: Englewood Moose 1933, 55 W. Dearborn St., Englewood
- Mar. 17, 7:00 pm: Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar, 4069 Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte

Visit facebook.com/sandyforbesmusicalescapes. **Charlotte County**

German Music with Petra and Teresa Search "Taste of Europe Bistro" and/or "Petra and Teresa" on Facebook for details and full schedule. Mar. 17, 4:00–8:00 pm. Taste of Europe Bistro, 2414 Tamiami Tr. (next to Kallis German Butcher Shop), **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra presents An Evening with John Williams and Friends Visit facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch for details and link to tickets. Mar. 18, 7:30–9:30 pm. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., **Punta Gorda**

Cheek2Cheek at Snook's Bayside Bar & Grill Visit facebook.com/SnooksBaysideBarandGrill. Mar. 18, 3:00–6:00 pm. 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

Acoustic Fire at Hawgs N Dawgs Visit facebook.com/pg-acousticfire. Mar. 18, 2:00 pm. 12459 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Dan Meadows Live at Harpoon Harry's Visit facebook.com/DanMeadowsMusicFlorida. Mar. 18, 2:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Portside Tavern presents Chris Beck and Tiki Tom & L.A. this week. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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

Emil's DC presents JR Southern and The Jack Michael Band this week. Visit facebook.com/EmilsSports. 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

Englewoods on Dearborn presents Kraig Kenning, Mike Imbasciani and His Bluez Rockerz, Damon Fowler, and Steve E. George Blues Band this week. Visit facebook.com/EODblues. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

88 Keys and Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel present live music every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Visit facebook.com/88KeysFlorida and facebook.com/Perch360 for details. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina presents John Reno, Eric Stone & Eric Ellis, and Latitude this week. Cover charge: non-perishable and canned food items. Visit facebook.com/navagator.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**

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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**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy for details and to confirm location. Thursdays, 6:00 pm. Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

LIVE MUSIC VENUES

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

88 Keys • 941.639.7700 • facebook.com/88KeysFlorida • 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

All-Star Sports Grill • 941.743.4140 • facebook.com/allstarsportsgrillpcfll • 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 • commongroundshall.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 • 2440 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 • fmdons.com • 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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

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 • facebook.com/locknkeyrestaurant • 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 • theorangehousewinebar.com • 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

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Perch 360 • 941.639.7700 • facebook.com/Perch360 • 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **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**

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 Theater • 941.629.9191 • visani.net • 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

The Waverly (formerly Gulf View Grill) • 941.475.3500 • thewaverlyfl.com • 2095 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood**

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

Florida Track and Trails presents *Sand Drags: Race #3*, Mar. 17, 5:30 pm. Visit facebook.com/FLTracksAndTrails. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Gulf Coast Classic Auction Visit facebook.com/liveauction777. Mar. 16 and 17, 10:00 am–7:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Golf School Search "Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club" on Facebook. Mar. 14, 9:00–10:00 am. 24315 Vincent Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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. Call 941.627.388 and visit fantaseascuba.com and facebook.com/FantaseaScuba for details, registration, and pricing. 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Florida West Coast Car Club

- Mar. 12, 4:00 pm: Culver's Cruise-In, 1140 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte
- Mar. 15, 5:00–8:00 pm: Alive After Five Cruise-In, downtown Punta Gorda
- Mar. 17, 4:00 pm: Chick-fil-A Cruise-In, 1814 Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte

Visit facebook.com/vmcca.org for details and full event schedule. **Charlotte County**

Skydive SW Florida Flight in its truest form! Call 941-875-8554 or 1-888-447-JUMP(5867), email info@skydiveswflorida.com, or visit skydiveswflorida.com. Shell Creek Airport,

36886 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Gaspar's Dive N Board Full service scuba center. Call 941.698.0499 and visit facebook.com/gaspars.divenboard.7 for information. Gaspar's Dive N Board, 2961 Placida Rd., Unit 3, **Englewood**

