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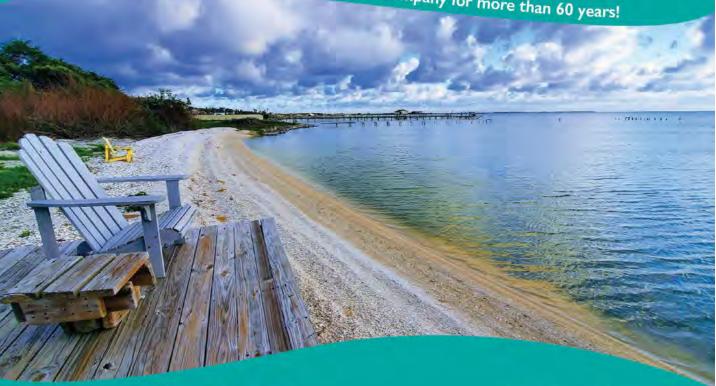
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ABOUT the COVER: *DIANE LOYD SCHIMIDT* has been photographing birds and other wildlife, from the skyies to underwater, for 30 years. Her once in a lifetime, captivating birding images are in many collections and over 100 of Diane's photos have been published. The most famous being Whooping Crane photos of the "Lobstick twins". She has canvas and prints available of wildlife, birds, and marine images at her gallery that invites you to enjoy all things birding and Coastal. Photo commissions are welcome. Also check out "Diane & Glynn's Hummer Ranch" during the Hummng-bird Festival. Visit on line at **www.SaltflatsPhotography.com** Find them downtown at 415 South Austin St. #9 *361-790-9700*

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Calendar of I vents

Monthly: Austin Street Art Walk is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10am-7pm is a walkable art experience along Austin St. in the Rockport Cultural Arts District.

For Information www.RockportArtCenter.com

July 6-7th: 56th Annual Art Festival. Fun, food and amazing art in all medias. wwwRockportArtCenter.com

July 4th: Wendell Family Fireworks Display, Boat Parade. Come to the Ski Basin and watch the entertainment ... Rockport is THE place to be on the Fourth of July!

July 27-28th: TSA Youth Sailing Rockin' Rockport Regatta. Held at the Rockport Yacht Club at 722 Navigation Circle. Info: www.RockportYachtClub.org

September 19-22: 36th Annual Hummingbird Festival. Come see exhibits, Hummer tours and shep the town for "tried and true" birding supplies. Info: www.Rockport-Fulton.com

October 4-6th: 48th Annual Seafair. Celebrate with us!! Family fun, food, cook off, boat & car show and entertainment.

Info: www.Rockport-Fulton.com

October 12th: Shopping Tournament. Shop 'til-You-Drop. Teams of 4 players join the shopping game with prizes, food and fun. Info: www.acefoundation.org

October 26th: 47th Annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Raising money to keep duck populations and habitats healthy. Call Tackle Town in Rockport for tickets and more information 361-729-1841

October 26th: Fulton Fall Festival. Fun & games for the whole family. Trunk or Treat, costume parade, food trucks, vendors and live music. Free admission at the Fulton Harbor Festival Fair Grounds, 1500E Laurel 10am-2pm. Info: www.RockportArtCenter.org

Monthly: Downtown Rockport Maker's Market the Second Saturday every month and shop the outdoor market featuring handmade items from local artisans in the Courtyard of the Daily Grind located at 302 S. Austin St. For Information: Contact Michelle at the Daily Grind

November 7-10th: Film festival: A 4 day event that highlights talent from Texas, the country and the world! www.RockportFilmFest.com

November 3-4th: Lamar Market Days. 10am-7pm each day at the Lamar Fire Dept at 302 Bois D'arc. Community wide garage sale, scavenger hunt, car show, BBQ and more. Vendor applications at: www.lamarvfd.com Info: 361-205-0070

November 7-10th: Annual Songwriter Festival. Hosted by the Home of Guy Clark at Charlotte Plumber's Complex. Live performances each day. Info: 361-729-1185 or www.CoastalBendMusic.com

December 7th: Rockport's Tropical Christmas Festival. Lots of family fun with the Boat Parade and Lighting of the Tree. Local organizations have created displays for Christmas on the Beach which are located at the Christmas Tree Circle Car tours until December 31st

December 6-7th: Christmas Tour of Historic Homes. Holiday decorations and docents in vintage dress. 1-5pm both days. www.TheHistoryCenterForAransasCounty.org

December 1st:Lamar Gumbo Palooza scholarship benefit on Park Rd 13 at Pop's Tavern & Café. Cookoff, live auction, 50/50 and more fun! Pick up applications at Pop's Info: 361-729-2862

