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Annual Convention

“Museums & Mysteries”



Thursday, May 21-Sunday May 24, 2009

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Historic Renaissance Vinoy Resort

This will be an unforgettable event!

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“People love mystery, and that is why they love my paintings.” -- Salvador Dali

Some of you may still think of St Petersburg as a city of green benches and sleepy citizens, but if you do, you have not visited in a while. The home of the American League Champions has a gorgeous waterfront, great new restaurants and outdoor eateries, and a museum for every possible interest. Our Convention Chairs, Marilyn Polson and Dresden Brunner, have organized an exciting meeting for which they have chosen the theme “Museums and Mysteries” in order to highlight a number of gallery related activities culminating in our mystery dinner Saturday night. We are having a photography exhibit featuring the fine artists of the Executive Council and we encourage all of you to participate. The specific information concerning the exhibition is attached along with a listing of the city’s many fine museums, restaurants and other activities.

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Thursday: On Thursday morning, the Committee meetings will begin. Want to learn to Twitter and Tweet? Come to the joint meeting of the Diversity/Fellowship and New Member Committees. Tae Bronner has arranged for an expert to discuss “Demystifying 21st Century Communication.” You will want to hear how you, perhaps your firm, and maybe the Section should be reaching out to our clients and other target markets. Also on Thursday, The Pinellas Community Foundation and the RPPTL Section are co-sponsoring Professor Jeff Pennell at the Charitable Organization meeting from 1-2 p.m. As always, Professor Pennell will shed some light on the mysteries of estate planning and transfer taxes in his presentation titled “Crystal Ball Gazing in 2009.”

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Friday: The Convention Seminar, “*A Study in Fine Arts: Mixed Media of Real Estate, Probate, and Taxes*”, will begin at 8:30 and should appeal to both sides of the RPPTL house. The speakers will focus on the overlap between real property law and estate and trust planning. Shane Kelley will moderate a panel focusing on forced life estates in homesteads. The panel will review the issues and discuss proposed solutions. We will have up to date information on changes in the law regarding documentary stamps and real estate taxes. Will Shepherd, General Counsel for the Hillsborough Property Appraiser, will speak about the Save Our Homes Cap, including portability. Laird Lile will moderate our closing panel of experts taking on all your toughest real property and estate related questions.

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Burt Burton has planned a special presentation Friday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m. With the help of Pete Dunbar and Martha Edenfield, he will show us how to “Paint a Clearer Legislative Picture: Drafting Proposed Statutes.” We hope all Committee

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Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as well as those of you who occasionally dabble in this arcane past time of writing statutes, come and learn how it really should be done.

Saturday: On Saturday morning, separate Probate and Real Estate Round Table breakfasts begin at 8:00 followed by The Executive Council Meeting. All Section members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings and observe. (Note, if you will be joining us for a meal, you must register in advance.)

Social Events: The Convention's social events begin after Thursday's committee meetings with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres on the hotel's Mezzanine Terrace. Afterwards you may want to grab dinner on your own at one of St. Pete's many restaurants. Marilyn (as our resident St. Petersburgian) has put together a list of some interesting eateries.

Our Friday night dinner will be held in the new wing of the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, which is hosting a special Andy Warhol exhibit. In homage to the famous pop artist, we are designating our annual awards dinner: *RPPTL's Fifteen Minutes of Fame*. Just a short walk or trolley ride from the hotel, this is sure to be a great evening. While the rest of the weekend is resort casual, you probably will want to dress up for this dinner. We also have planned a special event Friday evening for all of the kids and grandkids. The St. Pete children's museum will host a private event of "Great Explorations" for our small guests. The museum will provide appropriate supervision and dinner for the kids (compliments of Chick-fil-A). You can drop your kids off at their event and then come join us at the Museum of Fine Arts.

We have a lot planned for our spouses and guests including a docent guided tour of the Dali Museum on Friday. While Section Members are working Saturday morning, our guests will want to wonder through St Pete's Saturday Market. It is a great place to have breakfast, grab coffee, listen to some music and browse the crafts. Make plans to stay over Saturday evening because, continuing with our theme, you are invited for dinner and a comedy murder mystery—"G.K.'s 80th Birthday." We are to be "guests" at the 80th birthday dinner of G.K. Our host announces that he has changed his will, disinheriting all the guests. As you might imagine, this leaves some very unhappy people and someone does not make it through the evening. Hopefully, after a glass of wine or two we will leave the mysteries of homestead behind and focus on figuring out "who did it!"

