

Area Statistics:

Area Attractions

Florida West Coast Symphony
709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
941.953.4252
www.fwcs.org

The Sarasota Opera
61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota
941.366.8450
www.sarasotaopera.org

Sarasota Ballet
5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
941.552.1032
www.sarasotaballet.org

The Asolo Theater
5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
941.351.8000
www.asola.org

The Florida Studio Theatre
1241 N. Palm Avenue, Sarasota
941.366.9000
www.fst2000.org

The Van Wezel
777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
941.953.3368

Area Films

Burns Court Cinema
506 Burns Court, Sarasota
941.955.3456 www.filmsociety.org

Hollywood 20
1993 Main Street, Sarasota
941.954.5768

Lakewood Ranch Cinemas
10715 Rodeo Drive, Lakewood Ranch
941.907.1589 www.filmsociety.org

Parkway 8 Cinemas
6300 N. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

Area Visual Arts

Adams Land and US 301, Sarasota
941.365.8683 www.towlescourt.com

Longboat Key Center for the Arts
6860 Longboat Key Drive, Longboat Key
941.383.2345 www.artsarasota.org

John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota
5401 N. Tamiami Trail
941.359.5700 www.ringling.org

Area Historical Attractions

Historic Spanish Point, Osprey
500 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey
941.966.5214 www.historicspanishpoint.org

Gable Mansion
Exit 224 from I-75, West 1 Mile on US 301
941.723.4536

Area Eco-Tourism

Mote Marine Laboratory/Aquarium, Sarasota
1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
941.388.4441 www.mote.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota
811 South Palm Avenue
941.366.5731 www.selby.org

Sarasota Jungle Gardens, Sarasota
3701 Bay Shore Road
941.955.5305 www.sarasotajunglegardens.com

South Florida Museum, Bishop Planetarium, Parker Manatee Aquarium, Bradenton
201 10th Street West
941.746.4131 www.southfloridamuseum.org

Area Events

Farmer's Market

Saturday downtown Sarasota, 7 am- 12 noon

The Farmer's Market offers locally grown, and organic produce in addition to a unique variety of vendors. Shop for plants, pasta, unique gifts and more.

Siesta Key Farmer's Market

Sunday for 7am-12 noon in the village/Davidson Drugs parking lot, 5124 Ocean Blvd.
www.siestafarmersmarket.ocm

Siesta Key Farmers Market offers spring greens, herbs, and a variety of produce. Local organic products with area restaurants serving farm fresh items from their menus.

Palm Avenues First Friday Walks

First Fridays of every month from 6-9 pm

Palm Avenue, Sarasota

Enjoy a stroll through the galleries of Palm Avenue and along lower Main Street known for its unique variety of shops and restaurants.

Siesta Key Drum Circle

South of the public beach pavilion – Just Follow the Music!

Feel the beat of the drums Sunday evenings, beginning about an hour before sundown.

Instrumentals ranging from drums, flutes, guitars, shakers, and cowbells create the circle.

Be a part of the audience or participate with music and dance.

Siesta Fiesta

April 25-26, 2009

Siesta Fiesta is a block party located in the Village of Siesta Key. Siesta Fiesta features hundreds of artisans, craftsmen, jewelry makers, sculptors, and more in the juried show. Local musicians enhance the food and fun.

Siesta Sandsculpturing Contest

May 2, 2009, 9am-1 pm Registration begins at 8:30 am

Located on Siesta Public Beach, south of the pavilion. Register to participate, or walk through the magnificent sand sculptures of castles, sea life, pop culture and more.

Sarasota Jazz Festival

March 1-7, 2009

Festival kicks off with Jazz in the Park with performances by several bands. Various artists perform throughout the week at Holley Hall. For more information, please contact www.jazzclubsarasota.com

Sarasota Film Festival

March 27-April 5, 2009

www.sarasotafilmfestival.com

The Sarasota Film Festival is a 10 -day film celebration in Sarasota featuring independent films. The festival also brings in well-known actors and actresses that attend not only the film screenings, but also the various parties around town.

Florida Winefest & Auction

April 23-April 26, 2009

www.floridawinefest.com

The Florida Winefest & Auction is a celebration of fine wine and food and has been recognized as one of the largest events of its kind in the U.S. It has also been recognized as one of the top charity wine events of its kind in the Southeast U.S., serving the needs of disadvantaged children and youth in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Suncoast Offshore

June 27-July 5, 2009

The Suncoast Offshore is a powerboat race benefiting the Florida Center for Child & Family Services. It is one of Sarasota's largest events and attracts hundreds of thousands of people to our area.

Week-long events include a Golf Tournament, Kickoff Party, Fishing Tournament, World's Largest Offshore Party, Festival Parade of Boats, Downtown Block Party and numerous other events around town.

The race itself, The Annual Suncoast Offshore Grand Prix Boat Race is on Sunday, July 5th, with heats at 11 am and 1 pm. The best area for viewing is at Lido Beach.

Area Hospitals

Sarasota:

Sarasota Memorial Hospital
1700 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL
General Information: 941.917.9000
Website www.smh.com

Doctors Hospital
5731 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL
(Exit 207 Off I-75)
General Information: 941.342.1100

Bradenton:

Blake Medical Center

2020 59th Street, Bradenton, FL
General Information: 941.792.6611
Website www.blakemedicalcenter.com

Manatee Memorial Hospital
206 2nd Street, Bradenton, FL
General Information: 941.746.5111
Website www.manateememorial.com

Lakewood Ranch: Lakewood Ranch Medical Center
8330 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton, FL
General Information: 941.782.2100
Website www.lakewoodranchmedicalcenter.com