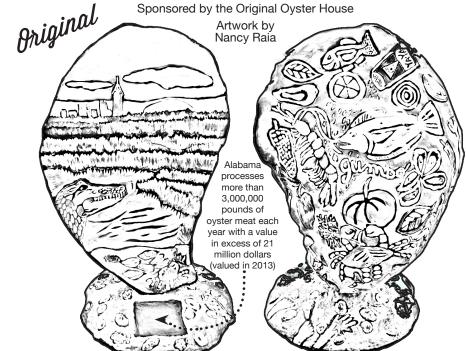
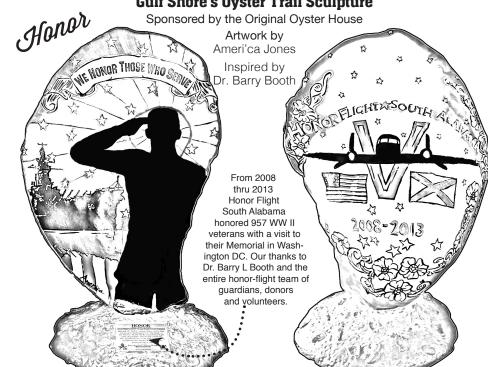


Mobile Causeway's First Oyster Trail Sculpture Installation Sponsored by the Original Oyster House



Gulf Shore's Oyster Trail Sculpture



Did you see the Life-size Oyster outside?

...and wondered what is that? The Oyster Sculpture belongs to the Oyster Trail, a fun, educational, scavenger treasure hunt that benefits restoration efforts of the all-volunteer Oyster Gardeners, Auburn University Marine Extension and Research Center. The downtown Mobile Alliance, the Mobile Arts Council, the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Each oyster has a fact plaque that includes important information about the oyster's ecological and economic benefit to Mobile Bay and can be found along the street, within parks, in lobbies, restaurants, the airport, etc. An Oyster Trail Map is available to help you find all the sculptures and win prizes.

Did you know Oysters-

- Clean our waters. An adult oyster can filter a whopping 20 gallons of water per day! 1,000 oysters can together filter the entire volume of your average swimming pool, about 20,000 gallons. After years of decline from disease, overharvest, and predators, the impact is daunting.
- Protect our shorelines from erosion and provide a home for all kinds of aquatic life. The Oyster reef spans miles along the shoreline and helps decrease the impact of wave erosion and tidal surge.
- Feed us with some of the tastiest and most. sought after cuisine while providing huge nutritional benefits. We love our oysters firegrilled, fried or raw and Alabama actually processes more oysters than other states. That's saying something considering our shoreline is only around 60-miles long. Oysters are the highest in zinc which helps our body maintain a healthy immune system.

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