



Your weekly Emerald Coast Chapter News & Updates

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Please see attachments:

- **ABWA Ocala Chapter Event**
- **Crestview ABWA Fundraising Event**
- **Little Black Dress Fundraiser**

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Cindy Holden

Company: Painting With a Twist Job Title: Owner

Congratulations Darlene Dean, the March 2010 newsletter trivia winner.



Please join us for the

"Living with Bears Workshop"

at the Emerald Coast Conference Center

Saturday, March 6

9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Public Welcome

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center and Defenders of Wildlife are hosting an informational “Living with Florida Bears” workshop to the public on March 6 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island. Two sessions will be held, the first begins at 9:45 a.m., the second at 2 p.m. Each lasts approximately two hours.

Speakers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Defenders of Wildlife will share Florida black bear research and discuss how best to coexist with these creatures. There will also be a special report for Eglin bears. Come to the workshop and enjoy the premier of the film “Living with Bears” and get simple tips that should make you comfortable with Florida bears.

“There has never been a documented attack by a Florida black bear,” MC Davis, conservationist, said. “Never. Not once in Florida’s history. My hope is that the workshop will show people the importance of protecting the Florida black bear and its habitat.”

Everyone is welcome and children will receive a special souvenir.

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Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)
needs volunteers for upcoming events
and for everyday care of animals.

If you’re interested in becoming a volunteer, contact them via their website:

<http://www.paws-shelter.com/volunteer/volunteer.html>

or call them or stop by and visit them:

752 Lovejoy Road | Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

(850) 243-1525 | Fax (850) 664-0445 | info@paws-shelter.com

PAWS on the Throttle Motorcycle Poker Run – Sunday, March 14th, 2010

PAWS on the Throttle Motorcycle Poker Run; Registration at PAWS begins at 9:00 a.m., Last Bike out at 11:00 a.m., Last Bike in at 2:00 p.m. \$15.00 per hand, LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES, 50/50 Drawing, Prizes for Best and Worst Hands. [Click here for flyer](#)

PAWS 1st Annual Community Yard Sale – Saturday, April 3rd, 2010

PAWS 1st Annual Community Yard Sale; 7:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Northwest Florida

Fairgrounds on Lewis Turner Blvd. Bring the entire family for a day of “rummaging” all under one roof!! PAWS will also have adoption dogs on site. We will be offering microchips for \$15 and rabies vaccinations for \$5. We are now collecting donations for the Yard Sale. Donations can be dropped off at the NW FL Fairgrounds Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Other times and drop off locations can be arranged by calling 243-1525. [Click here for flyer](#)

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds Arts & Crafts Show – April 17th, 2010

The Northwest Florida Fairgrounds Arts & Crafts Show Event is from 8am - 5pm, PAWS will be on site from 11 am - 4 pm. We will have adoption dogs and will be offering microchips for \$15 and rabies vaccinations for \$5. Our booth will also be selling personalized pet tags.

"New Leash on Life" Dog Walk/Run & Adoptathon – Saturday, May 1st, 2010

Panhandle Animal Welfare Society’s “New Leash on Life” Dog Walk/Run & Adoptathon” at the Fort Walton Landing in beautiful downtown Fort Walton Beach. This event will be filled with many fun activities the entire family will enjoy. Late registration will begin at 8:00am and the walk/run will begin at 10:00am. The event following the walk/run will include training demonstrations, contests, Dachshund races, Doggie bobbing for weinies, PAW print station as well as many other fun activities.

Subject: RE: Volunteer at USO Lounge at Northwest Florida Regional Airport (VPS)

Good morning,

Thank you so much for your interest in supporting the new USO Freedom Lounge at the NWF Regional Airport. Currently we are in the construction phase. We anticipate opening in May/June timeframe. There are many volunteer opportunities for those interested. We will be holding orientation for potential volunteers mid to late March. When I have the dates of the orientations I will let you know. Once a potential volunteer has gone through orientation we ask them to fill out a volunteer application, including references. After the application is received and references checked we schedule an interview with the interested volunteer. Then the volunteer is ready for training and we can get them on the schedule. If you know of people who are interested, have them e-mail me and I will get them on our e-mail list. Please ask people to be patient with us as we want to train them as close to the opening as possible. It is very much a work in progress!

Thank you again for the opportunity to share with you about volunteering at our newest center! Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

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Hi. I missed you ladies Tuesday night! Unfortunately my women's bible study is also Tuesday night, but should be over by April. Anyway, I wanted to let you know that we are now selling tickets for the Little Black Dress Party (\$60). Tickets can be purchased thru me, Lisa Jo Spencer, Brigitte Sullivan or anyone on the committee. Men are also invited and do not have to wear a black dress if they don't want to! J

The event is May 22 and will feature a fashion show from Dillard's, a live auction, live band and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Could you send this email to the group for me? We are in need of auction item donations and sponsors! The sponsorship packet is attached. 100% of proceeds will benefit the Shelter House, Opportunity Inc and the local chapters of the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Thanks a ton!

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