

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

*Local "Parrothead" Club made donation to the Museum during their Christmas Party Dec.10,2010.

* The Holiday on the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade was Dec.18,2010.

*Getting Museum news out: Jan.4 Qantrum Radio taped a 30 minute program about upcoming events and the museum & Jan.18,2011 Kathy Blue spoke to the Rotary.

* Gumbo Contest & Silent Auction was Jan. 22,2011. Huge success!

* Capt. Salty Brunson was interviewed by the Ft.St. Folk History folklife director at the Museum Jan.27,2011.

* Feb. 8,2011 General Membership meeting.

*Feb.26,2011 HarborWalk Village MadiGras parade.

*Feb.27,2011 Bass Pro gave the museum use of gazebo during their fishing event to tell about the museum and sell Fish Fry tickets.

*Destin and Marler families featured in Emerald Coast Magazine issues for Dec/Jan & Feb/Mar. The April/May issue will feature the Melvin family. Future issues to feature other pioneering families.

* Museum historical webcasts appear on www.neighborvision.com.

*TDC representative Sherry Rushing helping to distribute museum coupons to our winter visitors at Snowbird functions.

Destin History & Fishing Museum

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Director's Corner

"Spring is in the Air"...words to an old song. In Destin it means the water is warming, cobia are running, boats are being readied, schools take a holiday and tourists are here. Destin is sunny and beautiful. We made it thru the oil and the long cold winter and Destin is open and ready for business.

Visitation at the Museum is brisk with Snowbirds and Spring Breakers. Our Gumbo Contest & Silent Auction and Annual Fish Fry were very successful. We are thankful to everyone who helped. New exhibits are in the planning stage and old projects are being finalized. The Museum's future looks as bright as the beautiful Spring sunshine.

Jean



Harry T's GOLD Keychain Fundraiser

Dan Empson is the "keeper" of the sought after Harry T's GOLD keychain given to VIP's! He has donated 50 of these, available at the Museum for a \$50 donation to the Museum. They are good forever, give \$2 off cocktails anytime, 10% off entire bill each time you dine at Harry T's and "Top of the List" preferred seating! Never wait for a table. Each was packaged in a decorated gift bag for a stocking stuffer. There are still a few available, so come by for this great VIP LOCALS item!



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.

Saturday, March 5

6th Annual Old Fashion Destin Fish Fry at the Destin Community Center from 11 to 3.

Wednesday, April 6

Museum sponsors the annual Miss Destin Soda Party where the contestants will meet the group and tour the museum.

Saturday, April 16

Belk Charity Sale from 6 AM to 10 AM. Advance ticket sales of \$5 goes to the museum. Your ticket gives you \$5 off your first purchase, huge savings on purchases and first 100 customers receive a gift card ranging from \$5 to \$1,000 ! Tickets available at Museum. Ticket sales day of event split between participating 501 C3 groups.

Museum Visitors

Attendance is Increasing

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| 2006: | 2,095 |
| 2007: | 3,527 |
| 2008: | 4,561 |
| 2009: | 5,804 |
| 2010: | 6,368 |

2011 : January & February
828 visitors

Membership Drive...Is your membership current?

The DHFM Foundation sends HUGE thanks to our members that support us faithfully with their annual membership. You are valued and appreciated! Please remember to think of the museum when family and friends visit Destin or when you have a group function and would like to book a special tour.

A membership form is on the back of the newsletter and also available on our website. A membership mailing and email went out during January and February. If you are unsure if it is renewal time for your membership, email, call, or come by the museum. We love to hear from our members. You may also choose to increase your donation on your way to becoming a museum Lifetime Member. It is even simpler with the payment plan!

| -2010 Renewals | | *2011 Renewals |
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| -Ace | -Patrick & Ellen McIntyre | *Tyler Calhoun, III |
| -Wm.R.&Gail Cahoun, Jr. | -Tommy Mikel | *Jeannette Dunn |
| _Butch Carey | -Alfred Norton | *Capt.Mike Eller |
| _Connie Walter | -Soni Patty | *Phillip & Melanie Gray |
| _Chris Connell | -Donald Rogers | *Jim Liufau Insurance Agency |
| _Roger Cox | -Sherry Rushing | *Jackie Johnsey |
| -Wm.Frank & Peggy Davis | -Connie Trullas | *John & Judy Lefler |
| -Destin Chamber of Commerce | -Russle Wamble | *John C. McGee & Family |
| -Dana Fagan | -Timothy Weeks | *Dan Martin |
| -First Florida Bank | -Paul & Donna Yokubinas | *Maurice & Evelyn Mettee |
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| -Joyce LaFontaine | *Monica Autrey | *Richard Wood |
| -Jeff & Judy Linn | *The Beachcomber | |
| -Patrick McCarthy | *Mrs. JA. Borden | |

