

# EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

## History of Gulf Pirates

**Gulf State Park Nature Center, Gulf Shores**

**March 5 & March 26, 11:00 am**

**[reserve.alapark.com/register/history-of-gulf-pirates](https://reserve.alapark.com/register/history-of-gulf-pirates)**

Discover the intriguing historical stories of local pirates who once sailed these waters in search of treasure. This captivating program is designed for history enthusiasts!

Pre-registration is preferred but not mandatory.

Program Host: Bill Ratner

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## BBQ & Blues Cookoff

**Heritage Park March 7 - 8**

**Downtown Foley**

**[foleybbqandblues.net](http://foleybbqandblues.net)**

This outdoor event in Downtown Foley's Heritage Park on the second Saturday of March. It is a barbecue cookoff sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, attracting both corporate and individual teams who compete for bragging rights in various award categories. Festival attendees can enjoy delicious food, popular blues music, and activities for children. All proceeds from the event support the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation.

## Orange Beach Festival of Art

**Coastal Arts Center, 26389 Canal Road**

**Orange Beach, March 8 - 9**

**Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm**

**[orangebeachal.gov/338/Orange-Beach-Festival-of-Art](http://orangebeachal.gov/338/Orange-Beach-Festival-of-Art)**

For more than 50 years, the Festival of Art has been our island's first rite of spring. It is a celebration of visual, literary, performing, musical, and culinary arts. The show has won Best Art Show in Alabama three times in the past five years by the luxury magazine "Alabama" and is currently ranked in the top 100 of national fine art and design shows.

This fine arts festival is completely free, with music and entertainment featured on two stages. You can be a part of it by volunteering or purchasing art through our Patron of the Arts program.

## Stargazing at the Pier

**When: March 8 at 7:30 pm**

**Gulf State Park Saltwater Pier, Gulf Shores**

Meet at the Gulf State Park Pier for a guided exploration of the sky, stars, planets, and constellations (Weather dependent).

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## Lawn & Leisure Expo

**OWA, 1501 South OWA Blvd., Foley**

**March 29 & March 30**

**Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm**

Spring is in the air, and Lawn & Leisure at Downtown OWA is your go-to event for outdoor living and recreation! On March 29th and 30th, explore a variety of local vendors showcasing the best in landscaping, gardening, camping, and more. Whether you're looking to refresh your backyard, discover the latest in outdoor gear, or get inspired by the season ahead, this expo has something for everyone!

## CEAS 3rd Annual CarShow

**22703 Racine Street, Robertsdale**

**March 29, 9 am to 2 pm**

The Cutting Edge Automotive Solutions Annual Car Show was created with the idea of bringing the local car community together and providing a fun space to enjoy cars, food, live music, and tools. Free and open to the Public

With an expected 1000+ spectators, there will be special guests, live music, food trucks, tool trucks, arts & crafts, exciting giveaways, eight new awards categories, and over 80 registered cars to see!

## Mudbugs & Margarita's Festival

**Heritage Park, 101 E. Laurel Ave., Foley, AL**

**April 5, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**[beachlifeevents.com](http://beachlifeevents.com)**

All food vendors will have unique, tasty crawfish dishes along with other menu items for purchase. Multiple margarita lines, beer and wine, and scrumptious snack vendors. Great live music all day. Arts & crafts, home decor, and unique vendors. Contests throughout the day. Huge kids' entertainment/activity area. Petting zoo, bounce houses, and more.

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