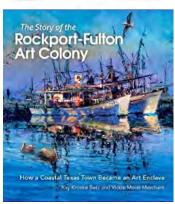
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THE ABC'S OF THE ROCKPORT-FULTON ART COLONY:
ARTISTS AND THEIR INSPIRATION" by Kay Betz and Vickie Merchant has been released as a children's book. It is a companion publication to "The Story of the Rockport-Fulton Art Colony: How a Coastal Town Became an Art Enclave," which will be released by the Texas A&M University Press in April 2022. Featuring a cover by legendary Rockport artist Steve Russell, A&M has had to postpone the release because of Covid. Both books' proceeds have been donated to the History Center for Aransas County by the authors. The ABC book is available at the History Center, the Center of the Arts, Chamber Visitor Center, New Beginnings and the Daily Grind. H.E.B. Tournament of Champions funded both books. More information available at: https://www.TheACHistoryCenter.com

THE ROCKPORT CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT has unveiled the larger than life bronze sculpture series by Steve Russell "Cultural Interface" at the Beach. This sis a must see on your trip to Rockport! More information is available on this project and Steve Russell can be found on page 16 of the Rockport Guide.

https:RockportCulturalArtsDistrict.com/ Cultural-Interface-Major-Public-Art-Initiative/.

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MOVIES INC has opened their second location in Aransas Pass; MOVIES INC ARANSAS! Locally owned and operated, this is a movie theater like you have never seen! It's an experience for the whole family with a unique aviation theme, plus there is a REAL WWII Douglas A-26 Invader plane inside the theater. First run movies with the newest sound and projection equipment available and new extra wide premium leather seating. Get your candy, popcorn and a drink. If you would like an adult beverage, beer and wine is available. Check their website for movies and showtimes at: **www.movies-inc.com.** With two locations Movies Inc - Calallen is at 4222 Wildcat Dr. Corpus Christi TX 78410 and Movies Inc - Aransas is located at 1277 Hwy 35 Bypass Aransas Pass TX 78336.



Family Fun

THE HISTORY CENTER FOR ARANSAS COUNTY located at 801 E. Cedar St. features changing exhibits each year. In 2024 named exhibits will be: May-Sept **FESTIVALS of ROCKPORT-FULTON**. Sept **GHOST TOWNS OF COPANO BAY** Nov-Dec **Holidays** The 1800's Queen Anne cottage houses galleries, a gift shop, and a library for onsite reading. KACB hosts a Plant Exchange on the second Saturday of most months, 10am-12pm. Programs featuring talks related to exhibits are offered on several Sundays each month and the galleries are open Monday & Friday 10am-2pm and Saturday & Sunday 1pm-4pm. Up to date schedule can be found on the website: www.theACHistoryCenter.com

A GHOST IN MARITIME AMERICA by RICHARD LAMB Richard weaves "A Tall Texas Rockport Tale" where the Copano Irregulars come alive. No one expected Vietnam Veteran, Davis Sinclair, to die of a snakebite while out photographing Whooping Cranes at the Aransas Wildlife Refuge. When his special friends the "Copano Irregulars" hear the sad news from his sister at their favorite American Legion bar, they wonder how his materialistic ex-wife will behave at his funeral. Instead of holding his service at the church or cemetary, they gather at the Quanset Hut on his 80 acre ranch near Goliad to share wild stories of fun times with their beloved friend. Little do they suspect what the always unpredictable Davis had in mind for them. Intregued? Go to Amazon Books and find out what happens!



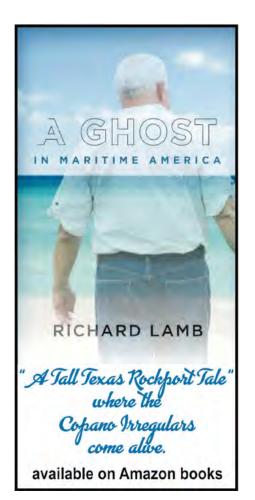
for more information and exhibition dates go to their website at:

www.theHistoryCenterforAransasCounty.org email: fohcoffice@gmail.com

USS LEXINGTON This WWII era aircraft carrier is a National Historic Landmark and one of the top attractions in Texas. And at 910 feet, 33,000 tons and 16 decks, she's huge! Five self guided tours take you from the Flight and Hangar Decks down to crew living areas and Engine Room. The 3D Mega Theatre, Flight Simulator and Virtual Battle Stations add to the fun and interactive experience. Wear comfy shoes and plan to spend several hours on this historic ship. Open daily at 9AM on North Beach in Corpus Christi (closed Christmas and Thanksgiving days) with Ship's store, Mess deck and most areas air-conditioned. www. USSLexington.com For more Information call: 800-LADY-LEX







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USED BOOK WAREHOUSE has been family owned and operated since 1971 on Hwy 35 N. in Fulton. They have opened their new second building and it is now twice the size! Twice the number of books! Stop by and find a treasure house of titles, old and new. There are thousands of books here, from "shoulda' read it in the eighth grade" classics to ripped from today's headlines" page burners. There is a huge inventory of used books here to serve the reading public in the area. Clean off your bookshelf

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Shopping

ANN MARIE JAMES BOUTIQUE is one of downtown Rockport's newest additions. Owner Carrie Harmon has opened a unique boutique carrying women's

