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Photos by Steve Simonsen

Frolicking by St. John: World renowned St. John photographer and resident Steve Simonsen captured this majestic Humpback whale around 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. Steve compares his readiness during whale season to a fireman. If someone calls, he has his cameras ready and jumps into his boat, Jackson, to see what he can capture. These were two adult humpback whales who were quite active with continuous breaching and tail slapping, according to Simonsen. Up until now, the photographer had only seen cow and calf pairs, which tend to be much more subdued and cautious.



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The newest edition to Caneel Bay Resort's herd, above, was born on March 7.

Newest Addition to Oriel's Donkey Herd at Caneel Bay Resort Needs Name

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Ask Oriel Smith the names of the 11 donkeys that have been born into the herd he oversees at the Caneel Bay Resort and you may get some insight into what he might chose for the name of the latest edition.

But Smith is asking the public to help in naming the female born at 11:45 a.m. on March 7 at Caneel's Hawksnest Bay Beach, the latest addition to the "Caneel

Herd" which currently numbers 13.

Smith over the years has named at least 10 babies distinctive names such as Sugar Millie and Christmas and Eva, a mother and daughter who showed up at the resort on Christmas day a few years ago.

"That baby and mama now will not leave me," said Smith. "Everywhere I go that mommy and baby are following me. I can barely make them out in the distance and

they are coming for me,"

"This one is so so special," he said of the new female.

For now mother and baby are getting to know each other in the privacy Caneel has offered to celebrities and politicians for years.

"They are staying between Scott Beach, Turtle Bay and Hawksnest," Smith said of the resort's more secluded beaches. "Another couple of days she'll come down, but momma's keeping her there for now."

VITEMA Town Meetings Territorywide on VI Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is updating the USVI State Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify activities that can be undertaken by both the public and private sectors to reduce property damage caused by hurricanes, floods and earthquakes.

As part of the process, VITEMA is holding town meetings territorywide to provide residents the opportunity to become actively involved in developing mitigation strategies that reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property. The first two meetings will be held:

- Monday, March 24th, St. Croix, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the VITEMA Emergency Operations Center, 8&9 King Cross Street, Christiansted on St. Croix.
- Thursday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Julius E. Sprauve School auditorium on St. John.

IGLA To Address Bottled Water Crisis with March 27 Screening of "Tapped"

Plastic water bottles have become a ubiquitous sight, particularly on St. John where they're toted to the beach by the thousands. But it's a well-known fact that these plastic bottles, many of which are left behind by hikers and beach-goers, have adverse affects on the environment. The Island Green Living Association will take an in-depth look at the big business of bottled water at its Thursday, March 27, Green Thursdays seminar at 5:30 p.m. at Giffit Hill School's upper campus atrium.

IGLA will screen "Tapped," a 2009 documentary by directors Stephanie Soechtig and Jason Lindsey, which examines the effects of the bottled water industry on the environment. "Tapped" investigates everything from the production of the bottles to their journey in the ocean, where many of them unfortunately end up. The documentary also discusses the issue of whether water should be a basic human right, or a commodity to be bought and sold.

Everyone is welcome to attend the movie screening. Please bring a cushion. For more information on IGLA, visit www.iglavi.org. Stay tuned for an announcement on IGLA's April 24 Green Thursdays event, St. John in Layers: Maps of Paradise — An Aerial Tour of St. John.

First Annual St. John Blues Blowout March 29 at Winston Wells Ball Field

Get ready for the blues, Love City!

The first annual St. John Blues Blowout is set for this Saturday night, March 29, at the Winston Wells ball field starting at 7 p.m. The night will feature music by Samantha Fish, Johnny Rawls, Anthony Gomes and T.C. Carr with proceeds going to St. John Rescue.

And don't miss the chance to hear T.C. Carr jamming out on Friday night, March 28, at Cruz Bay Landing, starting at 8 p.m., where tickets for the main concert will be available for purchase.

Tickets for St. John Blues Blowout, hosted by the St. John Blues Society, are \$35 in advance, and will be more at the door. Tickets are available at Connections, Chelsea Drug Stores, Ronnie's Pizza, Kilroy's Laundry, Gecko Gazebo in Cruz Bay.

For more information about the concert, how to help or to donate, call Ronnie Klingsberg at Ronnie's Pizza at (340) 693-7700.

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Island Roads Corporation poured concrete at a section of Centerline Road near Upper Carolina, above, after weeks of no sign of progress at the site. A traffic light, top right, allows one lane of traffic around the area where speed bumps still remain, bottom right. A second set of traffic lights around a second repair site is located a few hundred feet west of this area.

After Weeks of No Work, Concrete Is Poured on Centerline Road Hole

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

More than two months after beginning emergency repair work on a section of Centerline Road, there has been slow, if any, progress at the site until one day last week.

It took more than three years — and numerous phone calls and petitions from residents — from when the road was initially damaged before Department of Public Works officials awarded the federally funded project to Island Roads Corporation.

More than two months later, with such slow progress at the site, residents are again voicing frustration.

“When are they ever going to resume work on our road,” asked one resident.

Centerline Road is the sole federal highway connecting Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. Several portions of the road, including an area near the Upper Carolina subdivision, were initially damaged in the wake of heavy rains from Tropical Storm Otto in 2010. DPW officials did no more than place orange cones in the area until heavy rain in May 2013 sent a section of the road tumbling down the hillside.

Since May of last year Centerline Road has been passable only in one lane near the Upper

Carolina subdivision as DPW officials continued assessing damage, drawing up plans and filling out paperwork with Federal Highway of Administration.

Finally, in January 2014, DPW issued the contract to Island Roads and crews moved heavy equipment into place to get started on the planned \$1 million project which was expected to last nine months.

Island Roads crews erected two sets of stop lights directing traffic safely in a single lane around the two gaping holes in Centerline Road near Upper Carolina. Crews dug out the holes, put rebar in place and seemed to be ready to pour concrete when work halted.

While DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls did not return *St. John Tradewinds* phone calls requesting comment on the status of Centerline Road repairs, several Island Roads crew members said the hold-up was between DPW and Department of Planning and Natural Resources over permits which were not in place.

The project was stalled for at least three weeks as paperwork was filed and residents worried that the now even larger holes would not hold up to the high season traffic, water trucks, concrete trucks, school buses and more.

“Right now there are just boards holding up the road,” said one Coral Bay resident. “That won’t last forever.”

Finally on Wednesday morning, March 19, an Island Roads crew was at the Centerline Road site ready to pour concrete. While the truck didn’t arrive until the afternoon, residents were not complaining.

“They were going fast until there was some kind of hiccup,” said a Coral Bay citizen. “Then there were three weeks of nothing. Now supposedly everything is supposed to be worked out; we’ll see.”

“I’m just glad they got some concrete in there,” said another Coral Bay resident. “They came in and made the hole bigger and then they didn’t come back for a while.”

While it seemed that whatever was holding up the project over the past several weeks had been alleviated, there was no further sign of activity at the road site following the March 19 concrete pour.

And residents are again questioning if the road will ever get fixed.

“This is just way too slow,” said a resident. “Seems like it’s going to take much longer than they originally planned because there is never anyone working there.”

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Parents, Residents and Senators Rally Behind Guy Benjamin School

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As rumors swirl across the island of the Department of Education's plan to shutter Guy Benjamin School, parents, residents and government officials are rallying behind the small Coral Bay elementary school.

DOE transferred both the first and second grade classes from GBS to Julius E. Sprauve School just before the beginning of this school year, further cutting the small Coral Bay elementary school's decreasing enrollment. At recent meetings DOE Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory has spoken about looking at options other than an elementary school at GBS.

Although DOE officials have not informed the school of any decisions, Frett-Gregory and St. Thomas/St. John District Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry have cited the cost of running the school at about \$1.1 million for a student body of 55.

While the decision to close schools is solely the discretion of DOE, St. Thomas/St. John District Senator Donald Cole and St. John Senator at Large Craig Barshinger have joined the chorus of voices urging DOE officials to keep the school open.

"Whether or not the school is going to be closed is a concern for parents, teachers and stakeholders," said Cole. "That decision is basically in the hands of the executive branch and the Department of Education. As the Chair of the Committee on Education and Workforce Development, I went over and met with the staff."

"I found the school to be one of the most conducive learning environments in all of the schools that I have visited in the territory," said Cole. "And I saw a serious com-

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— Senator Donald Cole

munity participation in the school. It was impressive to see what is going on at Guy Benjamin School."

Crunching the numbers supplied by DOE, Barshinger urged residents to register their children for GBS during the district's early registration period.

"What we did was we looked at the history of the school and the finances of the school and we broke it down really clearly," said Barshinger. "Enrollment at the school has fallen to about 55 and it costs \$1.1 million to keep the school open. The department was looking at closing the school entirely and we said what if there were 100 students at the school."

"In public meeting DOE officials have said that if there were 100 students registered at GBS, they wouldn't have a choice," Barshinger said. "They'd have to keep the school open."

The Senator at Large asked residents who intended to register their children at GBS to call his office. As of Wednesday, March

19, Barshinger's office had tallied a total of 67 students who planned to be registered at GBS.

When the need to transfer kindergarten and first grade from GBS to JESS first arose, DOE officials blamed a teacher shortage, Cole explained.

"The controversy started in the beginning of the school year when the DOE said they didn't have enough teachers for kindergarten and first grade and they moved the two grades to JESS," said Cole. "It was not an enrollment issue, it was about lack of teachers. Now they're morphing this argument into being about enrollment."

The quiet GBS campus is ideal for early education and can not be duplicated at JESS' Cruz Bay campus, explained Barshinger.

"DOE is not a villain here, they are just trying to make sound financial decisions," said the Senator at Large. "Their commitment to early education, however, is not strong. They think if it works at GBS we'll move it to JESS and we'll have excellent early learning there."

"They're thinking like bureaucrats and I suspect that they're wrong," said Barshinger. "The feeling of GBS and the overall spaciousness of the campus has a country school feel. By every common sense and by test score measures, it's an excellent environment for early learning."

Residents and government officials have been talking for years about building a new school out of Cruz Bay and relocating JESS. The senators questioned why DOE officials would move students to a school they hope to one day relocate.

"For years we've advocated moving JESS out of Cruz Bay and now you want

to move a bunch more students into Cruz Bay," said Cole.

"JESS may be able to house the students but look at the school grounds; it's landlocked in the middle of Cruz Bay sandwiched between bars," said Barshinger. "Do you think that is an ideal environment for early learning? We want our kids to have some breathing room."

Barshinger is urging any parents across the island who want to see GBS remain open to register their children during DOE's early registration session this Monday, March 24, at JESS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Unless we act decisively now, we're in great risk of losing GBS," said Barshinger. "This is a call to arms. If the excellence of GBS were lost it would be tragic."

