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Each year on Valentine's Day, the island's "Barefoot Minister" Rev. Anne Marie Porter hosts a free vow renewal ceremony on Trunk Bay beach open to couples of all ages who take the time to remind each other just how their love remains.

This year's Celebration of Love at Trunk Bay marked the fourteenth time that Rev. Porter has hosted this uniquely St. John gathering on one of the most beautiful beaches on the island, and in the world.

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Annual Celebration of Love Draws Huge Crowd to Trunk Bay



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“Barefoot Minister” Rev. Anne Marie Porter, at left, with a Celebration of Love participant, has been hosting a free vow renewal ceremony on Valentine’s Day each year for the past 14 years. In total, more than 1,300 couples have renewed their love with Rev. Porter on the shoreline of Trunk Bay on Valentine’s Day. Broheem and Pam, above, set the mood on the beach this year.



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Audubon Society Plant Sale is March 5 at Marketplace

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Once again the VI Audubon Society will offer a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices at its annual plant sale. Come see us at the The Marketplace on the second level parking lot by St. John Hardware from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5.

Anyone looking to add palms, bay trees, mahogany trees, pink cedar trees, desert rose, agaves, or ornamentals such as Joseph’s Coat, lantana, ruellia, plumeria, periwinkle, passion fruit vine, and other garden favorites to your yard should make sure to stop by. Vegetable plants will also be available including tomatoes, lettuce greens, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, kale, collards, edaname and banana root stock. We will also have many diverse herbs for sale including cilantro, parsley, dill, basil, mint and garlic chives. This list is only a portion of what will be available. If you love orchids we will have those for sale, too.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor educational programs for school children, to promote environmentally sound practices, and to continue efforts to, preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife & Marine Sanctuary. For further information contact Dave Spoth at (716)472-6888.

Bethany Church Soup & Drink Sale is Feb. 27 at Winston Wells

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Bethany Moravian Church group the Bethany Activist will be having a Soup and Local Drinks sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the bandstand at Winston Wells Ball Park on Saturday, February 27. Come enjoy your favorite red pea soup, chicken, mutton, bull foot and Kallaloo!

For more information call the church at (340) 776-6291.

St. John Community Foundation Annual Meeting is March 21

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The St. John Community Foundation’s Annual Meeting is Monday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fish Trap Restaurant in Cruz Bay. The focus for this year will be on how we can help local businesses collaborate on community initiatives and best business practices. Join other business leaders for dinner and lively discussion.

More details to come!

Guests in Venetian Masks Pack Sirenusa for ACC Annual Winter Gala



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By Rebecca Reinbold
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With an elegant and fun location at Sirenusa's clubhouse and pool deck, the Animal Care Center's Annual Winter Gala on February 6 was an incredible soiree for a great cause.

A total of 160 masked party-goers enjoyed the Venetian Carnival themed event, donning ornate masks and costumes of Old Italy. The event was a success, with the gala bringing in \$36,505 to benefit the homeless, abandoned and neglected cats and dogs of St. John.

In typical St. John fashion, the event was catered via donations from 27 local restaurants that generously provided complimentary appetizers. Giff Hill School students demonstrated their culinary skills by contributing homemade appetizers for the event as well. Chef Ted Robinson of Ted's Supper club was on-site, cooking prosciutto wrapped shrimp with tomato and fennel salad atop Josephine's greens, white bean stew with braised short ribs and other freshly prepared gourmet treats.

Glazer's Premiere Distributors, St. John Brewers, West Indies Corporation and Belows International provided wine, beer and spirits for the evening.

With the event planning and organization skills of Laura Nichols Samms of Passion Fruit Chefs and Michelle Fage, ACC Board Member and owner of Paradise Planning, the gala was impeccably conducted and beautifully executed. Tented decks with strings of lights created an amazing ambi-

ance in the stunning Sirenusa setting.

"The ACC most definitely owes a debt of gratitude to Sea Glass Management and the Homeowners Association for allowing this fundraiser to be held at the beautiful Sirenusa," said ACC Board President Lucy Banks. "The cooperation and assistance from David Adams and Felix Collazo was greatly appreciated."

The silent auction and raffle were a highlight, with winners taking home jewelry, dining certificates, resort packages, artwork, boat detailing services and other great prizes. The silent auction room was abuzz, while the dance floor was alive thanks to DJ Eric Snow from St. Thomas donating his services and music selection.

The online auction, hosted on BiddingOwl.com, raised an additional \$23,380 with residents and of-islanders alike bidding on boat trips, photography services, vacation packages and other items. The online auction and Annual Winter Gala, which together raised \$59,885, are crucial fundraisers for the ACC which operates a no kill shelter that often finds itself at capacity. Boarding, food, vet visits, medication, vaccinations and other needs are quite costly for the organization which receives scant government funding.

The success of the ACC, gala and the online auction is owed to the many volunteers, donors and the St. John community as a whole, Banks explained.

"The ACC Board of Directors and shelter staff were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support for this fundraiser through dona-

With beads, feathers, lace and more, guests at the St. John Animal Care Center's annual winter gala fundraiser fully embraced this year's Venetian Carnival theme.

tions and other assistance," she said. "Thank you for helping us care."

For more information about the Animal Care Center of St. John, please visit <http://www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com/> or email stjacc@islands.vi.



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DOH Confirms Second Zika Virus Case on St. Croix

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The Virgin Islands Department of Health received confirmation late Friday of a case positive for Zika virus in a 42-year-old male on St. Croix.

"The Virgin Islands Department of Health is working with the CDC and our EOC partners to get pertinent information to the public as soon as it develops," said DOH Deputy Commissioner Kimberly Jones. "Our goal is to keep the public informed and educated about protecting their homes and families from the Zika virus, while minimizing the impact on the Territory."

DOH anticipates additional cases will be confirmed as new lab results come back from the CDC. Since the first case of Zika, was confirmed in St. Croix on January 19, DOH has been preparing for additional cases in the Virgin Islands and taking steps to educate the public on how to protect themselves from mosquito bites to prevent the virus from spreading further.

Pregnant women and people who develop two or more symptoms of Zika virus (fever, rash, joint pain, red eyes) should see their primary care provider to be evaluated for Zika virus testing. DOH has partnered with many clinics so that testing for Zika virus is available free of charge. DOH continues to provide testing for the Zika virus as well.

Department of Health Acting Commissioner Juan Figueroa-Serville and Dr. Michelle Davis the HHS Region II Director will be providing weekly updates to the people of the Virgin Islands regarding the Zika virus.

"Our constant communication with the CDC has allowed us to pool our resources to provide the most effective preventative care for the Territory, in expectation of the Zika virus's impact," said Davis. "I appreciate the assistance and the potential continued support. The CDC's initial response in sending us an additional Epidemiologist; Jay Roth had been extremely welcomed."

"In addition, Ms. Darcie Bentz, who has been assigned by CDC, will be providing administrative support to our programs and we are grateful to have her assistance," Davis said. "Senior Leadership will continue to update the outreach guidelines as this situation continues to develop."

The entire community must protect the territory's children and pregnant women, Acting Commissioner Juan Figueroa-Serville added.

"We are urging everyone in the community to work together to protect our pregnant women and unborn children from the Zika virus," he said.

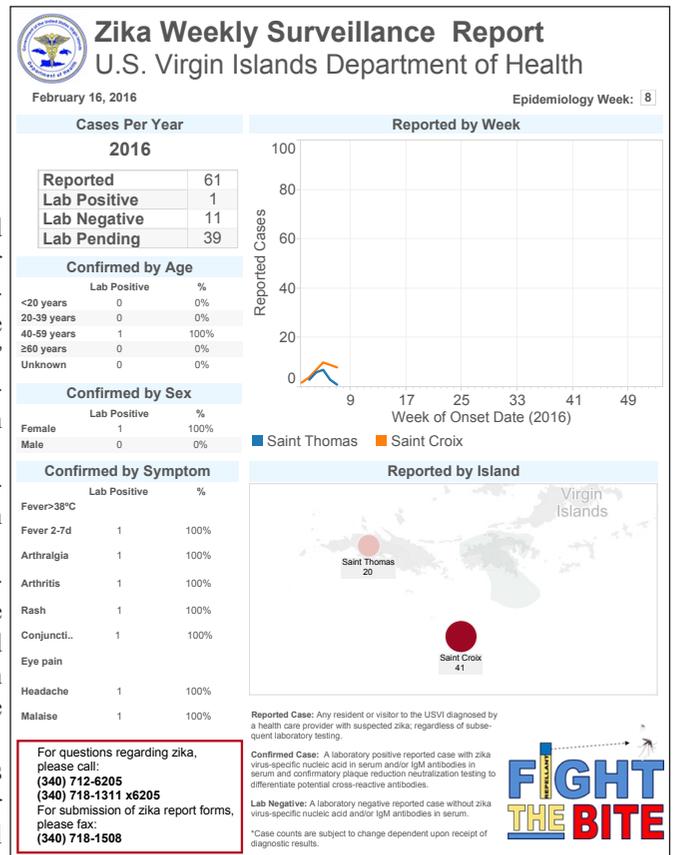
The Department of Health has launched a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/virginislandsDOH, where Zika and other health updates and concerns are posted in real time. Pertinent information can also be found on DOH's website www.healthvi.org with direct links to the CDC.