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DOVIE'S HAND-PAINTED WEARABLE ART is available on shirts, T-Shirts, totes, hats and more. Visit her in downtown Rockport in the Cultural Arts District at Salt Flats Gallery 4 the Birds. Dovie specializes in Hummimg Birds, Coastal birds and wildlife motifs. This is a cool stop for those birders exploring the area. Books and identifiers for birders, updated information about birding tours and trips, bird houses and martin houses, bird feeders of all kinds and much more, including unique birding gifts, wind socks, flags, whirly things and colorful kites! Enjoy the birding photography of Diane Loyd whose images of Rockport birding are in many collections. This unique mother and daughter artist team invites you to enjoy all things birding. Also check out "Diane & Glynn's Hummer Ranch" during th Hummingbird Festival. Visit on line at www.SaltflatsGallery.com or Facebook Find them downtown at 415 South Austin St. #9 in Rockport. For more information call 361-790-9700







SONGBIRD CHIC, Decor for Your Nest is your go to place for Inspirational Gifts, Table Linens, Scentchips and much more for your home and garden. Chimes, signs, clocks, aprons, kitchen linens, coffee cups and many items with a Casual Living flair. They also have a delicious selection of Chocolates that will have you craving to come back. This is the perfect place to find the special gifts and cards for someone you cherish. Stocking a beautiful selection of candles, scents, journals, Bibles, covers, devotionals and so much more! Located at 416 S. Austin St. in the Cultural Arts District. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5:30pm and Sunday 1pm-4pm Follow them on Facebook or Call at **361-450-1418**

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"Phoenix rising from the ashes" after Harvey destroyed his previous studio. Stop by the new studio that he has settled into and visit with Ruben "Sazon". You will no doubt find him working on one of his original unique pieces of jewelry or painting one of his beloved Whooping Cranes. Sit with Sazon and have a one of a kind piece designed especially for you! Or choose from many of his ready made designs, such as his reknowned SOUL MATE ring. Stop by and get your complimentry Origami Crane. Located at: 213 South Austin Street in historic downtown in the Rockport Cultural Arts District. 361-205-7226



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NEW BEGINNINGS "Your Favorite Store" offers a wonderful array of gifts, jewelry, candles, fashion accessories home decor, lamps and room accents. You'll find scarves, hand bags, purse accessories and fashion jewelry as well as unique and original jewelry hand made in Israel by MARIANA. They also have luxurious bath products and wonderful home fragrances. Located at 410 S. Austin Street in the Rockport Cultural Arts District. Stop by and see why their customers say "This is my favorite store"! Open Mon-Sat 10am to 5pm and Sunday afternoons 12 til 4pm. Visit their website at:

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Shopping ...

ATTITUDES & LATITUDES is Rockport's comfortable stylish clothing for the whole family. There is an amazing assortment of real Hawaiian shirts by PACIFIC LEGEND and TORI RICHARD for the guys. Cool coastal fashions for the gals, including the latest from ORIENTIQUE from Australia, Yellow Box Flip Flops, Keren Hart, Caite, Ehtyl, Kyla Seo and the fabulous Bogg Bags. The Children's Corner, LITTLETUDES, carrying Hawiian shirts and dresses. Come by and check it out! This is a shop for the whole family to browse. Open: Monday-Saturday 10:30am-5pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm. Located at 209 S. Austin St. 361-450-8180

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GOIN' COASTAL OUTFITTERS is one of the newer addition to our downtown shopping and has already expanded! Stop by and shop the "Coolest T-Shirt Shop in Town". It is not just your average T-Shirt Shop, their shirts are designed in house and are uniquely Rockport. They are in love with gulf coast sunsets, puny statements, and everything beachy. Goin' Coastal is a family owned business by Rockport Natives, that strive to make sure your visit to our small town is memorable. You can't leave Rockport without grabbing a scoop of Blue Bell at the Ice Cream Bar inside of Goin' Coastal, and strolling the streets of Historical Downtown Rockport. GC is located at 105 S. Austin St. in the Cultural Arts District. Call at 361-450-0768 or visit our website for seasonal hours. www.GoinCoastalTx.com

SANDPIPER LANE the Coastal kids store, is Rockport's new, adorable children's boutique! You can find everything for kids there from clothing to beach toys to room decor. Need a unique baby shower gift? This is the place for one of a kind baby items and cute outfits. Sandpiper Lane has lots of fun arts and crafts, toys, stuffed animals and a Candy Shoppe with over twenty different flavors of cotton candy. They've also included your fur babies with dog and cat toys & treats, as well as gifts for pet parents. They are located at 1700 Hwy 35 N in Rockport. Hours open are: Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm & Sun 12:30pm-4pm. Visit on line at www.SandpiperLaneKids.com

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Health & Beauty



TÓRA is Rockport's newest Premier Boutique Spa in the charming Downtown Cultural Arts District; owner Carissa Horalek. Theier expert professionals offer the latest modalities in Corrective Skin Treatments, Relaxing Facials and Cosmetic Injectable. They also carry a curated selection of skincare, bath and body products. Stop in and shop their wellness & lifestyle boutique for the perfest gift for a friend, loved one or yourself. Give the gift of selfcare. Gift cards are available for purchase and Scheduling is made easy. You can find *TÓRA* on Social Media-Instagram, Facebook, Google or Website **www.bytora-tora.com** Located at 415 S. Austin St. Suite 4 **361-450-8029** or email at: toraskinandwellness@amail.com