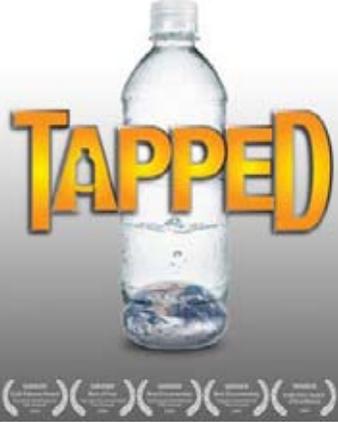
The time for parents to act is sooner rather than later, Barshinger added.

"If DOE closes the school people will get up in arms, but the time to get up in arms is now and register your children during the early registration," he said. "If you wait to register your children on the first day of school, you will have no choice but to register them at JESS. We have the ability to ensure the vibrant early learning environment of GBS for our children for years to come."

While DOE can't ignore its financial needs, education should be more important, Cole explained.

"We understand the finance difficulties but somewhere along the line there should be a focus on education over finances," said Cole. "And you should have two schools on St. John to have choices."

DOE is hosting an early registration session on Monday, March 24, at JESS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Virgin Islands Senator Defends Cockfighting in Face of New Federal Animal Fighting Law

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

St. Croix Senator Alicia “Chucky” Hansen, most recently in the headlines for voting against a measure to remove V.I. law exempting spouses from rape, is speaking out in favor of cockfighting in the wake of a new federal law making it a federal crime to attend animal fights of any kind.

“The federal laws and our territorial laws do not align, and so our people are rightfully concerned about whether they can participate in this activity that has been a part of the Virgin Islands culture and tradition for many, many years,” said Hansen in a press release issued by her office. “We had expected our Delegate to Congress to obtain an exception to the new federal cockfighting laws for the Virgin Islands based on the cultural significance of the activity for us. However that did not happen, and now there’s confusion.”

The Farm Bill, which was signed into law last month by President Barack Obama, makes it a federal crime to attend any animal fighting event. The Virgin Islands Department of Justice is awaiting an opinion from the Solicitor General on whether the law will apply in the USVI, where cockfighting is still legal under territorial law, Chief Deputy Attorney General Wayne Anderson said earlier this month.

The V.I. Police Department is also waiting to hear how the law will be clarified in the territory, VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames said earlier this month.

Recent testimony by Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen indicates cockfighting will remain legal in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Christensen submitted a statement to the V.I. Legislature last week stating the intent of the Farm Bill was to ban attendance in places where it is already illegal. Cockfighting is illegal in all 50 U.S. states, and is legal in all U.S. territories.

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– Senator Alicia “Chucky” Hansen

Despite her testimony and Hansen’s support of cockfighting, many others hoped the Farm Bill would bring an end to animal cruelty in the Virgin Islands once and for all.

“As a 12th generation Virgin Islander, I can tell you that cock and dog fighting were never a part of OUR culture,” St. Thomian Alana Mawson said in a letter to senators in the wake of the Farm Bill’s passage. “It is part of a ‘lowlife’ culture that was brought here from elsewhere and it is now time for it to be eliminated. There is nothing cultural to be proud of about setting animals to fight to their deaths while inflicting extreme pain and agony on them in the process just so one can gamble on it.”

St. John Animal Care Center manager Ryan Moore shared his hope that cockfighting will eventually be made illegal in the territory.

“People always say that roosters fight in the wild, but they don’t have razor blades tied to their legs in the wild,” he said. “That’s the big issue. It’s illegal in the states and we feel it should be illegal here.”

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Ashlen Carr, a Crucian fisherman who sells on St. John, arrived at Cruz Bay early Thursday morning, March 20, with a healthy catch of Banjo tuna — nicknamed for its black stripes — and set up shop near Nature’s Nook, chopping fillets with a machete to the delight of residents and visitors. Where did he catch his fish? “Out to sea,” was all the wary mariner would say.

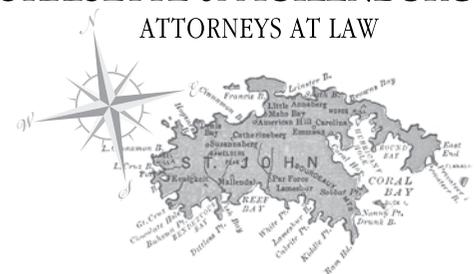
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Del. Donna Christensen Brings Campaign For V.I. Governor to St. John Supporters

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

After skipping St. John in her Saturday, March 15, announcements of her candidacy for Governor on St. Croix and St. Thomas, Del. to Congress Donna Christensen brought her 2014 campaign to Love City on Sunday, March 16.

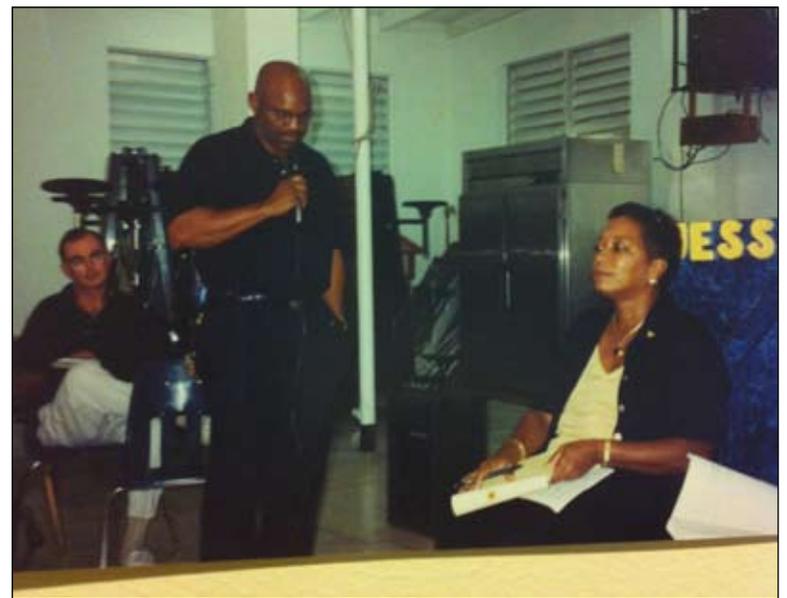
As the 2014 political campaign season warms up, Christensen literally turned up the volume on her campaign with running mate Lt. Governor candidate Basil Ottley Jr. for a large crowd moving to the beat of a live music at the Frank Powell Park bandstand late into the evening.

Christensen, who had served as a U.S. Virgin Islands Democratic Party National Committeewoman, was first elected Delegate to Congress as Dr. Donna Christian Green in 1995.

"I ran because it was an open seat and people started asking me to run," Christensen said.

"I hesitated," she admitted. "You have to take a lot of licks in politics."

In the 2014 gubernatorial race, Christensen acknowledges her almost 20 years of Washington experience give her the tools and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File by Tom Oat

January 1995, Donna with former St. John administrator James Dalmida at Julius E Sprauve School during her first campaign for Delegate.

contacts to work with Washington, D.C., to resolve the territory's festering fiscal problems.

"I never wanted to be Governor," Christensen said during a lull early in the Sunday evening event. "I thought about it, but it was not something I wanted to do."

"I'm not one to not do some-

thing because it's too hard," Christensen added.

Christensen postponed her St. John kick-off in deference to the funeral of St. Johnian Magarbi Matthews in Cruz Bay on March 8, which was attended by the Delegate, Governor John P. deJongh and other government officials.

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Nainani is now creating and distributing collection jars to help support the church efforts to feed the homeless on St. John.

"We'll take donations big and small," Nainani said. "We collect money for cats and dogs, why not for people?"

Nainani is offering any St. John merchant the opportunity to display a donation jar. She can be reached at Nature's Way at 340-693-3333.



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“Public Works has to get serious about a contract.”

– Delrise Varlack of Varlack Ventures.

Public Works and Ferry Companies Can't Reach Agreement on Operating Contract**By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds**

Four weeks after Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls said the government-owned St. John-St. Thomas ferries were ready to be put into operation and two weeks after Comm. Smalls said the vessels were ready for their final U.S. Coast Guard inspections, the multimillion-dollar vessels are sitting in Crown Bay.

Sitting in the shadows of the cruise ships since last fall, the sleek, gleaming vessels are caught in an apparent stand-off between the government and reluctant ferry franchisees Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services,

U.S. Coast Guard officials have confirmed the ferry companies were responsible for requesting the USCG inspections.

“Public Works has to get serious about a contract,” said Delrise Varlack of Varlack Ventures.

The ferry companies have not been able to complete a contract with the Department

of Public Works to operate the government-owned vessels, Varlack said.

USCG Officials Awaiting Call

U.S. Coast Guard officials were still waiting in mid-March to schedule final inspections of the new ferries the V.I. government is providing to the two ferry franchisees serving the Red Hook, St. Thomas, to St. John route.

DPW Commissioner Smalls was quoted in published reports on Friday, March 7, that the ferries were awaiting their final USCG inspections.

USCG officials, meanwhile, said the Department of Public Works officials had not scheduled the inspections and drills when contacted by *Tradewinds* as late as Friday, March 14.

“We have not been scheduled for an inspection,” U.S. Coast Guard spokesperson Ricardo Castrodad said Tuesday, March 11.

Late January Deadline Missed

In late January, Smalls told *Tradewinds* the ferries would be in service by the end of

February.

The ferries, which were built in Louisiana and cost \$3.25 million each, were paid for with federal funds. They will be owned by the government and leased to Transportation Services and Varlack Ventures, which have share the franchise for ferry service between Red Hook and Cruz Bay.

The vessels already underwent their major inspections stateside before coming to the territory, USCG officials told *Tradewinds*.

The ferries underwent sea trials in late October 2013 and, after initial USCG inspections and certification in Louisiana, the vessels arrived in the territory in November. The vessels arrived in Cruz Bay in early December and DPW hosted an official dedication ceremony, complete with champagne christening, December 6.

They must undergo New to Zone inspection under the supervision of the Captain of the Port of San Juan before commencing operation in the USVI, according to USCG

officials.

“They already have received their Certificate of Operation Inspection,” Castrodad said.

“If everything is in order, inspections can be carried out pretty quickly,” the USCG spokesperson said. “When they are scheduled.”

Which Operator Gets Which Vessel?

The ferry companies had to decide which company would operate which ferry and assign crew before the vessels can undergo USCG safety and emergency certification.

“It’s not that time-consuming or lengthy an inspection,” Castrodad said.

The safety inspections will include drills to demonstrate the crews are proficient with the vessel operation and safety procedures, the USCG spokesperson added.

There was still no announcement on which company was assigned the ferry named *Cruz Bay I* and which company will be operating the ferry christened *Red Hook I*.



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Top Left: GBS teachers and volunteers dish up home-cooked food to the crowd. Above Center: Khaden Daniels, Todd George and Wadari Powell. Top Right: GBS students and Ital Anthony enjoy the sail aboard Silver Cloud. Middle Center: JESS Principal Dionne Wells helps serve food. Left: Kathleen Casimir, Kahlajah Powell, Lillie Hayward. Far Left: Captain Rick Gallup of Long Distance and First Mate Kim Sammartano and Captain Lance Davies of Pepper enjoy the party.