4-17 Southern Speedway & Events Race track and event grounds. Visit 417southernspeedway.com and facebook.com/pg/417SSE for details and updates or call 941.628.8128. 8655 Piper Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Sailing Association, Inc. is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2002 that teaches small boat sailing in a safe, fun and educational waterfront environment by sharing skills, knowledge, and resources with Englewood area youth and adults. Visit englewoodsailing.org or search "Englewood Sailing Association -ESA" on Facebook or call 941.681.8190 or email info@englewoodsailing.org for more information and to register for classes.. 840 Buckskin Ct., **Englewood**

Florida Tracks and 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. Call 1.844.RIDE FTT(743.3388), or visit floridatracksandtrails.com for more information. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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Nature Adventures

The Nature in your Neighborhood Lecture/Field Trip Series

Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec. Mar. 14, 9:00 am–noon. Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Photography Tour by Babcock Ranch Eco Tour Features photo opps in areas not covered on the regular tours. Visit facebook.com/babcockranchecotour for details. Mar. 17, 7:30–10:00 am. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) presents *Nature Boat Ecotours*. 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 for schedule, details and link to purchase. **Departure location:** Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

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**

Horsing Around Ranch, LLC Eastern and Western lessons, trail rides, and Dude Ranch Days. Group rates available. Visit horsingarouandranch.com and facebook.com/horsingarouandranch for details and rates, or call 941.979.7293. 1200 Academy Dr., **Lake Suzy**

Glass Bottom Rentals Explore the clear waters of Boca Grande in a glass bottom kayak! Open seven days a week, launching from the Boca Grande Fishing Pier. Visit facebook.com/glassbottomrentals and GlassBottomRentals.com or call 941.237.1756 for information and to book your adventure. 5810 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours Experience the natural heart of Florida! Visit 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 barrierislandparkssociety.org, call 941.964.0060, or email infoatbips@gmail.com for more information. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

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 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**

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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**

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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 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**

Peace River Audubon Society Offers walkabouts, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. Visit peacriveraudubon.org and facebook.com/PRASaudubon or email peacriveraudubon@

gmail.com for more information and full schedule of events. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. 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 for details. 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Riding the Waves Drive 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 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**

About Town

SW Florida Walking Tours presents *Spirits, Haunts and History Walking Tour*, Mar. 16, 6:00–8:00 pm. Visit swfloridawalkingtours.com and facebook.com/swfloridawalkingtours for details, schedule, and to purchase tickets. **Punta Gorda**

Shopping Sundays at The Pop Culture Antique Museum Visit facebook.com/TheWorldsGreatestCathousePuffyPawsKittyHaven. **Sundays** until Apr. 29, 11:00 am. The World's Greatest Cathouse, 270 Lakeview Ln., **Englewood**

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/peacriverwildlifecenter for details. **Tuesdays**, 11:00 am. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

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 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**

Senior Game Club Enjoy Mahjongg, 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! Visit facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHistoricalCenter for details. **Ongoing**. 514 E. Grace St., **Punta Gorda**

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**

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CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

Peace River Beer Company Microbrewery, entertainment venue and gathering place. Visit facebook.com/peacriverbeercompany. 1732 Steadley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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**

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 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

Graeter's Taste Tour Samples of handcrafted ice cream! Visit facebook.com/GraetersWexford. Mar. 12, 4:00–7:00 pm. 19100 Murdock Cir., **Port Charlotte**

Seafood Bazaar on The Cape by Placida Fish Market Music, food, crafters and artists, shells, fossils, rock art, and prizes! Visit facebook.com/thirtyonechaillettrd, Mar. 17, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. 31 Chaillet Rd., Ste. 5, **Rotonda**

Placida Seafood Festival Visit facebook.com/PlacidaRotary. Mar. 17 and 18, 10:00 am–5:00 pm. 13000 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Raw Bar at Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel Call 941.639.7700 for more information. **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**, 4:00–8:00 pm. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

SW Florida Walking Tours presents *A Taste of Austria Wine & Food Tasting*, Mar. 16, 7:00 pm and *Walking Food Tour*, Mar. 17, 11:00 am–2:00 pm. Visit swfloridawalkingtours.com and facebook.com/swfloridawalkingtours for details, schedule, and to purchase tickets. **Punta Gorda**