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HANNAH MO FERRI is a 5th generation Coastal Texan! Hannah has salt in her soul and sand in her bones. Celebrating the coastal way of life is genuinely in her bones. Graduating with a Masters's from Texas A&M and then working in marketing and social media for some of the world's largest companies, Hannah decided to make a change in 2019 and focus on Rockport. Hannah is invested in the community and serves on multiple community organizations, including RF Young Professionals, the Tourism & Development Council, and organizes the Rockport Downtown Farmers Market. She co-owns Goin' Coastal Outfitters with her mom and sister and loves being a part of this community. Give Hannah a call the next time you need to buy, sell, or invest in property at 361-877--9686

Where to Stay

KEY ALLEGRO REAL ESTATE Key Allegro Rentals offers privately owned residences for weekend, short term or long term rentals. All properties are fully furnished and range from luxury homes to condominiums and most are on the water. Bring a good book, your fishing gear, bathing suit, sunscreen, a healthy appetite and a laid-back attitude to enjoy all that Rockport has to offer. Just over the Key Allegro Bridge at 1798 Bay Shore Dr. Visit on line at www.KeyAllegro.com Email: rentals@keyallegro.com, or call 361-729-3691 or 800-348-1627

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Located: 1919 Hwy 35 N. in Rockport. Web: www.RockportMailCenter.com

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ROCKPORT AUTO CLINIC should be first on your list if you have car problems or just need some maintenance. Tune ups and Oil changes, Alignments, Computerized Diagnostics, AC and Electrical systems, Belts and Hoses, Engine Warning lights and much more. They are professional ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Certified mechanics with a friendly knowledgeable staff. Most jobs are same day service and all repairs come with a 2 year/24,000 mle Nationwide Warranty! They can provide "Car Care One" financing for those unexpected break downs. Stop in and get acquainted. Conveniently located at 2314 S. Church St.

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Home & Garden

COAST & COTTAGE -A Collection for the Beautiful Life-is a Rockport one of a kind shop carrying fun, elegant decor for your Cottage or Beach house, gifts and jewelry. Beth has searched and found so many unique items where the companies gives back to communities. She has hand crafted gorgeous Boho and Sea Glass jewelry, tempting gourmet candies, body and bath luxuries and unique handbags and purses. Ready to go to the beach or out on the town find your Kimonos and wraps here. This is the shop for keepsakes & gifts and also cute four-legged-friend accessories and bakery-style dog cookies supporting animal rescue. Open: Monday-Saturday 10am-5:30pm and Sunday 12:30pm-4pm. Located at 1700 Hwy 35N on the corner of Glass Ave. Website: www.MyCoastAndCottage.com. Follow them on Facebook & Instagram. For more info call 361.450.50920

SONGBIRD CHIC, Decor for Your Nest is your go to place for Inspirational Gifts, Table Linens, Scentchips and much more for your home and garden. Chimes, signs, clocks, aprons, kitchen linens, coffee cups and many items with a Farmhouse flair. They also have a delicious selection of Chocolates that will have you craving to come back. This is the perfect places to find the special gift and card for someone you cherish. Stocking a beautiful selection of candles, scents, journals, Bibles, covers, devotionals and so much more! Located at 416 S. Austin St. in the Cultural Arts District. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5:30pm and Sunday 1pm-4pm Follow them on Facebook or Call at **361-450-1418**

ANN MARIE JAMES BOUTIQUE is one of downtown Rockport's newest additions. Owner Carrie Harmon has opened a unique boutique carrying women's clothing from small to plus sizes, shoes, jewelry, accessories and home decor. Come in and enjoy a shopping experience with a free glass of wine or water while taking in brands such as , UMGEE , ENTRO and SILVER in jeans, shorts, slacks, tops, dresses and rompers. Ann Marie James stocks jewelry by PINK PINACHE, TAYLOR & SHAY and many more. Also, carrying home goods by MUD PIE and more. Carrie is no stranger to the retail business as she grew up working for her grandmother, Mary Albert, in her very successful Rockport Boutique, SUNDIAL inc., that many well remember. Ann Marie James is located just a few doors west of Austin St at 1005 East Main St Suite #3 in Downtown Rockport. Open Daily in the summer. See her website at **www.**

AnnMarieJamesBoutique.com or Call at 361-330-0257

Galleries

WIND WAY GALLERY presents outstanding work by professional fine artists in a warm, intimate setting. The gallery is a showcase for these local artists who are hometown favorites as well as state and national exhibitors. The gallery artists are June Ainsworth, Angalee DeForest, Pamela Keyman Fulcher, Lorrie Harrington, Lisa Millard, Genie Mysorski, Sandy Reese, Rebecca Bridges Rice, Barb Robinson and Greta Watkins. Wind Way Gallery proudly represents internationally renowned sculptor, Kent Ullberg. Our guest artists include C. Micheal Couvillion, Stan Irvin, Martha Berkebile, Betty Shamel, Jimmy Stutz, Susie Bracht Black, Sally Mitchell and Fred Tate. Additional guest artists add to the flavor that makes Wind Way a favorite of serious art lovers and visitors to the coast. Visit them at 203 S. Austin Street in downtown Rockport under the bright blue awning. Online at http://www.WindWayGallery.com or on Facebook. You can call at



