

# upcoming activities & events along the gulf coast

**Feb. 20: 17th Annual Seafood Festival and Car Show.** To be held at the Beach Sportsplex in Orange Beach, Ala., with arts and crafts vendors, a silent auction, balloon jumps, rock wall climbing for kids, live music, a car show, and, of course, great seafood and drinks. Seafood plates for only \$10 with free admission to the show. The festival begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The car show starts at 8 a.m. with a trophy presentation at 3 p.m.

**March 4: The Wizard Of Oz.**

The Saenger Theatre of Pensacola presents this magical tale based on the classic 1939 MGM film. Bring the entire family to journey down the Yellow Brick Road into the magical land of Oz. 7:30 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre, 118 South Palafox, Pensacola, FL 32501. For tickets, contact the Saenger Theatre Box Office at (850) 595-3880.

**March 6: The Wharf presents Rascal Flatts with special guest Darius Rucker.**

Gates open at 7 p.m. Showtime is at 8 p.m. Since their inception a decade ago in 1999, the country music trio has helped change the face of popular music. Contact: (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**March 10-13: Gulf Coast Energy Network - Power Up Energy Conference.** To be held at the Emerald Coast Conference Center in Fort Walton Beach. Power Up 2010 will connect energy professionals and exhibitors for three days of networking to foster the exchange of important ideas and information impacting the renewable energy industry. Develop new contacts in the ever-growing world of energy and sustainability. Contact: [info@gulfcoastenergynetwork.org](mailto:info@gulfcoastenergynetwork.org) or [www.powerup2010.com](http://www.powerup2010.com).

**March 19-21: Annual Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival.** Downtown Fairhope will be taken over by 200 exhibitors showing their wares at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival. The festival is open to the public with free admission Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A shuttle service will be offered from the Plantation Pointe Shopping Center, Eastern Shore Village Shopping Center and Ecor Rouge Place. Only \$1 to ride. Parking is free. Contact: [www.eschamber.com](http://www.eschamber.com).

**April 9-11: Arts Alive.** Explore downtown Mobile and celebrate the arts the weekend of April 9-11. The festivities start Friday from 5-9 p.m. with the SoAl Film Festival Scramble. Saturday's events will be held from 2-9 p.m., with the Street Arts Festival and Interactive Art Activities concluding on Sunday from noon-6 p.m. with art, music and a picnic in the park. Contact: [www.artsalivemobile.com](http://www.artsalivemobile.com).

**April 15-18: Seabreeze Jazz Festival.** A full lineup of award-winning artists are ready to hit the stage during the Gulf Coast's premier jazz festival. Panama City Beach's Pier Park sets the stage for the weekend with a start of 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Contact: [seabreezejazzfestival.com](http://seabreezejazzfestival.com).

**May 14-16: The Hangout Beach Music & Arts Festival.** A beach, music and arts festival will be held on the beach at the Hangout. Open each day from noon until 11 p.m. Featuring 60-plus artists performing on four music stages. Contact: [www.hangoutmusicfest.com](http://www.hangoutmusicfest.com). ■

