

ECO EVENTS

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JUNE 6 The U.S. Green Building Council North Florida Chapter's Green Carpet Film Series continues with a screening of **Gasland** at 5 Points Theatre. This 2010 documentary by Josh Fox explores the trail of secrets, lies and contamination left by "fracking," the technique of hydraulically fracturing the earth deep under ground to release and collect natural gas. Learn more at www.gaslandthemovie.com. There will be a social hour beginning at 5:30 pm and the screening begins at 6:30 pm. Watch the trailer and get tickets (\$10) at www.5pointstheatre.com/movie/gasland.

JUNE 10 The Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter is holding a special event at 6:30 pm at the Mandarin Community Club. Enjoy dinner, a native plant sale, and a presentation by Dr. Craig Huegel titled "**Adding life to your landscape: Native plant landscaping for Florida's wildlife.**" Reservations for the \$30-per-person event should be made by June 4. For additional information, call 655-2550 or visit www.ixia.fnpschapters.org and click on "Chapter calendar of events."

JUNE 11 The Beaches Local Food Network has been hard at work creating a children's garden and gardening program in Neptune Beach's Jarboe Park. Come out and see the sensory garden, raised garden beds and more – all for kids! From 9-10 am, kids can take a "What's growing in the garden?" tour, water the garden, enjoy a book and/or music activity, and do a garden-themed craft or activity. This time, it's a **butterfly workshop!** Kids will learn about camouflage and create a butterfly craft. The event is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For more details and tips on preparing for the outing, visit www.beacheslocalfood-network.web.officelive.com/ChildrensGarden.aspx.

JUNE 11 Join the Sierra Club Northeast Florida Group to explore two **Florida springs** in one day! The group will meet at 9:30 am at Juniper Springs in Silver Springs, FL to walk the boardwalk there. They will then continue on to Alexander Spring for a walk, swimming, snorkeling, and/or canoeing. Bring or wear the appropriate clothing and gear for the activities. Entrance to each spring is \$5. Get more details and RSVP at www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group/events/18879921/. Too far to travel? The Sierra Club has many more activities going on in June! Check them out on their MeetUp page at www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group. By the way, the Sierra Club is having a limited-time membership special of \$15 when you join online, which includes a Sierra Club rucksack and other great benefits: www.tinyurl.com/SierraClubMembership.

JUNE 18 The U.S. Green Building Council North Florida Chapter's **Green Run 5K and 1-Mile Family Fun Run** will begin at 8 am at the University of North Florida Student Union.



The USGBCNF is partnering with 1st Place Sports, so either print the registration form at www.usgbcnf.org/assets/documents/macc/green%20run%20entry%20form.pdf or go to www.1stplacesports.com to register. The Fun Run is \$10, students with IDs can register for the 5K for \$15. Non-students are \$20 until June 1, \$25 until June 17, and \$30 on the day of the race. There will also be a green products show, shoe recycling, booths and more. Race participants will receive an organic cotton shirt. Naturally, the council suggests carpooling to the event!

JUNE 18 Kayak for a Cause! Join Kayak Amelia from 9 am to 12 pm for a great trip on the estuary of the St. Johns River. Proceeds from the \$55-per-person trip benefit St. Johns Riverkeeper. Reservations are required, so call 251-0016 or visit www.kayakamelia.com to get more info. and reserve your spot.

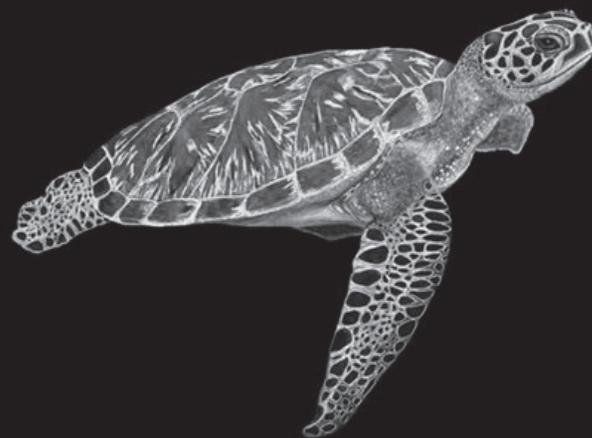
JUNE 25 The Friends of North Florida Community Gardens is sponsoring another FNFCG Caravan. From 9 am to 12 pm, join them at Hodges Boulevard Community Garden, 4140 Hodges Blvd., for tours, tasting and teaching. At 10 am, Mary Puckett of the Duval Extension Office will conduct a free gardening class, "Vegetables that Can Handle the Heat." Local chefs will prepare a tasting from the garden using local, fresh fruits and vegetables. Come out and meet your gardening neighbors!