Flotilla Supporters Pack Hansen Bay Beach, Raise \$12K for GBS

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite a land dispute between property owners of the beach, the 18th Annual Flotilla to support Guy Benjamin School drew a huge crowd to Hansen Bay on the island's East End on Saturday afternoon, March 22.

Hosted by the Coral Bay Yacht

Club, the Flotilla featured a day sail, DJ music and great food while raising money for the small, Coral Bay public elementary school GBS.

Students in the school get to sail to the party aboard the Coral Bay Tall Ship *Silver Cloud* thanks to the generous Captain Elliot Hooper. This year three GBS students even

steered the 100-foot long schooner off its anchor as she made her way to the beach party. En route, Delroy "Ital" Anthony entertained the students with music and drumming.

About 20 CBYC members sailed their boats over to the beach from Coral Bay harbor, offering a great deal, \$40, for residents to hop

aboard with all proceeds going to the school. Other attendees were welcome to drive to the beach and pay a \$20 entry fee, where a huge spread of local treats from BBQ ribs to stewed chicken and fresh grilled hamburgers and hot dogs were enticing.

Attendance tickets coupled with raffle ticket sales — for the chance to win \$500 cash or a weekend stay at Estate Concordia Eco-resort — helped the event raise about \$12,000 for GBS.

Enjoying the day under sunny skies, many attendees were trying not to let the obvious tension between the Hansen Bay Beach landowners put a damper on the event.

With permission from one of the two feuding property owners to host the party, CBYC officials

were prepared with their own tent and benches, which were all put to use. All of the benches on the western end of the beach were tagged with "Private Property" signs which numerous people said they were asked not to use by the adjacent landowner who was also in attendance.

Seemingly oblivious to the tension on land, GBS students, family members and supporters splashed in the waves and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the beach where a DJ kept the vibe upbeat all day.

Before sailing away and driving home, CBYC official pulled the winning raffle tickets with Jim Kujawa of Kiote Sails winning the weekend at Concordia and Skinny Legs owner Doug Bean winning the cash prize.



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SJCF Impact Meeting Draws 50 Residents Ready To Help Set Priorities

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About 50 residents with affiliations to more than 40 local organizations helped St. John Community Foundation officials begin to establish priority goals at the group's annual Impact Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

Taking information gathered at last year's Impact Meeting, SJCF Executive Director Celia Kalousek compiled an online Angel Network which put the dizzying number of St. John non-profit groups and agencies on one-easy-to-navigate site.

At this year's Impact Meeting, Kalousek shared the new site and showed agency representatives how to edit their listings and join in online community discussions. The group also began the task of setting priorities in four main areas: youth development; environment and animal welfare; community enrichment; and health and human services.

"What I originally planned to have was a panel discussion about the top five items that came up at last year's meeting," said Kalousek. "But the list included dozens of items in each of the impact areas. It wasn't my place to narrow them down."

"I read them all and had blank voting ballots so people wrote down their top priorities," Kalousek said.

Even people who didn't make last week's meeting will have a chance to share their opinions. This week SJCF officials will put the questionnaire on Survey Monkey with a link on the group's website, www.thestjohnfoundation.org, so all residents can share their ideas, Kalousek added.

"We're going to list the top five priorities based on the meeting for people to vote and allow a write in spot so if what is important to you is not written down, you can add it," she said. "It will be the voice of the community driving our priorities moving forward."

As of press time Kalousek was still tallying the top priorities offered at last week's SJCF Impact

Meeting attendees. Ideas included building the new public school on St. John, improving the current recreation center and opening a youth recreation center in Coral Bay, launching a Cruz Bay shuttle, creating a food co-op, establishing a bicycle and walking path on North Shore Road and more.

"Amazing stuff came out of the meeting," said Kalousek.

In addition to weighing in on SJCF priorities, residents can also engage on topics important them, find organizations in need of their skill sets or even find agencies offering the help they need through the SJCF website.

"Individuals in need can go to one place and link to potential service organizations that can help them," said Kalousek. "Potential volunteers and philanthropists who want to offer support can find out what the priority needs are in the community, who is doing what to address those needs, and connect with any service organization from one easy access point."

"The network will facilitate collaborations between service providers, donors and community members for more effective and efficient fulfillment of community needs," said the SJCF Executive Director.

The Angel Network allows the agencies themselves to announce their needs by being able to edit their information as needed, Kalousek added.

"Within this directory, these agencies are able to post their volunteer needs, wish list items and funding needs, activities and events that further support their cause," she said. "They can also add valuable content to discussions about developing solutions to address current societal challenges."

The whole point of the network is about creating positive change for the community and engaging residents which has been SJCF's mission since its inception, explained Kalousek.

"In preparation to celebrate our 25th anniversary in October of this year, SJCF urges residents and visitors alike to find your passion

and help us build a stronger community," Kalousek said. "Give, get involved, speak up, show up. To-

gether we can make St. John a true paradise for everyone."

For more information about the

Angel Network and to take SJCF's survey, go to www.thestjohnfoundation.org.

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GBS Early Registration Monday, March 24, at JESS.



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by Bob Malacarne, NR-EMT, ASHI, NAEMT

On-going Training Keeps Rescue Organization Prepared

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- Feb 12- Extrication training
- Feb 26- Rappelling training

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Greetings from the members of St. John Rescue. February proved to be a busy month for the members of St. John Rescue. We conducted four training sessions, attended four St. John events and responded to eight calls for assistance. We currently have 23 active responding members including eight EMTs and one Paramedic. The balance of our members are EMR's (Emergency Medical Responders). However, we do realize that education and training is an ongoing process. Which explains why we train on a regular basis.

St. John Rescue is the only agency on St. John that provides rappelling and extrication services. We know that we cannot fail to be prepared when it comes to these two skills. So we train on a regular basis. You may have seen us rappelling down steep hills throughout St. John. This is a potentially dangerous activity so we dedicate ourselves to being proficient at rappelling.

In addition, we train regularly with extrication equipment. St. John Rescue has the only set of extrication tools on St. John. Our "Power Hawk" tool provides us with a powerful device that can cut up a vehicle that has someone trapped inside. We also have sta-

bilization equipment that can be used for a vehicle that is unstable or for a building that has collapsed. Our "pillows" are actually rugged air bags that can lift a fully loaded water truck. We have used these air bags to extricate a person who was trapped under a large truck. They are remarkably strong and easy to use.

St. John Rescue provides free training to all its members. Anyone who lives on St. John is welcome to join our great organization. Applications are available on line at www.stjohnrescue.org. You are welcome to attend our regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month starting at 7 p.m. at our headquarters. Our training sessions are hosted on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting at 7 p.m. and on the last Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. You should see what we do.

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Farm to Table Dinner on April 4th Will Benefit Culinary Arts at GHS

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What started as a way to engage students in growing local foods has grown into a series of delicious multi-course events! The next event will be on Friday, April 4, and will benefit the school's Farm to Table and Culinary Arts programs.

The EARTH (Education And Resiliency Through Horticulture) Program, in coordination with Iowa State University, began four years ago by growing plants on the patio of Giff Hill School's Upper Campus. It has now expanded to three garden areas at the Upper Campus, a children's garden at the Lower Campus and a banana grove.

The purpose is to expose students of Giff Hill School to eat healthy and delicious meals. It has taken many years of planning and numerous donations to be on the verge of opening the first Farm to Cafeteria in the territory.

The students participating in a semester long Farm to Table class have not only participated in the planting, tending and harvesting of the fruits and vegetables with Dr. Dave Minner, they also learned how to cook local foods with Chef LaShanda Francis.

"The reason I joined this class is that I wanted to learn about how to plant and grow foods," said student Tevin Williams. "But when we got into the kitchen I got ex-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Giff Hill School students Elana Glen and Lena Crum hard at work preparing pastries.

cited about cooking too."

"The most challenging thing about this class is to be a part of a catering event," said another student Stephanie Kemp. "It was more stressful than I thought. The basics of cooking are good to learn for my future, because in college my mom is not going to be there to cook for me!"

The upcoming April 4 dinner will feature a student-created menu under the tutelage of guest Chef Mathayom Vacherat of St. John Catering.

Student JoAnne Attika, says that before this class she didn't

cook but now experiments at home: "I learned about new vegetables, cooking things I had never seen before. I am excited to see what the people think about the food we create."

"I like food," says fellow student Kaitlyn Cummings. "I think it is cool how you can take something you grew yourself and make something delicious!"

There are a few seats left for this unique culinary experience. You can email Sarahhaynes@giffhillschool.org for more information regarding pricing and reservations.

VIERS To Celebrate 45th Anniversary of Project Tektite I on March 29

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UVI's Virgin Islands Environmental Resources Station (VIERS) will host a celebration of the 45th anniversary of Project Tektite I, which established an ambitious underwater habitat research project for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the spring of 1969 on St. John. The celebration is planned for 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, by the St. John Historical Society and Clean Islands International, which operates VIERS for UVI.

The celebration will feature a short historic film about Tektite I, donated by Tektite Program Manager James Miller. A panel of original Tektite aquanauts, who used the underwater habitat to study living conditions similar to what future NASA astronauts

would encounter in space, will also be present. The four – John VanDerwalker, Ed Clifton, Ian Koblick and Gary Davis – will share recollections about their roles in this historic scientific project.

Public tours of the Tektite Underwater Habitat Museum at VIERS will also be offered. Recent museum additions include updated artifact displays, a miniature model of the interior of the underwater habitat, and life-size replicas of the habitat's control room and living quarters.

Persons planning to attend the celebration are asked to RSVP with VIERS Manager Tony Blackwell by calling (340) 776-6721 or sending e-mail to tony@viers.org. For details contact Randy Brown via e-mail at randybrown@islands.org or call (410) 647-2500.

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St. John's Sarah Swan adjusting sails on Mike Finley's *Gray Goose*.



John Holmberg and crew pouring on the speed in *Flight Risk*, a 17-foot Nacra.



The fleet at the start off Two Brothers with Mingo Cay in the background.



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The Cees de Graaff trophy winner, *Wild Ting*, passes Devers Bay on St. John's south shore.



Local St. Johnian, Larry Best's *Osprey* makes a beautiful sight with spinnaker full of air.



The three beach cat entrants nearing the start.



Paul Stoeken and crewmate hike out on their 16-foot Hobie.

Wild Ting Takes Cees de Graaff Trophy in 41st Around St. John Race

By Jim Furneaux
St. John Tradewinds

Lawrence Aquí's *Wild Ting* won the Cees de Graaff trophy for best elapsed time in the 41st running of the Around St. John Regatta on Sunday, March 16.

The St. John Yacht Club-sponsored event attracted a field of 20 boats in three classes, Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker and Beach Cat.

The 12- to 18-knot easterly winds and clear skies created perfect sailing weather for a good start off Two Brothers. Full moon tides and their associated currents challenged the fleet as they tacked up the north side of St. John.

Conditions improved dramatically as the fleet turned downwind around Ram's Head and a steady wind filled the spinnakers creating a colorful parade of boats along the south side of the island to the finish off Gallows Point.