February Friday Fish Fry at Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club Search “Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club” on Facebook for

completely menu. **Fridays**, 5:00–8:00 pm. 24315 Vincent Ave., **Punta Gorda**

The Blue Turtle presents *Steak & Lobster Night*, **first and third Wednesdays**, 4:00 pm and *Buck-A-Schuck Night*, **Mondays**, 4:00 pm. Enjoy re-imagined live gracious hospitality on Marion Ave.! Visit facebook.com/Blueturtlepg for details. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Sunday Funday Brunch at F.M. Don's Visit facebook.com/fmdons. **Sundays**, 10:30 am–3:00 pm. 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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

Sunday Brunch at The Club Search “Boca Royale Golf and Country Club” on Facebook. **Sundays**, 10:00 am. Boca Royale Golf and Country Club, 1601 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

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

ART AND CRAFT

Events and Exhibits

11th Biennial National Art Exhibition by Visual Arts Center One of the nation's most prestigious juried exhibitions of two-dimensional media. **Poetry Night: Mar. 12, 7:00 pm**. Visit visualartcenter.org, search “Visual Arts Center of Punta Gor-

da” on Facebook, or call 941.639.8810 for details. Exhibit **runs until Mar. 20**. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

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Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens One of Florida's most breathtaking garden parks, showcasing world-class sculptures and spectacular botanicals to inspire creativity throughout the community. Visit facebook.com/PeaceRiverGardens and peacrivergardens.org for more information. 5800 Riverside Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Art Exhibit: Nature Preserved Art and educational exhibit by David Sussman, local photographer. Exhibit is free; recommended \$10 donation for reception and lectures. Visit pureflorida.com and search "Art Exhibit: Nature Preserved" or search "David Sussman Photography" on Facebook. **Runs until Mar. 30, 2018.** Caniff Center at Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center-Alligator Creek, 10941 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

The Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society strives to preserve the area's rich history through mural art. With 29 so far and work recently started on a 30th, 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**

Emerging Artisans Program Venue and support for emerging artisans, musicians, and craftspeople to display, sell, and

Plant Night at Peace River Beer Company Create a gorgeous terrarium! Visit facebook.com/peacriverbeercompany. Mar. 15, 7:00–9:00 pm. 1732 Steadley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Painting Party at Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts Friends, lots of fun and a great instructor! Anyone can do it, even with no experience. \$40 per person, all supplies and individualized instruction included. Call to reserve: 941.623.4563. Visit facebook.com/DownToEarthFL for details. Mar. 16, 5:30–8:00 pm. 2792 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Wine Your Heart Out Charity Wine Glass Painting Event at The Gilded Grape Two wine glasses to paint and all supplies included plus two glasses of wine or a Wine Flight. Visit gildedgrape.com and facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery for more information. Mar. 18, 2:00–4:00 pm. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Beach Crafts at Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec for details and full schedule. Mar. 13, 20, 27, 10:00 am–noon. 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Art by the Glass features paint nights and parties in studio.

demonstrate their hand-crafted art and wares! Visit facebook.com/EmergingArtisansProgram for details. **Sundays**, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. The Open Studio Gardens, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

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 Center • Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home • Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home • Punta Gorda Airport

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

Paint/Create Parties

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 *Wine Glass Painting Fundraiser for Port Charlotte FL Cancer Specialist*, Mar. 16, 7:00–9:00 pm and 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 paintingwithatwist.com for schedule, details, to register, and more; call 941.764.3914 for more information. 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

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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**

The Open Studio presents tons of creative classes and events! Visit theopenstudio.org for full class schedules and call 941.681.2782. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Abstract Painting Classes with Rita Schwab Visit facebook.com/artforthesoal for pricing and details. *Runs until Mar. 21*, 10:30 am. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Bit O' Yarn presents knitting and crochet nights, free crochet classes for kids, crochet stitch of the month and many other knitting and crochet classes, including open craft nights *Monday and Thursdays!* Visit facebook.com/ABitOYarn for details and full schedule. 232 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

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**

Art on Sullivan Mixed media and fused glass studio. Visit facebook.com/fusedglasstudio for details. 212 W. Virginia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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**

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**

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/CharlottePlayers 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**

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

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**

Glass Duchess Studio Art glass by Janie Duke and glass classes. Visit facebook.com/glassduchessstudio for details. 1080 Taylor Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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 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

