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Christmas Season Lights Up at Mongoose Junction All Island Holiday Party

Fire dancer Gina Wellner entertained the crowd at Mongoose Junction's annual All-Island Holiday Party on Saturday night, December 14.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of M. Roller

Roller is mastering a new boat, the 49er FX, above, a high performance skiff for women, in her new Olympic bid.

Mimi Roller Looking To Return to Olympics in 2016 in 49er FX

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After competing in the Summer Olympic Games in 2012 in the United Kingdom, St. John sailor Mayumi Roller knew she wanted to return to the world's biggest sports stage, yet helming a different boat this time.

"Going to the Olympics the first time was amazing; it was such a surreal experience," said Roller. "I wanted to go again but after sailing the Laser for that long, I knew it wasn't the right boat for me."

Roller was about 30 pounds lighter than the rest of the fleet, meaning with any kind of wind,

she simply couldn't keep up.

"It was tough, in any sort of windy conditions, to keep up with the lead," said Roller. "I just didn't have the mass; they were bigger, like 30 pounds bigger. I knew I wanted to transition to a new boat."

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ACC Christmas Open House Is Dec. 18

Don't miss the St. John Animal Care Center's Christmas Open House on December 18 at the group's animal shelter on Library Road in Cruz Bay.

The event will feature yummy food and beverages and lots and lots of adorable kitties and dogs.

Coral Bay Christmas Tree Lighting and Coral Sing Scheduled for Dec. 20

The community is invited to join the annual Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing-along on Friday, December 20, at 6 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Everyone should come out to join in singing carols and welcoming Santa for the kids! This annual tradition brings residents out to sing in a "competitive challenge for festiveness" between neighborhoods. So bring those voices and those neighbors! No talent is required; just lots of holiday and community spirit.

This event is co-hosted by the John's Folly Learning Institute and the Coral Bay Community Council. Everyone is encouraged to bring gifts for Santa to give the children. Attendees are asked to buy a gift or two, wrap them and label them for a boy or girl and the appropriate age. Either bring the gifts on December 20 or drop them off at CBCC's office or Connections East.

Parents are asked to accompany their children. Santa will arrive about 7:15 p.m., if all of the children have been good!

For more information and to donate money for gifts call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Fifth Annual Reindeer Run Dec. 22

The St. John Landsharks present the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas Run on Sunday, December 22, at Annaberg parking lot. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and of course Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day!

Registration begins at 7:30 and the race starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday December 22. Registration begins at 7:30am.

Donations are not required, but will be greatly appreciated given in the form of pet food or treats and will benefit the St. John Animal Care Center.

Meet at the Annaberg parking lot. Parking is limited, please "sleighpool" with other elves and reindeer if possible.

Participants are encouraged to show their Christmas spirit by donning hats, antlers, tinsel, ornaments, etc. There will be a prize for most creative costume. Jingle bells will be distributed to tie onto shoelaces for an added touch of whimsy.

The course is from Annaberg to Big Maho then back to Annaberg. There will also be a Kids Short Course for the little reindeer. The event will feature fun Christmas themed prizes and awards as well as sweets and treats for everyone!

For more information email Louise at louise@surfbvi.com

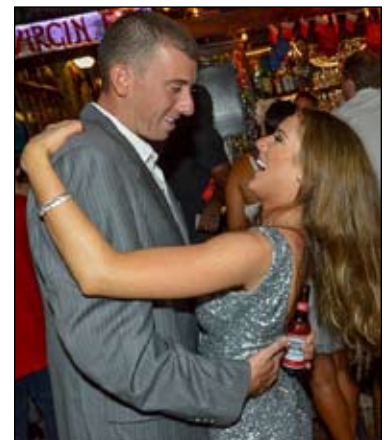
Santa To Arrive in Cruz Bay Dec. 24

Don't miss the fun in Cruz Bay on Christmas Eve this year!

Santa Claus is set to arrive on the Caneel Bay ferry around 9 p.m. on Tuesday night, December 24. Santa will arrive in Cruz Bay to the delight of island residents young and old. See you there!

Christmas Carolling Anyone?

Sing your way through Cruz Bay with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Tuesday, December 24. To join in, meet at 5:30 p.m. at Mongoose Junction in the courtyard area near Bouganvillea.



All Island Holiday Party Rings in the Season on St. John

Michael and Barbie Barry, top right, owners of Sun Dog Cafe and Virgin Fire at Mongoose Junction hosted the annual All-Island Holiday Party on Saturday night, December 14. Residents got decked out to ring in the holiday season in style and enjoyed a fire show by Gina Wellner, top left, and music by Ish, above.