For local information about Zika Virus, call DOH's Emergency Operations Center at (340) 712-6205. For more general information about the Zika Virus call toll free: 1-800-CDC-INFO.

For More Information:

- General information about Zika virus and disease: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>
- Zika virus information for clinicians: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/index.html>
- Protection against mosquitoes: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2016/the-pre-travel-consultation/protection-against-mosquitoes-ticks-other-arthropods>
- Travel notices related to Zika virus: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>
- Information about Zika virus for travelers and travel health providers: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2016/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/zika>
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO): http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_topics&view=article&id=427&Itemid=41484&lang=en

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national, and international organizations.



For questions regarding zika, please call: (340) 712-6205 (340) 718-1311 x6205 For submission of zika report forms, please fax: (340) 718-1508

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Zika Virus: More Information

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The Department of Health continues to provide testing for the Zika Virus for free at primary care clinics. Please see your local Primary Care Provider for the test, the Department of Health will then pick up your sample from your Doctor's office and send it off to the CDC for testing at no cost to the public.

For more information about the Zika Virus call toll free: 1-800-CDC-INFO The Department of Health continues to provide testing for the Zika Virus for free, at all primary care clinics.

For more information about Zika virus and disease go to <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>.



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30th Annual Giff Hill School Auction is March 5



By Jaime Elliott
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Mark those calendars for Saturday, March 5, and get ready for one of the most hotly anticipated nights of the fundraising year.

Giff Hill School will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its annual auction at the Westin Resort and Villas, a long-time supporter of the event.

Starting right from the cocktail hour, which will feature beautiful local artwork and jewelry as well as GHS musicians and singers, to the enticing silent auction and the thrilling live auction, and stretching to the high energy after party, GHS will be throwing a party to remember on March 5.

The 30th Annual GHS Auction will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and silent auction. Curated by Priscilla Rivera Hintz de Knight, featured artists this year include Steve Simonsen, David Knight Jr., Andrew Barlas Jr., Catherine Perry, Lisa Etre, Lena Greenstone, Anandini Morris and Ensor Colon. Colon will even be painting during the event, and his effort will be auctioned off before the night's end.

Don't miss the chance to buy one of the 200 Golden Tickets which will be on sale for \$100 each starting this week. The winner of the Golden Ticket raffle will get the chance to pick any trip from the many live auction packages, which will be announced this week, explained GHS Assistant to the Development Director Molly Murrill.

"We will have volunteers at The Marketplace Tuesday and Thursday starting this week and up until the auction selling Golden Tickets," said Murrill.

The exciting live auction will be hosted by Darron and Hope Mears of Bowtie Benefit Auction, who are donating their considerable expertise for the seventh year in a row.

Also back this year will be the Wall of Wine game, when a \$50 blinkie light can lead one to taking home about 100 bottles of fine wine. Another exciting raffle



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Photography

during the event is hosted by R&I Patton, who donated a stunning pearl necklace which will be taken home by one lucky drinker of the special \$25 glasses of wine or champagne.

Be prepared to shed a few tears during Steve Simonsen's video presentation which highlights the work accomplished by GHS students, 70 percent of whom get assistance from the financial aid fund being supported at the auction.

"All proceeds from the Annual Auction go to the school's scholarship fund which over 70 percent of our students benefit from," said Murrill.

The evening will also feature the talents of the school's culinary students under the direction of Chef Lori Dudkin. Passed appetizers and the plated salads will all include produce from the GHS gardens. Wash down those vegetables with a specialty cocktail crafted by one of Long Board Restaurant's talented mixologists who will have a bar set up at the event.

After the final bid package has been won, join the crowd and head over to Virgin Fire for the after party with DJ Top Notch starting at 10 p.m. There is no entry fee for the after party and a portion of sales from the bar will be donated to the GHS financial aid fund.

Murrill is looking forward to a special night on March 5, which would not be possible with a strong team of volunteers, she explained.

"We have a strong team of parents and teachers and volunteers and community members on our auction committee which includes some new faces this year," said Murrill. "We have a lot of new parents at the school this year and it's great to see so many people come out and support the auction."

Tickets, \$150 each or buy a table for 10 for \$1,250, can be purchased online at www.giffthillschool.org/auction.html or by calling Murrill at (340) 776-1735.

In addition to the Westin, USVI Sotheby's International Real Estate is also a corporate sponsor of the event.



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Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Got Genips?

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I was first introduced to genips one summer when my sons and I started helping Ken Wild with the archeological excavations at Cinnamon Bay. My older son, Kevin, was intrigued by the Taino pottery and shells revealed when the soil was carefully scraped and brushed away, and was eager to help sift the loose dirt to see if there were any beads or other treasures to be found. (The artifacts from the Cinnamon Bay site are now displayed in the museum building there.)

Meanwhile, my younger son had no patience for the work and tended to jump around too close to the pit. Ken graciously diverted him and put his abundant energy to use by asking him to climb a tall tree over near the building and bring him back some of the fruit. Always an enthusiastic climber, Brian quickly disappeared up in the tree. After a while there was some shaking in the high branches and clusters of green fruits that looked a bit like limes began dropping on the path.

Ken showed us how to split the leathery skin, pop the whole fruit in our mouths and suck on the fleshy pink pulp (which doesn't easily come off the seed). The seed is so

big it takes up most of the space inside. The pulp is pretty tart, but sort of sweet too.

It is likely that genip fruits, which are native to South America, were brought to the islands by pre-Columbian settlers. Besides sucking the pulp, they roasted the seeds to eat like nuts, and also used the juice as a dye.

Mature genip trees can grow up to 100 feet tall, though most of the ones here are not that big. They have smooth, grayish bark which is often blotchy-looking because it is mottled with lichen.

Eleanor Gibney noted that genip trees tend to live a long time. Some on St. John may even be 500 years old, dating back to Taino times. Many of the ones she climbed as a child are still around and remain relatively unchanged.

The overall number of genip trees on St. John has been increasing though. They have spread widely because their seeds are dispersed by birds and bats, as well as people spitting out seeds, and because they can survive in droughts and a variety of salty, windy ecological conditions. In parts of the island these trees have invaded the remaining areas of diverse native forest, crowding out other growth with their abundant saplings.



Cheryl Magdaleno, who has been participating in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Tree Appreciation Project, recently showed me how to identify a genip by its leaf structure. It has four leaflets arranged in two pairs on a stalk that attaches to the tree. Along the stalk she pointed out distinctive thin leaf-like structures – like wings. I was very excited to learn about the leaves, since the method of trying to identify genip trees by looking for mottled bark was not working very well for me.

I recently mentioned this information about genip leaves to Jessa Buchalter, including the part about the wings. She promptly went to a tree by her family's house and came back with a bunch of genip fruits, along with some of the leaves from that tree. They were definitely not winged. Maybe the leaf wings help young trees get started, while the older fruiting trees don't need them anymore.

Like papayas, genips have male and female trees. Male flowers producing pollen and female flowers producing seeds gener-

ally grow on different genip trees. This is somewhat unusual — most types of trees with sexual reproduction either have both male and female flowers on the same tree, or flowers containing both male and female parts.

One advantage of having male and female flowers on different trees is that it ensures cross-pollination and increases genetic diversity. But what if there aren't enough trees of the opposite sex in the neighborhood? I worry about that when I look at my lonely young papaya tree, but the genips don't seem to be suffering from social isolation. Also bees are attracted to their flowers and can travel pretty far as they search for sweet nectar.

Ordinarily genip trees flower between April and June, and produce fruit in the summer. Some trees are fruiting now though. Most likely that they were affected by last year's drought and delayed their flowering until after the November rains. So we got genips this winter.