Wild Ting, a 40 foot Dufour, circumnavigated the 21 mile course in 3 hours 35 minutes and 44 seconds. The trophy is named in honor of the late Cees de Graaff

a long-time member and former commodore of the St. John Yacht Club.

The fleet's corrected times were close in all classes with less than three minutes separating the top finishers in the non-spinnaker class. In the Spinnaker class 4th, 5th and 6th place racers were all within one minute with *Gray Goose* edging out Larry Best's *Osprey* by one second.

Taking top honors in the Spinnaker class was *Desperado*, captained by Chuck Pessler who continued a string of recent victories in his IC-24 boat. Second place went to *Magic Bus*, an IC-24 with Phil Shannon at the helm. Third place was another IC-24, *MT*, captained by Mike Feierabend, vice commodore of the sponsoring St. John Yacht Club.

In the Non-spinnaker class first place went to Neil Newhard's Columbia 50, *Flying Circus*. In second place was *Botox Barbie*, a Hunter 54 captained by Warren Stryker, followed in third place by *Hotel California Too*, a Santa Cruz 70 skippered by owner Steve Schmidt.

The Beach Cat class featured three competitors with

two crew each creating an exciting sight as the racers "hiked out" on their trapezes. The three competitors added a special twist to the competition as they actually stopped and shared lunch in Newfound Bay on the north shore of St. John.

Beach Cat racers are truly a rare breed. Paul Stoeken took first in this class in *Island Sol*, a 16 foot Hobie Cat, followed in second place by *Flight Risk*, a Nacra 17 skippered by John Holmberg and third place went to a 5.8 meter Nacra, *Taco Hell* with Sam Fifer at the helm.

One bonus for the racers was a \$400 haulout allowance awarded by raffle and won by Sam Fifer of *Taco Hell*.

The next St. John Yacht Club racing event will be the Commodore's Cup May 3 and 4 in Coral Bay. The skipper's meeting and registration will be Friday, May 2, at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Commodore's Cup is a major fundraiser for the St. John Kids and the Sea (KATS) sail training program and is jointly run with the Coral Bay Yacht Club and the Nauti Yacht Club, and sponsored by Budget Marine.

St. John Olympic Sailor Sets Sights on Rio Summer Games 2016

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Olympian Mayumi “Mimi” Roller is not ready to hang up her racing gloves.

Roller and sailing partner Kayla McComb are gearing up for a summer full of European regattas with their first Olympic qualifying event set for September.

Roller, 23, grew up in Coral Bay, learning to tack and jibe in Coral Harbor with the non-profit youth sailing program Kids and the Sea. After graduating from Antilles School where she helped the sailing team earn a national title, Roller sailed for St. Mary’s College of Maryland and continued to place among the country’s top sailors.

Roller took a year off from college to pursue her Olympic dreams and represented the U.S. Virgin Islands in the London Olympic Games in 2012 sailing in women’s laser.

This time around, Roller and fellow St. Mary’s alum McComb — who established residency on St. John in order to represent the VI with Roller — are mastering the trapeze style women’s 49er FX.

These high performance skiffs are a recent advancement of the men’s Olympic 49er hulls with a reduced sail area for women’s racing. They represent the leading

technology in women’s sailing and a new challenge for former laser sailers Roller and McComb.

Since buying a 49er FX in the fall the two spent two weeks training in California before moving the boat to Florida. They spent all of January and part of February training daily on the boat in Miami and raced in their first two 49er FX regattas, explained Roller.

“We had our first two events that we sailed in, the North American Championships and the Miami Olympic Class Regatta,” said Roller. “We finished around the same percentage in the fleet in both. We were about 22 out of 29, and 26 out of 34; and they were our first two events.”

“We learned a lot and had some really great moments,” she said. “We got third in a race in the North Americans and sixth in a race in the OCR.”

Training in the Northeast

Roller and McComb have been training in Maryland, where Roller is assistant coach for the St. Mary’s sailing team as they gear up for this summer’s European regattas.

But the two won’t be going far without community support. Their Olympic campaign will cost quite a bit of money, but the sailors’ first priority is buying a boat in time for the summer.

The sailing partners plan to race in three regattas in Europe this



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Mimi Roller and sailing partner Kayla McComb practice in Florida, above, as they gear up for their first Olympic qualifying event.

summer and in order to be competitive, need to buy a boat on the continent, explained Roller.

“We are hoping to raise enough money to buy a new boat for our European travel this summer,” said Roller. “A new boat costs around \$30,000, but if you charter a boat at three different events it’s about the same cost as buying one. And when you charter you charter from other Olympic teams which charter our their older boats.”

“They’re not usually in good condition,” she said. “It’s best to have your own boat and have your

own keel. You don’t have to worry about damaging a charter and having to pay for those repairs for someone else.”

McComb and Roller’s first summer regatta is in Germany in the end of June. Then they plan to race in three events in Europe before heading back stateside for events in New York and Canada in August.

“We’re hoping to do three events in Europe and then come back to do two events, one in Canada and other in New York in August,” said Roller. “Then we’ll head back to

Sprain for the first Olympic qualifier.”

The sailors will be on St. John this week and will host fundraising campaigns across the island. They plan to start collecting items for a raffle to support their Olympic bid. Roller and McComb are accepting donations of all kinds, from gift certificates to villa stays, jewelry, art and more, to be included in the raffle.

The two also plan to host events at island restaurants, so keep an eye out for Roller and McComb across St. John this week.

“We’re trying to start the process of collecting items and gift certificates for a raffle,” said Roller. “We’re also hoping to collect bigger donation items for a silent auction.”

“We’re accepting everything we can get right now,” said Roller. “This is a much, much more expensive campaign than the laser. We’re already spending a lot more money than we anticipated.”

McComb and Roller will return to St. John in May when they plan to host their raffle and silent auction fundraiser.

To donate to Roller and McComb’s Olympic campaign or for more information email rollermccombsailing@gmail.com. And keep up with the sailors on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mksailingstv391>.



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American Legion's Doug Benton and Aubrey Sewer.

American Legion's Mama Jauna Features Plants, Honey and Food

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St. John Tradewinds

From leather worker Tracey Keating to beekeeper Elmo Rabsatt, the American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131 and Women's Auxiliary hosted Mama Jauna at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station on Saturday afternoon, March 22.

Named after a steeped rum concoction, which American Legion members were sampling for the crowd, the event was a plant, art and food sale on the grounds of the Ag. Station, where the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary have created a beautiful headquarters.

The meeting space and a modern kitchen are upstairs at the Ag. Station where Women's Auxiliary members cooked up some delicious local food, available for purchase at Mama Jauna.

Proceeds from the event support the American Legion's annual BBQ party for wounded veterans with Team River Runner.



Tracy Keating, above left, rum concoctions, above right; Alicia Wells and Theodora Moorehead, below left; Elmo Rabsatt, below right.



St. John Native Teshanne Phillip Releases Book, "Elevate," Geared Toward Empowering Young Women

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

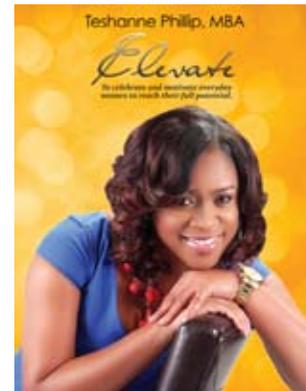
Growing up as a young girl on St. John, Teshanne Phillip fondly recalls the island women who served as her mentors. Now, with the release of her first book, "Elevate," Phillip hopes to empower young women in the Virgin Islands — and nationwide — by sharing her own experiences and by teaching them about subjects like forgiveness, achieving greatness, and setting and accomplishing goals.

"I am so excited about this new project, and I am blown away by the feedback that I've been receiving on the book," said Phillip.

The St. John native, who graduated from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in 1999, today lives in south Florida where she leads a mentorship program at a foster home. Her relationship with the young women in the home inspired her to help others achieve greatness.

Phillip's passion for the girls in the foster home is evident as she speaks about her interactions with them. Ranging in age from 14 to 17, the young women were removed from their homes due to their parents passing away or being incarcerated. Some of the teens have been in the home from a very young age.

"We work with them on self-reflection so they can deal with some of the hurt



Phillip will be on island signing copies of her book on Saturday, March 29, in Franklin Powell Park.

and some of the struggles they've faced," said Phillip. "The home is overseen by rotating foster moms, so they'll have three or four 'moms' in the house per week. They don't have anyone that's consistent in their lives."

Phillip works with the girls on independent living skills, from cleaning their rooms to putting together a grocery list to job interview skills.

"These ladies inspired me to put together a lesson plan to help and encourage young women," said Phillip. "These girls don't have any parents; they don't have anyone to invest in them. Growing up on St. John, I had numerous people on the island who invested in me, and now I want to be someone who invests in someone else's life."

"Elevate," released on Valentine's Day, is a workbook with various lesson plans that the reader can follow, backed up by Phillip's own experiences.

"My hope is that this book touches the lives of so many people," said the author. "I tell readers that if you're going through something it's okay, you're going to get through this. We've identified the problem, now let's do something about it."

Phillip is traveling to St. John at the end of this month and will host a book signing event at the Frank Powell Park on March 29 at 5 p.m., complete with music by DJ LS1. She's also scheduled a book signing in Fort Lauderdale at the end of April, but it was important to her to introduce "Elevate" on St. John first, she explained.

"I wanted to introduce the book at home first so I can celebrate with my family there," said Phillip. "I still have a lot of friends at home and I realize one of the things we lack at home is confidence. Oftentimes we are living this life as other people say we are rather than as the person we know we are."

Phillip gave a nod to her mentors for helping her reach her own goals in life.

"I feel like this is not just my accomplishment," she said. "This is an accomplishment by all of us. They have all played such a major role in my life."

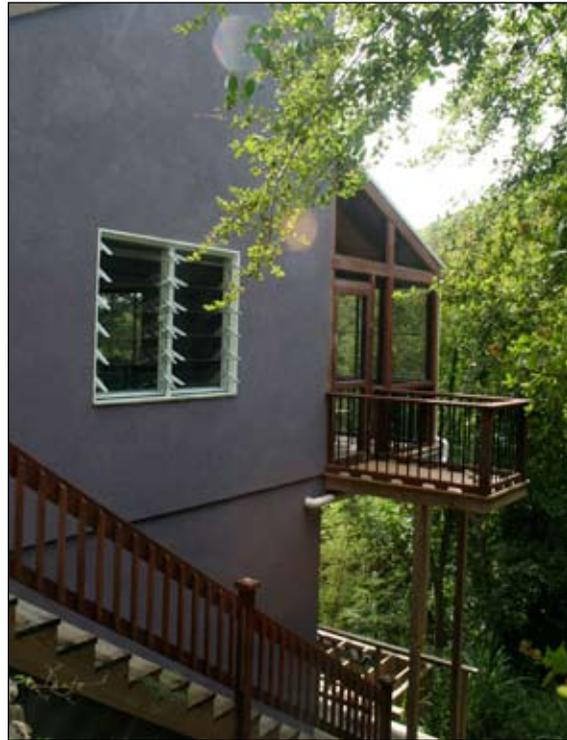
Friday Fête at Best of Both Worlds

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The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Craft Gallery is hosting series of Friday Night Fêtes, with the next event featuring wearable hand-made jewelry by Ania Wilson. A surprise drawing for fun prizes and live music is set for Friday, March

28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mongoose Junction. Paul Tsakeres of Island Cork will be offering a wine tasting and other shops and restaurants will be open so come for the art, music and fun.

