



Here's What's Been  
Happening At  
YOUR Museum!

- Annual Fish Fry was held Saturday, March 5
- Kid Fest at HarborWalk Village on Saturday, April 2--Sharing our history!
- Miss Destin Soda Party held at Museum Wednesday, April 6
- Belk Charity Sale was held Saturday, April 16 - -benefitting museum.
- Founder's Day held on Saturday May 7

**Attendance is Increasing**

**Museum Visitors**

2006:	2,095
2007:	3,527
2008:	4,561
2009:	5,804
2010:	6,368
2011:	January to May 2,355 visitors

# Destin History & Fishing Museum

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## Director's Corner

Summer in Destin couldn't wait to officially begin on June 21st. The season kicked off Friday, May 27th when tourist began pouring into town--almost if waiting for a gate to be opened.

Keeping our fingers crossed, if everything continues, we will have a banner economic year. After last year and the oil spill, it is very exciting to see all the water driven businesses up and running. Despite fishing regulations the fishing boats are running everyday and their ability to still bring a good catch is amazing. It all goes back to the ground work laid out by the fishermen who put Destin on the map.

Visit the Museum and become knowledgeable about how it all started and progressed to where we are today. You will enjoy becoming a part of the Destin tradition.

Jean

## Calendar of Events

### Wednesdays 12:30 - 3:30

Panhandle Flyfisher's Club meets to tie flies. A great opportunity to see them create these works of art and tell about their fishing.

### Old Post Office

The Old Post Office built by William T. Marler has been renovated and features all new exhibits. Plan to come by for a tour.

### 3rd Annual Destin Swordfish Shootout

HarborWalk Marina will be the site of this fishing tournament June 16 to 18 which will benefit the Museum. Plan to join in the fun!

### Footprints in the Sand Paver Project

Plans are underway for a landscaping project which includes a paver project. Contact the museum if you would like your family included.

## Old Post Office



Founder's Day held May 7 heralded the completion of new exhibits for the Old Post Office. All new exhibits showcasing the governmental and leadership history of Destin are ready for your enjoyment. Exhibits include the building which became operational when the original bridge was opened in 1936 constructed by William T. Marler, the 76 year Marler Family Postal Legacy, the Old Post Office Museum, the Community Center, the Library, the Goldbricker Program, Incorporation, the Marler Cemetery, Building A Life in Destin, Military Influence, the Children's Christmas Eve Program, early organizations that built the early leaders of Destin and early tourism.

### Annual Fish Fry--March 5

#### Volunteers Make It Happen !

The Cook Tent  
Run by  
Lloyd Taylor  
& Crew



Volunteer  
Ava Longo  
helps  
Kathy Blue  
collect tickets

Volunteers  
Ready  
to Serve up a  
fish fry feast !



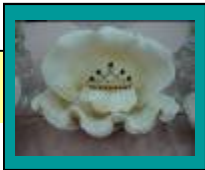
The Museum held their annual “Old Fashioned” Fish Fry on March 5 at the Community Center. A great menu of fried grouper, hush puppies, cole slaw, baked beans, beverage and a good time was enjoyed by all that attended. The feast was prepared by an “ole Destin native”, Lloyd Taylor and his crew. \$2,594 was raised to benefit the museum. Sincere thanks go out to the many volunteers that helped prepare for and work the event. Very special thanks go to Dan Empson and Harry T’s Restaurant, Dewey Destin Seafood, and David Rich Panhandle Propane for the donation of food and supplies for the event and especially Lloyd Taylor..



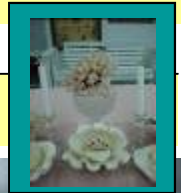
Family, Friends,  
and Visitors  
Come Out  
to Enjoy the Fish Fry !



### Destin Prepares to Crown a Queen--



The Destin Fishing Rodeo held their Miss Destin Contest Kickoff “Soda Social” at the Museum April 6. It was an opportunity for the future representative of the Rodeo to learn about the history of Destin and the Rodeo. Kathy Blue gives the group a tour of the museum during the social. The 2010 Miss Destin is Amanda Rolf. The 2011 contestants are Martina Berrios, Callie Kaltz, Katrina Lathi, Peyton LoCicero, Cassidy Whitson, and Katherine Wilson. Congratulations go out to Peyton LoCicero who was crowned Miss Destin April 30.





## “Footprints in the Sand”

Celebration of life in Destin  
Past, Present, and Future



The Destin History and Fishing Museum invites you to join our brick paver campaign, “Footprints in the Sand”, a celebration of life in Destin. The bricks will be placed at the entrance to the Museum. The bricks may be engraved with your name, the name of someone special to you or the name of your company.

Your tax deductible contribution will help ensure that the history of Destin will be preserved for you, your children and for future generations. The Museum is a viable gathering place as well as an attraction for visitors, and a source of pride for our community.

The bricks are engraved using the state of the art laser technology. Their strength and durability will create a lasting impression.

You will be able to bring your children, grandchildren, and friends to see the personalized bricks for years to come. Your commitment to preserving our history is a legacy that will live on. Come by the museum to see a “sample brick”. Sizes available will be 4”X8” for \$75 and 8”X8” for \$150. There will be three color choices to choose from. Ordering will be done on-line through the company Bricks-R-Us or at the museum. Contact the museum at 850-837-6611 or email Kathy at [kathydestinhistory@embarqmail.com](mailto:kathydestinhistory@embarqmail.com) for more information. This paver project will be a focal point for the museum and a stage to feature furniture crafted by the late Captain Reddin “Salty” Brunson and garden ornaments from the home of Pat Marler Hodgeboom..



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## Local Churches Lay Foundation for Museum Project

Thru the generosity of the Destin Anglican Church and the Church at the Rave, the foundation for the Museum’s “Footprints in the Sand” paver project has been completed. The foundation bricks will be replaced as personalized bricks are purchased by family and friends.

The paver project church workers were: Shane Cannon, John Fogarty, Mike Hesse, Terry Kerr, and Andy Turner. Very special thanks go out to this crew and the wonderful work they did on this project at the entranceway of the Museum.



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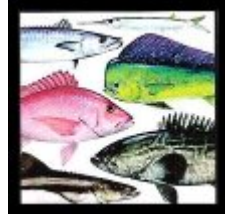
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Destin History and Fishing Museum is a non profit organization whose members are dedicated to preserving, documenting, and sharing the complete history of Destin. There are limitless ways you, your friends, and associates can be part of realizing these efforts. Now more than ever we can use your support. Your donation or membership is tax deductible.  
Please fill out the form below and mail it to the museum.

### Yes, I Give My Support!

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ If you would like to pay by credit card please call the Museum and have your credit card ready.

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