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Genip fruit, at left, and above showing pulp inside and large pit. The bark of an old genip tree near Catherineberg ruins, far left, shows distinct markings. The leaf from a young genip tree, below, shows two pairs of leaflets and "wings" along the stalk.





ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

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Recently WAPA changed out almost all the electrical meters in the Virgin Islands with remote monitoring meters. Now your meter can be read from a central location in St. Thomas without having a Meter Reader come by to read your meter.

Some of the new meters, however, have not been converted to Net Meters. You may want to check your meter if you are a Net Metering client.

Locate your WAPA meter and watch the digital output numbers. You will see the numbers 01 on the far left of the digital reading with a series of numbers. It will flash about every two minutes and the numbers may go up or stay the same – that is the power you have consumed from WAPA. That is a standard meter and is NOT a Net Meter.

A Net Meter will have the 01 code on the far left of the digital read out and have the series of numbers. It will flash in about two minutes and the next code on the far left of the read out will be 04. That is the power you have delivered to WAPA with your solar panels.

In about another two minutes the numbers will flash again and you will have a code of 06 in the far left of the read out and another series of numbers. That is your Net of the two totaled numbers of 01 code and 04 code.

If you see the 04 and the 06 code you DO have Net Metering.

Some clients still have the old Focus meters which will have reading of Del (delivered) and Rec (received). These are Net Meters also.

If you find out you do not have a Net Meter and you should have one, I suggest that you call the WAPA billing office and speak with a Customer Service Representative.

Net Meters are for WAPA clients who have installed solar panels on their roof and have paid \$30 to WAPA and signed a Net metering Agreement with WAPA. Power that the solar panels produce is either consumed by the home's electrical system and/or fed into the WAPA grid. Depending on the size of the solar panel system and the amount your home consumes, you can reduce your WAPA bill significantly.

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T. Breeze Verdant Joins Elaine Estern for Best of Both Worlds' Friday Night Fete Feb. 26

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The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Design Gallery is pleased to invite the public to a Friday Night Fête on February 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mongoose Junction.

The second event in a six week series, each Fête features the work of visiting and local artists in a variety of media from artwork, painting, wearable art, jewelry, and photography, accompanied by live music and wine.

T. Breeze Verdant's jewelry offerings this year include local woods like Sea Grape, Lignum Vitae, Torch, Amaranth, Mahogany and Tulipwood garnered from local woodworkers scraps. Breeze continues to seek local wood from St. John and only use scraps of lumber and cut off pieces of already downed trees.

Breezes work also features another source of recycled materials — being a musician himself he draws from his connections and makes jewelry from retired pianos, cellos, basses and guitar makers' scraps. Refusing to use ivory, he substitutes bone and antler to support endangered species acts that are in process.

Copper wire from piano string windings, recycled brass and nickel wire is featured as well as inlaid swordfish bill, paua abalone, mother of pearl, awabi

shell and finish from cows milk.

Another very familiar artist and lover of St. John, Elaine Estern, is featured in an ongoing month-long exhibition of her most recent watercolors of the island's flora, fauna and the underwater world of the Virgin Islands. Being a watercolorist of the marine environment, her artwork reflects and supports our fragile ocean ecosystem. She is known for her two world creations, showing both above and below water in the same piece.

"Painting changed the direction of my life in 1987 when I began to paint watercolors depicting the beauty of the underwater world," said Estern. "The fish seemed to flow off of my brush. Being a diver and snorkeler for the past 45 years, painting each fish in their natural environment seemed to come naturally for me."

"All underwater paintings are inspired by the surrounding seas, each fish realistic in their habitat," said the artist. "I realize how fragile our sea life is and strive to inspire others to adopt a strong commitment to save the reefs from further destruction."

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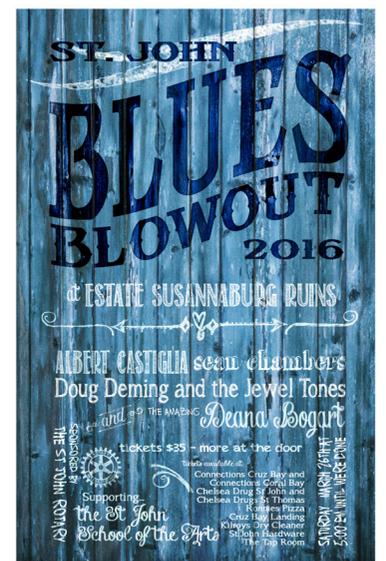
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SJSA Gearing Up for Disney Dream Show and Fundraiser April 22 & 23 at Westin

By Andrea Milam
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Excitement is building among the island's fourth graders as they gear up to rehearse with some of Broadway's best stars in preparation for the St. John School of the Arts' major annual fundraiser, Broadway Comes to St. John. The show and fundraising gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 23.

Broadway actors Rhonda Miller, Donna Drake, John Tartaglia, and Riley Costello will arrive on St. John in late March to begin working with fourth graders from Julius E. Sprauve School, Giffit Hill School, and the St. John Christian Academy, which is new to the program this year. For three weeks, the Broadway actors will lead students in the creation of an original performance whose theme this year is A Disney Dream.

"These four actors pay their own way down here and they don't get any compensation," said SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild. "They do this because they love St. John, and they want to do something for the kids."

The Broadway Comes to St. John show, now in its sixth year, is one that wows audiences year after year. Students act, sing, dance, and use props in a lively and entertaining performance. While the show raises tens of thousands of dollars for the School of the Arts, something else special happens during the creation of the original show.

"It gives the fourth graders a sense of accomplishment," said Wild. "If you look at them on stage they're grinning from ear to ear. They love the applause, and the audience loves the show."

The performance exposes local children to the arts while keeping SJSA programs running. Last year's Broadway Comes to St. John fundraising gala brought in \$80,000; Wild hopes to meet or surpass that amount this year.

In addition to the evening's champagne reception, dinner, and show, there will be an exciting raffle with prizes like a Starfish Market shopping spree and a spa day. Perhaps the most coveted raffle prize is the St. John Goes to Broadway package, which features air fare for two, dinner for two, a stay at a New York Westin hotel, and two tickets to a Broadway show, acquired with the help of Ronnie Lee, who also houses the actors during their time

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The school has already drummed up excitement for the event with a special incentive for those who purchased a gala ticket and a St. John Goes to Broadway raffle ticket by Feb. 12. These lucky people received an additional raffle ticket for free, and their names were entered into a special drawing, with a prize of a sunset sail for six with Calypso Yachting and dinner for six at Extra Virgin Bistro. Winners will be announced at the April 23 gala.

There will be two shows on Friday, April 22—one for families of the students and senior citizens at 6 p.m., and a general admission show at 8 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$20. Tickets for the main event on Saturday, April 23, are \$200, and raffle tickets are \$100. Funds raised will support the St. John School of the Arts, which empowers the island's children through the arts with classes in music, dance, acting and more.

In preparation for the major fundraiser, the SJSA is seeking volunteers to help with decorating, taking tickets and donations, or with the production itself. To donate a prize for the raffle or to find out how you can help with the fundraiser, visit www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org or call the school at 340-779-4322.

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Delegate Plasket Tells Residents to Expect Visits from Members of US Congress by Spring

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Following a year of laying down her roots in Congress, VI Delegate Stacy Plaskett presented her plan for representing the people of the Virgin Islands at a town meeting in Cruz Bay on February 18.

Bringing a presidential cabinet member and her fellow lawmakers to the territory is one of the first things on her agenda, Plaskett said at the meeting in the Cruz Bay Legislature Building.

Within a few weeks, Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx is expected to visit, followed by delegations from the Congressional Black Caucus and the Democratic Caucus in April, Plaskett told about 35 residents, community leaders and business operators at the meeting.

Also slated for a visit is the head of the House of Representatives' Agriculture Committee Mike Conway of Texas.

Each visit will have its own purpose, explained the delegate, who said she invited Conway to visit with local farmers. CBC members were asked to investigate the infrastructure. Democratic Caucus members were invited to visit St. Thomas and St. John to connect with constituents and hear their concerns directly.

Foxx was asked to skip the usual inquiry into road issues and focus on shipping and transportation issues.

The delegate described the visit as the fruits of relationship building that's been focused on since taking her oath of office in February 2015. Because the Virgin Islands delegate to Congress does not have a vote in the House of Representatives, delegates have to ally themselves with those who do, Plaskett explained.

