



National Historic Landmark

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Meet the 2016 GS Board

President

Kay Cherry

Semi-retired
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Bill Lloyd

Retired Marina
Director

Acting

Secretary/Treasurer

Carol Visalpatara

At Large

Cal Allen

Artist
Gallery Owner

Dean Covey

Ret. Chemical
Engineer

Community Advocate

John Huft

Teacher

Rory Jones

Retailer

Sondra Groom

Wish List

We hope many of our members will make the time and take the opportunity to participate at least an hour of at least one day on the repair work scheduled March 25th to April 3rd. There will be something for everyone. Go hands-on and know you have made a difference. Call or email to sign on.

Second Saturday Sails

The *Governor Stone* sails St. Andrew Bay the second Saturday of each month. Members register until noon the Friday before. Remaining seats will be offered on the day of the sail to attendees of the Waterfront Farmers' Market. Volunteer to share the story of the *Governor Stone* at our Market Booth



for an hour or 5 between 8 am and 1 pm. This is important to our fundraising efforts and fun to chat with folks.

From the President –

We start a new year with a big thank you to our Board members who are stepping down, completing their terms. Harry Dennard served for 5 years including 2 years as President, John Darrah served for 4 years and Carol Visalpatara for 7 years, 6 as Secretary/Treasurer. Carol is graciously continuing the S/T duties on an interim basis. Please keep in mind our First Saturday Work Days and Second Saturday Sails as your time to write your name in the history of the *GOVERNOR STONE*. The last week in March is your opportunity to help us repair and restore to Keep History Alive.

--Kay Cherry, President

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Phone or email to get involved!!

Annual General Meeting

January 31

Friends met to share good food and friendship, review the past year and share our personal visions for the future of the Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. The 2016 annual general meeting was on the St. Andrew Bay at Landmark Condominiums. Gale Heuring and Amanda Huft provided a plethora of door prizes crowned by this embroidery of the vessel, won by Captain Bill Hamilton. The potluck was delicious, especially for those of us who love mini hot dogs. Plan to attend next year. The business part is short; the company is great.



First Saturday Work Day

Work days were dedicated to holiday decorations in December and January. This is the Governor Stone's fifth participation in lighted boat parades, and she again was alight each night by the Shrimp Boat Restaurant. We are seeking sedate, but spectacular ideas for next year. Sign up for the March 5th FSWD.

Meet Sondra

New Board member Sondra Groom comes from a local fishing family, and seems to have experience in just about everything. She works at Panama City Marina and seems to do just about everything there. We are fortunate to have her many talents.

Rocky Bayou State Park Pioneer Day



On November 14th folks learned the art of making of baggywrinkles and the story of the Governor Stone at this great family event.

Welcome New Members

Drew York Lynne Atkins
Liz Clark David Gale
Seth Chandler Lorraine Reder
Paul & Bettyjean Yergens

And welcome back to all our renewing members

Our members remain our strength and our future, assuring the future of the *Governor Stone*. Thank you all for your dedication, patience and service.

Sail Training

Potential captains and crew had hands-on training on November 15th. Are you interested in participating in the next session?

Lighted Boat

No words needed.



Filming at the Market



History –2000 Restoration

Thanks to Sally Williamson for donating her husband Charlie’s papers. They describe the 2000 Restoration done in Apalachicola. Robb White donated the bowsprit. He describes it to Charley.

“I have sawn out the new bowsprit for the old Stone. All I have to do is plane it just a lick and a promise... The bowsprit is cut the dimensions of your drawing except that I left the square end without the tenon and the octagonal end without the round nub for the eye. I figure y’all might want to make those just to suit what you have. I left you plenty of length..the spar is 25 feet long with all the extra at the square end. It is all heart, with the heart of the log boxed to the center of the stick. I did not have a tree big enough to get eight inches of all heartwood clear to one side of the heart and it is best, if you can’t do that to center it. It’ll check some, but that will be authentic. If you paint it as soon as you get it set up, that will keep the checking down. What happens is that the outside if the wood dries and shrinks quicker than the inside and, until all things become equal, there ain’t enough of the outside to cover the un-shrunk inside so something has to do something. After a few years, as the center gradually seasons and shrinks too, the checks will close back up so it is important not to fill them with any non-elastic putty or anything. Like I said, checks in the spars of old boats like the Stone are natural. It ain’t no built-stick yacht, after all. I assure you that this bowsprit will still be solid long after all us old desperados are long in the grave.”

S.O.S Once Again

We still need your help to assure the *Governor Stone* continues to sail. You can keep history alive. Please **help the Friends by clicking [DONATE](#)** button or make your Amazon purchases at **Smile.Amazon.com**, so they will donate to us. Or you can mail donations directly to Friends of the Governor Stone, P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549. Donations are tax deductible.

Please be a part of the solution!

If You Are Already Salty, Become a Seaman

If you have not yet joined, please do so to help keep her afloat.

Dues Schedule for Members	
Encourage your friends to support the Gov	
_____	\$25 ~ Steward Member (individual)
_____	\$50 ~ Cabinmate Members (family)
_____	\$100 ~ Old Salt
_____	\$250 ~ Seaman Donor
_____	\$500 ~ Staysail Donor
_____	\$1,000 ~ Foresail Donor
_____	\$5,000 ~ Mainsail Donor
_____	\$10,000 ~ Commodore Donor
The amounts are minimums per category	

All levels receive our newsletters. Members receive email notices when the vessel sails. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws. New members at each level and those who upgrade membership receive a keepsake of the *Governor Stone*. Some of these premiums are awarded at the Annual General Meeting in January. Plan to attend.