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This one bedroom, one bathroom home nestled on a 0.32-acre lot in a quiet, mid-island neighborhood is for sale for \$349,000, explained Islandia Real Estate sales associate Jane Kelly.

"The home is located in Estate Glucksberg, a very private setting nestled in the well protected hills," said Kelly. "The valley views are amazing in this sun dappled mountain."

Located in the mid-island neighborhood of Estate Glucksberg, the shopping and nightlife of Cruz Bay is only a short drive away while the island's famed North Shore beaches are close by as well.

Turtle Haven boasts a roomy screened in deck where you're sure to spend countless hours enjoying the quiet sanctum of this mountain retreat. The deck leads into an expansive great room giving the home a feeling of spaciousness.

"Enjoyable hours await you in the large screened deck that flows from the spacious, charming, open great room," said Kelly.

The home also boasts an updated kitchen, vaulted ceilings and more, Kelly added.

"It is pristine living at Turtle Haven," said the Islandia Real Estate sales associate. "Turtle Haven is an idyllic home that incorporates vaulted ceilings, a contemporary kitchen and bath and a loft bedroom."

A spacious lower level offers potential for additional living space, according to Kelly.

"The lower level has fantastic potential for a second living area with access to the current well-equipped utility room," she said. "The weather protected ceiling, the generous deck and railing enhances this space for a studio or another bedroom/living area."

At Turtle Haven you'll never tire being embraced by those lush green hillsides.

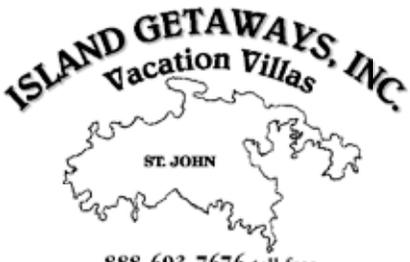
"Enjoy the wonderful breezes, the brilliant green hillside and the mountains and valleys that surround you from Turtle Haven," said Kelly.

The home is in excellent condition with a galvanized roof and terraced grounds, Kelly added.

"The condition of the home is excellent," she said. "The roof is galvanized and the builder was John Fitzgerald. The newly built house was completed in 2009."

"The owner has lovingly terraced the grounds incorporating natural stone and plantings," said the Islandia Real Estate sales associate.

For more information about Turtle Haven call Kelly at Islandia Real Estate at (340) 776-6666 or on her cell phone at (941) 544-5855.



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WHIP is about 2-3 yrs old and is as sweet as can be. She loves being around people, both adults and kids, and is great with other dogs. Her tongue is always hanging out of her mouth. Whip would add alot of love to any home.

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Keeping Track of Crime

2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 0
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 1
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 2
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 23
 Grand Larcenies: 68
 Rapes: 1

2014-TO-DATE

Homicides: 1
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 0
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 0
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 0
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 3
 Grand Larcenies: 10
 Rapes: 2

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 24

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

St. John Exhibits Generosity and Assistance

My wife Ann and I arrived on St. John via the car ferry from St. Thomas on Friday February 21. We drove straight...well not so straight...to the villa we'd rented overlooking Reef Bay. A nine day stay had begun and would include honeymoon time for our eldest daughter from Los Angeles, and lots of recreation and visiting with our middle daughter from Los Angeles and a close family friend from Michigan.

On Saturday, we stopped in at the Starfish Market on the way back to Reef Bay from Cinnamon Bay. I circled the parking lot(tery) while she went in to get a few things for dinner and breakfast. By the time I waited-out a space, she found me and said her wallet was missing. I went in, bought the goods, and on we went. For Ann - no license, no credit cards, no cash, and no other identification.

The good news was that I got to do all the driving and loved it. The better news was that the St. John police took a full report of the loss and gave Ann a document which was accepted by American Airlines and TSA so she could fly home. The best news was that Love City Car Ferries crew had found the wallet on the ferry deck and had been trying reach her by cell, but you all know Verizon isn't St. John friendly. Back through Miami to Maryland, she got the phone messages from Love City...they mailed her wallet back with all the cash and contents. Wow!

Big thanks to St. John...a most awesome vacation. Thanks to the St. John Police. Thanks to the Love City Car Ferries crew. We'll be back.

**Dan Kugler
Ann Haman**

Thanks for Animal Rights Activists

I want to thank Alana Mawson for her continuing demands that the VI Senate bring the territory into 21st century civilization by banning all forms of animal-fighting. From a family who's been part of VI history for 12 generations, she knows and testifies that blood-sports have never been a part of her islands' culture; that cock-fighting was brought here from other islands; and that by allowing it to exist legally, the USVI Senate is pandering to a "low-life minority."

She reminds us that animals-fights generate brutality and barbarism among spectators, especially the young and uninformed. Social services and law enforcers know that animal-fights are linked causitively to the torment and abuse of weaker beings: wives, children and elders. And we all know that animal-fights rake in huge, illicit, untaxed gambling profits and are enmeshed with the sale of guns and drugs .

So why are we looking the other way? Especially now when Federal laws make it illegal to attend cock-fights.

The US Humane Society writes: "The newly enacted Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act, which was included in the final 2014 Farm Bill, makes it a federal felony to knowingly bring a minor under the age of 16 to a dogfight or cockfight, punishable by up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, and a federal misdemeanor to knowingly attend a fight as a spectator, punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. The HSUS and the U.S. Attorney's Office... praise these upgrades, which provide law enforcement with additional tools to put an end to organized dogfighting and cockfighting."

Along with Ms Mawson and other strong-minded advocates, we must demand that the VI Senate bring our Anti-Cruelty Bill into step with federal law. We can't allow ourselves to be ruled by the worst of our community.

**Sincerely,
Paula Myles
St John, VI**

Kudos To Senator O'Reilly for Opposing Cock Fighting

Bravo to Senator Nellie O'Reilly for speaking out against the cruel blood sport of cock fighting.

Those who justify this barbaric practice as "cultural" are forgetting that slavery was "cultural," but that did not make it right.

Like Senator Clarence Payne, who was the only senator to vote against the dolphinarium at Coral

World, Sen. O'Reilly is honoring the message of Dr.Martin Luther King who said;

"Never, never be afraid to do what's right especially if the well being of a person or animal is at stake."

**Anne Marie Porter
St. John**

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Spring is here. Watch out for students who are out of school on break.

— MN

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Second Skin

The world is made up of actors and actresses. Folks who make a daily habit of pretending to be something they are not. Whether its creating a fantasy world to fill the void or bending reality to fit their needs. People today are caught up in lies, deceit and greed.

It becomes so comfortable to wear a second skin that over time the unnatural becomes the natural. Your conscious cannot tell the difference between right and wrong. Emotions that are normally held in check by logic and reason are now dictating actions that ultimately result in destruction.

As the culture glorifies bad language, excessive drinking and partying, lives are being twisted in order to portray a sense of freedom.

How can you be free when because of financial distress you're working a job not suited to your specific skills? How can you be free when living in a relationship where two people are going separate places? How can you be truly free when exposed to the truth you cover it up with more excuses?

It's no longer doing the same thing expecting dif-

ferent results that becomes insanity. It's us pretending that we have control over life. Many times we figure that everything is going fine until the unexpected happens. Then our world comes crashing down around us. All the made up stuff and falsehood is stripped away to reveal our true nature.

Already this year has been filled with the deaths of loved ones and friends. We no longer have the time to pretend that life will end at a grand old age. We are a breath away from meeting our maker.

Isn't it time to stop pretending and be honest with ourselves. Whether the business isn't profitable, the marriage isn't working out, more bills than money, body slowly wearing down, institutions not meeting your social or spiritual needs. Life will throw us more curveballs this year, so let's try and be more honest with ourselves and those around us. It takes love, patience and time to face the truth and make necessary changes.

Shedding the Old Skin,
Emmanuel Prince

Christensen: Feds Are Unlikely To Pursue Cockfighting in Territories

More Pressing Enforcement Priorities Make It Unlikely, With Caveat

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna M. Christensen submitted a testimony for the record to the U.S. Virgin Islands Legislature's Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation which held a hearing on the implications of language in the new Farm Bill authorization which prohibits attendance at cockfighting.

Congresswoman Christensen responded to Committee Chairman Senator Myron Jackson's invitation to testify at the hearing by submitting the statement which said that the intent of the legislation was to ban attendance in places where it is already illegal. Currently, all 50 states ban cockfighting, but it is legal in all of the five U.S. territories.

Congresswoman Christensen said that the initial interpretation from the Congressional Research Service anticipated that cockfighting would be treated similarly to how marijuana is treated in states where it is illegal under federal law, but legal under state law.

"Neither the U.S. Department of Justice nor the U.S. Department of Agriculture, under whose jurisdiction cockfighting falls is willing to give a concrete interpretation of the statute," said Con-

gresswoman Christensen, "but both say that given more pressing enforcement priorities and staff limitations, as well as the fact that cockfighting is legal in the U.S. Virgin Islands, they are unlikely to apply enforcement measures such as might be employed in states where the sport is illegal," she said. "For many reasons, at least in the case of USDA, which has jurisdiction under their Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), cockfighting in the territories does not meet the threshold to trigger legal intervention."

Subhead Needed

Congresswoman Christensen said however that this does not mean that cockfighting will not ever draw the attention of law enforcement. "There is a caveat. Because in many jurisdictions, other criminal activity is associated with cockfighting, activities which by themselves would invite legal intervention and enforcement, wherever there is cockfighting, careful and strict monitoring must take place to ensure illegal activities are not occurring concurrently," she said. "That is the one condition that both agencies agree could invite law enforcement to come in to the establishment and in enforcing the law against that activity, put cockfighting and its attendees at risk."



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Obituaries

Richard C. George

Services were conducted Saturday, March 22 for Richard C. George of St. John.

The viewing was at St. John Methodist Church with the service at 10:30 a.m. The burial was at Cruz Bay /cemetery.

