

Innovation meets imagination at Daytona maker gathering

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Maker Daytona Beach welcomed more than 90 attendees for an evening celebrating creativity, innovation, craftsmanship, and hands-on learning at a community-driven Show N’ Tell on June 11 at the Daytona Regional Library.

The event had an expanded lineup of local makers, creators, artists, engineers and hobbyists, reflecting the growing interest in Daytona Beach’s emerging maker community. Designed to be interactive rather than simply observational, the event encouraged attendees to engage directly with makers, ask questions, learn new skills, and explore the creative process behind a wide variety of projects and disciplines.

Hosted in partnership with the Daytona Regional Library’s LaunchPad Maker Space, the event highlighted one of Volu-

sia County’s most unique community resources. The LaunchPad offers access to 3D printers, Cricut machines, die-cutting equipment, a green screen studio, gaming systems, and other creative technologies.

Throughout the evening, attendees had the opportunity to meet members of the Volusia Woodworkers Guild, learn about planetary and deep-space photography from a local astrophotographer, participate in a community mural led by local artists, and discover the intricate art of knot making through a hands-on demonstration. Visitors also learned basic soldering techniques, explored creative projects from local makers, interacted with Buster the Robot Dog, and enjoyed a special appearance by Mechanoid the Droid, a crowd favorite that delighted attendees of all ages.

“What makes the maker community special is that everyone has something to

share and something to learn,” said Valerie Uy, organizer of Maker Daytona Beach. “You might have a woodworker teaching alongside a robotics enthusiast, an artist collaborating with an engineer, or someone discovering a new hobby they never knew existed. The goal is to create a welcoming space where creativity and curiosity can thrive.”

Maker Daytona Beach was founded as a grassroots initiative to connect makers across Volusia County and create opportunities for the public to engage with innovative technologies and art. Through partnerships with local organizations, the initiative seeks to foster learning and community engagement through free events.

Maker Daytona Beach will host its next Show N’ Tell on Thursday, July 16, at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave. For information, visit makersdaytonabeach.com.



Photo courtesy of Maker Daytona Beach

An attendee greets Buster the Robot Dog from Bethune-Cookman University during Show N’ Tell at the Daytona Regional Library.

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• The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach: Shrek the Musical will be on stage select days July 16 to Aug. 1, at The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach, 726 E. Third St., New Smyrna Beach

The Little Theatre’s Production of Shrek the Musical is directed by Jill Van Orden.

Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek....And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you’ve got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there’s one on hand... and his name is Shrek. Tickets are \$27 for adults, \$26 for seniors and \$12 for students. Purchase online at www.nsbplayers.org or by phone at (386) 423-1246. Tickets may also be purchased in person from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, at the box office, and two hours before every performance.

• Sunset Concert Series: LoveSong, the Cure tribute will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Riverside Esplanade, 355 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Known for their authentic sound, iconic look, and faithful recreation of The Cure’s greatest hits, they deliver an immersive concert experience featuring favorites such as “Just Like Heaven,” “Friday I’m in Love,” “Lovesong,” “Pictures of You,” and more. First Wave will perform the music of Depeche Mode, Duran Duran, David Bowie, The Cars and more.

Gates open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Ice chests, coolers, and containers are prohibited. Tickets start at \$20 plus fees. Limited VIP tickets are available. For information, visit daytona-scene.com.

Ongoing Events

• All Aboard Flea & Farmers Market: The market is open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday to Sunday at 5005 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. Rain or shine. Free admission and parking. More than 120 vendors.

For information, call 386-523-3579 or visit allaboardmarket.com.

• American Legion Post 285: The post opens from noon to 8 p.m. daily. Karaoke from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Bingo is at 2 p.m. on Friday and Sunday, with lunch served from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Breakfast is from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, and dinner is served from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday is tacos. Darts are also played at 6 p.m. on Monday. Pool games are free and available every day, from open to close. The pool league plays according to its schedule.

The post is at 4497 U.S. 1, Edgewater. For information, call 386-210-4926.

