



March 2009 Calendar of Events

Presented by the Hernando County Tourism Bureau
352-754-4405 www.naturallyhernando.org

CHINSEGUT NATURE CENTER Open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. 352-796-6722
23212 Lake Lindsey Road (CR-476), Brooksville. www.MyFWC.com/Chinsegut

HERNANDO COUNTY ART GO-ROUND: "Art in Public Places" during business hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.
12 locations throughout Hernando County featuring local artists:

CITY HALL ART GALLERY - 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville **RISING SUN CAFE** - 10 So. Main Street, Brooksville;
CORTEZ COMMUNITY BANK (2 locations) - 1000 So. Broad Street, Brooksville; 12456 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill
DENTURE CARE CENTER - 18134 Powell Road, (south) Brooksville; **EASY STREET HOME DÉCOR** - 838 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville
NANETTE'S SPIRIT OF THE HAND GALLERY, 13157 Cortez Blvd. (near Circuit City); **PATIO PARADISE**, 7069 Coastal Blvd. (near Panera Bread);
SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES - 14269 Powell Road, (south) Brooksville
WEST HERNANDO / S.T.FOGGIA BRANCH LIBRARY - 6335 Blackbird Avenue (off SR 50), Spring Hill
WITHLACOOCHIE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE - 10005 Cortez Blvd., Spring Hill

FARMER'S MARKET -- Every Saturday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, novelty items. Downtown Historic Brooksville, Main Street in front of the Courthouse. Fresh fruits and vegetables, organic products including chocolate and soaps! www.risingsuncafe.com 352-428-9275

FRI. & SAT. NIGHTS GHOST TOUR 8:00 – 10:00 pm – by Reservation Only Hernando Heritage Museum, 601 Museum Court, Brooksville.

7 **SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR TONIGHT! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 am**

CONCERT FOR DAWN CENTER 7:00 pm Grace World Outreach Church, 20366 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Featuring Christian music artists Daniel Kirkley and Pam Seaman. Tickets: \$15.00 at the door. www.dawncenter.org 352-684-7191

MAP & COMPASS CLASS 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Chinsegut Nature Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Road (CR 476 west), Brooksville. Equipment Provided to learn map, compass and geocaching. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** 352-754-6722
www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm

SPRUCE UP THE GARDENS 9:00 am – 12:00 noon Nature Coast Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Ave., Spring Hill. Bring gloves and pruning shears, and refreshments to share! www.naturecoastbotanicalgardens.com 352-683-9933

FFA 3rd ANNUAL HUNTERS and SPORTSMAN'S BBQ and AUCTION 6:00 pm Coney Island Drive Inn, 1112 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville. All you can eat BBQ, raffles, games, silent and live auctions. Tickets: \$30.00 single; \$50.00 couple. Information and tickets: 352-797-7610

7 & 8 **16th ANNUAL WEEKI WACHEE SWAMP FEST Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm** Linda Pederson Park at Jenkins Creek, Shoal Line Blvd., Weeki Wachee. Swamp Monster costume contest, arts, crafts, entertainment. Vendors and food concessions. www.wswampfest.com 352-596-3987

12 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "YESTERDAY BEATLES SHOW"** Doors open: 6:30 pm **ONE fabulous show: 7:00 pm** Brookridge Clubhouse, 8351 Hampton Street, Brooksville. General seating: \$15.00 Tickets and information: 352-597-4320

SPRING HILL DRIFTERS CAR CLUB – CRUISE IN 5:00 – 9:00 pm Chick-Fil-A, 13143 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Oldies music, classic cars, prizes. www.chick-fil-a.com 352-596-2826

13 **INCREDIBLE EDIBLES 6:00 – 8:00 pm** Chinsegut Nature Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Road (CR 476 west), Brooksville. After the cooking demonstration, taste the edible wild plants and game. Bring your place setting! Pre-registration required. 352-754-6722
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY 6:00 pm Hernando Beach Club, 3145 Flamingo Blvd., Hernando Beach. Corned beef and cabbage and all the fixin's! Dance to the music of "Vintage". Members: \$10.00 Guests: \$14.00 Reservations only! www.hernandobeachclub.com 352-688-4976

13 & 14 **FLORIDA OLD TIME MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIP** Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Myers Road, Brooksville. Weekend full of music and fun. Camping available; alternative lodging nearby. www.sertomayouthranch.com or www.fotmc.org 352-754-3082