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** PureFlorida.com/Events

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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. 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-originals.com. 13060 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Hogan's Harbor Art Gallery Small boutique art gallery featuring fine art photography. Visit facebook.com/HogansHarbor. 175 Cedar Dr., **Englewood**

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

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 thepotterstudio.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**

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

Featured

Story Time at Copperfish Books Children must be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome! Visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks for details. RSVP if possible by calling 941.205.2560 or emailing copperfishbooks@comcast.net. **Saturdays**, 10:30–11:15 am. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Saturday Family Game Day Bring the family and bring your own puzzles and games, or enjoy the ones provided! **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**

Sporting

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

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

Treasure Lanes • treasurelanes.com • 941.625.3930 • 1059 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**

Horsing Around Ranch • facebook.com/horsingaroundranch • 941.979.7293 • 1200 Academy Dr., **Lake Suzy**

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary • octagonwildlife.org • 239.543.1130 • 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Wildlife Center • peaceriverwildlifecenter.org • 941.637.3830 • 3400 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. • facebook.com/pg-farms • 941.575.2756 • 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Library Programs

Charlotte County Library System Visit facebook.com/CCLi-

Featured

K9 Conditioning Seminar Visit facebook.com/theupbeatk9.northcapecoral for details and pricing. Mar. 18, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Bratty Paws Dog Plex, 2551 Taylor Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Begging for Beginners Entry-level health and fitness class for you and your dog. Come work out alongside your best friend! Visit facebook.com/k9fitclubflorida. **Tuesdays**, 5:30 pm. Laishley Park Fountains, 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**

Dog Adoption Event by Englewood Animal Rescue (EARS) Visit facebook.com/EARSAnimals for details. Mar. 17, 10:00 am. Pet Supermarket Englewood, 1951 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

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!

LECTURE, LEARNING, GROWTH

Babcock Ranch Essential Oils Seminar Visit facebook.com/babcockranch or babcockranch.com. Mar. 13, noon–1:30 pm. 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

baries 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.
- **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

Shopping

Leashed, under-control dogs are welcome at notable shopping venues **Fishermen's Village** in Punta Gorda (**fishville.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/parksrecs for more information.

Charles Sobczak Lecture: *Changing Faces of Nature* Visit facebook.com/CHECFIorida for details. Mar. 14, 5:00–7:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, 10941 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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Musical Happy Hour by Charlotte Symphony Orchestra
Meet Maestro Raffaele Ponti, conductor for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, as he gives a dynamic sneak peek into each of his six scheduled concerts. Visit facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch for details. Mar. 16, 4:00 pm. Florida Gulf Coast University, Punta Gorda Campus, 117 Herald Ct., #211, **Punta Gorda**

Book Discussion: *How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times*
Free and open to the public. Visit facebook.com/Eckankar-inSarasota for details. Mar. 17, 11:00 am–noon. Mid County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Copperfish Books presents:

- Mar. 13, 9:00 am: Morning Book Club
- Mar. 13, 6:00 pm: Evening Book Club
- Mar. 17, 2:00 pm: Author Talk and book signing: Randy Wayne White, Caribbean Rim

All events require RSVP: call 941.205.2560 or email copperfishbooks@comcast.net, and visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks or copperfishbooks.com for details. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

The Lifelong Learning Institute presents *Free Tech Help Session*, Mar. 16, 10:00 am–noon and many other 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**

Amateur Radio School by Peace River Radio Association
Visit facebook.com/www.prra.club for details. **Tuesdays**, 7:00 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 23456 Olean Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Waves of Light presents Psychic Fair, Mar. 17, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Search “Waves of Light” on Facebook for full schedule of events 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**

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

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: *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**

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**

Radio Show: *Writers on the Air* Writers of all levels read their original work—three-to-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 pm for taping. The show broadcasts on WKDW 97.5 FM the following Sunday at 5:00 pm. For more information contact Linda Schell at 941.223.1262 or lschell2@verizon.net. Listen online at wkdwradio.com. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

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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**

2nd Tuesday Foreign Film Series: *La Famille Belier* (French with English subtitles). Free and open to the public; all ages welcome. Call 941.766.READ (7323) and visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for details and more events. Mar. 13, 6:00 pm. Punta Gorda Public Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