• AmVets Post 911: Guests can enjoy breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. and stick bingo at 3 p.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays; Taco Tuesdays at 4 p.m.; cheese steaks noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays; Fish Fry Fridays

plus full menu, noon to 7 p.m.; and Karaoke from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays. The post is at 5624 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. For information, call 386-788-1014.

• Artisan Alley Farmers Market: The market is from 6 to 9 p.m. each Friday in Downtown DeLand. Offering local, organic produce, plants and homemade breads.

For information, call 386-589-3118.

• Bluegrass Jam: Bluegrass music is played from 6 to 8 p.m. each Monday at Rose Bay Campground, 5200 S. Nova Road, Port Orange. Bring instruments or just listen.

For information, call 386-795-3057 or visit saltygrassband.com.

• The Casements: The former winter home of John D. Rockefeller offers free tours on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 and 11 a.m. Saturdays. Donations are appreciated. Large group tours are by appointment only. The Gift Shoppe is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

For information, call 386-676-3216 or visit thecasements.net.

• Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp: The Cassadaga Spiritual Camp will host a Wednesday Night Message Service from 7 to 9 p.m. at Colby Temple, 1250 Marion St., Cassadaga.

At 7 p.m., Cassadaga mediums and special guest mediums will offer Spirit Greetings to as many attendees as possible.

From 7 to 7:20 p.m., indulge in a rejuvenating Spiritual Healing session, designed to soothe your mind, body, and spirit.

From 7:20 p.m., mediums will deliver personal messages from the spirit world, concluding no later than 9 p.m. Donation is \$5. For information, call 386-228-2880.

• Chrome Divas of Daytona Beach: A national, ladies-only motorcycle group, the Daytona Beach chapter meets at 11 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month at Louie’s Pizza, 1347 Beville Road, Daytona Beach.

For information, email chromedivasofdaytonabeach@yahoo.com.

• Coronado/Mainland Shuffleboard Club: The club is open to new members. Matches at 10 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Flagler Avenue and Pine Street in New Smyrna Beach.

For information, call 386-426-1289 or visit cmshuffleboard.org.

• Cribbage: Open to the public, games are played from 5:20 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the city gym, 1000 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach, November to April.

For information, call Bill Barney at 407-274-3873.

• Cribbage Club: The club meets at 6 p.m. each Tuesday at 89 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach. Cost is \$6. Park in spots marked for guests.

For information, call Paul or Joy Barnes at 386-671-6164.

• Daughters of the American Revolution, Jane Sheldon Chapter: The group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

For meeting location and information, call 386-426-1881 or visit fssdar.org.

• Daughters of the American Revolution, Sugar Mill Chapter:

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month from September to May.

For information, call 352-250-7642.

• Daytona Beach Choral Society: Rehearsals are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 105 Amsden Road. Open to all. Bass and tenor are especially needed. Cost is \$55 per season.

For information, call 323-204-8018, email info@daytonabeachchoralsociety.com or visit daytonabeachchoralsociety.com.

• Daytona Beach Concert Band: Musicians who play brass, woodwind and percussion instruments can join practice from 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday at Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach.

For information, call 386-451-8708 or email dbconcertband@gmail.com.

• Daytona Beach Kiwanis Club: The club meets at noon for lunch on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 S. Beach St. New members are welcome.

For information, call 386-334-2865.

• Daytona Beach Metropolitan Bridge Club: The bridge club at Driftwood and Atlantic avenues in Daytona Beach offers lessons for beginners and games for intermediate and experienced players. Sponsored and supported by the American Contract Bridge Association.

For information, call 386-414-3738 or visit bridgeweb.com/dmbc.

• Daytona Beach Toastmasters Club: Meet at 6 p.m. Mondays in Room 268 at the College of Business Building 321 at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University or online.

For Zoom, visit us02web.zoom.us/j/87528635961 and Meeting ID: 875 2863 5961.

• Daytona Flea and Farmers Market: The market is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 1425 Tomoka Farms Road, Daytona Beach.