Mr. George is survived by his wife Floreca Elene Norman-George; son Calvin L. George Sr.; daughters Marcia and Myrna George; sister Lucia Mercedes George; sister-in-law Elsinore Browne; nieces Leonara Bell, Lorna Dorsett, Laverne Joseph, B. Magnolia George and Denise Hall; grandchildren Shereda Calvin Jr., Nya, Crystala and Keenan George and Suzette Kelly; great grandchildren Trevor Royer, Tinaya Dixon, Tiandra and Treyshorn Barnes, Mekhi and Macaire Motilewa, Justin, Jayson and Jazmyn Richards; special grand-niece Natasha George; nephews Floyd C. George Jr., Aldo and Chester George,

Glenys Dunlop, Lloyd, Theodore and Allen Wells; special great nephew Floyd C. George III; godchildren Clinton Vanterpool, Patrick Moorehead, Dawn George-Charlemagne, Dave George; special cousins Cecil Harrigan, Lillithe Harrigan-Noar, Erminie Harrigan-Gerau, Alice Harrigan-Harewood, and Alma Creque-Flax; special friends Calvin Henley, Dozena Vanderpool-Potter, Delma Sprauve, Zida Paris, William Wade, Reuben Meade, Vernon Parsons, Almeada Mitchell; pallbearers, Calvin George Sr. Keenan George, Flooyd George III, Lloyd Wells, Theodore Wells, Alvin Francis; honorary pallbearers Calvin George Jr. Jesse Richards Jr., N'Kruma Motilewa, Patrick Moorehead, St. John taxi drivers and St. John Methodist Men's Fellowship.

Arrangements were by Hurley-Davis Funeral Home.

New Staircase at the Boulon Center



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

St. Johnian metal fabricator Neville Samuel recently finished his top secret golden dome project, but he is more impressed with the work of his son Sammy who has created the three-story aluminum staircase from Ronnie's Pizza to Dolphin Market's new wholesale supply store in the former V. I. Territorial Court, and the St. John Dental offices, on the third level of the building known as the Boulon Center.



Exciting race action combines with new events and parties ashore for the 2014 St. Thomas International Regatta.

Photo Credit: Dean Barnes

St. Thomas International Regatta – Five Days of Fun on Land & Sea

St. John Tradewinds

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Competitive sailing combines with new parties and a first ever golf challenge to expand the St. Thomas International Regatta (STIR) into a five-day event with something for everyone. Set for March 26 to 30, regatta activities will span the entire island of St. Thomas.

“After the initial disappoint of losing our long time sponsor, Rolex, many felt the regatta was dead in the water,” explains regatta director, Bill Canfield. “I’m very happy to report that we are back stronger than ever with an even brighter future. This year we are bringing back our Saturday night party at Yacht Haven Grande hosted by Captain Morgan with the music by local favorite Spectrum Band. Like all events this is open to the public. We are also introducing two new events, a Wednesday golf tournament at Mahogany Run and then a Pub Crawl in Red Hook the same night. Great racing, parties and music. Our slogan remains ‘We love it here!’”

The 1st Annual STIR Golf Tournament tees off on Wednesday March 26. Play starts at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$97 for VI residents with their own clubs and \$135 for visitors and includes clubs. Prizes for the first, second and third place teams will be awarded at the Regatta Awards Ceremony on Sunday March 30.

Quench your thirst after a day of golf at the St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) starting at 5 p.m. with drink specials. The Red Hook Pub Crawl follows from 9 p.m. to Midnight. Shuttle service from the STYC starts at 9 p.m. Party with friends and enjoy Captain Morgan rum libations and cold Heinekens at locations such as Tap & Still, Duffy’s Love Shack, Molly Malone’s, Island Time Pub and XO.

Sailors and landlubbers alike are invited to the Regatta Welcome Party at the STYC on Thursday March 27. The Ah We Band plays from 7-10 p.m. Dinner is available for purchase for \$15 pp.

Excitement shifts to the seas on Friday March 28. A fleet of over 70 yachts from

the Caribbean, U.S. and Europe, from as far away as Russia and Australia, will set sail starting at 11 a.m. for Charlotte Amalie harbor race day. Watch from the waterfront as the fleet sails into the harbor and then starts on a second race back to the island’s east end. Back on shore, the Jump-Up Party kicks off from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at STYC. The Becca Darling Band plays from 3-6 p.m., with the rhythms of Cool Sessions brass taking over from 7-11 p.m. Stay the day. There’s lunch and dinner buffets for purchase from Noon to 8 p.m.

Race action continues on Saturday March 29. In the afternoon, there’s music by Sol at STYC from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Then, a new STIR tradition kicks-off with the Captain Morgan Yacht Haven Grande Party from 6:30-11 p.m. Listen to Spectrum Band on stage, while dining and imbibing at nearby restaurants and bars.

Sailors launch off on the last day of regatta competition Sunday March 30. Up for grabs is who will take their place on the podium. Music by Full Circle greets the fleet from 2:30-5:30 p.m. The Regatta Awards Ceremony starts at 6:30 p.m. on the STYC beach, followed by the Final Fling party with Ah We Band playing from 7-11 p.m.

Weather Routing Inc. (WRI) is the Official Weather Provider for the STIR and will provide forecasts by 6 a.m. daily during the regatta. These forecasts are available at: www.wriwx.com/clientproduct.php?id=4759 Weather maps and products specifically created for this event are also available at this link.

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10a-1p	Concordia	Bo	Guitar
3:30-6:30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
4-7	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5:30-9:30	Asolare	Dave Laabs	Guitar
5:30 8:30	Sun Dog Cafe	Various	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals

MONDAYS

4:30-7	Concordia	Lauren Johnny B	Open Mike
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Matt	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan

TUESDAYS

6-9	Ocean Grill	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6-9	High Tide	Chris Carsel	Classical Duets
6:30-9:30	La Tapa	Sambacomb	Latin Jazz
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Morgan’s Mango	Greg Kinslow	Guitar
6:30-9	Tamarind Inn	Steel Pan	Tropical

WEDNESDAYS

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
5:30-7	Coconut Coast Studio	St John Flutes	Classical Duets
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
6-9	Pickles	Micheal Beason	Open Mike
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Ocean Grill	Dave Laabs	Guitar
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal

THURSDAYS

4:30-6:30	Concordia	Wayne & Pam	Guitar Vocals
5-8	High Tide	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy’s	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-8	Pickles	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Tamarind Inn	Brothers Nature	Rock
6:30-9:30	Morgan’s Mango	James Anderson	Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
8-11	Beach Bar	3rd String Allstars	Rock

FRIDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Mikey P	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Steven Sloan	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Balcony	James	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan
6:30-9:30	Morgan’s Mango	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Cinnamon Bay	Eddie Bruce	Drumming
6:30-9:30	Shipwreck Landing	Tropical Sounds	Guitar Keyboard Vocal
7-9	Barefoot Cowboy	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
8-11	Beach Bar	Flipswitch	Rock

SATURDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Jason Jones	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Skinny Legs	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Lauren	Guitar Vocal

To be added to this live music schedule, the event must be a regularly scheduled event (sorry, no one-night performances), email info@tradewinds.vi with: date, time, location, performer and style. NO PHONE CALLS.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

Monday, March 24

— Kindergarten registration on St. John is scheduled for Monday, March 24, at Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay. Parents are reminded to obtain an immunization “blue slip” in advance from the clinic.

Tuesday, March 25

— The Virgin Islands Audubon Society will screen the *Cats of Rome* documentary on Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. at the Marketplace.

Thursday, March 27

— The Government Employees’ Retirement System invites its members to participate in a Count Down To Retirement Workshop on Thursday, March 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the GERS Complex, 3rd Floor Conference Room, on St. Thomas.

— The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is updating the USVI State Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify activities that can be undertaken by both the public and private sectors to reduce property damage caused by hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. As part of the process, VITEMA is holding town meetings territorywide to provide residents the opportunity to become actively involved in developing mitigation strategies that reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property. The St. John meeting will be Thursday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Julius E. Sprauve School auditorium on St. John.

— Plastic water bottles have become a ubiquitous sight, particularly on St. John where they’re toted to the beach by the thousands. But it’s a well-known fact that these plastic bottles, many of which are left behind by hikers and beach-goers, have adverse affects on the environment. The Island Green Living Association will take an in-depth look at the big business of bottled water at its Thursday, March 27, Green Thursdays seminar at 5:30 p.m. at Giff Hill School’s upper campus atrium.

Saturday, March 29

— The St. John Historical Society is joining Clean Islands International and the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS) to celebrate the legacy of Project Tektite. The activities will begin Saturday morning, March 29, at 10 a.m. at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS) in Lameshur Bay. For more information, contact Randy Brown at randybrown@islands.org or 410-647-2500.

— Get ready for the blues, Love City! A group of island blues lovers, calling themselves St. John Blues Society, is hosting the first annual St. John Blues Blowout on Saturday, March 29, at the Winston Wells ball field with music kicking off at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

— The Virgin Islands Audubon Society will kayak to and snorkel the mangroves of Water and Otter creeks in Hurricane Hole on Sunday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

— Join Rev. Will Saunders for UUF Service on Sunday, March 30, at 10 a.m., Gift Hill School, Lower Campus Great Room for the topic “and forgive us of our trespasses: the spiritual challenge of forgiving and being forgiven.”

Tuesday, April 1

— St. John Film Society (SJFS) will host the St. John premiere of “Yurumein: Homeland” on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Transfer 2014, St. Croix Intervention

Randolph College American Culture Students Studying Imperialism and Identity on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

Randolph College professors Lori Lee and Julio Rodriguez will be on St. John this week with a group of students in an intensive American Culture Program from Lynchburg, Virginia.

The group is spending the semester exploring the relationship of America to the Caribbean, particularly through lenses of imperialism, identity, environment, and migration. They are traveling to St. John to experience these realities firsthand.

While they are on St. John they hope to speak with people and representatives of institutions to get multiple perspectives about what life is like on St. John. The group will participate in a public art intervention in which posters of people on the 1918 ID papers from the National Archives are featured. These intrepid travelers went off in search of education, advancement, a better life for themselves and their families when it became possible after the Danish West Indies

became the US Virgin Islands in the Transfer, 1917.

This public art intervention was presented in St. Croix in conjunction with the Crime Seen/Transfer 2014 exhibition at Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted which opened last week. That project was a collaboration between Janet-Cook Rutnik, William Stelzer, Edgar Endress and Lori Lee.

The public art intervention will place images from 1918 passport photos in public spaces to evoke historical memory and promote awareness of the past. It is a means of re-peopling the island with people who migrated from the Virgin Islands — some returned and others did not.

A goal of the project is to recreate the narratives of the descendants of the people in the images, and their ancestors. Anyone with any information they are willing to share is urged to visit www.transferproject.vi to find out more or contact Janet Cook-Rutnik at (340) 693-8069 or Lori Lee at lalee@randolphcollege.edu.

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Today’s Cryptoquip clue: E equals C

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A Carib, St. Vincent



Sardo looking on



Honoring ancestors

SJFS Hosting St. John Premiere of “Yurumein: Homeland” on April 1

St. John Tradewinds

St. John Film Society (SJFS) will host the St. John premiere of “Yurumein: Homeland” on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. Director and producer Andrea E. Leland will be present to discuss the film.