JUNE 25 Bring the kids to Jarboe Park in Neptune Beach for another great morning at the Beaches Local Food Network's children's garden. From 9-10 am, kids can take a "What's growing in the garden?" tour, water the garden, enjoy a book and/or music activity, and do a garden-themed craft or activity. Kids will be creating **pizza-inspired culinary delights** right from the garden this time. The event is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For more information and tips for preparing for the outing, visit www.beacheslocalfoodnetwork.web.officelive.com/ChildrensGarden.aspx.

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Marie Carney for the Sea Turtle
Show at First Street Gallery



ART EVENTS

June 3 – 5 Draper Studio Store Sale Don't miss this sale of original works by Tony Rodrigues, Jim Draper, and others. There will be various prints and other works. Various studio materials, art supplies, frames, stretchers, surfaces, paint, tools, and all sorts of good stuff will be available at great prices. Sale begins Friday at 9 am and closes June 5 at 4 pm. Draper Studio Store Sale, 1508 King St, <http://www.drapergallery.com>

June 3 Uncommon Ground Exhibition Opening The Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach will open the exhibition Uncommon Ground on June 3, 6:30 to 8 pm. The artists, Mindy Hawkins, Judith Patterson, Pat Zalisko, and Glenn Ross, were clearly grouped with commonality, as each one brings an element of rebirth to their art. Exhibit runs through July 8. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 280-0614, www.ccpvb.org

June 3 MAC/Beth! This will be a joint exhibition of the works of Beth Haizlip and MACTRUQUE with opening reception Friday, June 3, 5:30 - 9:00 pm. Beth Haizlip presents all-new works in this exhibition. Beth's bold sense of color and unique composition and style evokes memories of Florida's natural beauty. Another Jacksonville favorite, MACTRUQUE, presents his latest works in the opening of this exhibit. Look for the unique style of artistic layering and impressionistic style that is loved by many in Jacksonville. Avondale Artworks, 3562 St Johns Ave, 384-8797, www.avondaleartworks.com

June 3 Byzantine-style Icons by Fernando Arango-Fernandez Local iconographer Fernando Arango-Fernandez (Gregorios) will hold an exhibition of Byzantine-style icons June 1 through September 25. A reception will be held on First Friday, June 3 from 5-9 pm. For more than a millennium, 306-1453 AD, Byzantium

developed a unique culture and created religious art in which the most significant feature was its "abstract" or anti-naturalistic character. St. Photios National Shrine, 41 St. George Street, St. Augustine, 289-8205

June 10 Seasons and Conservation in our Coastal Region Exhibit Opening reception June 10, 5 - 7:30 pm for The Beaches Museum's newest exhibit featuring the works of Mary Atwood, Scott Blake, Jim Draper, Keith Doles, Michael Frame, Ed Hall, Lehman McDonald, Shayna Raymond, and Matthew Winghart. The show demonstrates the unique and natural beauty of Florida, as seen through the eyes of award winning Florida artists, and informs visitors and natives alike about the fragile environments that sustain life in this region and what is needed to preserve them. Exhibit is curated by Lehman McDonald. The exhibit runs from June 1 through June 30.

June 18 HOME Acrylics and Old Photos by Diana Patterson Opening Reception June 18 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Diana Patterson's rural upbringing inspired an enormous appreciation for her natural environment. The water, plants, trees, animals, nature and flowers in her art attest that she would rather be outside than in. Diana works primarily with acrylics but also enjoys pen and ink and pastels. Exhibit runs June 1 through July 30. The Beaches Museum & History Center, 380 Pablo Ave, Jacksonville Beach, 241-5657 www.bm-hc.com

June 22 The Up & Cummers Art After Hours Event features a private, after-hours tour of the latest exhibition, On the Silk Road and the High Seas: Chinese Ceramics, Culture, and Commerce and the newly reopened Lovett Gallery, which houses The Wark Collection of Early Meissen Porcelain. 6 - 8 pm. Members of Up & Cummers-FREE, Non-members-\$10. BYOB. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens 829 Riverside Ave, www.cummer.org