For information, visit daytonafleamarket.com.

• DeLand Bridge Club: The club is at 165 Deerfield Road. All levels welcome. Lessons available. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. If you need a partner, call the day before.

For information, call 386-734-7170 or visit delandbridge.com.

• DeLeon Springs Farm Swap: Open from 7 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturdays of each month at Spring Garden Ranch, 900 Spring Garden Ranch Road. Free, family-friendly.

For vendor information, visit deleonspringsfarmswap.com.

• Deltona Sons & Daughters of Italy: The craft show and rummage sale is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday at 1270 Doyle Road, Deltona. Rain or shine. Indoor and outdoor vendors of all types. Table rental is \$10 per week. Food and beverages for purchase, and a farmers’ market outside.

For information, call 386-847-8392 or email kufferakathy@yahoo.com.

• Dickerson Center: Game Night is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 308 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Daytona Beach. Adults can enjoy a variety of free board and card games.

For information, call 386-671-5820.

• Dunlawton Sugar Mill Gardens: Enjoy a self-guided tour of the gardens and historic Sugar Mill Ruins at 950 Old Sugar Mill Road, Port Orange. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission, donations encouraged.

For information, visit dunlawtonsugarmillgardens.org.

• Duplicate Bridge: Duplicate Bridge is played at 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Live Oak Cultural Center, 1050 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach. Sponsored by the American Contract Bridge Association. Games are \$7 per game for members and \$9 per game for non-members. Membership is \$30 a year. Snacks are available during the break. Singles welcome. The director can find you a partner.

For information, call 386-690-1736.

• Eagles 4242: Breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon Sundays; \$9 half-pound burgers with fries from 4 to 7 p.m.; free pool from 4 p.m. to close; platter night from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays; lunch from noon to 3 p.m.; charity dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m.; Cardo at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. The club is in Suite No. 14 at 132 Park Ave., Edgewater. All are welcome.

For information, call 386-427-9944.

• East Coast Cruisers: Free car shows from 3 to 6 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at One Daytona, 1 Daytona Blvd., Daytona Beach, and 3 to 6 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Lakeside Center, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange.

• Edgewater-NSB Elks Lodge 1557: Open for lunch and games 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Mahjong is played on Tuesdays. Hand, Knee, Foot is played on Wednesdays. Doors open at 11 a.m. on both days. Lodge hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Friday night dinners are served 5 to 6:30 p.m. Breakfast is served 9 to 11 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday.

For information, call 386-663-3041 or visit elks.org.

• Environmental Discovery Center: The center is open for self-guided tours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at 601 Division Ave., Ormond Beach. Guests are limited to 10 people at a time. Admission is free.

For information, call 386-615-7081.

• Florida Shores Clubhouse: Bingo is at 10:30 a.m. each Monday at 2932 Lime Tree Drive, Edgewater. Free admission with purchase of bingo packets, which start at \$15 for six cards. Open to the public.

For information, call 386-299-8837.

• Holly Hill History Museum: The museum is open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 1065 Daytona Ave. Tour historic photographs and artifacts. View the five-time Emmy Award-winning film “The Real McCoy.”

Free admission. For information, call 386-252-2339.

• Harmony Sound Waves: A women’s cappella chorus meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 509 Magnolia St., New Smyrna Beach. Singers of all

levels are welcome.

For information, visit harmony-soundwaves.com or call 609-712-3413.

• Holly Hill Riverside Market: Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday at Sunrise Park, 1135 Riverside Drive.

• Knottie Knitters & Crocheters: Meets from 1 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Community Hall at United Church of Christ, 203 Washington St., New Smyrna Beach. All levels welcome. Some supplies are available.

• Lake Helen Market in the Park: The market is open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday at Blake Park, 437 N. Lakeview Drive.

• Lions Club of South Daytona: The club meets at 7 a.m. each Wednesday at Hannah’s Family Diner, 968 Reed Canal Road, South Daytona. Visitors and new members are welcome.