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Friends of VINP Celebrates 25 Years of Conservation, Archaeology and Education

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

From sending hundreds of children to eco-camps each summer to removing the need to anchor in sensitive bays, Friends of V.I. National Park has a huge impact on this small island.

The non-profit organization started 25 years ago with just a few volunteers who would gather together informally once a month or so. Today, Friends has a full time staff of five and has overseen hundreds of thousands of dollars in programs and infrastructure supporting V.I. National Park.

Friends is celebrating its 25th birthday this week with an expo at the VINP Visitors' Center which kicks off on Thursday, December 19, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The expo will run through Saturday, December 21.

As the group looks back over the past 25 years, Friends Executive Director Joe Kessler — who has been with the organization for half of that time — pieced together the early days.

"It started back in the 80s actually, more than 25 years ago," said Kessler. "As most non-profits, it was less formal then. People would discuss issues about the park socially, but they were first organized in December 1988 and that's what we count as our birthday."

"It proceeded from there," Kessler said. "From '88 to '95, it was a very, very informal organization, entirely volunteer. Everything was done by members of the board and a few volunteers."

In 1995, John Garrison — whose wife Ginger worked for VINP — decided to get involved with the fledgling organization and ushered in the beginning of the modern era of Friends.

"Around 1995 John Garrison got involved with Friends of VINP and he started professionalizing the organization," said Kessler. "He was on the board as a volunteer at first and then he was made executive director/president on a part-time basis. He eventually raised more money so he could afford to dedicate more of his time to the organization."

Under Garrison, Friends hired its first support staff member, program manger Becky Bremszer. The two started raising some serious money for the non-profit and launched two programs which have had lasting impacts on VINP, Kessler explained.

"They got two large grants and got the archaeology program up and running and the mooring project started," he said. "The endowment fund started then as well and then John was able to hire someone to come on as a development director thanks to an institutional support grant."

Those great strides were made between 1995 and 2000, and Kessler — who had known the Garrisons since the early 1970s — joined Friends' ranks in 2001.

After knowing and visiting the Garrisons for years, by 2000 Kessler had started jokingly asking when he could take the Friends of VINP job.

"When John started working for Friends, I would say, 'Whenever you're ready to give it up, let me

"Anniversaries like this are a great time to sit back and look at what you did and also an important time to look forward. That's what we're going to embark on over the next several months and we certainly want anyone with thoughts and ideas on that to let us know."

— Joe Kessler, president
Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park

know," said Kessler, who was living in Mali and working for the international humanitarian agency CARE at the time. "They were visiting us in Mali and we were on our way to Timbuktu and John said 'You know you always said you wanted my job when I was leaving and we're leaving in April if you're interested.'"

"One thing led to another and I've been here since July 2001," he said.

Over its 25 years, according to Kessler, Friends has realized four main accomplishments: the mooring field; engaging local children; the archaeology program; and helping to ensure Estate Maho Bay's protection.

"Helping the park achieve the goal of becoming an anchorless park was a huge achievement for Friends," he said. "The program started back with John when they did the first overnight moorings back in 1999 or so. I continued with it in Hurricane Hole and elsewhere and we finalized it this year with the big boat moorings."

"That was a long-term goal of the park, supported by Friends," said Kessler. "We raised over \$650,000 and spent 14 years doing the project in bits and pieces when we had funding for work."

Kessler is also proud of the work Friends has done with local children, he added.

"The summer I arrived was the first year of the eco-camps and now we're up to 160 kids who went over this past summer," said the Friends executive director. "Overall we get about 2,500 student days in the park either on ranger led activities, through the Annaberg Folk Life Festival, our School Kids in the Park and our Earth Day Environmental Fair. Last year alone we got over 850 kids to Hassel Island."

"It's safe to say that every kid on St. John, thanks to one of our projects, gets into the park at least twice a year," said Kessler. "And now at least a third of the kids on St. Thomas as well."

Engaging that next generation of environmental stewards is one of Friends' most important achievements, according to Kessler.

"All of our youth programs get kids engaged in the park with the larger objective of nurturing the next

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First CBCC Bizarre Bazaar Draws Hundreds to Coral Bay, Raises More Than \$5,000

By Jaime Elliott
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With donkey rides, photographs with Santa Claus, live music, craft beer and more, the Coral Bay Community Council's first Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar at Pickles in Paradise on Saturday, December 7, drew hundreds of residents and families and raised more than \$5,000 for the non-profit organization.

No one minded the muddy conditions and the rains held off for the first time in days as residents packed the backyard behind Pickles for the first annual CBCC community fundraiser.