We Salute Our Life Members

Benefactors: \$5,001 +

- City of Destin
- Legendary, HarborWalk Village
- Ray Shoults Family
- T.Henry & Associates
- Okaloosa County TDC
- Mike & Terry Long Family
- Dave Steele
- Mayor Craig & Callie Barker
- AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar
- Harry T's Restaurant

Gran Slam: \$2,501-\$5,000

- Bernarr & Candance Kelly
- Tractor & Equipment/ The Waitzmans
- Imogene Kelly
- Emerald Coast Centre/ Park Grimmer
- Wal-Mart Foundation

Blue Marlin: \$1,001-\$2,500

- Destin Fishing Fleet
- Donald & Betty Heifner
- Carol Kelly
- Capt "Salty" & Sarah Brunson
- Mrs. Pat McIlroy
- Ida Calhoun Scott
- Dotty Bingham
- Billie & Lisa Wilson
- Guy & Helen Donaldson
- Ladie Bea Lackey
- First National Bank & Trust
- Ed & Joyce Modica
- Sarah "Sam" Seevers
- Muriel R. Destin

We Celebrate Our Faithful Business Sponsors !

The Museum Staff and Board are so grateful for the many individuals and businesses that have stepped forward and given their support. We hope that you in turn give your support to the businesses that have been our faithful sponsors for our fundraisers and events.



General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting of the Museum was held Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

Officers:

President: Mike Long

Vice President: Dave Steele

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Secretary: Monica Autrey

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Richard Derek

Dan Empson

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Climbing the Family Tree

Associate Director's Corner

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The "Who Do You Think You Are" series is a popular show featuring the genealogical search of high profile celebrities. Each of you are important as the story-tellers of your family...which is done thru your memories and those of your family. We usually think of our memories as nothing important or interesting. But "our" normal is not necessarily everyone else's normal. A storyteller teacher and author commented that it has taken us a lifetime to acquire our memories and they are not remembered in a single thought! You must teach yourself how to bring them out of yourself and the elder members of your family in a process to pull together these "quilt scraps" to weave together stories. He said it is our obligation to share these stories. He adds that these stories are like a newborn which must be fed, loved and cared for, and cleaned up. These sometimes "hidden" memories of our lifetime can be triggered by a photograph, an event, a building, a place, a problem, a time of choice, or a person.

Try it: Find a picture in your family album. What story does it tell about the place, people, event, and time it was taken. Think of a place (today or in the past) where you would like to take someone. What happened there that makes it a special memory to you? Our lifetime is a cast of characters. Who was already in your cast when you were born? Other relatives & family friends? Teachers? Work? Your loves? Helped with problems?

MadiGras Parade



Jean Melvin, Dave Steele, Mike and Terry Long created a golf cart float to remember for the thousands of visitors to the HarborWalk Village MadiGras Parade which rambled from AJ's thru HarborWalk Village on Saturday, February 26. The golf cart was all decked out in purple, green, and blue with a giant Blue Marlin fish mount on the roof. Beads and Museum coupons were given out to the parade goers.



Community Outreach

- The Museum Staff is available to give presentations on the history of Destin at you community event or gathering. If you are interested, call the Museum to schedule a presentation.
- We are open for classroom and group tours or to reserve a private opening for your family reunion or birthday party.
- Let the Museum be the backdrop for your business executive board or committee meeting any evening.
- Call to set up you event today. 850-837-6611 or email Kathy Marler Blue at kathydestinhistory@embarqmail.com.



We would love to be a part of your next event!

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Destin History & Fishing Museum

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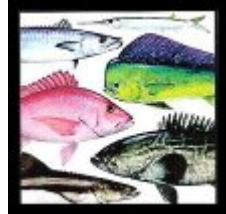
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Join or Renew Your Membership Today

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.

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

Mail to: Destin History and Fishing Museum P.O. Box 548 Destin, Florida 32540-0548

Thank you. Without your faithful and generous donations and efforts, the museum would not exist today.