For information, email carene.darcey@cd5771@aol.com or call 386-212-0871.

• Maine Connection II: The group has a luncheon every third Monday. A fun social group with ties to the great state of Maine. Current residents, snowbirds, and/or visitors are welcome. No membership fees.

For information, email conchy11joe@gmail.com or call 386-236-9681.

• Marine Discovery Center: The center, dedicated to teaching the public about the Indian River Lagoon, offers boat and kayak tours daily. Two-hour tours are led by certified naturalists who explain marine species along the way. The center is at 520 Barracuda Blvd., New Smyrna Beach. Facility hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For information, call 386-428-4828 or visit marinediscovery-center.org.

• Museum of Arts & Sciences: The Guild of the Museum of Arts & Sciences meets at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, September to May, at the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art, 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach.

For information, call Sherry Erbe at 396-679-8534.

• New Smyrna Beach Farmer’s Market: Open 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays in front of Old Fort Park in the Canal Street Historic District, 210 Sams Ave.

For information, call 404-429-5524 or visit canalstreetsnb.com.

• Oak Hill Flea Market: Open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 351 N. U.S. 1.

For information, call 386-451-3799.

• Ormond Beach Farmers Market: The farmers’ market is open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at 22 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach.

For information, visit ormond-beachmainstreet.com.

• Ormond Beach Historical Society Welcome Center and Museum: The “Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop” features free admission to historical photographs, a 20-minute DVD and interpretive panels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday at 38 E. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach.

For information, call 386-677-7005 or visit ormondhistory.org.

• Ormond Beach Garden Club: Meets 9:30 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of each month, October to May, at The Casements.

For information, call 203-668-

6413.

• Osteen Farmer’s Market: Open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday to Sunday at Farm and Pet Superstore, 141 Eastside Lane. Produce, plants, pet supplies, food, and entertainment.

For information, call 352-348-8080.

• Our Lady of the Angels Mission: A movie party will be at 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Our Lady of the Angels Mission, 1435 Old Mission Road, New Smyrna Beach.

Participants will view secular and spiritual movies. The first film will be “Catholicism,” featuring presentations by Bishop Robert Baron on the basics of the Christian faith in the East and West. This includes topics such as the Sermon on the Mount and Christian liturgy. Tyler Edwards will provide popcorn. All are welcome.

• Party Bridge: Open to all players at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays each week in New Smyrna Beach.

For information, email jew505@yahoo.com.

• Pelican Piecemakers Quilt Guild: The guild meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1650 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach. All levels of quilters are welcome.

For information, email pelicanpiecemakersquilter-snsb@gmail.com.

• Peninsula Women’s Club of Daytona Beach: The club meets from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Thursday at 415 S. Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach. Bridge, Samba, and Hand, Foot & Elbow games. Participants can bring lunch or have it delivered. All are welcome.

For information, call 386-843-1061.

• Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: The lighthouse is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at 4931 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet. Admission is \$6.95 for adults, \$1.95 for children 3–11, and free for children 2 and younger.

For information, call 386-761-1821 or visit ponceinlet.org.

• Port Orange Elks Lodge: Bingo is at 11 a.m. each Friday at 5207 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. Doors open at 9 a.m. Proceeds support charities. Smoke-free.

For information, call 386-767-8572.

• Port Orange Historical Trust: The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday to Saturday, at 740 Commonwealth Blvd., by Buschman Park. Enjoy historical artifacts, pictures, and other memorabilia.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

• Project Linus: Project Linus provides quilts, afghans, and blankets for children in crisis.

The chapter hosts three monthly meetings:

Show and Tell and Sew: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1650 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach. Work on a project or a blanket leads a new quilt. A crochet group also meets at this time.

Drop Off/Show and Tell Meeting: second Thursday of the month at Oceans of Thread, 1250 state Road 15A, DeLand.

The Drop-Off and Crochet Meeting: 10 a.m. to noon on the third Friday of the month at Prince of Peace, 600 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. Many of the blanketers at this meeting

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