"I think it went really well," said CBCC Board of Directors member Sarah Groves, who helped to organize the event. "Everyone I spoke to had a very positive response and everyone — vendors, musicians,

our kid's tent organizer — said they'd do it again next year."

CBCC officials were still tallying the total raised at the bazaar as of press time, but were already happy with the results, Groves explained.

"It was definitely a successful fundraiser," she said. "We exceeded our expectation, which was about \$5,000. We left it up to the artists and vendors if they wanted to give a portion of what they made to CBCC and a lot of them donated at the end of the day, which is really good because it means they did well."

Attendees had the chance to shop from more than 60 artists and vendors who sold their wares at the bazaar. Everything from hand-wrought jewelry, original oil paintings and exquisite pottery to local hot sauces and spice rubs could be

found at the event.

Children enjoyed games and activities with Giff Hill School teacher Trish Stalter at the kid's tent as well as donkey rides with Carolina Corral owner Dana Bartlett. Santa Claus even stopped by to pose for a few photos and get last minute Christmas list items.

A highlight for the older attendees was the craft beer competition which drew some talented home brewers from Love City, St. Thomas and St. Croix as well as St. John Brewers; who didn't compete in the competition but did share samples of their new Double IPA.

Event goers had the chance to buy a ticket to sample beer from each of the competitors and vote for their favorite. In the end, the St. Croix submission Captain Awesome finished just one vote behind

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Residents packed the backyard of Pickles in Paradise, above, for the bazaar fundraiser.

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SJFS Screening "When the Drum Is Beating" December 18 at Pickles

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The St. John Film Society is screening "When the Drum is Beating," on Wednesday, December 18, at Pickles in Paradise in Coral Bay starting at 7:30 p.m.

"When the Drum is Beating," an 85-minute documentary directed by Whitney Dow, is an incisive and revealing portrait of the tumultuous history of Haiti, which went from being the first free black republic, with a huge wealth of natural resources, to the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

In this beautifully constructed film, Haiti's rich history of triumph and tragedy is interwoven with the story and music of Haiti's most beloved orchestra, Septentrional, whose infectious spirit and amazing longevity reflect the spirit of the nation.

In Haiti, there is one band that has seen it all: Septentrional. For six decades, this 20-piece orchestra has entertaining and inspiring the Haitian people with its infectious fusion of Cuban big band and Haitian vodou beats. At 64, "Septen" has already survived twelve years longer than the expected Haitian lifespan. Its trumpeters, drummers, sax players, and guitarists have been making music through dictatorships, natural disasters, coup d'états, and chaos, navigating the ups and downs, the glory and the tragedy that is Haiti's history.

They embody a particular Haitian trait — the ability to find beauty in places of darkness — which has helped them survive in a place where nothing seems permanent except poverty and want.

See you on Wednesday, December 18, at our new Coral Bay location, Pickles in Paradise!

Brand Is Guest Speaker at UU Meeting

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"Have yourself a merry little...ritual" is the topic at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service of St. John where Gabriella Brand will speak Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m. at Gift Hill School's lower campus great room.

In this holiday season, Brand will explore the ways in which human beings make certain behaviors "sacred" and at what cost and to what benefit.

Child care is provided during service. For directions and more information go to www.uufstjohn.com.

Laurie Lind from New Hampshire Wins 2013 Island Treasure Map Photo Contest

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A photograph of a little frog paid off in a big way for Laurie Lind last week.

Lind captured the photograph of a smiling frog in Coral Bay while vacationing on St. John this past year and the image captured the judge's hearts, winning Lind of Seabrook, New Hampshire, a return trip to St. John.

Lind is the 2013 winner of Island Treasure Map's annual Win a Trip Back contest. Island Treasure Map owners Jennifer Knowles and Denise Barbier launched the wildly popular contest several years ago and have watched as the contest continues to grow.

For snapping the photo of the frog, Lind won a week's stay with St. John Ultimate Villas, airfare for two, \$500 in provisioning at Food Center on St. Thomas and a zipline adventure for two with Tree Limin' Extreme.

Lind's image was voted by the public, via Island Treasure Map's Facebook page, as the best of one of 10 different categories during the course of the year. In early December, the photo with the most votes in each of the 10 categories become finalists. Lind became the Grand Prize winner after being chosen by a jury of three profes-



Photo Laurie Lind, Courtesy of Island Treasure Maps

Happy Frog won the this year's Island Treasure Map photo contest, getting Laurie Lind a trip back to St. John.

sional St. John photographers.

"That encounter with Happy Frog made my day on that trip," said Lind. "Now to win the contest with his photo makes that encounter even more of a gift."