The weekend concludes with our brunch on Sunday. Please sign up for all events promptly. A couple of events, particularly the Friday night dinner, have caps because of space.

See you in St. Pete!

Sandy,

Head Curator

REGISTRATION FORM

Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section

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Your Name: _____ Florida Bar #: _____

Spouse / Guest Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail : _____

Thursday, May 21, 2009

		Event Price		# Attending	Total
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Grab and Go Lunch [\$18.69 + \$1.31 tax 8180003]	\$20	x	_____ =	_____

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception [\$37.38 + \$2.62 tax 8180004]	\$40	x	_____ =	_____
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Friday, May 22, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Executive Council/Spouse Breakfast [\$18.69 + \$1.31 tax 8180005]	\$20	x	_____ =	_____
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8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Convention CLE Seminar				See the separate registration from (Please register and pay separately)
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10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Spouse/Guest Outing- Dali Museum [\$14.02 + \$.98 tax 8180006]	\$15	x	_____ =	_____
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	Child Pricing [\$1.87 + .13 tax 8180006]	\$2	x	_____ =	_____
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12:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Convention Annual Lunch [\$23.36 + \$1.64 tax 8180007]	\$25	x	_____ =	_____
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6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out – Great Explorations [\$18.69 + \$1.31 tax 8180008]	\$20	x	_____ =	_____
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6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Reception & Awards Dinner [\$84.11 + \$5.89 tax 8180009]	\$90	x	_____ =	_____
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Saturday, May 23, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Roundtable Breakfast: 8180010 Probate Roundtables	COMP	x	_____ =	_____
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	or Real Property Roundtables	COMP	x	_____ =	_____
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8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Spouse/Guest Breakfast [\$18.69 + \$1.31 tax 8180011]	\$20	x	_____ =	_____
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	Childs Pricing [\$9.35 + .65 tax 8180011]	\$10	x	_____ =	_____
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10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Executive Council Meeting/ Lunch Spouse/Guest Box Lunch [\$14.02 + .98 8180012]	COMP \$15	x x	_____ = _____ =	_____ _____
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6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Kids Night In - Pizza, Movie & Games [\$18.69 + \$1.31 tax 8180013]	\$20	x	_____ =	_____
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6:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.	Reception & Mystery Dinner Show [\$60.75 + \$4.25 tax 8180014]	\$65	x	_____ =	_____
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Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Farewell Breakfast [\$18.69 + \$1.31 tax 8180015]	\$ 20	x	_____ =	_____
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EVENTS TOTAL _____

Please sign up for all events you wish to attend and pay the cost (if any). There will be no on-site registration for the events. You may receive a full or partial refund (less a \$25 administrative fee) if your refund request is received by fax (fax #850-561-5825) or by e-mail (esmith@flabar.org) **prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2009. There will be no full or partial refunds after 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2009 and there will be no refunds for no shows.**

MAIL YOUR CHECK, payable to **The Florida Bar**, with a completed copy of both pages of this sign-up sheet:

**The Florida Bar
Attention: RPPTL Section
651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300**

CREDIT CARD: If paying with your **Credit Card** please FAX the completed forms to **Liz C. Smith** at fax number (850) 561-5825 **before May 14, 2009**. Thank you!

EVENTS TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE \$ _____

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Please complete and return both pages of this registration form before May 14th, 2009.

*GREETINGS FROM ST. PETERSBURG
THE "SUNSHINE CITY"*

(UPDATE 4/20/09)

April 2009

Dear Spouses, children, grandchildren, guests, friends, and any other tagalongs:

I am most excited to welcome you to my hometown of St. Petersburg. Along with Dresden Brunner, the Co-chair of this year's RPPTL Convention, we have planned a great Memorial Day Weekend for you and your family and friends. First, be sure to read Sandy's letter to the RPPTL Section members as it contains lots of information that will be of interest to you as well.

In addition to the Section's events on Thursday evening (cocktail reception), Friday evening (dinner at the Museum of Fine Arts) and Saturday evening (dinner and comedy murder mystery at the Vinoy), we have a number of scheduled events, as well as some suggestions for activities you can explore on your own.