"The first year was a year of planting for us," Plaskett said.

As part of the 2015 class of freshman lawmakers, she worked her way onto strategic House committees. Through the Steering and Policy Committee, Plaskett made contact with former Senate Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn.

But her most visible role is one with the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, chaired by Utah Representative Jason Chaffetz, the delegate explained.

That committee gives Plaskett a chance to directly question policy makers whose work takes them into the Virgin Islands including the Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service and U.S. Postal Service.

"It is probably the most partisan committee in Congress," Plaskett said. "Whoever the majority is, if the administration is not the same party, it is the committee that goes after the administration."

As one of the few Democrats serving on the committee, Plaskett relies on the past training as a prosecutor to formulate her questioning she explained.

Serving on this committee helps the delegate keep tabs on ACE dredging permits for projects like Coral World on St. Thomas and a long-awaited casino resort development on St. Croix.

Plaskett also spoke about efforts to make the Virgin Islands rum cover over permanent. Revenues derived from the rum cover over provide backing for bond issues and give the territory a firmer footing than other U.S. territories.

"Our rum cover over is really important to that," she said. "They gave us the benefit to argue for them to give us the full amount. This time it was set at \$13.25 (per proof gallon of rum produced in the territory), which is the full amount."

Other initiatives coming from Plaskett's congressional office include support of a measure promoted by President Barack Obama that would help pay tuition for students attending community college.

Efforts are also being made which, if successful, would allow VI college students studying on the U.S. mainland to qualify for in-state tuition rates.

The greatest challenge to that would be getting Congress to approve the measure, according to Plaskett.

First proposed in 2015, the president said that if adopted, the measure would save the average community college student \$3,800 a year in tuition. Plaskett is working on a provision directed towards Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including the University of the Virgin Islands.



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Delegate to Congress Stacy Plaskett speaks to a group of about 35 residents at a town hall meeting at the Cruz Bay Legislature Building last week.

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Inspiring Interiors

by Tiffany Cassidy

Beach House Must Haves

St. John Tradewinds

Beach houses are special places where families gather and guests come for a retreat. They are often casual, unfussy spaces dedicated to relaxation and enjoying the view. Living in the Caribbean is the perfect opportunity to create a luxurious and comfortable retreat for you, family and guests. Here are six must haves every beach house should possess for optimal relaxation.

Six Must Haves for a Beach House

1. A Comfy Porch: Outdoor living is best at the beach. To take full advantage of your outdoor space look for soft and durable fabrics to create comfy seating and add a fan to keep cool as temperatures rise. Sunbrella fabrics are a great choice for outdoor furniture. The porch is also a great place to display beachcomber collections of shells, driftwood and other great finds.
2. An Outdoor Shower. There's nothing like a fresh air shower after a day swimming in salty waves. You'll also save your beach house from piles of sand tracked in on shoes, bathing suits and towels!
3. The Right Kitchen Tools. Whip up the perfect smoothie, lobster dinner or ice cream sundaes with the right kitchen

appliances. A great blender is a must, but what about an ice cream maker or an oversized lobster pot? You'll want to be prepared when it's time to make a huge dinner for your family.

4. Oversized Straw Hats. Keep the sun out of your eyes with a stylish and iconic head covering. Store a few straw hats around your beach house to have on hand for guests and to grab one quickly on the go.
 5. Beach Games and Books. Perfect for a relaxing afternoon activity, reading or playing a board game is a wonderful way to occupy some time, and they'll be a sure favorite if you're hit with a rainy day!
 6. A Pop of Turquoise. In my opinion, every beach home should have a touch of the beautiful Caribbean turquoise blue that draws our thoughts back to the ocean again and again. Maybe it's a lamp or a pair of reclaimed nightstands that you painted for a whole new look; turquoise is always at home in the islands!
- Celebrate and take pride in your beach house and enjoy all the niceties the Caribbean has to offer. Set up a comfy porch, grab some straw hats and a good beach book to create the perfect oasis you'll enjoy for years to come.



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A beach house, like the one above which is available for short term rental through Sea Glass Properties, should have outdoor space to stretch out, and a pool doesn't hurt.

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Beach Bar Named Top Team at Light Up the Night



St. John Tradewinds News Photo courtesy of St. John Cancer Fund.

For the second year in a row, Team Beach Bar, above, raised the most money of any team for St. John Cancer Fund's Light Up the Night fundraiser. Team Beach Bar raised a total of \$15,600 for St. John Cancer Fund, which supports St. John residents facing the daunting financial challenges associated with cancer treatments.

SJYC Hosting Island Hopper Race Feb. 28

St. John Tradewinds

Get those hulls clean and get ready for the Island Hopper Race, sponsored by St. John Yacht Club and Budget Marine on Sunday, February 28.

The regatta will include action in Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, PHRF and Beach Cat Classes. Entry forms are available at Connections and St. John Hardware. A registration meeting will be February 27 at Banana Deck at 6 p.m. with the skippers meeting to follow. Registration is \$30.

A true Island Hopper, the race will start at Two Brothers around 10 a.m. and follow a course around Congo and Lovango Cays en route to finishing near Gallows Bay. An after party and awards ceremony, with food and drinks for sale, will be hosted at Coconut Coast Studio.

For more information, call St. John Yacht Club vice commodore Mike Feierabend at (340) 514-3244 or email info@villatamarindovi.com.

Hippie Love Fest Fundrasier for Michael Beason is Feb. 24 in Coral Bay

St. John Tradewinds

There's one very groovy party with a purpose planned in Coral Bay on Wednesday, February 24, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Pickles Deli.

The "Hippie Love Fest and Open Mic for Mike with Ike" is designed to both celebrate the Love City roots of community caring and to help St. John long-time resident and musician Michael Beason and his wife Barbara Footer who are dealing with a major medical set back.

Beason known, as MB or "ice cream mon" had an accident while loading Ben and Jerry's onto his truck. He basically fell off the roof of the ice cream van while unloading ice cream. Unfortunately the impact of his fall broke his heel to smithereens.

Beason had to leave island for medical treatment in Florida. He's had surgery and now local friends are trying to help out for his long term recovery.

What better way to help a friend and relive the 70s and 80s on St. John? Think bell bottoms, tie dye shirts, head bands, brownies, love beads (even Tiffany Jensen is sending beads from New Orleans for the event), John Lennon glasses — well you get the drift!

Now and Zen owners Lolita and Rick, upon hearing about the benefit, immediately donated 50 gorgeous sarongs and will donate all the proceeds for the cause!

There will also be great music that night with both local and visiting musicians. All proceeds from the tip jar will go to the cause.

A big "hail up" too Pickles Deli owner Bev Melius who repeatedly offers her establishment to support our Coral Bay community.

The evening will also include fun contests like a 60s mod look-alike contest. Think Jimi Hendricks, Janice Joplin, John Lennon, or if you'd just rather be you, in your 60s favorite outfit or laid-back Coral Bay style, that works.

Bonny Corbeil, who has spearheaded this fundraiser, is seeking volunteers to help make this a fun



and crazy event, just like the 60s. She needs help with raffle tickets, decorating, and simply putting groovy into the planning of this first ever Hippie Love Fest.

Call Corbeil at (340) 693-587 or e-mail bonnycorbeil@gmail.com for more information, to volunteer or make a donation.

Anyone who would like to offer raffle prizes, like villa stays, an item from a shop, or an activity that can help Mike out, then we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you to Anne Marie Porter, the Barefoot Minister, who immediately donated a \$400 wedding to our raffle; as well as artist/designer George Hollander who has designed a special light fixture for the event entitled "Beason's Beacon."

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Heidi Guth Sailing Home to St. John Aboard Traditional Double-hulled Canoe Hōkūle‘a

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The historic Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS)'s traditional, double-hulled voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a is due to sail to St. John soon in the midst of an around the world trip, and Love City's own Heidi Guth is aboard.

The vessel embarked from Honolulu, Hawai‘i, on its worldwide voyage in 2013 with a sail through the Polynesian Archipelago where it visited more than 24 islands and six countries. Now in its Caribbean leg, Hōkūle‘a left Brazil last week and should be pulling into sight of St. John by early March. Since the vessel is completely reliant upon the weather, a definite date for Hōkūle‘a's arrival is impossible to predict.

When Hōkūle‘a does arrive, Antilles School graduate Heidi Guth will be helping to haul her lines as PVS Chief Operating Officer. Guth grew up on St. John when her father, Larry Guth, was V.I. National Park Chief Ranger from 1979 to 1989.