- 14 **SPRUCE UP THE GARDENS 9:00 am – 12:00 noon** Nature Coast Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Ave., Spring Hill. Bring gloves and pruning shears, and refreshments to share! www.naturecoastbotanicalgardens.com 352-683-9933
- 23rd ANNUAL SCRAMBLERS GOLF TOURNAMENT for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Youth Education Services**
Registration: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm Brooksville Golf & Country Club, 23466 Links Drive, Brooksville. \$75.00 per player. Includes hot buffet lunch, cart and greens fees. www.hernadosheriff.org 352-754-6830 – Ext. 53660
- FREE CONCERT – BANDSHELL BASH 4:00 – 8:00 pm** Hernando Park - Downtown Brooksville, 204 E. Ft. Dade Avenue, Brooksville. Bring your chair and find your spot under the majestic oaks for this 'Battle of the Bands'! Food & beverage available. www.brookvillebash.com or www.hernandoarts.org 352-754-4788
- ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER-DANCE 6:00 pm** St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 3485 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill. Corned beef and cabbage dinner – "bring your beverage". Music for dancing. \$12.00 per person. Tickets: 352-666-8149
- ASTRONOMY NIGHT 7:00 – 9:00 pm** Meet at Perry Oldenburg Mitigation Park, Deer Run Road (from Brooksville, take U.S. Hwy 41 north 4.5 miles to Deer Run Road. Turn east on Deer Run Road and go 1.5 miles to park entrance.) 352-754-6722
www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm
- 14 & 15 **17th ANNUAL AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW Sat.: 11:am – 5:00 pm; Sun.: 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm** Enrichment Center at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Plants available for sale. Free admission. 352-398-1679
- 15 **CELEBRATE MASARYKTOWN 11:30 am – "all day"** Masaryktown Community Center, 539 Lincoln Ave., Masaryktown. Annual Birthday dinner and dancing. Adults: \$12.00 Age 11 & under: \$6.00 352-796-3299 or 352-796-5433
- DINNER DANCE – FRANKIE DEE NEW YORK ORCHESTRA 2:00 – 5:00pm** VFW Post 10209, 14736 Edward R. Noll Drive (off Anderson-Snow Rd.), Spring Hill. Tickets: \$10.00 dancing only; \$6.00 additional for dinner. Reservations: 352-596-9486
- NATURE COAST FESTIVAL SINGERS 3:00 pm** Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee. Spring Concert includes Easter selections and Children's Chorale. Free. 352-597-2235
- 17 **"TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT 7:00 pm** Heffernan Hall at St. Anthony's Church, 20428 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Great prizes and great fun! Tickets and information 352-796-2096
- 19 **LONGLEAF PINE NEEDLE BASKET CLASS 10:00 am – 2:00 pm** Chinsegut Nature Center, 23212 Lake Lindsay Rd., Brooksville. Materials provided. Pre-registration required. www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm 352-754-6722
- SPRING HILL DRIFTERS CAR CLUB – CRUISE IN 5:00 – 9:00 pm** Chick-Fil-A, 13143 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Oldies music, classic cars, prizes. www.chick-fil-a.com 352-596-2826
- 19 – 21 **THEATER: "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU" 7:00 pm nightly & 2:00 matinee on 3/21** Nature Coast Technical High School "Black Box Theater", 4057 California Street, Brooksville. Presentation of the classic comedy winner of the 1936 Pulitzer Prize. Adults: \$10.00; Students \$6.00. 352-797-7088 / Ext. 296.
- 21 **MARKET ON MAIN STREET 8:00 am – 2:00 pm** Downtown historic Brooksville, Main and Broad Streets. Shop for art, antiques and fresh produce, crafts, and "treasures"! Visit historic Brooksville shops and sites. www.brookvillebusinessalliance.com 352-650-8648
- GAMES AND AUCTION 2:00 – 5:00 pm** Brooksville Womans Club, 131 So. Main Street, Brooksville. Annual Horse Races Game and auction fundraiser. Refreshments served. Free Admission. 352-799-3801 or 352-848-7988.
- ANNUAL BINGO BASH! 10:00 am** Brookridge Club House, 8150 Hampton Street (off Country Club Blvd.), Brooksville. Make your reservation now! \$40.00 per person includes coffee / tea & doughnuts and homemade lunch. Tickets and info: 352-597-3530
- MISS HERNANDO COUNTY and MISS TEEN HERNANDO PAGEANTS 11:00 am** Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street (US 41-south) Brooksville. www.hernandocountyfair.com 352-796-4552
- BIRDS OF PREY 10:00 am – 12:00 noon** Chinsegut Nature Center, 23212 Lake Lindsay Rd., Brooksville. A "Show and Tell" presentation by Doris Mager and her four birds of prey. www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm 352-754-6722
- ESL (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) WORK DAY** Enter off Centralia Road just west of Citrus Way, Brooksville. Bring gloves, insect repellent, sunscreen; sturdy shoes and eye protection required. Bring trail-clearing tools. www.hernandocounty.us/plan/ 352-754-4057
- 21 & 22 **NATURE COAST PET EXPO 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** Tom Varn Park, Darby Lane (off W. Jefferson), Brooksville. Pet contests, games, vendors, entertainment, food. Pets welcome (on leash). Admission: \$5.00; Under 12: free. www.naturecoasthumanesociety.org 352-796-2711
- 22 **NATURE COAST FESTIVAL SINGERS 3:00 pm** Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee. Spring Concert includes Easter selections and Children's Chorale. Free. 352-597-2235
- 26 **HERNANDO BUSINESS SHOWCASE 4:00 – 7:00 pm** Heffernan Hall, 20428 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. www.hernandochamber.com or www.hernandochamber.com 352-796-0697 Ext. 15
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- 28 **INTRODUCTORY ARCHERY WORKSHOP 10:00 am – 12:00 noon** Chinsegut Nature Center, 23212 Lake Lindsay Rd., Brooksville. Equipment provided. Pre-registration required. www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm 352-754-6722
- BUCCANEER BAY OPENS FOR THE SEASON!** Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, 6131 Commercial Way (US 19), Weeki Wachee. www.weekiwachee.com 352-596-2062
- FORMER MERMAIDS PERFORM Noon (subject to change)** Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, 6131 Commercial Way (US 19), Weeki Wachee. Park admission. After the show, enjoy the rest of the day at Florida's newest State Park! www.weekiwachee.com 352-596-2062
- HERNANDO HILLS HI-LITES "16th HARMONY ON PARADE" SHOW 2:00 pm** Stage West Community Theater, 8350 Forest Oaks Blvd., Spring Hill. Exciting musical program performed by women's chorus, featuring America's best loved and most popular songs. Door prizes. Admission: \$12.00 advance; Students: half price. Group prices available. 352-686-4122
- "RELAY FOR LIFE" WINE TASTING 6:00 – 8:30 pm** Strong Tower Vineyard and Winery, 6257 Swan Lane, Spring Hill. Wine-tasting, hors d'oeuvres, limited edition hand-painted wine-glass keepsake. \$25.00 Advance; \$30 at the door. Tickets: 352-686-0407
- JIMMY KEYS – THE ULTIMATE IN MUSIC, COMEDY AND IMPRESSIONS! 7:00 pm** Hernando Performing Arts Center, 700 Bell Avenue, Brooksville. \$25.00 - All seats reserved. Tickets: 352-799-5577.
- 29 **FORMER MERMAIDS PERFORM Noon (subject to change)** Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, 6131 Commercial Way (US 19), Weeki Wachee. Park admission. After the show, enjoy the rest of the day at Florida's newest State Park! www.weekiwachee.com 352-596-2062
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APRIL 2009