Breakfast on Friday morning will be located in the Vinoy Grand Ballroom Foyer. Be sure to plan on eating early enough to join the group in the hotel lobby in time to catch the "Looper" at 10:04 a.m. or 10:19 a.m. in order to reach the world famous Dali Museum for our docent guided tour. Situated on St. Petersburg's beautiful Bayboro Harbor, the Salvador Dali Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by the late Spanish surrealist. If you have visited the Dali before, you will want to return. If you have never been to this museum, you will not want to miss this excursion.

After touring the Dali, we will hop back on the "Looper", St. Petersburg's downtown trolley, for the trip back to the Vinoy, or any stop in between. The Looper is a downtown trolley with service every 15 minutes using 15 designated stops. The fare is 25¢ each time you get on. You may want to enjoy lunch at one of the many downtown restaurants, browse through the galleries on Beach Drive, or return directly to the Vinoy and enjoy lunch there. Whichever activity you choose, you will want to be sure to be back at the Vinoy for a private historic tour of this grand hotel at 2:00 pm. The Vinoy is on the National Register of Historic Places and the tour provides great insight into the grandeur of 1920s. The cost is \$10, payable on site and you must sign up as early as possible when you arrive at the hotel so the Vinoy will know how many docents to have available. Alternatively, you can email me in advance at mpolson@fishersauls.com that you plan to take the private historic tour at the Vinoy, along with the number of people in your group.

If you are bringing small ones to the convention for the weekend, be sure to sign them up for Kid's Night Out at Great Explorations-Hands On Museum. While the adults are enjoying an evening at the Museum of fine Arts, the children are invited to explore St. Petersburg's "Hands On" children's museum, only 5 to 7 minutes north of the hotel. Kid's Night Out is a regular occurrence at Great Explorations and it includes dinner from "Chick-Fil-A" and an evening of fun, crafts and science. Children ages 4 through 14 are invited to attend, and the museum will be open exclusively for children from our group. Because of the close proximity to the hotel, parents will have plenty of time to deliver children, get them settled comfortably at Great Explorations and still make it easily back for cocktails at the Museum of Fine Arts.

On Saturday morning, breakfast will be served at Fred's Bar and Patio. Once the Looper begins to run at 10:04 a.m., hop aboard anytime to the Saturday Morning Market.

St. Petersburg's Saturday Morning Market, located in the parking area of Al Lang Stadium (closest to stop # 13 on the Looper map), opened in 2002, organized by a group of volunteers. The Saturday Morning Market is open from October through May of each year. The Saturday Morning Market has live music, multicultural food vendors, fresh produce, baked goods, art, crafts, pottery, jewelry and more with vendors changing from week to week. The Gulf Coast Jazz Quartet will be entertaining at the outdoor market from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m., so if you do not want to shop, come to "people watch" and enjoy the music.

When you have had enough of the market, you can stroll along the waterfront, take the Looper to The Pier or return to the Vinoy for an afternoon spa treatment or just lazing by the pool. If you head to the Pier, St. Petersburg's easily recognizable inverted triangle on the waterfront, you might want to check out The Pier Aquarium, located on the second floor, or catch a ride on the Dolphin Queen to see dolphins, manatees and sea birds, as well as St. Petersburg from the water.

In all of the free time you will have left, you may want to visit one of St. Petersburg's other museums or galleries of your choosing. I have compiled a list of museums and galleries for your information. I just want to mention a couple of my personal favorite places to shop for art. Creative Clay provides local artists with developmental, physical and/or emotional disabilities an opportunity to express their passion for art. Creative Clay has some wonderful artwork. I have two original paintings by Creative Clay artists hanging in my office. Another place to visit if you are looking for unique gifts is Craftsman House. Enjoy lunch or ice tea on the porch before or after shopping. The address of these two, and many other great galleries are included on the attachment.

We will all meet for Sunday morning breakfast at Fred's, on the lower floor of the Vinoy. For those staying an extra day for the holiday weekend, try one of the downtown restaurants with outdoor seating recently reviewed in the *St. Petersburg Times*. A copy of the review is attached to give you some ideas and make your mouth water.

I can't wait to see everyone in St. Petersburg.