For Guth, who was born on Maui when her father was Chief Ranger at Haleakalā, and now lives in O‘ahu, sailing Hōkūle‘a to St. John will be a true connection of her two homes.

“Being able to connect two of my homes and families by having Hōkūle‘a visit St. John during the Centennial of the National Park Service and 60th anniversary of the VI National Park is an unbelievable dream,” Guth said in a prepared statement. “St. John would be the first visit to a U.S. National Park by Hōkūle‘a this year, and I will be lucky enough to be a crewmember on board from Natal.”

Founded in 1973 to learn and share traditional Polynesian voyaging and wayfinding skills and values, PVS continues to seek innovative methods for educational outreach. Hōkūle‘a has sailed more than 150,000 nautical miles since the first trans-archipelagic, traditionally navigated voyage in 600 years — from Hawai‘i to Tahiti — in 1976.

Within that same amount of time, PVS has taught more than 500,000 people through programs of education, training, research, voyaging and communication. The group is seeking possible opportunities for cultural exchange and for communities to visit Hōkūle‘a when possible and learn about its mission and their traditional, non-instrument (no GPS, sextants, or clocks) navigation.

PSV's voyaging canoe strives to be a model of island sustainability and the importance of all types of knowledge and learning. The crew seeks to share “Island Wisdom, Ocean Connections, Global Lessons” both in Hawai‘i and around Island Earth.

Visit the website at www.hokulea.com for images of our voyaging canoe and more information about the organization and its mission. On that site, be sure to follow Hōkūle‘a with a live tracking map.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo courtesy of PVS.

The crew aboard the Polynesian Voyaging Society's traditional double-hulled canoe, includes Heidi Guth who is on her way home and expected sometime in early March.

VINP Presents 25th Annual Folklife Festival Feb. 25 & 26

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands National Park officials last week announced the annual Folk Life Festival 2016, in commemoration of Black History Month. This year's festival will be celebrated on February 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Annaberg Sugar Plantation ruins.

The theme for the 25th annual Folk-life Festival is “Silver Celebration of Tradition,” and will commemorate 25 years of keeping alive the culture of the Virgin Islands community. Over the past 25 years many culture bearers from the Virgin Islands have participated in the festival, and the event this year will continue to provide students an opportunity to learn about their rich heritage and to inspire an appreciation for their culture.

Events scheduled to take place include dancing, storytelling, drumming, mocko jumbies and music. Students will have the opportunity to participate at cultural demonstration stations like broom making, baking, wood working, drumming and weaving.

This event is being sponsored by Virgin Islands National Park, the Virgin Islands Territorial Government, the St. John Community Foundation, Virgin Islands Council on the Arts, the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park and is funded in part by a grant from the Virgin Islands Humanities Council.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend! As parking is very limited at Annaberg, VINP officials urge the public to catch one of the taxi shuttles that will depart hourly from the NPS Visitor Center in Cruz Bay to the festival. The shuttle is scheduled to leave the Visitor Center at 9:30, 10:30 am and 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and will cost \$6 per person one way.

Annaberg departure times will be 11 a.m., 12, 2, and 3:30 p.m. Please call 776-6201 ext. 231 for additional details. Parking is also limited at the visitor center; parking at the lot by the car barges is a good alternative.

For more information contact VINP Ranger Laurel Brannick at (340) 776-6201 ext. 252 or Ranger Golda Hermon at ext. 231.



Wine Talk with Paul

by Paul Tsakeres

The Restaurant Wine List

St. John Tradewinds

It has long been the case that a proper Restaurant Wine List should have depth and breadth. That is to say, one that has a wide number of regions and varietals as well as a number of selections from each.

On today's wine lists there is even more diversity in the number of obscure varietals from historical wine growing areas around the world. Many grapes have been lovingly brought back from near extinction and now thrive again. The Mencia Grape (Men-thee-ah) from Valderorras, Spain is a good example and there are countless others. Many of today's Sommeliers are reveling in the amount of refreshing additions to their wine lists. Although usually limited to smaller craft wine stores, they are beginning to find their way into some restaurants as well. In the states, these are lovingly known as "Wine Havens" by their patrons.

Happily on St John there are some fine spots that care about wine and how their lists complement their menus. A professional waiter will quickly learn about the guest from their wine selection. If a party values exploring and selects one such obscure wine or asks the waiter about anything new and exciting, the keen waiter will link that curiosity into the menu and can put the guest on a road they would not ordinarily choose. Many guests are happy to take a waiter's direction, so it is important to have the competence. Maybe too, the guest is a traditionalist and wants a fine Bordeaux or Burgundy. Likewise, the professional waiter will have recommendations in both food and wine and be skilled at the presentation and decanting of a fine wine.

A guest is looking forward to their restaurant experience and they may have a priority. They may want that Napa Valley Cabernet, a selection from Atlas Peak or Mt. Veeder and so the menu will be built around the wine. Another guest may have their heart set on those Braised Lamb Shanks (oops my personal favorite sneaking in) or a particular specialty of the house and would naturally pick a wine to complement the meal. Again, the professional waiter must have

the flexibility and the knowledge to meet and exceed the guest's expectations.

The waiter should have at least one "go to" from each section of the wine list that they are knowledgeable of and they most certainly should know the menu...inside and out. Being able to represent the Chef is the key to your success. An actor who knows his lines can go anywhere in a scene, they are never lost. A Professional Waiter will be able to use multiple descriptions for any dish. If all you can muster is rote repetition or worse, reading from a sheet of paper, I would call that unprofessional.

Personally it gives me a pause to hear a waiter say, "Tonight, I have..." Again, it is about the Chef. It is better, more humble in my opinion to say, "Tonight the Chef is offering."

A guest has some responsibility in their requests too. They should at least be able to describe the type of wine they like or are looking for that evening. They may simply ask for a dry wine, a spicy wine, fruity, medium bodied or a blend. Regardless the professional will have studied the list and tasted enough in their trainings to make recommendations.

A good Restaurant Wine List will have balance. There will be a balance of flavors, styles and price points. A restaurant has a personality and it is reflected in many ways including the selection of wines. If you like the restaurant business it is a great business to be in and Wine Enhances Everything!

My advice to the people in it is to learn everything you can about what you are offering. Listen very carefully to the Chef when they speak and integrate any words or descriptions that stand out into your own for a tantalizing delivery at the table. It will be one of the first indications the guest will have for their evening with you. If you say "Uh, tonight from the ocean, we have fish," I hope you get put on lunch shifts!

Assist your customers in making the selection of wine interesting and fun, make their happiness your focus and everyone wins.

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Humble Tech Wizard, George Cline, 79, Leaves Lasting Public Safety Communications Legacy

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George B. Cline, 79, died the evening of January 11, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama, but his public safety communications legacy lives on across his adopted home of St. John in the US Virgin Islands and beyond.

Cline served as a long-time radio dispatcher for St. John Rescue, and was an active member of the local St. John Amateur Radio Club, making substantial communications strides on behalf of both groups. Cline, known by his Amateur Radio call-sign, KP2G, started the Virgin Islands Weather Net in 1994 providing daily weather updates at 6:40 a.m. AST daily. The network continues to this day, relaying critical weather information and individual local reports to hams and boaters in the vicinity of the US and British Virgin Islands.

Cline will likely best be remembered for spearheading the placement of several radio repeaters on the island and throughout the local Caribbean in an effort to close severe communications gaps for emergency responders. Cline worked with members of the St. John Rescue, and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) to develop a new cross-band repeater system on four islands designed to reach all of the Virgin Island National Park's remote valleys and beaches.

The effort involved the cooperation of the British Virgin Islands Telecommunication Bureau to place one of the needed repeaters on Jost Van Dyke in the BVI. Cline's efforts were tireless and motivated by a critical need to have volunteer first responders quickly reach individuals during medical and other emergencies; this, on an island with many terrain and infrastructure-related communication challenges.

Members of St. John Rescue describe Cline as a humble man — extremely talented but never one to show off. He was always ready to use his skills to assist with any task, large or small. Rescue members describe Cline's radio skills as amazing, and say he will be best remembered for his dispatching skills. According to Rescue, when you heard Cline's voice on the radio, no matter how chaotic the situa-

tion was, you would become calm and get back to the task at hand. To say that he will be missed on St. John is a huge understatement.