“Yurumein” (your-o-mein), a 2014 documentary, is an important, untold story of Carib/Garifuna resistance against slavery that deserves its place in the annals of the African Diaspora. The film recounts the painful past of the Caribs of St. Vincent and the extermination of scores of their ancestors at the hands of the British, while building an intimate portrait of Garifuna culture in-transition today. We are given firsthand accounts from both Carib descendants who remain on the island of St. Vincent and voices of returning descendants whose ancestors were exiled to Central America — where Garifuna traditional culture was able to survive and flourish.

When members of the Diaspora are first reunited and make a collective pilgrimage to the sacred site of Balliceaux (where the genocide occurred) the film reveals the beginnings of a movement among Garifuna people to revitalize traditional language, music, dance, and ritual. This scene features the Garifuna National Folkloric Ballet of Honduras.

While post-colonial stories of re-identification and cultural retrieval among indigenous people — particularly in North America



Producer and director Andrea LeLand

— have captured broader public interest in recent decades, the story of Garifuna, or “Black Carib” people, and their homeland of St. Vincent, has largely been untold.

Garifuna culture, dating back to the Pre-Columbian Caribbean, has been revitalized in Central America and other parts of the Carib Diaspora, however, little of it remains on the formerly colonized homeland. Few, if any Carib descendants who presently live on St. Vincent can speak their native language.

While there are some traditions that remain (and a noticeable absence of Western tourism), few Caribs remaining on the island intimately understand their traditional music, food, and spiritual practices. However, this is beginning to change. In 2001, UNESCO awarded the Garifuna community

the title: “Proclamation of Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.”

“In 2005, I was invited to screen my film ‘The Garifuna Journey’ (1998), on the island of St. Vincent,” Leland said. “The film focuses on the living culture of the descendants of the Caribs/Garifuna who were exiled to Central America and now live in Belize. While the film played, the local audience was very moved by the story told in the film. As they watched the descendants of exiled Garifuna on screen, they realized that Garifuna culture, language and spirituality had flourished in the Diaspora. The Garifuna who had been living on St. Vincent became even more conscious of the disconnect between their own lives and the history and ways of their ancestors.”

“This was a transformative experience for me,” LeLand continued. “I realized then that my film only told half of the story. What was missing were the voices of the descendants of the Caribs who were not exiled and who grew up on St. Vincent. Their ancestors have lived under very repressive British colonial rule for the past 200 years. The story of ‘Yurumein’ began that very day.”

Andrea E. Leland is an independent filmmaker and visual artist. Her documentary work focuses on Caribbean and Latin American culture. In Haiti, Belize, Chiapas, and several Caribbean islands, she has worked collaboratively with community members providing a forum to voice their untold stories, personal challenges and compelling triumphs. Social, artistic or political actions are placed within context of their culture, imploring the viewer to confront old myths and discover a new perspective.

Leland’s documentaries have proved to be successful tools for cultural preservation. She is a member of New Day Films, has an MFA from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, and is the program director of the St. John Film Society, a film/video forum presented monthly on St. John.

Opening the evening will be two shorts by local filmmakers, Janet Cook-Rutnik and Bill Stelzer.

SJFS would like to thank Elaine Estern of Coconut Coast Gallery for the screenings raffle prize donation.

There is a suggested donation of \$5.

SJFS is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Virgin Island Council on the Arts and St. John Community Foundation. For more information contact St. John Film Society stjviff@gmail.com or www.stjohnfilm.com or visit www.yurumeinproject.com.

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula’s Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Church Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church

Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society

10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

Freshwater Church

Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Saturday Men's Bible Study 10 a.m.
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Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
340-715-053

Missionary Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

The schedule is as follows: Saturdays at 6 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church

Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

The Caribbean Genealogy Library To Presents Transfer Day Lectures

St. John Tradewinds

The Caribbean Genealogy Library invites the community to lectures by Dr. Aimery Caron and Historian David W. Knight Sr. related to Transfer Day on Saturday, March 29th, 2014 from 1pm to 5pm. The event will also include displays of old photos and Transfer Day materials from the Jane and Michael Sheen Collection.

Dr. Aimery Caron's lecture "The Urgency for the Acquisition of the Danish West Indies" discusses the circumstances which lead to the U.S. government's decision to purchase the islands from Denmark. Dr. Caron explains; "After the sinking of the "Lusitania" in May 1915, the improvements made to the St. Thomas Harbor facilities by the Danish West India Co. and the Hamburg-American Line from 1910 to 1914, and the obvious need of German U-boats for a naval supply base in the South Atlantic or the Caribbean Sea, Admiral

Dewey recognized that the acquisition of the Danish West Indies before a German takeover was a matter of great urgency."

The lecture by historian David W. Knight Sr. is entitled "Beyond the Exodus: Digging deeper into the records of the United States Citizens' Identification Card System in the National Archives." Mr. Knight's book "Virgin Islands Exodus" describes the United States Citizens Identification Cards as perhaps the first documentary acknowledgement by officials of the United States government, that individual residents of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix were now United States Nationals. Applicants of the ID cards were required to state occupation, reason for travel, age and names of children, names and address of relatives whom they were going to meet at their destination; and provide documents such as birth certificates and a photograph. Mr.

Knight will explore the breadth of genealogical information awaiting discovery throughout this important record group and reveal some of its little-known treasures.

The Transfer Day lectures will be held at the Caribbean Genealogy Library which is located in Al Cohen's Plaza (Raphune Hill), next to Mango Tango Art Gallery. The event starts at 1pm and ends at 5pm on March 29th, 2014. It is free for the library's members and \$5 for non-members.

Caribbean Genealogy Library's mission is to identify, preserve and provide access to Caribbean genealogy, history and cultural heritage information resources for the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. Regular workshops and presentations are held to encourage the community to learn about their family and cultural history. For more information call (340) 714-2136, or email caribgenlibrary@gmail.com.

Energy and Environmental Committee Considering Legislation To Benefit Territory

St. John Tradewinds

The Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, chaired by Senator-at-Large Craig W. Barshinger, will meet on Friday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Earl B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

Part I of the meeting will focus on legislation collaborated on by Senators, the Water and Power Authority, Public Services Commission, V.I. Energy Office and experts in the field at the Energy Roundtables hosted by Senator Barshinger and UVI's Caribbean Green Technology Center.

Barshinger said, "In the past, the Committee has struggled to pass progressive energy legislation

because of a lack of communication between the Executive and Legislative Branches. I believe this problem was addressed through open dialogue at the Roundtable meetings, which I intend to utilize in the future." The Committee will take testimony on Bill No. 30-0004 - the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Act and Bill No. 30-0347 which seeks to amend provisions in Act 7075 and 7168 relevant to net metering. Both bills are sponsored by Senator Barshinger. A number of Senators will propose amendments to Bill No. 30-0347.

During Part II of the meeting, Senator Barshinger has invited the Commissioner of Education, Donna Frett-Gregory; Commis-

sioner of Health, Darice Plaskett and Commissioner of Planning and Natural Resources, Alicia Barnes to discuss the intermittent odor isolated to the Central High School on St. Croix. The odor resulted in the closing of the High School for a duration of time and the illness, and in some instances, hospitalization of a number of students and staff.

"My colleagues and I will have the opportunity to gather information," said Barshinger. "I'd like to know the source of the odor, how it affected those exposed to it and what is being done to ensure a safe learning and working environment for the students and staff of the Central High School."



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A Count Down To Retirement Workshop Set for March 27 at GERS Complex

The Government Employees' Retirement System invites its members to participate in a Count Down To Retirement Workshop on Thursday, March 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the GERS Complex, 3rd Floor Conference Room, on St. Thomas.

Lieutenant Governor's St. John Office Closed on Monday, March 24

The public is advised that the St. John Lieutenant Governor's Office will be closed on Monday, March 24, 2014. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, March 25. Customers are encouraged to contact the Tax Assessor's Office on St. Thomas at 776-8505 for assistance.

Elections Offices Closed for Transfer Day

Supervisor of Elections, Caroline Fawkes advises the public that all Elections System Offices on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John will be closed to the public on Friday, March 28, for administrative purposes and will reopen on Tuesday, April 1, after the Transfer Day holiday which is Monday, March 31, 2014.

Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers empowers you to make your neighborhoods safer by reporting information while remaining anonymous. We understand that some people are still skeptical, so to learn exactly how we keep you anonymous, please visit our website and click on "How it Works". To date, no tipster has ever been discovered due to a fault in the system anywhere. If you know something, say something as law enforcement needs to know what you know.

St. John: On March 9th, at about 3:00 a.m., police responded to the Myrah Keating Clinic concerning a report of an assault. Contact was made with two males that had received wounds. The incident occurred after a dance at Fred's in the area of First Bank corner. Speak up. Tell us what you know.

St. Thomas: On Monday, March 10th at about 2:30 p.m., a man was walking north, up Raphune Hill. As he approached the intersection near Jungle Food and Pizza Hut, he heard shots being fired. One of the bullets struck him in his upper right side. Tell us what you know so police can identify the shooter(s).

St. Croix: On Wednesday, March 12th at about 1:15 p.m., police were dispatched for a report of multiple shots fired in a residential area in Estate Richmond. Upon arrival, about 1000 feet from the old Ralph DeCharbert Housing Community, they found the unresponsive body of a male, later identified as 34-year-old Vernon E James, Jr., lying on the pavement. Police are asking anyone who might know something about this fatal shooting to please call Crime Stoppers with any information to bring closure in this untimely death.

Be part of the solution. Continue to help make our community become a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a reward to be paid according to your instructions. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of an assailant is \$900. For a homicide suspect it is \$1,500.

Police Log

CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

LAND LINE: 911 / POLICE: 340-693-8880 / FIRE 340-776-6333

Sunday March 16

9:00 a.m. – Man present reporting that he needed police assistance in the area of O'Connor Car Rental. Police Assistance.

8:13 a.m. – Enighed man reported a person dead on arrival at Enighed #2-10. DOA.

5:31 p.m. Man reported injured person on Lid Point Trail. Accidental Injury.

7:04 p.m. Man called to report an auto collision in the area of the barge ramp. Auto Collision.

10:21 p.m. – ADT Security called to report an activated alarm at Little Switzerland on the Westin Resort. Activated Alarm.

Monday, March 17

1:50 a.m. – Statewide Security called to report an Activated Alarm at the Parrot Club in Wharfside Village. Activated Alarm.

No Time – Citizen called to report a disturbance at The Beach Bar. Disturbance of the Peace.

10:10 a.m. – Woman present requesting police assistance in retrieving her license plate from her mechanic. Police Assistance.

12:35 p.m. – Woman called reporting an auto collision in the area of the Department of Human Services. Auto Collision.

4:50 p.m. – Woman of Spring Garden, Coral Bay, present to report that her peace was disturbed by a man. Disturbance of the Peace.

4:43 p.m. – Woman of Bethany present reporting that she was threatened by another female. Disturbance of the Peace Threats.

6:41 p.m. – Woman called to report a one-vehicle collision on Coral Bay Road near Shipwreck. Auto Collision.

Tuesday, March 18

9:42 a.m. – Susannaberg woman present and reporting an auto accident that occurred on March 17 in the Mongoose Junction parking lot. Auto Accident.