Marilyn M. Polson
Convention Co-chair

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Event Schedule

Thursday, May 21

Event

9:00am - 12:30pm	Committee Meetings
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Grab and Go Lunch
1:00pm - 6:30pm	Committee Meetings
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Reception - The Vinoy Resort
9:00pm - 10:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Friday, May 22

8:00am - 8:30am	Late Registration for Seminar
7:00am - 9:00am	Executive Council and Spouse Breakfast
8:30am - 12:10pm	Seminar: Mixed Media of Real Estate, Probate and Taxes
9:00am - 12:10pm	Committee Meetings
10:30am - 1:30pm	Spouse Outing - Dali Museum
12:10pm - 1:30pm	Convention Annual Lunch
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6:00pm - 10:00pm	Kids Night Out - Great Explorations
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Reception and Awards Dinner - Musuem Of Fine Arts
9:00pm - 10:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Saturday, May 23

8:00am - 10:00am	Probate Roundtable Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am	RP Roundtable Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am	Spouse Breakfast
10:30am - 1:00pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lunch
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Power of Attorney
6:00pm - 9:30pm	Kids Nigh In - The Vinoy Resort
6:00pm - 9:10pm	Mystery Dinner with Reception - The Vinoy Resort
9:10pm - 10:10pm	Hospitality Suite

Sunday, May 24

8:30am - 10:30am	Farewell Breakfast
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Committee Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 21, 2009

<i>Time</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Committee</i>
9:00am - 10:30am	IRA & Employee Benefits	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Condominium & Planned Developments
9:00am - 10:30am	Ad Hoc Creditors Rights	2:00pm - 3:30pm	Probate & Trust Litigation
9:00am - 10:30am	Real Property Forms	2:00pm - 3:30pm	Estate & Trust Tax Planning
9:00am – 10:30am	Legal Opinions	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Membership Development & Communication
10:30am - 12:30pm	Mortgage and Encumbrances	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Sponsorship
10:30am - 12:00pm	Asset Protection	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Land Trusts and REITS
10:30am - 12:30pm	Advance Directives & HIPPA	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Problem Study
10:30am - 12:00pm	Joint Meeting Diversity/Fellowship/New Members	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Probate Law
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Charitable Organizations		
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Real Property Litigation		

Friday, May 22, 2009

<i>Time</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Committee</i>
7:15am - 8:30am	Executive Committee	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Insurance
8:00am - 8:30am	Registration for seminar	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Mobile Homes
8:30am - 12:10pm	Seminar	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Legislative Update
9:00am - 5:00pm	FAR/BAR	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Develop & Gov't Regulation
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Landlord & Tenant	3:30pm - 4:30pm	How to Write Legislation
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Title Insurance	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Circuit Representative
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Trust Law	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Non-Judicial Task Force
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Guardianship	4:30pm - 5:30pm	PAC general meeting and new registration

Saturday, May 23, 2009

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8:00am - 10:00am	Probate Roundtable Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am	RP Roundtable Breakfast
10:30am - 1:00pm	Executive Council Meeting
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Power of Attorney

Alternate Hotels near the Renaissance Vinoy

Pier Hotel

1-727-822-7500

253 2nd Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL

www.thepierhotel.com

Americas Best Inn & Suites

1-727-894-3248

342 3rd Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL

www.americasbestinnstpetersburg.com

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort

1-877-786-9480

6800 Sunshine Skyway, St. Petersburg, FL

Grayl's Hotel

1-727-896-1080

340 Beach Dr. NE St. Petersburg

www.graylshotel.com

Heritage Hotel

1-727-822-4814

234 3rd Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL

Bond Hotel

1-727-822-4753

421 4th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL

Inn at the Bay

1-727-822-1700

126 4th Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, FL

www.innatthebay.com

Mansion House Bed & Breakfast

1-727-821-9391

105 5th Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, FL

www.mansionbandb.com

Ponce De Leon Hotel

1-727-550-9300

95 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL

www.poncedeleonhotel.com

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RPPTL SECTION CONVENTION

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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AND CONTEST

Are you an Ansel Adams or Annie Leibovitz hiding in a law office? Now is the chance to display your photographic work at the RPPTL Section Convention! As part of our theme of Mysteries & Museums, we are having a Photography Exhibit and Contest. Rules below.