Some of Cline's efforts involved members of both St. John Rescue and the St. John Amateur Radio Club — groups he was active in for many, many years. Cline was instrumental in helping relocate radio repeater for use by Rescue and the Virgin Islands National Park — providing the technology know how, needed materials and other expertise to make a same-day move a success.

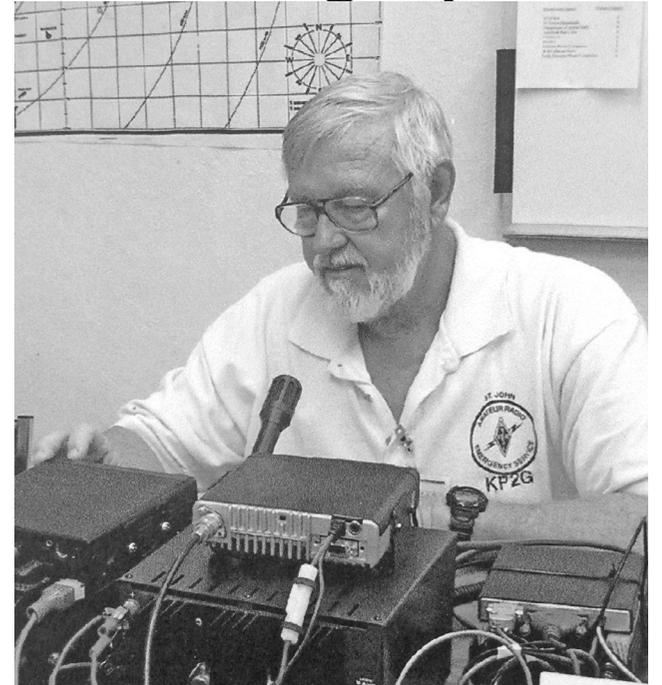
Cline served as a mentor to anyone interested in Amateur Radio — from the more basic things such as how to choose a good first radio to encouraging local amateurs to study for higher level exams. Cline was a member of the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service, was a volunteer Amateur Radio examiner, and served as treasurer of the SJARC. According to local club members, Cline was well known in the Caribbean as net control for the morning 40 meter Caribbean net, and provided weather information to the cruising sailor community.

Visiting sailors were always welcome to the Cline home when they visited St. John, and to the monthly Ham (and Eggs) Breakfast meeting of the local Amateur Radio Club. Cline was an active communications volunteer to the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency, and participated in emergency communications after hurricane disasters.

Following Hurricane Marilyn in 1995 which devastated much of the local communications infrastructure, Cline helped establish a link between the two sides of the island, cut off by hurricane damage, and set up a critical communication link to the local medical facility.

Cline is survived by his wife of 54 years Hermina Joyce Cline, and 5 sisters: Janet Champion, Helen Clusman, and Mary Phyllis Ott (all of McConnellsburg, PA); Martha Harness of Chambersburg, PA; and Joyce Engel of Hawi, HI.

He graduated from McConnellsburg High School in 1954, Juniata College in 1958, and the Upstate Medical



School of New York at Syracuse where he was awarded a PhD in Physiology in 1966.

Cline was a research associate at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for five years, followed by 25 years in the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Biology Department. While a professor at UAB he served as department chairman for several years and spent sabbatical years at the University of Brussels, Belgium and the College of the Virgin Islands. George and Joyce moved to St. John USVI in 1992 and have remained there.

He further served on the board of directors of the Seagrape Hill Land Owners Association on St. John.

Services will be held later at the Cline Family Cemetery in McConnellsburg, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Animal Care Center of St. John, Inc., PO Box 429, St. John, VI 00831

Crossword & Cryptoquote Answers

(Puzzles located on Page 20)

Answer to Feb. 21 Cryptoquip:

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

**The Story of our Trash: An Open Letter to PSC
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St. John Tradewinds

In light of your hearings on our islands to discuss issues and potential changes in the operations of the Waste Management Authority, I wish to request consideration of the handling of St. John's trash hauling and the use of St. John's Capital Improvement Funds to pay for the hauling of our trash. St. John is the only island which has been paying for their hauling of trash.

St. John's trash hauling is handled under a contract with Penn's Trucking. What is this contract and how did it start? In 1990, St. John had a dump fire burning out of control at our Susannaberg dump. After the fires were extinguished, Public Works was ordered to close the dump and to transfer our waste to St. Thomas.

Public Works, which had the responsibility at that time, complained about the expense to haul our trash, so then Senator Rocky Liburd and Penn's Trucking came up with a plan — a "No Bid" contract paid for by our St. John Capital Improvement Fund. They cited the State of Emergency needs as the reason for the "no bid" contract. Yet, here we are, 26 years later, and still a "no bid" contract is in place and St. John Capital Improvement Funds totalling over \$30 million has been taken from our island's future.

Each year, for 26 years now, we have forfeited our capital improvements to pay Penn's Trucking. St. John is the only island of the Virgin Islands which pays for their trash even though other islands have expensive routes as well.

What could those \$30 million, given to Penn's Trucking, may have created for St. John? How about...a new school, parking lots, sidewalks and boardwalks, athletic parks, after school facilities, a vendors village, town enhancements, a multi-purpose center, a Coral Bay barge landing, a municipal boat dock, and so much more. Sadly, the "no bid" contract continues in obvious violation of a normal public funds bidding process.

It is also interesting that during these 26 years that no senator, nor governor, has recognized St. John's need for its capital improvement funds. Even the powerful Penn family has never sought to convince the WMA to live by their own budgets, and even as community leaders, they have never sought to get our capital improvement funds back for its intended purposes, to make a better island.

I urge the Commissioners of our Public Services Commission to consider the loss of our St. John Capital Improvement Funds. I ask them to imagine how their "home" island residents would feel if they were "singled out" to forfeit all of their Capital Improvement Funds to an Authority which should live by its own budgets, and not rob their island's future.

I respectfully request the Public Services Commission to consider this issue and aid St. John in restoring our much needed St. John Capital Improvement Funds.

**Sincerely,
Steve Black**

**Kimberly Boulon Thanks Supporters of
"Lightecture" Show**

St. John Tradewinds

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery at the Marketplace glowed with the spectacular lighting of George Hollander's "Lightecture" Art Lights Friday night, February 12, much to the delight and amazement of our gracious attendees.

We would like to thank them along with our always supportive and accommodating Marketplace and their Manager Debbie Marsh.

Serving up delicious appetizers again was Liz Lowe of

Queen of Tarts and pouring wine and beverages with attention and smiles were Eve and Greg Maskell, Leedara Zolla and Bill Willet, and Victoria Sansing. Don Blumenthal was on hand to capture images of our precious light features and attendees.

It is publicity from our media that brings the crowds so our heartfelt Thank You's to Jaime Elliott of Tradewinds, Gregory Norris and Lynda Lohr from the St. John Source, Gerry Yandel of the Daily News and of course all of our

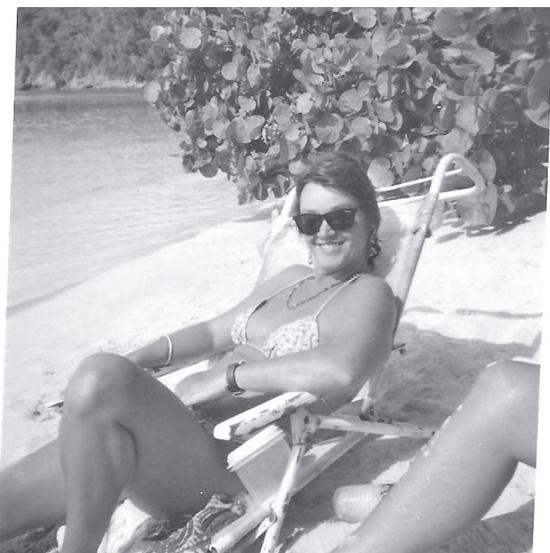
lovely Facebook friends.

George Hollander's Lightecture remains on view at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery at The Marketplace, open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-5 and by appointment (340)693-8524. Please visit www.kimberlyboulon.com Events and Gallery Guest Artists pages for more on George Hollander and his art works. Again, Thank You to All!

Kimberly Boulon

In Memoriam: Nancy Lynn Hayes

July 7, 1954 - February 13, 2011



*In Loving Memory of
Gennaro Francis Mancuso
"Geeno"
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Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 340-514-300 or e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi.

February 25 & 26

— VINP officials will host the 25th annual Folk Life Festival 2016, in commemoration of Black History Month on February 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Annaberg Sugar Plantation ruins.

