



We present and support community, educational, cultural and charitable activities for residents and visitors in Rosemary Beach and Walton County, Florida.

Spring Updates

Meet Our Executive Director

In this issue, we celebrate *Malayne DeMars, our Executive Director*. February marked her *10-year anniversary* with Rosemary Beach Foundation! The Foundation and our community are most fortunate to have Malayne in leadership, and we are extremely grateful that she is dedicated to service, collaboration, and fun!

Malayne has over 30 years of experience in non-profit administration, education, hospitality/tourism, event management, and community service. Her capabilities are far ranging, from fundraising to event organization, but her ability to develop partnerships and bring people together is unequalled. She has led the Foundation in enriching the sense of community among Rosemary Beach homeowners and in making a major impact in Walton County with our charitable partners. Malayne knows our community and its needs and works tirelessly to ensure that the Foundation's contributions align with those needs.



Malayne lives here in Rosemary Beach with her husband, Robert, and their two dogs, Satchmo and Norm. Malayne is active in and around Rosemary Beach, and you will often find her walking around the community, at the Fitness Center, bringing people together for fellowship, or involved in other community service activities.

Girls Getaway Weekend



The 16th Annual *Girls Getaway Weekend* was held in February to benefit the Rosemary Beach Foundation and our charitable partner, ASCENSION SACRED HEART EMERALD COAST HOSPITAL. Their new *Pediatric Emergency Room*, in Miramar Beach, will include 4 treatment rooms, 1 triage room, and 3 observation rooms, all with advanced equipment specially designed for diagnosing medical emergencies in children. Sick and injured children, ages 1 to 18, will be able to have specialized medical care close to home. Due to the great success of this event, we were able to present a \$12,000 donation to Sacred Heart.

This 4-day annual event is held for women to getaway, celebrate, and enjoy the beauty of Rosemary Beach and South Walton County. Each year it's packed with fun, food, learning, and laughter for women. Thank you to our sponsors, attendees and the countless volunteers who made this event special and so much fun!

Pictured: Jessie Ritter

Welcome Beach Bonfire on Rosemary Beach



**Ascension
Sacred Heart**



Presented by Rosemary Beach Foundation, the **10th Annual Music in Pictures** is an educational art initiative and juried art contest open to ALL students in grade K-12 in the Walton County school system – both public and private.

It encourages lifelong appreciation of symphonic music, enhances learning and provides educational enrichment. During the Fall 2020, students discovered the power of music through visual art, on-line interactive classroom presentations, and live stream classical performances by pianist, *Jihye Chang*.

The Music in Pictures project promotes creativity through the juried art contest where students create a painting of their interpretation of classical music.

Each school selected their student paintings for judging and public exhibition. From these entries, the judges selected Virtuoso**, Judges' Awards, Chairman's Awards, and Medalists.

**The Virtuoso awards were selected by Grammy award winning artists *Mark and Maggie O'Connor*. Mark is the composer of "Butterfly's Day Out" - one of the musical selections for the 2019-2020 Music in Pictures Program.

Visit our YouTube Channel to view the students' art interpretations of the music composition

HURRY! The 356 paintings are exhibited from March 1 - April 26, 2021, at the following locations:

- Amavida Coffee and Tea, Rosemary Beach®
- Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach
- Freeport Public Library, Freeport
- Ascension/Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast, Miramar Beach



Pictured: Student Medalist, Walt Cooper, "Up in Flames" 4th Grade, Van R. Butler Elementary School

Charitable Partner Spotlight



Northwest Florida State College Foundation

We would like to highlight one of our charitable partners. Rosemary Beach Foundation is a valued member of the Visionary Society within the **NFSC-Foundation.**

The *Rosemary Beach Foundation Scholarship Endowment* has been awarded to Paphitchaya Sahatsaphat. She is a junior in AS Health Services Management at Northwest Florida State College.

"I moved to Santa Rosa Beach, Florida from Thailand as an Au pair five years ago. I fell in love with the area and my host family. When my duties were finished a few years later, my host family encouraged me to stay with them and enroll in college at the nearby campus of Northwest Florida State College.

Imagine my surprise and delight when I received notification of this scholarship!

I work hard, am taking pre-nursing classes and hope to apply for the nursing program this year. It is such an honor to be the recipient of the *Rosemary Beach Foundation Scholarship* for the 2020-2021 academic year and would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support. Your scholarship has inspired me to work even harder and to become someone who can help others in the future. I cannot express my gratitude enough for your help. Thank you!" Paphitchaya Sahatsaphat



**NORTHWEST FLORIDA
STATE COLLEGE
FOUNDATION**

<https://nwfscfoundation.org/> Northwest Florida State College offers bachelor degrees, associate degrees, career certificates and adult education. NWFSC is located in Niceville.

2020 Volunteer(s) of the Year



GINNY and Jack Stalker bought their first home on 30A in Seagrove in 2008. They had the opportunity to watch the beach communities grow and flourish in their own way and decided Rosemary Beach felt the most like home to them and they became residents in 2014. To continue to foster that idea of home and community, they began supporting the *Rosemary Beach Foundation* four years ago when they started spending more time in our little town. They first began participating in popular Rosemary Beach Foundation events such as the cornhole tournament and the dog festival, *Unleashed*. From there they met Malayne DeMars and members of the Rosemary Beach Foundation Board of Directors and began volunteering in any capacity needed for the various Foundation events, as well as supporting the Foundation monetarily.

"Giving back to our community is very important to us. We are involved in several charitable organizations in Nashville and we did not want that to change just because we started spending more time at the beach. The Rosemary Beach Foundation was the perfect organization because they are right here in Rosemary Beach and they help a wide variety of causes in Walton County. It is rare to find a non-profit that champions so many charities. Organizations that support children and animal welfare are especially important to us and the Rosemary Beach Foundation offers us convenient and fun ways to give back to both. We have met some amazing people through the Foundation events. Many that will be friends for a lifetime. The Rosemary Beach Foundation has given us much, much more than we anticipated - more than we could ever repay." Ginny and Jack Stalker



**30A CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**

**Tickets On
Sale April 7th**

**Join us on Saturday,
April 24, 10:00am for
a day of friendly
competition.**

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Since 2006, Rosemary Beach Foundation has made a strong and ongoing commitment to offering community events, cultural programs and educational projects that benefit local charities, schools, and organizations.

Your willingness to contribute to our community foundation is vital to our growth and success. Our goal is to continue expanding our outreach and we value your help.

We invite you to become a "Friend of the Foundation" by donating today.

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