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Chamber Seeks Exhibitors and Sponsors for March Treasure Coast Home & Garden Show

Presented by the Martin County Fair Association and the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce and in conjunction with the Martin County Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale, the event will be held March 6-7 at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

More than 100 businesses are expected to participate at the chamber's annual 2010 Treasure Coast Home and Garden Show, attracting more than 5,000 attendees to the Martin County Fairgrounds for the event.

The public is invited to find innovative ideas for inside and outside the home, shop and compare, purchase new products and plan entire building projects – all under one roof.

New to the show this year, the chamber is excited to announce their partnership with the Martin County Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show and Sale. 'An Orchid Af-fair' will be the 31st annual American Orchid Society sanctioned show staged by the MCOS.

The Treasure Coast Home and Garden Show is one of the largest consumer shows in the area that includes building, remodeling, kitchens, room additions, bathrooms, decorating, heating, air conditioning, contractors, security, siding, pools, floors, plants

and many more products and services.

"This event is a wonderful venue for our members to display their products and services to several thousands of residents at a nominal cost," says Joe Catrambone, President/CEO of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is seeking show sponsors and exhibitors. Sponsorships and 10' x 10' exhibitor booths are available starting at \$400. For registration information click on the show advertisement on the home page of the chamber's website at www.stuartmartinchamber.org or call Jayme Uteschill at 772-287-1088 ext 111.

The 2010 Treasure Coast Home & Garden Show kicks off Friday, March 5 with a Taste of the Treasure Coast Business After-Hours event open to exhibitors and chamber members only. The show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The event is free for the public to attend and park.

The Martin County Fairgrounds are located at 2616 SE Dixie Highway in Stuart.

For more information about the show or chamber membership, contact Jayme Uteschill at jaymeu@stuartmartinchamber.org or 772-287-1088 ext 111.



YPMC December Holiday Party sponsors Jennifer Salas, Leslie Haviland-Smith, Sarah Scheffer, Devin Teal, Justin Beard, Tara Biek and Jennifer Martin of United Way's Fantasy Island event planning committee promoted their March 27th event.



December breakfast host Pat Schmader, Woman's Club of Stuart with breakfast sponsors Beth Guild, John Niemeyer, Lori Orthen and Susan Lucas, Sterling House of Stuart.



Waterblasting Technologies owner James Crocker celebrated their Grand Re-opening and Holiday Event as a Business After Hours with the Stuart/Martin County and Hobe Sound Chambers of Commerce and the Business Development Board of Martin County. Photo courtesy of out2martin-county.com.

Upcoming Events:

Networking Breakfasts

Tuesday, January 12th
7:45 AM

Hosted & Sponsored by Martin County High School Academy of Marketing Mgmt.

Tuesday, January 19th
7:45 AM

Hosted & Sponsored by New Vision Productions, Inc.

Luncheon

Wednesday, January 13th
11:45 AM

Sponsored by Benefits Resource Group at Bonefish Grill. Reservations are required

Business After Hours

Wednesday, January 20th
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Sponsored & Hosted by Sandhill Cove Palm City

Young Professionals of Martin County 2nd Anniversary Event

Thursday, January 28th

Hosted by Mansion at Tuckahoe at Indian Riverside Park Jensen Beach

For more information visit www.ypmc.org

President's Report

Joe Catrambone

President/CEO



Happy New Year!! As we embark on this new decade, let's greet it with hope of a better economy, a peaceful solution to world conflict; wish our elected leaders the wisdom to successfully lead our great Country back to the world prominence we enjoyed not so

many years ago.

We must live our lives and run our businesses in a positive manner. In my dealings with the many people I speak with on a daily basis I am sometimes miffed by the attitudes of some. The dooms day ap-

proach can't help! I certainly don't have my head in the sand; it has been the most difficult of times. Through the craziness of most of the 2000's we as a nation over spent, remortgaged homes, took equity loans, purchased many luxury items as if it (good economy) would never end. Anyone involved in business or somewhat familiar with economics should have realized that our economy is cyclical; it has been since the "Great Depression." Hopefully we've learned our lesson and will proceed more

cautiously this decade. What irks me most is many of us are treating the recession in exactly the same manner, like it will never end. Folks, it will end!! Yes it will take longer than any previous, but we will come out of it stronger knowing we've survived with leaner budgets, fewer employees and less excesses. Treat every little step to recovery as a giant stride; take pride in your business acumen and think positively about our future. We have always been and will continue to be the greatest nation in history.

The Area's Largest, Most Comprehensive Showcase of Local Businesses!



March 6-7, 2010

Martin County Fairgrounds

Saturday: 9 AM - 4 PM • Sunday: 10 AM - 3 PM

Why Should I Exhibit at the Home & Garden Show?

- * Business to Business Networking
- * Community Wide Exposure
- * High Visibility
- * Low Cost Marketing
- * New Leads
- * Potential Customers
- * Major Multi-Media Promotion

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