Events scheduled to take place include dancing, storytelling, drumming, mocko jumbies and music. Students will have the opportunity to participate at cultural demonstration stations like broom making, baking, wood working, drumming and weaving.

For more information contact VINP Ranger Laurel Brannick at (340) 776-6201 ext. 252 or Ranger Golda Hermon at ext. 231.

Friday, February 26

— Bethany Moravian Church is hosting Family Movie Night February 26 at 7 p.m. The February movie is "Selma."

All are welcome to join in this free family friendly activity. For more information call the church at (340) 776-6291.

Saturday, March 5

— The VI Audubon Society will offer a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices at its annual plant sale.

Come see us at the The Marketplace on the second level parking lot by St. John Hardware from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor educational programs for school children, to promote environmentally sound practices, and to continue efforts to, preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife & Marine Sanctuary. For further information contact Dave Spoth at (716)472-6888.

Saturday, March 5

— Save the Date for the 30th Annual Giff Hill School Auction on Saturday, March 5, at The Westin Resort.

Saturday, March 26

— Don't miss the Third Annual St. John Blues Explosion in Winston Wells ball park in Cruz Bay.

This night is going to be full of amazing music! Keep an eye out for tickets.

a full line up and more in the next week!

April 22- 23

— "Broadway Comes to St. John" 2016 is scheduled for April 22 and April 23!

ALCOHOLICS 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

Samuel & St. Clair Featured Artists at Bajo el Sol's March 4 Opening



St. John Tradewinds

Avelino Samuel's beautiful wood sculptures and Deborah St. Clair's impressionistic oil renderings of St. John palms will be on display on Friday, March, 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bajo el Sol art gallery's First Friday event.

Samuel, a native St. Johnian, will be showing pieces made from various woods he's picked up during his travels including mulberry and maple, as well as tamarind and mahogany.

St. Clair, a 40-year resident of the island, is focusing on palm trees and other island scenes for the March show.

"My paintings for this show are not as abstract as what I've done in the past," she said. "It's a series of St. John palms and plein air paintings of scenes around the island with a bit of an impressionistic abstract twist."

The works of both artists will be featured at the gallery throughout the month of March. Samuel and St. Clair will be on hand to greet guests at the March 7 opening as David Laabs entertains on the classical guitar.

The opening is part of Bajo el Sol's First Friday series, a mainstay at the Mongoose Junction art gallery for the past 12 years. For more information on the gallery, visit www.bajoelsolgallery.com.

GHS Offering Exciting Summer Program for Island Children

St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School is pleased to announce new and exciting summer programming!

Carol Brady, a current educator with over 10 years of experience in designing engaging curriculum for students, has created an incredibly exciting and comprehensive summer opportunity for the children of St. John and St. Thomas.

Through a real-world, project-based approach to camp, children will find meaning beyond their island shore. The unique camp themes will provide a variety of academic, artistic, and enriching classes while focusing on keeping summer fun! The 8-week, individualized summer program is open to all students from 3 to 17 in the St. John and St. Thomas community.

Designed to accommodate a family's busy island schedule, the program offers flexibility by allowing one to enroll in any of the weeks she chooses including morning or afternoon only options. Whether a child chooses to join for two weeks or eight, there is a reason for every kid to join this summer!

Contact Brady at summerprogram@giffhillschool.org for a full summer brochure as well as the online intent and registration forms, or call 776-1730 or visit www.giffhillschool.org for more information. Financial assistance is available.



On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers*

Soak Up Stunning Water Views from Expansive Decks at Villa Sol Mate

St. John Tradewinds

Enjoy beautiful water views and all the best that tropical living has to offer with extensive outdoor space, a refreshing pool and even a convenient wet bar at the luxurious villa Sol Mate.

This modern masonry, three bedroom, four and a half bath home is nestled in the private, gated enclave of Virgin Grand Estates overlooking Great Cruz Bay and is priced at \$1.475 million, explained Jane Kelly of Sea Glass Properties/Islandia Real Estate.

Villa Sol Mate, which was featured in "Island Living" magazine is the best buy in the desirable and conveniently located neighborhood of Virgin Grand Estates, explained Kelly.

"Featured in 'Island Living' magazine, Villa Sol Mate offers you a beautiful, modern, masonry house in the gated, private subdivision of Virgin Grand Estates," Kelly said. "This exceptional property is the best-priced villa in Virgin Grand Estates. Sol Mate, built in 2007, has been enjoyed by the owners and the rental guests."

You'll never tire of soaking up the water views over Great Cruz Bay and beyond from the spacious, multi-level decks at Sol Mate. It's no accident that the outdoor living areas at this villa are so inviting, explained Kelly.

"The main focus at Sol Mate is outdoor living with multi-level decks for dining, lounging, and swimming," Kelly said. "The lower pool level offers an expansive area to sun-bath and intimate seating for large or small gatherings. The built-in wet bar adds to the fun atmosphere along with the easy access to the bathroom with an outdoor shower on the lower level."

"The large upper deck is the perfect dining spot to enjoy the soothing trade winds, the fabulous views of Pillsbury Sound and the lights of St. Thomas," she said.

Step from the upper deck right into the expansive air conditioned great room which incorporates the living room, dining room and an open plan, modern chef's kitchen, said Kelly.

"The kitchen boasts beautiful dark wood cabinets, granite counters and stainless steel appliances," she said. "The

French doors which lead to the rear courtyard with your outdoor grill and an additional dining area, really increases your enjoyment of island living."

All three bedrooms are fully air conditioned, feature native stone details and afford the utmost in privacy, Kelly added.

"The well-appointed bedrooms are separated from each other by the split plan layout," she said. "The dramatic third bedroom with its cathedral ceiling, native stone garden shower and private balcony overlooks the Caribbean sea and the islands beyond. All of the bedrooms enjoy the luxury of king size beds, air conditioning and beautiful views."

Making Sol Mate even more attractive, the home is being sold fully furnished with all new island furniture, art and a beautiful chandelier. The home also boasts net metering which will make those electric bills much friendlier to your wallet.

For more information on Sol Mate, call Kelly at Islandia Real Estate/Sea Glass Properties at (340) 776-6666 or on her cell phone at (941) 544-5855.



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Soak up breath-taking water views from your expansive pool deck at villa Sol Mate, above right. This Virgin Grand Estate villa boasts three bedrooms and plenty of outdoor space.

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Kimberly Boulon Displays New Work at Best of Both Worlds' Friday Night Fete March 4



St. John Tradewinds

The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Design Gallery is pleased to invite the public to a Friday Night Fête on March 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mongoose Junction.

The fete will be showcasing a selection of Kimberly Boulon's more recent paintings. Kimberly Boulon Fine Art in Best of Both Worlds is a vignette of the painter's body of traditional artworks that stands as a commanding statement of her artistic language.

"I value my artistic collaboration in this beautiful Gallery with its fine ownership, staff and artists," said Boulon.

Linda Gabriel of Best of Both Worlds is very excited to be representing Boulon's work.

"I have always loved Kimberley's work, as well as her gallery exhibits," said Gabriel. "Every one is not only beautiful art but thought provoking and educational. What she brings to the people is real St. John."

"Being able to have her fabulous work in my gallery is incredibly exciting," she said.

Most people are familiar with her gallery, Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery, in the Marketplace, where her special events usually fuse visual and performing arts that are purposed for entertainment, education and enlightenment. They will continue there in 2017 with serious considerations highlighting St. John's Future. Boulon's contemporary artworks are on display at Virgin Fire adjacent to Best Of Both Worlds.

Moving forward, Boulon contemplates her artistic tenure.

"Beauty and meaning are paramount to my paintings," she said. "Thirty-five years on St. John have afforded me time and presence of mind and heart to grasp the essence of my surroundings, be it environmental or cultural. Painting is what I do to effect growth and change for good."

Best Of Both Worlds is poised to encapsulate these essential features with Boulon's land and seascapes, birds and figures, as she creates with mood and passion into the future.

For more information, please contact Best of Both Worlds at 340-693-7005 or by e-mail at thebestof@optimum.net.

Stockwell Speaking at Feb. 28 & March 6 UUF Meetings

St. John Tradewinds

Join the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John at 10 a.m., on Sundays at Giff Hill School lower campus.

On February 28 Merry Stockwell asks: "Does Thoreau Have Relevance In Our Lives Today?" Henry David Thoreau left a legacy of thoughts and writings about nature, civil disobedience, and rugged individualism. Is his example of valuing solitude and living simply and deliberately too out dated to have relevance to our lives today?