- 3 & 4 **ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE 9:00 am – 2:00 pm** Nature Coast Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Ave., Spring Hill. www.naturecoastbotanicalgardens.com 352-683-9933
- 6 – 12 **HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR AND YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW** Hernando County Fair Grounds, 6436 Broad Street (US 41), Brooksville. Midway, entertainment, livestock shows, competitions, demolition derby, food and fun. www.hernandocountyfair.com 352-796-4552
- 6 – 13 **SPRING BREAK – BUCCANEER BAY OPEN ALL WEEK!** Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, 6131 Commercial Way (US 19), Weeki Wachee. Park admission. www.weekiwachee.com 352-596-2062
- 18 **FISHING TOURNAMENT FOR HOSPICE 9:00 am** Launch from Bayport. \$100 per angler with own boat, bait, tackle; \$500 includes boat, bait and guide. Entry fee includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, gift bag. Great prizes! Register early! 352-799-8423
- 25 **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 9:00 am – 2:00 pm** Nature Coast Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Ave., Spring Hill. Guest speakers, vendors, entertainment and refreshments. www.naturecoastbotanicalgardens.com 352-683-9933
- April 25 thru JUNE
Weekends **2009 FLORIDA USBC STATE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS** Every weekend Spring Hill Lanes and Mariner Lanes. Watch the State's best bowlers compete for the Championship prize! More details to come!

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- 2 & 3 **25th ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK – ART, CRAFT & MUSIC FESTIVAL** Tom Varn Park, Brooksville. Juried show. Application deadline: April 4, 2008 Artist and food vendor applications: www.hernandoarts.org 352-754-4788

For additional information on events, places to go and things to see call **HERNANDO COUNTY TOURISM**
@ 352-754-4405 or 1-800-601-4580 or check our website at www.naturallyhernando.org

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