

Some fun events coming to Citrus County

Free pontoon boat eco tours on Kings Bay: Saturday, Oct. 17. during **National Refuge Day** at the **Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge** on Kings Bay Dr. next to the Port Hotel and Marina. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., exhibit booths, gift shop sales, live animals, plus lunch for purchase. Free admission. Free boat tours begin at 10:30. If you are lucky, you will get **Sunny Wiard** as your guide. wiardse@embarqmail.com Special sunrise birding boat tour and breakfast, 7:30 a.m. \$20pp. Reservations 628-0033.

Night of the Heron: “A Classy Evening in Denim,” Saturday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m., Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Cocktails, dining, entertainment, dancing, prizes to benefit Hospice of Citrus County. 352-527-0063, ext. 228.

So You Think You Can Dance...Like A Star: Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m., Citrus Springs Community Center, Dinner and Dancing. \$50. Benefit United Way of Citrus County, 527-8894

Taste of Citrus: Sunday, Oct. 25, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Central Florida Community College campus. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the entrance. www.cfccfoundation.org. Sample food and wine provided by many of Citrus County’s restaurants and culinary kitchens. The best buffet in the area. Lecanto. For tickets call 352-746-6721 or visit website. 10 to 9.

Scarecrow Festival: Saturday, Oct. 17 on the grounds of the Heritage Village Shoppes, Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

Fall Arts and Crafts Festival: Sunday, Oct. 18, Crystal River Woman’s Club building, 320 N. Citrus Ave. 795-1728.

Cooter Festival, Oct. 23, 24, 25, Liberty and Wallace Brooks Parks downtown Inverness.

Southern Heritage Festival and Cattle Drive: Sat. Oct. 17., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Intersection of Hwys. 41 and 486, Inverness. Crafts, food, entertainment, games, auction at 3:30. Cracker Cattle Drive through town at 3 p.m.

Harvest: Hope: Friday, Oct. 23, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Banquet to benefit The Path of Citrus County Shelter for the homeless. \$30pp or \$55 per couple. The 1st Baptist Church of Crystal River, 700 Citrus Ave. 522-0514.

A Haunted Halloween: Crystal River Preserve State Park, Oct. 23, 24, 30, 31. 7 to 10 p.m. Beastly Board Rides on a pontoon boat, Terrifying Tram Tours into the Woods, Castle Tour, Mortuary Photography, Eerie Edibles. \$5. End of State Park Road (between Dennys and Ford). 563-0450.

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Kiwanis Mystery Night Performance “Dead Air”: Friday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m. Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club, \$40, 527-0039, to benefit Kiwanis activities.

Craft Fair: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beverly Hills Lions Foundation, 72 Civic Circle, Crafts, bake sale, raffles, free admission, 527-1943

38th Annual Festival of the Arts: Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 & 8. Courthouse Square, Inverness.

Blues ‘n’ Bar-B-Que: Saturday, Nov. 14, fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 10466 W. Yulee Dr., Homosassa. \$15. www.ncfblues.com 352-622-3244.