361-790-8331 or email: windwayart@gmail.com

Every June and July, RCA hosts it's flagship summer program ART SPACE: Summer Art Exploration for kids & teens. Local children entering grades 1-8 in the upcoming school year are able to attend a full week of Art Camp for free. During the week we expose children to as many art media as can fit into a week including drawing, painting, mixed media, collage and even pottery! This summer will be the 26th annual summer season.

DOWNTOWN ROCKPORT MAKER'S MAR-

KET is held at the Rockport Daily Grind Courtyard every 2nd Saturday of the Month with Local Artisan displaying their wares.

SPECHT ART What do you buy the person who has everything? Artwork! It is the gift the continues to give for a lifetime and beyond. You are sure to please them with a commissioned painting by Ellie Specht of their favorite pet or special place. Specializing in Pets, Coastal Sporting Art, Texas Western & Rodeo Art and Wildlife. Check out her Facebook page SPECHT ART. Email at **ellielummus@yahoo.com** for more imformation or call Ellie at: **361-463-1371**

"Cultural Interface"

A Significant New Public Art Sculpture for Rockport

Photo by John Martell
by renowned Rockport artist
Steve Russell

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"CULTURAL INTERFACE" The formal unveiling of a major public artwork, "Cultural Interface," by noted Texas artist Steve Russell was held on the shores of Little Bay in Rockport. Spearheaded by the Rockport Cultural Arts District (RCAD), the initiative has been a joint project with the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND), and privately funded through donations from foundations, businesses, patrons, and fellow artists. The bronze sculptures recognize the multicultural heritage of Rockport, honoring those who have inhabited and explored Aransas County. A native of Rockport, Russell was chosen as the cover artist for a 2022 Texas A&M University Press book, "The Story of the Rockport-Fulton Art Colony: How A Coastal Texas Town Became an Art Enclave." Throughout his career, Russell has been a supporter of historical, environmental and conservation causes and organizations. Jennifer Day, RCAD's Executive Director, noted, "We have been honored to lead the effort to have Steve's sculptures become a reality. They are an impressive addition to Rockport's public artwork, reflecting our heritage for many generations to come." https://RockportCulturalArts-District.com/support/



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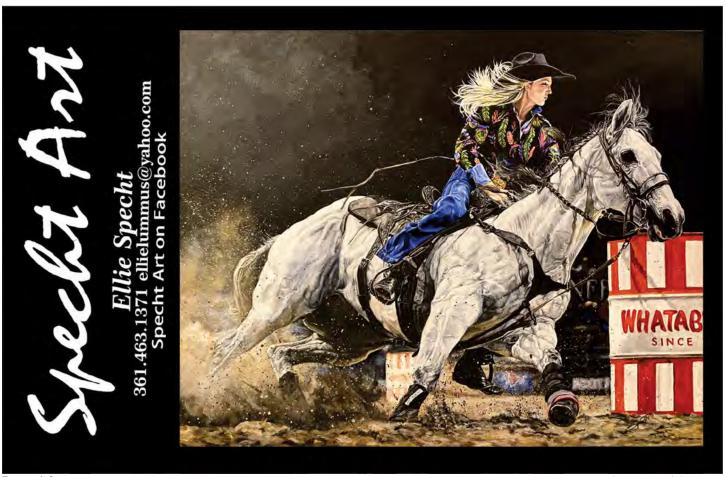


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COAST MODERN a unique blend of Coastal Art, Picture Framing and Coastal gifts, this little gallery will please Locals, tourists and serious collectors alike. Coast Modern is a complete custom frame shop with a wide selection of materials and frames to meet any budget. Art demonstrations and art discussions are offered throughout the year. The Art collection at Coast Modern is second to none, with a modern twist of the old Rockport Masters. Come Relax, Enjoy and get inspired! Open: Wednesday - Saturday 11 am-4pm and we are also available by appointment. Located 1012 E. North St. in Downtown Rockport. Coast modern is conveniently located across the street from the new Rockport Art Center. Our preferred social media is Instagram @3rdcoastmodern but you can also find us on Facebook at 3rdcoastmodern. Visit our website at

www.CoastModern.net to shop 24/7 or to find out more about us or feel free to call our business line 361-450-0487