- Photographs taken by RPPTL Section members or an immediate family member
- Subject matter must be related to Section's mission: real estate, probate, trust, and law and includes photos taken at Executive Council meeting locations
- Awards give for First, Second and Third places. First place winner featured on cover of *ActionLine* magazine
- Professional photographers are excluded from the contest but are welcome to exhibit
- Limit: Up to three (3) submissions per person and numbered in order of preference. Committee reserves right to exhibit fewer than all submissions.
- Size: 8 x 10 only. No other sizes accepted
- Deadline: May 11, 2009
- Mail original photograph(s) unmated and unframed with photographer's name affixed to the back of the photo and photo title (if any) to:

Liz C. Smith
Program Administrator
The Florida Bar
651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300
(850) 561-5619 Direct Phone

- Pick up original photograph at conclusion of Convention. Photograph will not be mailed back to you.
- We hope to offer submitted photographs for sale and donate the proceeds to a local charity. Please note if you do not wish to sell your submission.

Local Saint Petersburg Restaurants

By Laura Reiley, Times Food Critic

In Print: Thursday, April 2, 2009

Along Beach Drive

Outside tables at [Parkshore Grill](#) offer a view of the bustling downtown revival and namesake park. Inside, a curving bar is flanked by a glass-encased wine closet that doubles as a design feature and includes some fine, moderately priced California cabernets and pinot noirs. Plates emerge from the open kitchen as finely crafted American cuisine with a twist. Think beef Wellington, grilled lamb chops, lobster pasta, or pan-seared scallops, only this version is sweet and tender, circling a mound of sauteed baby spinach with the rich smokiness of Southern greens. 300 Beach Drive NE, (727) 896-9463.

Since 1996, [The Moon Under Water's](#) calling card has been a loose and ethnically diverse array of pub grub, all able accompaniments to a delicious, foam-capped black and tan. The signature dish is chicken tikka masala (said to be "Britain's true national dish"), and even Moon Under Water's walls are deep red tinged a slight curry color, against which assorted flags and Brit-abilia pop. The regular chicken curry is something of a party, arriving with a hot metal bowl of saffron-hued basmati, another of dusky curry, a crisp, peppery pappadam, an oblong of warm naan, and if you're in the mood to splurge a few bucks extra, little bowls of mango chutney, onion pickle and cuke-spiked yogurt. 332 Beach Drive NE, (727) 896-6160.

Then, of course, comes the gelato. More sidewalk tables abound at [Paciugo](#), its gelato denser, softer, creamier than American ice cream. Made with milk, not cream, gelato has about 70 percent less fat than many ice creams. Opened at the end of 2006, Paciugo (pa-CHU-go) offers 32 to 34 flavors each day. In a small cup you can mix three flavors together. Consider pairing the intense chocolate fondant with a bit of lush hazelnut (the most popular flavor in Italy) and then tie them together with a third selection of gianduja (that's chocolate and hazelnut together, like Nutella). 300 Beach Drive NE, (727) 209-0298.

On the other hand, there's the bustling front porch of [Ceviche Tapas Bar and Restaurant](#). Its namesake cocktail of citrus-marinated fish is only one item on the biggest spread of hot and cold tapas. Crowds and food are fast and fun: olives, quail, sherried chicken livers and albondigas. 10 Beach Drive NE, (727) 209-2302.

Along Central Avenue

Around the corner from dinner-only Ceviche is its younger sibling, [Pincho y Pincho](#), which offers Spanish-style breakfast, lunch and dinner in a teeny, casual bistro. It seems plucked right off the streets of Barcelona, an any-time-of-the-day hangout where you can linger over a big bowl of milky coffee or wrestle with an open-face ham and manchego sandwich while watching pedestrians amble by. It's not good for groups, but a tiny table crammed with tapas and a pitcher of sangria seems the height of romance para dos. Breakfast may be its biggest gift to downtown. 95 Central Ave., (727) 209-2302.

A little further west and the second-story balcony of [BellaBrava](#) beckons, not to mention its new, affordable bar menu (meatball sliders, Italian-style wings and three kinds of addictive fries). Only a few years old, BellaBrava continues to reinvent itself, adding new suave lunch items (piadina, a sandwich hailing from Romagna that's like a flatbread mated with a calzone), gussying up the lovely dining room and maintaining enough buzz to keep the bar and dining room hopping. 515 Central Ave., (727) 895-5515.

