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## AMELIA ISLAND SERVES UP INAUGURAL AMELIA ISLAND DINING MONTH

This September, residents and visitors to Amelia Island can get their fill of sun, sea, and seasonings – and give back to the community – during the inaugural Amelia Island Dining Month, a culinary celebration showcasing award-winning restaurants and supporting local charities. For the entire month of

September, twenty-four of Amelia Island's favorite restaurants will offer prix fixe dinners for either \$35 or \$55, showcasing our diverse culinary talent and burgeoning food scene. To make it extra sweet, all participating restaurants are pledging

\$1 from every order to the Barnabas Center, which provides help and hope to Nassau County residents, improving their stability, health, and well-being.

"Dining Month offers yet another reason to visit Amelia Island" said Gil Langley, president of the Amelia Island Convention & Visitor's Bureau. "There has never been a better time to discover the Island's highly regarded and surprisingly innovative dining scene, with the added benefit of supporting a worthwhile charity."

Participating restaurants, from downtown Fernandina Beach to the island's south end, include a variety of cuisines and atmospheres from fine dining to flip flop casual. If you're starting to get hungry, visit [AmeliaIsland.com/dining](http://AmeliaIsland.com/dining) for reservations and to learn more. Restaurant menus will be available on August 1.



## SISTER TRIBE BY THE SEASIDE WORKS TO BENEFIT NASSAU COUNTY

Sister Tribe by the Seaside is a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based on Amelia Island that is dedicated to supporting the community. Begun as a social group, it evolved this year into something more serious for its members, which include Gina Sue Rowe, president and director of development; Stacy Michele Wootton, secretary and executive director; and Eliza Alys Young, treasurer and creative director. The trio and members-at-large are truly excited about their work for Fernandina Beach and Nassau County.

"Our tagline #TrulyLocal is a testament to our mission: to unify our community by organizing events that raise money for other local nonprofit organizations while helping community members in need," explains Gina. In the past months, Sister Tribe by the Seaside have hosted events to raise funds for Nassau County Food Program and Nassau County Council on Aging.

Up next is the Bellini Ball, a Roaring 20's-themed party at Sadler Ranch featuring the Swingin' Medallions on Aug. 31. "Funds from this event will launch our community fund – a differentiator from other non-profits – which will provide support to locals in times of crisis, including loss of a family provider, home, death, or other tragedy," Gina explains. To learn more about the group and for event tickets, visit [www.sistertribeseaside.org](http://www.sistertribeseaside.org).



## ISLAND HOP CRAFT BEER FEST RETURNS ON OCTOBER 5 AT CENTRAL PARK

If you're looking for some family fun, save the date of Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. for the fourth annual Island Hop Craft Beer Fest at Central Park in downtown Fernandina Beach. While craft beer, wine, and spirit tasting from local and regional brewers is the featured event, a marketplace with local businesses, food trucks, kids' activities, a dog relief and cooling station, and entertainment by the Honey Badgers, will ensure a good time for guests of all ages.

Presented by First Love Brewing and IQ Fiber, the festival supports Fernandina Beach Main Street, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization charged with promoting economic vitality and historic preservation in the Fernandina Beach business district. To achieve this mission, Island Hop Craft Beer Fest is pleased to announce companion events for a weekend of fun. On Friday, Oct. 4, Duck Pinz will host an Island Hop Pre-Party, and on Sunday, Oct. 8, local businesses throughout the Main Street District will offer discounts and specials on brunch and entertainment.

Island Hop is a family-friendly event with non-drinker tickets for \$15, general admission \$50, and limited number of VIP tickets offering early access and private restrooms for \$75. Visit [islandhopcraftbeerfest.com](http://islandhopcraftbeerfest.com) to learn more.