SALT FLATS GALLERY/DIANE **LOYD PHOTOGRAPHY** invites

their wildlife friends to visit them in downtown Rockport and enjoy the photography of Diane Loyd. Her once in a lifetime, captivating birding images are in many collections and over 100 of Diane's photos have been published. Home of the famous Whooping Crane photos of the "Lobstick twins"... Canvas and prints are available of wildlife, birds, and marine images. This is a gallery that invites you to enjoy all things birding and Coastal. Photo



commissions are welcome. Also check out "Diane & Glynn's Hummer Ranch" during the Humming-bird Festival. Visit on line at **www.SaltflatsPhotography.com** Find them downtown at 415 South Austin St. #9 in downtown Rockport. *361-790-9700*

STEVE RUSSELL is a native Rockport artist well known for his coastal scenes of the Texas Coast. Steve captures the simplicity, natural beauty and tranquility of the vanishing Texas Gulf Coast fishing communities with a durable clarity. His work has expanded with scenes of his travels of United States and Europe. He has originals, Giclee prints on canvas and archival paper in sizes from 8 x 10 in up to 30 x 40 in. Many of the prints have been individual enhanced by the artist's hand which makes them each one of a kind. Visit Steve's website to see some of his amazing artwork at **www.SteveRussellArt.com** and call Steve for inquiries on pricing, sizes or to make an appointment at 361-205-0118

DOWNTOWN FARM-ER'S MARKET is held every 2nd Saturday 9am-12pm. Exhibiting locally grown produce, jams, jellies, pickled items, cottage canned goods, fresh baked bread, local honey, eggs and freshly made goat soap. Located at 105 S. Austin St

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ERZSEKE has been creating art for as long as she has been alive. Growing up with an artist for a mother with many artist friends such as Steve Russell, she was greatly influenced in her formative years on the importance of learning traditional art forms and expanding from that. Her mother tirelessly encouraged her to paint, however it wasn't until her adult years after being gifted a set of acrylic paints, that her paintings evolved into colorful one of a kind masterpieces. She has always been greatly fascingted with people and their unique stories. greatly fascinated with people and their unique stories, now capturing memories in her use of mixed media, resin and brightly colored acrylic paints. Erzseke was formally trained in the Arts while attending TCU receiving a B.S. in Fashion Merchandising and a Minor in Fine Arts. She is pictured here with some paintings from her "YEE HAW" series. Let her create a custom piece for you that brings life back to a memory of a parent, relative, hero or someone who brings a smile to your face. Visit her website often for new pieces or commission information at www Frzseke com information at www.Erzseke.com



AUSTIN STREET ART WALK is held every 2nd Saturday of the month starting in April and running through December 10am-6pm. ArtWalk is a free, alfresco, walkable art experience featuring an every changing mix of participants and art mediums such as painting, pottery, jewelry, photography as well as live music artist demos and food.

JOHN MARTELL PHOTOGRAPHY is located in the Merchants Square Building in the heart of downtown Rockport and features the award-winning photography of John Martell.
For images that truly capture the charm and feel of the coast, look no further than John Martell Photography! John's stunning photos are exquisitely printed on canvas, metal and glass in a wide variety of sizes. The gallery also features a beautiful collection of unique drink coasters, all with John's distinctive images of Rockport printed on them. Quality and tastefulness are the hallmarks of this exciting new gallery. Please visit his Facebook page, John Martell Photography and online at www.JohnMartellPhotography.com or stop by Merchants Square at 302 S. Austin St., downtown Rockport in the Cultural Arts District. 361-729-8000



Restaurants ...

CRAB-N SEAFOOD RESTAURANT has been voted in the TOP FIVE of restaurants in the Coastal Bend. They have a brand new building with added deck for sunset views. Evjoy the same great iconic dining, as before the storm, in the Rockport area. Southern Living calls it ..."memorable"; Texas Monthly..."Impressive"; San Antonio Express..."Worth the trip to the Coast all on it's own". The menu features a variety of the best local seafood, choice hearty beef and chicken dishes. Enjoy famous and distinctive entrees like Crab Cakes with Crab and Butter-Cream Sauce, Crab Stuffed Flounder, Crab and Shrimp Bisque (Texas Monthly called it "Impressive") or any of the outstanding daily specials. Order the fresh catch of the day or bring in your own fillets to be blackened, grilled sauteed, broiled or fried with all the fixings. Award winning recipes served daily from 5PM...It's the talk of Texas! Full bar offers wine, beer or your favorite hand crafted cocktails. Spice up your evening with the Pepper's Ghost Cocktail. See their website at www.Crab-N.com Located just off the Intercoastal Canal at City by the Sea, Hwy35 S between Rockport and Aransas Pass. For reservations call: 361-758-2371

BOATMENS CLUB looking for a cool place to relax and enjoy a drink but not be cooped up inside? Look no further than the Boatmens Club at Cove Harbor North in Rockport Texas. Everyone's a member! Bring your friends or mingle with the locals and fishermen. This place offers a huge bar near the marina with the feeling of being outdoors but with the comfort orf being inside. Stop by, have a drink and check out the game on one of their several TVs. The bartenders are amazing and the owners are extremely friendly. Located at 140 Cove Harbor North just south of Rockport or call at **361-556-5069**