Elsewhere downtown

[Red Mesa Cantina](#) was launched at the site of DeSanto in the gloriously reinvented McNulty Station at the start of this year. It inherited a great courtyard patio, a cool nightclub upstairs ([Push Ultra Lounge](#)) and the most drool-worthy exhibition kitchen in St. Petersburg. Dance a little, drink a little, then head down for a roast duck soft taco — fluffs of goat cheese and dabs of red chili jelly, with grilled pineapple offering a perfect fruity counterpoint for the confit-like duck. The menu is divided into ceviches, a raft of soft tacos

(all cheap and on housemade corn tortillas), soups and salads, a few sandwiches, a pile of miscellaneous appetizers and a short list of mid-priced but sophisticated entrees. 128 Third St. S, (727) 896-8226.

[Cafe Alma](#) is the grand dame of hip downtown dining, opened all the way back in 2002. During the day the menu is fairly American (with a wallet-friendly \$9 salad-entree-drink combo that downtown workers should take a look at), and at night it skews a little more to the Italian side than it once did. The management has instituted a whole bunch of special promotions (prime rib Mondays, two-for-one night Wednesdays, ladies' night Fridays, a Bloody Mary bar at brunch). But it's not all that stuff that has people still coming in the door (well, maybe the Bloody Mary bar). Cafe Alma still feels like the kind of warm, intimate place you'd like to settle into for a while. Dogs are welcome on the patio outside and indoors it's dark like a German rathskeller, with a warren of curtained-off cubbies and a strange preponderance of iffy pugilist art. 260 First Ave. S, (727) 502-5002.

The low thrum of engines, the plumes of smoke and screech of tires — none of this fits seamlessly with [Marchand's at the Renaissance Vinoy](#). Too fancy. But its more casual cousin, [Alfresco's](#), is ideal, outdoors and with a lively Floribbean menu. This small and casual spot is a bit hard to find back by the pool, but when you do, you'll appreciate the solicitous service and the opportunity for a little spring breeze to rustle your menu. A longtime favorite is the sweet potato fries that come with wraps and sandwiches. But if you're being good, there's always fresh fruit. 501 Fifth Ave. NE, (727) 894-1000.

Sidewalk tables have begun to amass at Zack and Jennifer Gross' new [Z Grille](#) at the bottom of Signature Place. Zack was nominated for a prestigious James Beard award — a rarity for chefs in these parts — largely on the basis of his oversized personality and serious culinary panache. The edgy decor is dominated by a 10-foot bamboo halfpipe with artwork from local tattoo artist Evil Don. It's playful yet still sophisticated, and that's the way the food is, too. Think Dr Pepper fried ribs, deviled eggs that come revved up with crab meat or avocado and bacon or a bacon-lettuce-avocado-seared-sea-scallop-tomato composed salad called the B.L.A.S.T. Chef Zack's flavors are assertive but suave: A fan of chipotle barbecue pork tenderloin gets overshadowed by its lush jalapeno goat cheese creamed corn. The wine list features a number of splurgy by-the-glass offerings, most from California, that pair beautifully with the menu. 104 Second St. S, (727) 822-9600.

ST. PETERSBURG MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Dali Museum

1000 Third St. S.
(727) 823-3767
fax: (727) 894-6068

salvadoralimuseum.org
info@salvadoralimuseum.org

Situated on the Bayboro Harbor in downtown St. Petersburg, the Salvador Dali Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by the late Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali. The collection includes 94 original oils, over 100 watercolors and drawings, plus 1,300 graphics, sculptures, holograms, objects of art and photographs.

You will be awed by the size and complexity of some of the largest Dali paintings in the world. These creations will engage the imagination of the world forever. Your mind will be perplexed, confounded, stimulated and intrigued. Discover the strange world of Dali...one of the twentieth century's greatest artists.

From the little known early works in which Dali painted in Impressionist styles, to his Classic and Surrealist periods, one will see hints of Picasso, Cezanne, Velasquez and others culminating in a distinctive Dali style. The famous double image paintings and the monumental canvases are among the most popular in the museum.

