APALACHICOLA RIVER
AN AMERICAN TREASURE

A stunning multi-media exhibition featuring black and white photographs of the people and places along the Apalachicola River Basin by photographers Clyde Butcher and Richard Bickel, and the documentary film produced by Elam Stoltzfus with music by Sammy Tedder.

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The Exhibit
Photographer Clyde Butcher calls the exhibit, “a four-prong assault on your senses.”

Inspired by the mighty Apalachicola River, the exhibit records the history of Native Americans and other settlers whose descendants still live in northwest Florida. It is the story of people who make their living from the river; it is the story of politics and water wars between Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. It showcases the haunting beauty of rarely seen places like the River Styx, Dead Lakes, Kennedy Creek, Chipola River and Tate’s Hell.

“APALACHICOLA RIVER: An American Treasure” opens with a premier event Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (CST). The evening will feature a collection of images by fine art photographer Clyde Butcher and photojournalist Richard Bickel, a screening of the documentary film by Elam Stoltzfus and panels featuring Sammy Tedder’s design of the river cane flutes.

The Chipola Area Board of REALTORS® serving Jackson, Washington, Holmes and Calhoun Counties is the major local sponsor for the exhibit. The Marianna Automobile Dealers Association recently joined on as a sponsor, along with the Jackson County Tourist Development Council and Friends of the Florida Caverns.

Members of the Chipola Regional Arts Association and the Artists Guild of Northwest Florida are serving as docents.

The traveling exhibit is managed by The Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science in Tallahassee. The exhibit will leave Chipola to travel throughout the American South. For more information on the exhibit visit www.ApalachicolaAmericanTreasure.com.

Apalachicola River and Bay Facts

- The Apalachicola River basin includes the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR). The second largest of 25 reserves in the National Reserve System. The major objectives of the Reserve are research and education.
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- The River and Bay Watershed is one of the most important bird habitats in the U.S.
- More than 360 marine mollusks are found in the watershed; many are endangered.
- 131 species of fish live in the Apalachicola River, more than any other river in Florida.
- The Apalachicola River basin contains 127 of the very rarest species of plants and vertebrates and has the highest density of amphibians and reptiles in North America.
- More than 50 species of mammals, including the Florida black bear, the West Indian Manatee, the Indiana bat, and the gray bat are found in the Apalachicola drainage basin.
- More than 1300 plant species, 40 amphibian and 80 reptile species live in the River basin—the highest diversity of amphibians and reptiles in the US and Canada.
- The Apalachicola River basin has more than 180 species of fish and is a spawning and nursery ground for important commercial and sports fish species.
- The Apalachicola River is the fresh water source for the Apalachicola Bay, a productive estuary of major economic and ecological importance to the northern Gulf of Mexico.
- The productivity of the Apalachicola Bay is dependent on the River to carry fresh water and essential nutrients down stream to feed estuarine organisms.
- The Apalachicola Bay provides 90% of Florida’s oysters and 10% of US production.
- The Apalachicola Bay is a major nursery for shrimp, blue crabs, and many fish species.
- Jackson Blue Spring is a first magnitude spring, one of 33 in Florida; with a daily flow of 122,000,000, it is the largest spring in the entire Chattahoochee River Basin.
- The Chipola River is the largest tributary to the Apalachicola River in Florida.
Meet the Artists

Elam S. Stoltzfus
Producer/Cinematographer/Director
Blountstown, Florida

Elam Stoltzfus brings a broad array of skills and experience as a writer, cinematographer, editor, producer, and director of a film studio which showcases the great outdoors. For the past fifteen years Stoltzfus has documented diverse aspects of Florida's natural resources which include estuaries, rivers, swamps, and aquatic preserves. He has spent countless hours filming Florida wildlife, such as: fledgling sea turtles, endangered panthers, delicate roseate spoonbills, fierce alligators, and graceful dolphins. Stoltzfus' documentaries have received critical acclaim at national film festivals, and his media images are being used as teaching tools by state agencies and national environmental education groups. For more information: www.liveoakproductiongroup.com

Clyde Butcher
World-renowned Fine Art Photographer
Ochopee, Florida

Clyde Butcher’s black and white photographs explore his personal relationship with the environment. The exquisite beauty and depth of his work draw the viewer into a relationship with nature. For more than thirty-five years, he has been preserving on film the untouched areas of the landscape. Butcher’s large format camera allows him to express the elaborate detail and textures that distinguish the intricacy of the landscape. The photographs range in sizes from 8” x 10” inches to 5’ x 8’ feet. Recent projects include work for the Florida State’s “Save Our Rivers” program, the FL D.E.P., Divisions of State Lands, the Bureau of Submerged Lands and Preserves, Everglades National Park, Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and the Wilderness Society. For more information: www.clydebutcher.com

Richard Bickel
Photojournalist
Apalachicola, Florida

A career photojournalist who came to Apalachicola on assignment and made it his home, Richard Bickel has photographed in over 70 countries, and has been published throughout the world. He has worked for The New York Times Magazine, Civilization Magazine, Islands, Stern (Germany), and Geo (France), and has contributed to numerous books including those by Travel and Leisure and National Geographic. His work has garnered numerous awards including the Golden Quill for Photography and the New York Art Directors Club Award. For more information: www.richardbickelphotography.com

Sammy Tedder
Musician and Composer
Sopchoppy, Florida

Sammy Tedder’s musical talents stretch over 30 years of performing, composing and recording sounds close to his heart. From his remote cabin on the Sopchoppy River, he became intrigued by the natural sounds from the woods around him—frogs, insects, birds, thunder and rain—and so began to weave these sounds into his musical compositions. Also deeply interested in how the first primitive instruments such as drums and flutes were created, Tedder learned to make drums from hollow cypress or black gum logs and flutes from the native river cane that grows along Florida’s creeks and rivers. Tedder’s music features these hand made flutes and drums accompanied by contemporary instruments such as saxophone, trumpet, flute and keyboards surrounded by the organic sounds of the woods, swamps and shores. For more information: www.sammytedder.com
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Schedule of Events
September 14 - October 12, 2006

Premiere Event - September 14, 6 - 9 p.m.
Meet the artists and enjoy the exhibit and film.

Weekdays 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Thursday evenings 6 - 9 p.m.  Sundays 2 - 4 p.m.

Special guest speakers will be featured throughout the exhibit:

September 21, 6:30 pm  Jerry Ziewitz, US Fish and Wildlife Biologist - Endangered species conservation
September 28, 6:30 pm  Jim Stevenson, Former Chief biologist for the Florida Park System and member Florida
Springs Task Force
September 29, 10 am    Edd Sorensen, Certified Cave Diver and Dive shop owner on Merritt's Mill Pond/Blue Springs
October 5, 6:30 pm     Dan Tonsmeire - Executive Director, Apalachicola Riverkeeper, and Helen M. Light, U.S.
Geological Survey
October 11, 10 am      Steven J. Herrington, Ph.D. Apalachicola River and Bay Project Coordinator-Nature
Conservancy
October 12, 6:30 pm    Sammy Tedder – Musician and Composer and maker of hand made instruments