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**

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**

Boca Grande Farm & Fish Market Local vendors selling fruits, veggies, bakery items, sustainable seafood, cheese, pickles, guacamole, flowers, honey, soap, smoothies, prepared meals, organics, and so much more. Visit facebook.com/BGFarmandFishMarket. **Fridays**, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. 305 Wheeler Rd., **Boca Grande**

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**

Loving Light Yoga offers *Yoga for Every Body*, 8:30–9:45 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**

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**

FILM

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

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

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**

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! **Sundays**, 9:00 am–1:00 pm; garden tours: 1:00 pm. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

MOVEMENT

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

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Higher Ground Performing Arts presents dance, voice, music and theater classes, and Zumba. Visit highergroundperformingarts.net or call 941.625.3622. 17353 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Monday Morning Yoga Visit facebook.com/manasotabeachyoga for details. **Mondays**, 9:00–9:30 am. 8570 Manasota Key Rd., **Englewood**

Country Couples Partner Dance Class by Bayfront Dancers Visit facebook.com/bayfrontdancers. **Mondays**, 2:00–4:00 pm. Bayfront YMCA Event Center, 750 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Beginner Clogging Class Visit facebook.com/solesinmotioncloggers. **Tuesdays**, 5:30–6:30 pm. Harold Ave. Recreation Center, 23400 Harold Ave., **Port Charlotte**

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

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 Ln., **Babcock Ranch**

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

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 dance, movement, music, and self-defense classes and social gatherings. Visit facebook.com/TheBeatGoesOnAndOn, 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**

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**

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**

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

Peace River Riders Regularly scheduled rides: Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday–Sunday mornings. peaceriverridersbicycleclub.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

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**

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Gasparilla Boat Tours See dolphins, manatees and sea birds from the comfort of a custom-built 30' Trident Catamaran; cruise on the intercoastal water-way with a stop at a great waterfront eatery; visit Boca Grande, Stump Pass, Pelican Bay or Cabbage Key; schedule a work retreat or personal celebration, family reunion, or private excursion. 10% veteran discount with proper ID; family- and differently-abled-friendly. Visit facebook.com/gasparillaboattours. 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

King Fisher Fleet Deep sea/back bay fishing; eco-tours; full- and half-day, sunset, harbor, and sightseeing cruises.

The A.C. Freeman House Built in 1903. 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. 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

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**

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

MUSEUMS

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 barrierislandparkssociety.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.” Features the '60s-themed Muscle Car City Diner, open Tuesday–Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Call 941.575.5959 or visit musclcarcity.net. Muscle Car City, 10175 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

March

Barrier Island Parks Society 22nd Annual Green Gala: *Catch a Wave*, Mar. 19: [facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety](https://www.facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety)

Bert's Dog Show, Mar. 24: [facebook.com/BlackWidowHarley-Davidson](https://www.facebook.com/BlackWidowHarley-Davidson)

K&K Hobby Shop Swap Meet, Mar. 24: [facebook.com/kinhart-trains](https://www.facebook.com/kinhart-trains)

Community Appreciation Day at Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary, Mar. 25: [facebook.com/OctagonWildlifeSanctuary](https://www.facebook.com/OctagonWildlifeSanctuary)

Painting the Night Away Paint Party at Port Charlotte Beach, Mar. 30: [facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec](https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec)

Free Tying Night at West Wall Outfitters, Mar. 31: [facebook.com/westwalloutfitters](https://www.facebook.com/westwalloutfitters)

April

Peace River Revival, Apr. 7: [facebook.com/EdgewaterEvents](https://www.facebook.com/EdgewaterEvents)

4th Annual Blues, Brews and BBQ Festival, Apr. 14: [facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber](https://www.facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber)

Mom and Son Painting Class by Charlotte County Parks and Recreation, Apr. 20: [facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec](https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec)

Florida Lighthouse Day by Barrier Island Parks Society, Apr. 21: [facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety](https://www.facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety)

Countryfest 2019, Apr. 21: [facebook.com/JackMichaelMusic](https://www.facebook.com/JackMichaelMusic)

10th Annual Critter Classic Golf Tournament, Apr. 21: humane.org/events/2018-critter-classic

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