Vendors line 1st Street for Woodfest







## September 2023 NEWS AND EVENTS



Hurricane Idelia did not stop the Second Annual WOOD FEST. Attendance for the festival might have been down from last year, but the weather cooperated was even cool-ish for morning set-up. The only festival of its kind in the Southeast, had 21 vendors, up by four from last year, presenting and celebrating all things wood!

Thanks to **Rebel Ventures** for donating the log of Poplar, and to our special guest John Birch, chain saw carver, who did not disappoint. Demonstrations by the Florida Blacksmiths Artists Association, Linda Rabon - Chair caning, Arran Corbett, with his antique tools and artist Jackie Strickland of Running Barefoot Farm showing the art of pyrography brought new levels of interest to visitors. Off the Rails Irish Pub provided a full schedule of music for the entire festival and had a steady stream of business throughout the day. The merchants had a good day of shoppers and lookers all through out the festival as well.

The best story of the day was when young Makayla Lanyun won the Chain saw carving. She and her family had been waiting all year to buy a ticket, Makayla says they have the perfect place for it.



John Birch sculptor, with a very heppy Makayla Lanyun

Thank you to our sponsors and all the volunteers that made it the success it was. SEE YOU NEXT YEARS

The Capital Campaign with "Path to the Future" was presented to the attendees. The fund raiser will be the finishing touch on the Slappey Building, the future home of Havana Main Street (HMS) and the Havana Visitors Center. The space only allows for 600 of the 4" x 8" pavers, so don't wait to purchase yours. This is the perfect way to remember a loved one or etch a date in time while showing your support for your community. Proceeds go towards future renovations.



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Tickets on sale at Wanderings and the Havana Main Street Office Drawing November 4



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Quilt by Wendy Adams and her crew of Quilters. Quilt is on display at Wanderings through November 4.



## Join us downtown all day for bargains galore!

**September III Havana** AHA Gallery Saturdays 11-4 Cruise-In Car Show 9/16 4-6 Havana Garden Club Pop-Up Plant Sale at the Havana Market 9/23 10-2

> Pumpkin Fest & Winterfest Applications are available online now at Havanamainstreet.com

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