On March 6, Sockwell's topic will be "The Power of Thought." Because so much has been written and discussed about visioning the life we want, some people feel like guilty failures if they have not manifested a new car or found the perfect mate. What is within

our power? Do our thoughts really matter?

Stockwell has three children and four grandchildren. She has been active in whatever community she was living in, serving on various boards and volunteering for different causes. She was a Unitarian Universalist Director of Religious Education for more than 25 years serving three different churches.

After her husband died, Stockwell lived in the woods with their horses for four years and then two years ago moved to a nearby town where she now appreciates neighbors, a fire hydrant, and the town snowplow that clears her road! She still volunteers, enjoys traveling and gratefully greets each precious once-in-a-lifetime new day. Merry has been a regular speaker at St. John UUF services for many years.

16th Annual Arts Fest Features Impressive Musicians & Artisans

By Arts Festival Founder
Frank Langley
Special to St. John Tradewinds

The 16th Annual St. John Arts Festival wrapped up last week in Franklin Powell Sr. Park in Cruz Bay.

With a total of 12 exhibitors as well as musical guests and dancers, the festival excelled in showing the charming character of St. John through the artistic talents of its children and adults, while emphasizing its cultural heritage through music, dance, arts, crafts and cuisine.

Devoting the first day, Saturday, February 13, exclusively to the children of this beautiful island created a sincere and lively opening to the five-day event. The Love City Pan Dragons steel pan band, led by Elaine Penn, really got the show on the road with its catchy rhythm and special sparkle so characteristic of steel pans, and then with the added energy of youth; you didn't need a cup of coffee to get with it!

After that first half-hour of liveliness, who should pop-up on the steps of the bandstand but a young boy singing sea shanties from memory and without any shyness or self-consciousness – clear as a bell, without a microphone. It was only meant to be a warm-up for the school choir, event but it was so endearing.

The school chorus which followed, led by Kristen Carmichael Bowers of Giffit Hill School, again had that certain quality which only children have. Parents and other spectators gathered around the bandstand steps making it all very special, like a big family gathering.

We are indeed very fortunate to have such a beautiful little park in Frank Powell, which seems to fit the character of St. John to a “tee.”

Quadrille Dancers & Moko Jumbies

Rounding off the children's events was the Julius E. Sprauve School Quadrille dancers led by Evans Williams, plus a short demonstration of Latin-American merengue dancing, followed by a group of young drummers, under the direction of Eddie Bruce, continuing one of the African traditions of the islanders.

Sunday's Gospel Concert included the St. John Women's Ensemble this year, along with choirs from the Evangelical Lutheran and Methodist churches, accompanied by an electric guitar and keyboard. They were lively and colorful performances.

Monday's program started with the Echo People from Coral Bay playing traditional West African rhythms and tribal songs, followed by a solo dance by Marcella and then calypso songs and melodies by Koko and the Sunshine Band.

The latter were essentially a prelude to the main event performed by the Caribbean Ritual Dancers under the direction of Diana Brown, and accompanied by Ital and Roy on the drums, revising such old traditional dances as the Bamboula and Bomba. Most outstanding by their sheer height were two towering Moko Jumbies in glittering gold dress balancing on one leg just as easily as two.

There was a very large crowd of spectators in the park, some of which were invited to join in the dances and they had a great time doing so!

All Locally Made

One thing striking about the Caribbean Arts and Crafts Exhibition this year was the conscious effort to exhibit only Caribbean hand-made articles and to label them as such. Also, the colorful traditional dress of the exhibitors significantly added to the Caribbean atmosphere of the festival.

Best Booth, Best Dress and Best Goods prizes were awarded to Esther Frett, Mode Laguerre, Yolanda Morton and Ital Anthony.

The remodeled Franklin Powell Sr. Park and its bandstand are really great for music and dance performers and we hope to expand that to Latin American music another year.

We all missed Grasshopper in this year's reggae concert, but enjoyed hearing his brother Jupiter “fill-in” during Grasshopper's convalescence.

The St. John Arts Festival is now firmly rooted in St. John thanks to the continued support of the Virgin Islands Council of the Arts, and the USVI Department of Tourism and our many other sponsors, and it would be hard to imagine life here without it.

Each year we are also fortunate enough to donate funds for arts scholarships to support and encourage the talented youth of St. John.

For more information about the St. John Arts Festival, email Langley at franklangley@gmail.com.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Frank Langley, at left, hosted the 16th Annual Arts Festival in Cruz Bay which showcased local music like Rich Greengold, below at left with a fellow horn player, as well as local crafts like the beautiful jewelry made by Delroy “Ital” Anthony, above.



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LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

Sunday

10a-1p	Concordia Brunch	Bo	Guitar
10a-2p	Miss Lucy's Brunch	Sambacombo	Sax Guitar
3-5	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
4.30-7.30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	Broheem	Sax
5.30-8.30	Sun Dog Cafe	Mark Wallace	Open Mike
7-10	Rhumblines	Bridget	Guitar Kybd Vocal
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club of Coral Bay	String Swing Vocal

Monday

4.30-6.30	Concordia	Lauren & Johnny B	Open Mike
6-9	Virgin Fire	Mark & Broheem	Guitar Sax Vocal
5.30-8.30	Aqua Bistro	Matt	Guitar Vocal
6-8	Dog House	Bridget	Guitar Kybd Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan
6-9	Cruz Bay Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Vista Mare	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan

Tuesday

5.30-8.30	Aqua Bistro	Darin	Guitar Vocal
6-8	Barefoot Cowboy	Bridget	Guitar Kybd Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Cruz Bay Landing	TBird	Guitar Vocal
6.30-9.30	La Tapa	Jazz Variety	1st&3rd Tues
6.30-9.30	Morgan's Mango	Mark & Broheem	Guitar Sax Vocal

Wednesday

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5.30-7	Coconut Coast Studio	St. John Flutes	Classical Duets
5.30-8.30	Aqua Bistro	TBird	Guitar Vocal
6-8	Barefoot Cowboy	Various	Jam
6-9	Cruz Bay Landing	Wayne	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy's	Rascio	Steel Pan
6-9	Ocean Grill	David Laabs	Guitar
6-8	Sweet Plantains	Broheem & Pam	Sax Vocal
6-9	Virgin Fire	Ingrid & Bo	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Pickles	Ike	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal

Thursday

5-7	Concordia	Broheem & Pam	Sax Vocal
5.30-8.30	Aqua Bistro	Kerrin & Johnny B	Guitar Vocal
6-8	Barefoot Cowboy	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy's	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Cruz Bay Landing	Haile	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-9	Pickles	TBird	Guitar Vocal
6.30-9.30	Morgan's Mango	Mark Wallace	Guitar Vocal
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan

Friday

5.30-8.30	Aqua Bistro	Steven Sloan	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Pickles	Darin	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Cruz Bay Landing	James	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Virgin Fire	Vision Reggae	Guitar Vocal
6.30-9.30	Caneel Bay	Marty Beech	Kybd Sinatra
6.30-9.30	Morgan's Mango	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6.30-8.30	Cinnamon Bay	Eddie Bruce	Drumming
7-10	Rhumblines	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Tropical Sounds	Guitar Kybd Vocal

Saturday

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5-7	Concordia	Kerrin & Johnny B	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Hot Club of Coral Bay	String Swing Vocal
6-9	Sweet Plantains	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Broheem	Sax
6-9	Cruz Bay Landing	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Rhumblines	Lauren	Guitar Vocal

To be added to this live music schedule, the event must be a regularly scheduled event (sorry, no one-night performances).
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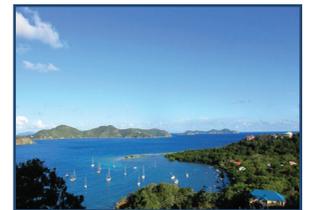
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The St. John Animal Care Center's winter gala fundraiser Venetian Carnival, on February 6, at Sirenusa was a great success. The venue provided the perfect backdrop for the guests who were attired in grand carnival costumes with masks to match.

Accolades go to these behind the scenes businesses and volunteers:

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This was the atmosphere created by our business community as they very graciously donated the fabulous gifts we needed for our online auction, raffle and on-site silent auction during our winter gala fundraiser Venetian Carnival. This was most definitely a win-win situation, for successful bidders and the Animal Care Center alike.

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