

Fernandina Beach...

Celebrating Our French Heritage!



Fernandina has flown under eight different flags, the first being that of the French. Jean Ribault landed on the island in 1562, and named it "Isle de Mai."

2012 marks the 450th anniversary of his arrival.

The City and community partners have planned a series of activities to commemorate our first flag and this part of our community's heritage.

Schedule of Events for 2012

(Subject to Change)

Friday to Sunday, April 27-29: French Naval Schooners Visit the Fernandina Harbor Marina

Sunday, April 29: Isle de Mai Petanque Tournament

Tuesday, May 1: City Commission Recognition of the French Anniversary and Renaming of a Downtown Pocket Park in Honor of Jean Ribault

Friday, May 18: Amelia Island Museum of History Presentation on the History of French Influence in Northeast Florida

Saturday, May 19: Jean Ribault Park Dedication

May 18-27 (Various dates): Un Voyage Musical Français – Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival

Friday to Sunday, November 9-11: Petanque America Open and French Food/Wine Festival



For more information on any of the above events, call **904-277-7325 x259** or visit www.fbfl.us/historicdistrict and select "1562-2012: 450th French Anniversary" on the left-hand side of the page.

