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Tuesday - Saturday
10am to 4pm

Admission: Adults: \$5
Seniors & Military: \$4
Students: \$3
Kids Under 6: Free

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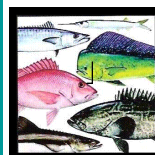
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Join or Renew Your Membership Today

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.

Yes, I Give My Support!

Name _____

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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.



Here's What's Happening at YOUR Museum!

- The DHFM is a member of the Panhandle Preservation Alliance, Okaloosa County Museum Co-Op., AAM, & FAM.
- History Alive ! : Descendants of early Destin families... We are documenting lineage from the 1st generation to present. Email Kathy or call the Museum!
- Miss Destin Soda Party April 7, 4 PM.
- Saturday, May 1 Belk Charity Sale from 6 to 11 AM
- Saturday, May 1 Founder's Day at the Community Center 11 AM to 1 PM
- Thursday, May 13 Annual Blessing of the Fleet

Museum Visitors

5,635 visitors toured the Museum during 2009!

January to May 2010
2,760 visitors have toured the Museum to date !

We look forward to a great year!!

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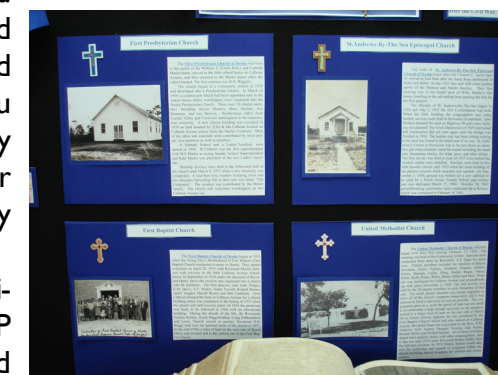
From the Staff

The latest news on everyone's mind is the BP oil disaster which occurred at the Deepwater Horizon site April 20 !! This far-reaching event has affected everyone in a domino effect. Historically, the people of Destin have joined together to help each other in times of need and trouble. This is one of those times!! If you are able, continue to spend what you can locally to help Destin's economy. We welcome your renewed memberships and donations of any amount.

The Museum has worked very diligently to increase attendance. Even with the BP disaster, our Spring visitor count has surpassed the average from the last four years. In 2009 we had 5,635 visitors to the Museum. In 2010 our year-to-date from January to the end of May has already been 2,760 !

Come visit and see our growing exhibits!!

Visit this new exhibit!



The early settlers of Destin worked together to meet their needs...including their spiritual needs. From a home's parlor to a modest structure to additional churches the Word spread.

Miss Destin Contestants



2009 Miss Destin

Kelsie Jacobs

2010 Contestants

Michele Browning
Katelynn Burns
Amanda Rolf
Taylor Rone
Rachel Wright

The 2010 Miss Destin Contestants along with the 2009 Miss Destin met on Wednesday, April 7 at the Museum for their "soda party".

Museum Goes Global



Ray Zukowski, in charge of www.neighborvision.com is teaming up with the Museum to really get our image out to the public. The website's motto is "**Building Neighborhood Spirit by Sharing Local Live Events**". They are shooting video footage at the Museum as well as interviews with Captain Reddin "Salty" Brunson, David Rojas, and Bill McDonald. Tales of early Destin as well as shark tale adventures were taped from these three great Destin residents.

Phillip Core, the Production Manager of Commonwealth Productions, filmed video of the Museum on April 16. This footage included filming of the Museum and interviews with Captain Reddin "Salty" Brunson. It will be aired in upcoming pieces for the Outdoor Channel and the World Fishing Network.

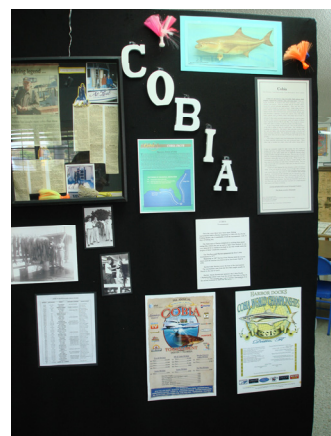
**Your artifacts
tell the story of Destin !!
Donate Today**

Fundraiser



May 1st, the Museum participated in the Belk Charity Sale. The Museum received \$98 from the presale of tickets and a portion of the revenue made during the event.

Belk Charity Fundraiser



Cobia migrate thru our area from March to May, creating many opportunities for exciting fishing. They are usually sight casted and often found beneath floating debris, or near turtles, sharks, rays, and headfish. They are pack fish and scavengers. Frank Helton, the local "Cobia King" is one of local old-timers who can share his experiences and expertise when it comes to cobia. The all tackle record is 135 lb. 9 oz. and the Florida record is 130 lbs. 1 oz.

Thank you to our Volunteers !!!

The Destin History and Fishing Museum has a troop of wonderful volunteers that enable us to follow-through with the special events and annual fundraisers.

Volunteers are the **Heart of the Destin History & Fishing Museum** and without these very important people we could not exist.! Thank you sincerely to all of you who support the mission either monetarily and/or with a helping hand.

Your free time, talents and special interests could help benefit the Museum. Please Share !!

*Give us a call
if you would like to volunteer!*

*We have volunteer openings
at the Museum every day
and for special activities !*



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Climbing the Family Tree

Associate Director's Corner
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Everyone loves a good story--and that goes double for kids. Ancestry.com has ten slick tips for involving kids in family history. Get them involved early in knowing about their heritage. If you don't...who will?

Speak to Your Audience: Mention finding a 110-year old passenger list with a bunch of names and dates on it and the kids may roll their eyes and run off. But tell those same kids the story about how that same ancestor spent three weeks crammed into the hull of a ship fending off sea-sickness and storms and you could find yourself with an audience begging to see the same list.

Play Up the Similarities: A 10-year old whose favorite past-time is building model ships may be thrilled to discover a great-great-great uncle who served on one during the Civil War. The only red-head in the family will love learning about the great-grandmother whose auburn locks she inherited.

Demonstrate the Difference: Have a soccer player in the house? Tell him or her how Granddad used to play "kick the can"--and why he wasn't playing games with brand new, store-bought toys instead.

Illustrate Your Stories: Every story and every person seems more real with images. Show family photos and relay stories of the people in each. Don't have a family photo? Find historic images from the time period in question and explain how your ancestor was affected.

Get Cooking: Can't convince the kids to be interested in their Italian roots? A hearty serving of homemade pasta and marinara sauce--complete with details about how the recipe was passed down through generations--may do the trick.

Know What They're Learning: Ask questions about what they're discussing in school. George Washington? Abraham Lincoln? Use events being covered in school as an open invitation to start a discussion about your family's personal side of that same historic moment.

Accept Limitations: Some children are born family historians. Others take a little more coaxing. Be patient, persistent, and most of all, make sure the stories are fascinating.

Be Excited: Family history isn't a contact sport but it can always use a good cheerleader. If you're excited about the stories you relate to the children, they'll be excited too.

Get Creative: Try projects like creating, coloring or decorating a family tree. Grandparents would love these gifts! Create your own scavenger hunt, in which members of a web-savvy younger generation search for specific people (family or historic figures) in the records online. Or write up a list of questions for each one to ask at the next family reunion--then offer a prize for the child who finishes first or finds the best answers.

Make Movies: Set children loose with video recorders (or audio recorders) and have them create documentaries about their own family. They'll focus on subjects that interest them and learn more about their personal history while doing so. And, you get a lasting reminder of how the family is seen through a child's eyes!