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LOS COMALES RESTAURANT & AGAVE ROOM is a Mexican food eatery with all the classics, plus signature fried avacados and their famous frozen Margaritas! Knowned for their Beef Fajitas, you must try the Wednesday night special. Craving seafood with a Latin flair? Enjoy the La Marleigh, El Pescador, La Bahia platter or your choice of many more from light spicy lemon sauce to cream based with shrimp or fish. The Agave Room has a full bar featuring 40 different Tequilas for the connoisseur. Located just North of the intersection of Market St. and Highway 35 S at 431 Highway 35 S. Open 11AM til 9PM Daily except Closed Monday & Tuesday. 361-729-3952

GOIN' COASTAL OUTFITTERS is one of the newer addition to our downtown shopping! Stop by and shop the "Coolest T-Shirt Shop in Town". It is not just your average T-Shirt Shop, their shirts are designed in house and are uniquely Rockport. They are in love with gulf coast sunsets, puny statements, and everything beachy. Goin' Coastal is a family owned business by Rockport Natives, that strive to make sure your visit to our small town is memorable. You can't leave Rockport without grabbing a scoop of Blue Bell at the Ice Cream Bar inside of Goin' Coastal, and strolling the streets of Historical Downtown Rockport. GC is located at 103 S. Austin St. in the Cultural Arts District. Visit our website for our seasonal hours.

www.GoinCoastalTx.com

PARADISE KEY DOCKSIDE BAR & GRILL has rebuilt/ remodeled and is one of the coolest places in town with ice cold beer, A/C, great food and great views of Aransas Bay and the Intercoastal Waterway. The whole family will enjoy watching the boats and fishermen coming in from a day on the Bay. Paradise shrimp is a favorite, but the menu features choice steaks, seafood sandwiches, crisp salads, and home style desserts. Unique appetizers, grilled choices, pasta, fresh fish 'n chips, crab cakes, along with the Catch of the Day are featured. This is a popular stop for both visitors and locals with cool and comfortable inside dining or outside shaded deck on the water. Full bar with live music is comfortable and breezy with all of your drink favorites and a great place to while away a Rockport afternoon. Serving lunch and dinner ... watch the board for fresh seafood specials. Childrens menu. To-Go orders welcome. Party Here! ... To book your private party or arrange for catering your event, contact Jim at www.RockportGrill.com. Open From 11 AM until 9PM or later. 165 Cove Harbor North. 361-729-6000

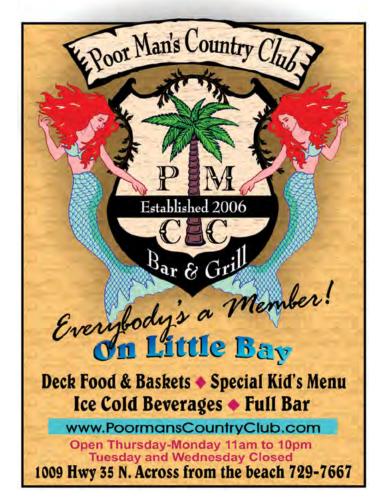


ROCKPORT DAILY GRIND They say where there's coffee, there's joy and you will find it here! Add some local flavor to your mornings and afternoons. Enjoy a cup of their specialty roasted signature coffee blend, Sandy Bottom Pecan. Or savor one of their gourmet lattes, cold brews, frappes and flavored iced teas, along with a delicious assortment of sandwiches, homemade baked goods and yummy snacks. Their courtyard is the home of the Downtown Rockport Maker's Market! Their Maker's Market is held the second Saturday of every month. Don't miss out!! Check their website at: www.RockportDailyGrind.com and like their Facebook page, or send them an email: rockportdailygrind@yahoo.com. Rockport Daily Grind is located at Merchant's Square 302 S. Austin St., on the corner of Wharf and Austin. Hours: 7am to 12pm Monday & 7 AM to 3 PM Tuesday to Saturday. 361-230-1895

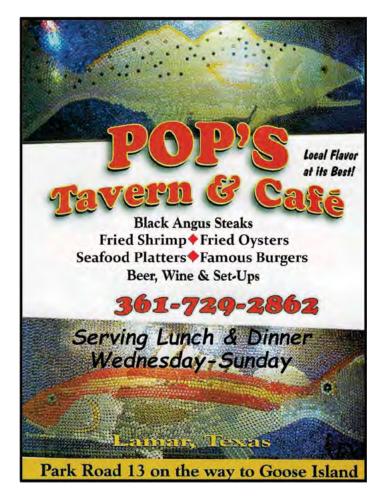
POOR MAN'S COUNTRY CLUB BAR & GRILL is the perfect place to enjoy views of jet skis and kayakers in Little Bay. The spacious cedar interior invites you to sit a spell and catch up with your favorite team on one of the many TV screens. Burgers, baskets and appetizers are served ... fried shrimp, shrimp taco basket, juicy cheeseburgers, stuffed jalapenos and much more. High rollers can get their picture on the wall by ordering the Famous \$150 Hamburger! Don't forget to check out "The Player's Club" on the upper deck offering cool breezes and great views of Rockport Beach. They have Wi-Fi, the NFL ticket, SEC and Big 10 Network with plenty of parking! Let's all meet at "the Club"! FULL BAR. Open Thusday-Monday 11am-10pm and Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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www.PoormansCountryClub.com 1009 Hwy 35 North across from Little Bay. 361-729-7667