1:19 p.m. – Man reported that his neighbor told him that he removed his vehicle from his property and took it to the dump. Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

4:52 p.m. – Woman "present reporting that she was involved in an auto collision where the other driver got upset at her and took off, however she has no intention of filing an insurance claim and she doesn't want to do an accident report." Police Assistance.

Wednesday, March 19

12:41 a.m. – Man called to report loud music coming from Wharfside Village. Disturbance of the Peace.

1:05 a.m. Concerned citizen called to report

loud music coming from Island Blues. Disturbance of the Peace.

10:26 a.m. – Woman called requesting police assistance in the area of the tennis courts. Police Assistance.

11:35 a.m. – Woman present reporting that someone stole her wedding ring out of her hotel room. Grand Larceny.

2:18 p.m. – Woman called to report a male creating a disturbance at the St. John Public Library. Disturbance of the Peace.

2:43 p.m. – Woman called to report an auto collision in the area of Mongoose Junction. Auto Collision.

8:55 p.m. – Citizen called to report loud music in the area of the triangle, Coral Bay. Disturbance of the Peace.

Thursday, March 20

8:19 p.m. – Citizen called to report a disturbance at The Beach Bar in downtown Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the Peace.

11:00 p.m. – Woman of Chocolate Hole called to report that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Simple assault and Battery.

Friday, March 21

10:00 a.m. – Woman called to report an auto collision in the area of the Port Authority Dock. Auto Collision.

12:15 p.m. – Woman present to report that her ex-husband has been harassing her via text messages. Harassment by Telephone, Telegraph or Written Communication.

4:49 p.m. – Citizen called to report shots fired in the area of Carolina in Coral Bay. Unfounded Illegal discharge of a Firearm.

6:34 p.m. – Citizen called to report someone trespassing by the Tradewinds Building. Unfounded Trespassing.

11:31 p.m. – Woman of Estate St. Quaco called to report a DOA at 6B-24 Estate St. Quaco. DOA.

Saturday, March 22

8:13 p.m. – Woman called to report that she was assaulted by her boyfriend in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the Peace DV.

8:45 p.m. – Citizen called to report a vagrant operating a vehicle in the area of the Caneel Bay lookout on the North Shore Road. Unfounded Suspicious Activity.

8:47 p.m. – Citizen called to report hearing a single shot fired in the area of Upper Carolina, Coral Bay. Unfounded Illegal Discharge of a Firearm.

9:33 p.m. – Citizen called to report a fight in progress at Cap's Place, Vesta Gade, Cruz Bay, St. John. Disturbance of the Peace.

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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Architecture

Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA
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P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

Art Galleries

Bajo el Sol Gallery
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340-693-8524

Banking

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340-776-6881

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By Frank A. Longo

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- 50 "— takers?"
- 51 Nasal partition
- 53 Moray, say
- 55 One-named flamenco entertainer
- 58 Rowdydow
- 60 Cry to comic Sales when he's losing his grip?
- 65 With 66-Across, drudge's routine
- 66 See 65-Across
- 68 Army post
- 69 More audacious

- 70 "— ask is that ..."
- 72 Laryngitic pigeon's comment?
- 75 Positive
- 76 Sir Walter Scott novel
- 78 Muhammad and Laila of the ring
- 79 — cava
- 81 Soldier of Seoul
- 82 Situation when a fuel gauge is at 50%?
- 84 Balking beast
- 85 "Oro y —" (motto of Montana)
- 87 Prefix with cyclist
- 88 Got old due to excess
- 90 "— always say ..."
- 91 Address for a lady
- 94 1976-81 sketch show
- 95 Watch over a 787?
- 101 As a group
- 104 One making an attempt
- 106 Tech caller
- 107 Walk with no lights on?
- 110 Tax doc. whizzes
- 112 Plains tribe
- 113 Mouthwash bottle abbr.
- 114 Did autumn yard work
- 115 Peter & Gordon's "— Pieces"
- 118 Loft
- 120 Species-crossing
- 122 Things that a drum-playing lush has?
- 125 Like sweethearts
- 126 Stooze name
- 127 Like many shiny floors
- 128 Impressionist
- 129 Seesaw
- 130 Quit delaying
- 131 Veil wearer
- 132 Contradict

DOWN

- 1 Turn on, as a PC
- 2 Unfinished Kafka novel
- 3 Dubs differently
- 4 Picnic pests
- 5 — tai
- 6 — -coated tablet
- 7 Tourist town on Maui
- 8 Small pieces
- 9 Tennis great Arthur
- 10 JPEG alternative
- 11 Long past
- 12 False: Prefix
- 13 Town in central Italy
- 14 Capital of Minnesota
- 15 Laugh sound
- 16 Daughter of King Minos
- 17 Outline again
- 18 Chemically colored in advance
- 24 Actor Studi
- 25 Exile isle
- 30 Saclike body growth
- 34 Out of whack
- 36 Parvenus
- 37 Bottom-line red ink
- 39 With 57-Down, map book for an astronomer
- 41 Old filling station name
- 42 Beatified Fr. woman
- 45 — about (roughly)
- 47 — del Este, Uruguay
- 48 Texter's "Holy cow!"
- 52 In a fake way
- 53 2001 bankruptcy company
- 54 Juan's "that"
- 55 Jenny —
- 56 Turkish confection
- 57 See 39-Down
- 58 Emeril Lagasse's "There's — in My Soup!"
- 59 Narc hirer
- 61 Clarinets' kin
- 62 "Star Trek" lieutenant
- 63 Politico Ross
- 64 California city on I-5
- 67 Garlic mayo
- 68 Toppled
- 71 Barbaric
- 73 Bank safe
- 74 Rite Aid rival
- 77 — Solo
- 80 Lhasa —
- 83 TV watchdog
- 84 1998 Sarah McLachlan song
- 86 Stead
- 89 911 gp.
- 90 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)
- 91 Blockbuster
- 92 Pain reliever
- 93 Genial
- 94 Try to find
- 96 Big Apple cab words
- 97 Testified under oath, old-style
- 98 Uranium 235, for one
- 99 Web habitué
- 100 Food store
- 102 Try hard
- 103 Parasol, e.g.
- 105 Short parody
- 108 Skin: Prefix
- 109 — committee
- 111 Religious day of rest: Abbr.
- 116 41st U.S. pres.
- 117 Actor Epps
- 119 Frog cousin
- 121 Go to seed
- 123 To this point
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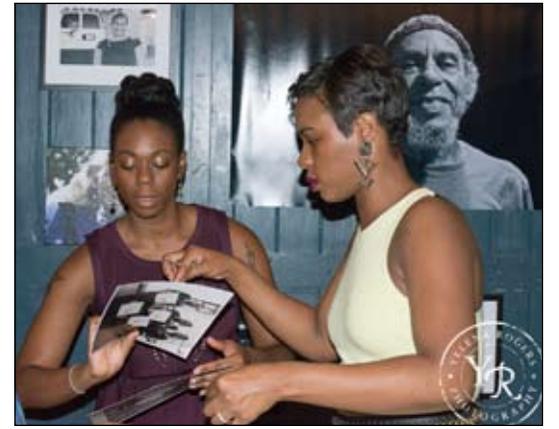
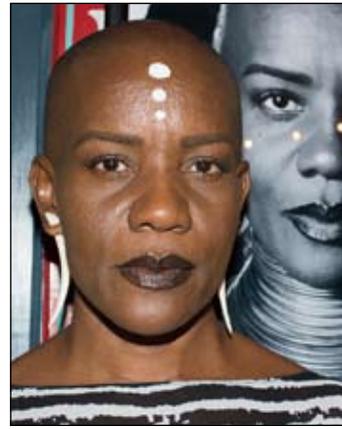
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FACES OF ST. JOHN EXHIBIT: Sundial Event Planning's Faces of St. John photography exhibit drew an impressive crowd on Friday night, March 21, at Motu. The faces of those who make up the community, photographed by Imran Stephen, were on display, and event-goers were treated to a drum circle performance. The event was a first for Sundial Event Planning, which chose the St. John School of the Arts as the evening's beneficiary. **More on Page 28.**



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Photographer Imran Stephen, pictured at bottom right, along with Sundial Experience Planning, hosted a “Faces of St. John” photography exhibit to the delight of visitors and residents on Friday, March 21, at Motu Bar in Cruz Bay. **MORE PHOTOS INSIDE ON PAGE 27.**

Photography Exhibit Exposes Faces of St. John, Benefits SJSA

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

There are people we frequently encounter in our daily lives on St. John, and though they may not occupy our minds for longer than the fleeting moments in which we interact with them, their faces become recognizable as a part of the island community. There’s the woman welcoming customers at a Cruz Bay retail shop; the homeless man ambling through the streets of town; the woman overseeing the hum of activity at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

These faces were the focus of Sundial Experience Planning’s premiere event, Faces of St. John, on Friday evening, March 21, at Motu. Images of the faces of approximately 30 St. John people, photographed by local artist Imran Stephen, were on display at the event, which also featured a drum circle performance, and a raffle benefiting the St. John School of the Arts.

“The real purpose of the event is to give a nod to the residents of St. John that we’re used to seeing, as well as the individual pillars of the community who are more behind the scenes,” said Laura Erlandson of Sundial Experience Planning. “We cover all socioeco-

nomie and ethnic backgrounds in an effort to capture the true spirit of the community and to show locals and tourists alike what makes St. John so special.”

Erlandson’s partner, Karen Jennings, dreamed up the idea while settling in to the St. John community herself.

“I’ve been on the island about a year, and just being here and seeing all the different faces, it was really interesting to see all the different walks of life — to see all the differences in the people, yet all the similarities,” said Jennings.

Diverse Community Spirit

The duo, along with photographer Stephen, spent time researching the island community to ensure they captured both recognizable people, as well as those making a difference behind the scenes. Faces on display at the event included JESS Principal Dionne Wells, and well-known local street person, “Greenie.”

“His is one of the photos that we’re really proud of,” said Jennings. “During this photoshoot, we discovered who he is as a person, and that’s what this exhibit is all about. We’re trying to showcase everyone in the community.”

Erlandson and Jennings, both relative newcomers to St. John, bonded over their daily commute to St. Thomas, where the duo work at Little Switzerland. It was during these daily commutes that Sundial Experience Planning was born. Faces of St. John was the first event of many that the two have planned to benefit various island establishments.

“What we’ve noticed is there aren’t many events on St. John that are focused on family and a healthy lifestyle,” said Erlandson. “We feel like a lot of what goes on focuses on drinking and partying. What we want to do is provide positive experiences for tourists and residents alike.”

All of the faces on display were photographed over a period of three months by Stephen, who donated two of his pieces to be raffled off, with the St. John School of the Arts receiving the proceeds.

“The School of the Arts is an important part of the community, and we want to support them in any way we can,” said Erlandson.

Each Sundial Experience Planning event will have a charity aspect. JESS and the Elaine I. Sprauve Library are next on their list of beneficiaries.