Florida Holocaust Museum

55 Fifth St. S.
(727) 820-0100
fax (727) 821-8435

flholocaustmuseum.org
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The fundamental goal of the Museum is to further education regarding this unprecedented destruction of human life and to promote the lessons of tolerance, respect and responsibility. Rather than dwelling on the horrors of the past, the museum concentrates on the present - reaching the individuals in our communities and classrooms uninformed about the Holocaust, and those who fail to grasp its size and implications. This tragic era in human history provides the opportunity to study and challenge the impact of bigotry, prejudice, hatred and indifference. The Florida Holocaust Museum is dedicated to advancing public awareness, education and understanding of the Holocaust, honoring the memory of millions of innocent people who suffered, struggled and died in the Shoah.

Great Explorations, the Hands On Museum

1925 4th St. N.
(727) 821-8992

greatexplorations.org
info@greatex.org

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Museum of Fine Arts

255 Beach Drive N.E.
(727) 896-2667
Fax: (727) 894-4638

fine-arts.org

The elegant Palladian-style building combines the styles of a classic art museum and a Mediterranean villa at home in Florida's tropical climate. Designed by John Volk, the building itself a work of art, has twenty galleries, some small and intimate, others more spacious. The Museum also has splendid Membership and Sculpture Gardens. The Museum, founded by Mrs. Margaret Acheson Stuart, opened in 1965 and is now one of the finest in the Southeast. The collection has more than 4,000 objects extending from antiquity to the present day and includes works by such major French artists as Fragonard, Vigee-Lebrun, Cezanne, Monet, Berthe Morisot, Gauguin, Renoir and Rodin. The Museum also has significant works by the American artists Thomas Moran, George Inness, Robert Henri, George Bellows and Georgia O'Keeffe. Native American, African, Asian and pre-Columbian art, as well as photographs, are also on view and a gallery is devoted to Steuben Glass.

St. Petersburg Museum of History

335 Second Ave. N.E.
(727) 894-1052
Fax: (727) 823-7276

spmoh.org
info@spmoh.org

One of the oldest historical museums in the State of Florida. since 1920, SPMH has been collecting, preserving and presenting St. Petersburg history through exhibitions and special programs. That tradition continues today, and we invite you to sample what SPMH has to offer. From fossilized footprints, to the first commercial airline, to St. Petersburg's famous green benches, SPMH has it . . . The Museum is located on the approach to The Pier in downtown St. Petersburg.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum

2240 Ninth Ave. S.
(727) 323-1104

woodsonmuseum.org
info@woodsonmuseum.org

St. Petersburg's newest museum is named after Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875 to 1950), a Virginia native and son of former slaves, who has been called the father of Black History Month. The museum's mission is to preserve, present and interpret African American history and promote an understanding to help all respect and value diversity as well as to foster equal rights and social justice. Dr. Carter G. Woodson said, "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and stands in danger of being exterminated."

The museum is located in Midtown section of St. Petersburg - a half block from the historic 22nd Street corridor, which in the 1940s and 1950s was the social hub of the African American community. Nearby landmarks along 22nd Street include the Royal Theater Boys & Girls Club, the St. Petersburg College Midtown Achievement Center, the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center at the historic Mercy Hospital campus, the restored Manhattan Casino and the St. Pete Clay Company (former CSX Railroad Depot).

African Americans have played a crucial role in the growth and development of St. Petersburg since the late 1880s - first arriving seeking work, finding it on the Orange Belt Railroad and other emerging enterprises. Settling near the downtown area to be near jobs and the railroad, they established neighborhoods and the community grew, creating independent institutions and a unique culture. The history of this community will be the focus of programming at the Woodson Museum in order to preserve it for present and future generations of St. Petersburg residents.

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Florida International Museum

244 2nd Ave. North
St. Petersburg College Downtown Center
727-341-7900

floridamuseum.org

A new exhibit, In a New Light - Selections from the Gulf Coast Museum of Art Collection - "A Celebration of Contemporary Florida Art and Southeastern Fine Crafts" opens May 23 - October 6, 2009 at the Florida International Museum. The museum was organized in 1992 for the purpose of creating a major international cultural center. The museum is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing educational exhibitions. To date, over 150,000 school children have toured the museum.

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501 Central Ave, St Petersburg

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