POP'S TAVERN & CAFE is Rebuilt and Remodeled after Hurricane Harvey and is nicer than ever! It's located just over the Copano Causeway in Lamar and recently voted "Coastal Living" Texas Dives Choice. A favorite local hangout with friendly down-home atmosphere and country cookin'... home of the famous Captain Jack Burger. Try their new Goose Island burger; Smoked Gouda and Caliente! or spice it up a bit with a Blackened Gator dinner. They also have specials on shrimp and grits. Enjoy tasty appetizers, fresh seafood, ribeyes and more. South Texas friendly and unique Lamar hospitality makes this a favorite meal stop and the perfect cool sit down for cruising bikes, fishermen, kayakers and bird watchers. THE favorite stop for the outdoor crowd on their way to or from fishing or hunting ... or on their way home from the coast. Also a good place to meet many of the local fishing guides. Serving lunch & dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Open at 11:00 AM. Don't miss the GUMBO PALOOZA held here on the first Sunday in June. June 2nd this year! 202 Park Rd. 13 in Lamar on the way to Goose Island State Park. **361-729-2862**



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Gourmet and Specialty eats...

LIGHTHOUSE LIQUORS is celebrating their 23rd Anniversary!! They offer an eclectic selection of wines, fun champagnes for any occasion and the most unique collection of liqueurs in the area. There is an amazing selection here and customer service is 5 star! Find a myriad of hand crafted Tequilas and exotic rums in the "Party Shack". Gourmet foods from smoked tenderloin to delicious blended cheeses will delight your taste buds! One stop shop for your last minute cocktail party with hors d'oeuvre. And don't forget to browse the specialty bar ware, unique gift ideas along with great greeting cards and much more! Conveniently located in the Live Oak Plaza next to Popeye's. Stop in and get acquainted! Open from 10 AM until 8 PM Monday through Saturdays. **361-729-8500**

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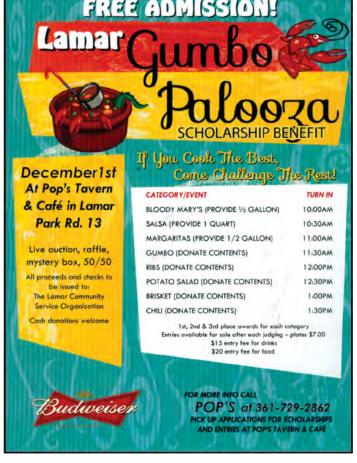
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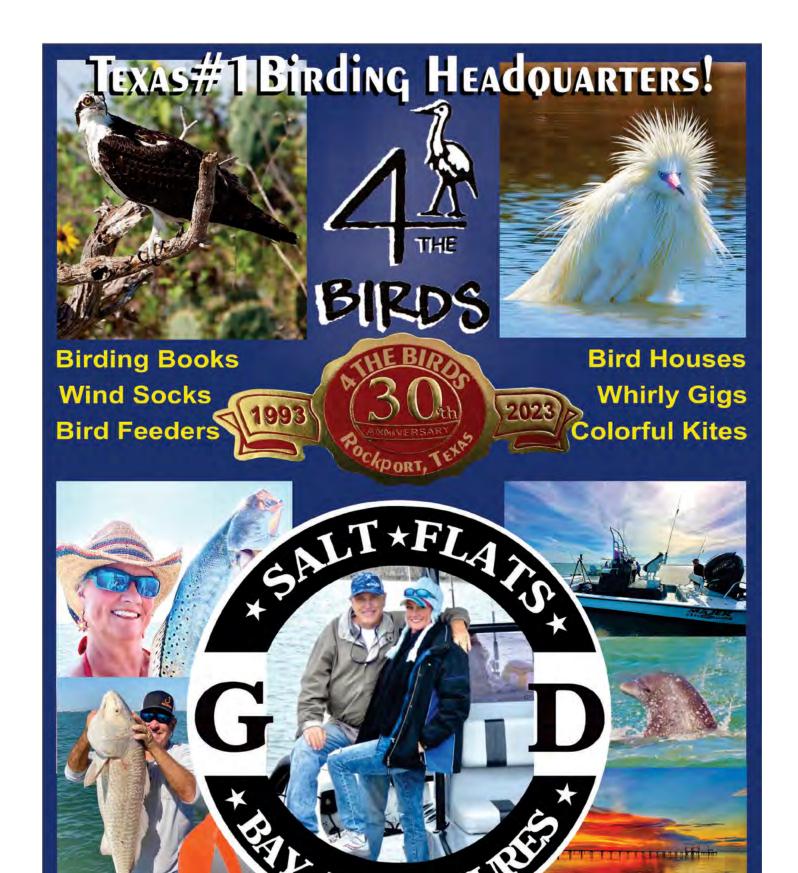
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