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Savor Delicious Gulf Seafood At The Pensacola Seafood Festival, presented by Florida Blue

Pensacola, Fla. (September 4, 2012) Savor delicious seafood and enjoy the historic surroundings of downtown Pensacola during the 35th annual Pensacola Seafood Festival, presented by [Florida Blue](#). Produced by the Fiesta of Five Flags and presented for the second year by Florida Blue, the festival will be held September 28, 29 and 30 in Seville Square, Fountain Park and Bartram Park. Admission to the festival is free.

Festival Hours

Friday, September 28	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday, September 29	10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday, September 30	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The festival is one of the largest arts and crafts fairs in northwest Florida with more than 160 artisans and craftsmen who travel from around the country to participate in this three day festival. Vendors will be displaying their unique wares, and many items are reflective of the area's Gulf Coast lifestyle. Arts and crafts vendors will be located in *Pensacola News Journal* Pelican Park (Seville Square).

The Pensacola Seafood Festival will feature seafood dishes and other delicious festival fare. Treat your taste buds to a variety of dishes from 17 carefully selected food vendors bordering the park along Government and Alcaniz Streets. Enjoy favorite foods such as grilled conch, seafood gumbo, oyster croquettes, soft shell crab, coconut shrimp, Caribbean crab cakes, and more.

Festival Artist

Native Floridian [Victor Bokas](#) grew up on the Gulf Coast against a backdrop of sunbathing tourists, palm trees, fish and other tropical images. Those images remain with him and are frequently incorporated into his paintings.

Bokas will be signing limited edition posters. Only 200 signed and numbered prints will be available. Posters and T-shirts showcasing his design will be sold at the official merchandise booths during the Pensacola Seafood Festival. Posters are \$25 and Bokas will be signing posters on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Seville Square gazebo.

Gulf to Table

The second year for the Gulf to Table area in Fountain Park will again feature local restaurants and caterers that will serve tapas style dishes of their signature recipes to festival guests.

Participants in the Gulf to Table area include:

Angus Steak House and Restaurant
Dharma Blue
Five Sisters Blues Café
Fisherman's Corner
Jerry's Cajun
Landry's Seafood
Sons of Italy Buona Fortuna Lodge
The Fish House
The Oar House
Nancy's Haute Affairs

Entertainment

Listen to the sounds of blues, country, and rock and roll next to Pensacola Bay throughout the festival weekend. The entertainment stage will be in Bartram Park and guests are welcome to bring chairs and blankets.

Friday, September 28

3:30 p.m. [Nate Pennington](#)
5 p.m. [Parmalee](#)
7:30 p.m. [Roger Creager](#)

Saturday, September 29

10 a.m. SongFest Dance Video
Noon [Tobacco Road](#)
2 p.m. [Heritage](#)
4:30 p.m. Sponsor Recognition
5:30 p.m. [Wes Loper Band](#)
8 p.m. [Molly Ringwalds](#)

Sunday, September 30

12:30 p.m. [The Lee Boys](#)
3 p.m. [Papa Grows Funk](#)

The Pensacola Seafood Festival, presented by Florida Blue has teamed up with the 4th annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival for SongFest 2012. Songwriters will be performing in a special listening room tent at the Fiesta Seafood Grille throughout the weekend. This will be your opportunity to get a sneak peak of the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival to be held October 2 to 7.

"We are looking forward to partnering with the Pensacola Seafood Festival," said Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival co-founder Reneda Cross. "This will give music lovers a chance to hear songs performed by the songwriters and a preview of our festival."

Fiesta Seafood Grille

The Fiesta Seafood Grille, presented by [Pensacola Energy](#), will feature local chefs who share their cooking secrets for preparing their favorite cuisine with an emphasis on fresh seafood. The Fiesta Seafood Grille will be located in Fountain Park.

Friday, September 28

5 p.m. SongFest songwriter
6:30 p.m. Distinctive Kitchens
7:30 p.m. SongFest songwriter

Saturday, September 29

10 a.m. Student performers and guitar recitals
1 p.m. The Oar House
2 p.m. Nick's Boathouse
3 p.m. Crabs on the Beach
4 p.m. H2O
5 p.m. Songfest songwriter

Sunday, September 30

1:30 p.m. Angus Steak House and Restaurant
2:30 p.m. Trigger's
3:30 p.m. McGuire's

Pensacola Seafood Don McCloskey 5K Run/Walk

The Pensacola Seafood Don McCloskey 5K Run/Walk is sponsored by the Pensacola Runners Association. The run kicks off the fall racing season in Pensacola and will commence at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 29 at Seville Quarter, 130 East Government Street. Run or walk the new certified course through downtown Pensacola's historic district and through the new Vince J. Whibbs, Sr. Community Maritime Park by the Pensacola Blue Wahoos stadium. Advanced registration is \$30 and race day registration is \$40. Children may register for the Fun Run for \$5. Please visit the Pensacola Runners Association website at www.pensacolarunners.com for more information.

Children's Area

The children's area will be located in Bartram Park. There will be plenty of fun activities for children of all ages to enjoy including hands on arts and crafts, sand art and face painting. Hours for the children's area are Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information about the Pensacola Seafood Festival contact the Fiesta of Five Flags office at 850-433-6512, visit www.fiestaoffiveflags.org, or become a fan at facebook.com/PensacolaSeafoodFestival.

For additional information about the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival SongFest 2012, visit www.pensacolabeachsongfest.com.

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The mission of the Fiesta of Five Flags is to celebrate our heritage, promote tourism, and build pride in Pensacola through festive activities which enhance the quality of life in our community.