All 10 finalists also received a \$30 gift certificate to St. John Spice. Knowles and Barbier will kick off their 2014 contest soon which, for the first time, will feature all voting via Facebook.

The Island Treasure Map crew thanked all contestants and spon-

sors of the annual Win a Trip Back Contest, explained Knowles.

"We want to send big thanks to our sponsors, contestants, and everyone who voted," she said. "To those of you who didn't win, well this just gives you a worthy goal for next year. We truly appreciate every single contestant and hope to see your photos entered in 2014."

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SJSA Alumni Take Stage on January 4 for First Event in 2013 Concert Series

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Don't miss the chance to hear some of the most talented and accomplished St. John School of the Arts alumni back at their old stomping grounds on Saturday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the arts school.

The SJSA Alumni Concert is the first event of the Sis Frank Concert Series — which consists of five concerts — and is sure to kick off the season with a bang.

The concert will feature some of the original members of Steel Unlimited, the youth steel pan band which launched SJSA in the first place, explained the school's executive director Kim Wild.

"We have to remember that the school started because of the success of Steel Unlimited, which was the youth pan orchestra back in the 1970s," said Wild. "That band had Lynell and Tony Callwood, Earl Thomas and Phillip 'Grasshopper' Pickering. Sis Frank was the manager and Rudy Wells was the director of Steel Unlimited."

That first Love City youth steel band was known at the "pride and joy of St. John" and played at venues from Disneyland to Lincoln Center. Out of Steel Unlimited's success grew the concept to create SJSA and through private donations, land was acquired in 1981. A

decade later, thanks to mostly volunteer labor, the art school building was completed.

Since then, SJSA has been offering music and dance classes both private and in-school, hosting concerts and more for the youth and adults of St. John. Over those years, many of the school's alumni have gone onto successful careers in the arts. January 4 is an opportunity for some of those distinguished alumni to take to the very stage where those careers first began.

"We have been thinking about doing an alumni concert for some time," said Wild. "When we brought back the Sis Frank Concert Series we decided to add an alumni concert and started putting the word out. I had so many great responses that I decided to go ahead and put the show together."

The night will feature original Steel Unlimited members Tony Callwood, Lynell Callwood and Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering, who will perform both with the pan orchestra and with his hugely popular St. John reggae band Inner Visions.

Also scheduled to perform at the SJSA Alumni Concert are singers Evanna Chinnery and Sage Buchalter, Jazz saxophonist Jonte Samuel, pianist Eric Provost and dancer Savannah Lyons.

Additional alumni who had hoped to take part, like Victor Provost, had scheduling conflicts and could not attend, Wild explained.

SJSA is also hoping to be able to contact more former students through the alumni concert, Wild added.

"There are so many other alumni out there that I haven't been able to get in touch with," she said. "I'm hoping through this that we'll connect with more alumni and get them involved in future events."

Wild would love to hear from anyone with information about former SJSA students, she explained.

"We would love to share updates on our former students at the alumni concert," said Wild.

Tickets for the five concert Sis Frank Concert Series are \$125. The other concerts in the series are Benjamin Beilman on February 11, Shel on March 6, Trio Arbos on March 14, and the SJSA Faculty Concert on April 15.

Tickets for just the January 4 SJSA Alumni Concert are \$30 and can be purchased on the school's website at www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org or at the school.

SJSA officials expect this concert to sell out, so attendees are asked to buy their tickets in advance. To share information about former SJSA students, call Wild at 779-4322.

Mathayom Vacharat Wins Boulon Oil Painting "The Durloes and St. Thomas"



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Artist Kimberly Boulon with raffle winner Mathayom Vacharat.

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Mathayom Vacharat was the winner of my oil painting Trunk Cay, The Durloes and St. Thomas, October 6, Morning raffled off at "An Evening With The Arts" Friday night, December 6, at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Vacharat volunteered to help with the St. John School of the Arts, whose students performed that evening, and his son Lyric was even one of those performers. Vacharat has a special fondness for the arts.

Kathy McLaughlin was the winner of Kaye Thomas Eichner's lovely ceramic bowl. Two little performers (not Lyric!), with eyes scrunched shut, groping around like searching for a pinata, drew the winning tickets.

The raffles were a fundraiser for St. John School of the Arts.

"With deep appreciation we want to thank all those who purchased raffle tickets and who support SJSA in any and every way," said gallery owner and artist Kimberly Boulon.

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VINP Deputy Superintendent Anderson To Retire

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V.I. National Park Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson will be retiring on January 3, 2014 after more than 34 years with the National Park Service.

Anderson began his career with the National Park Service in 1979 when he and his wife of 37 years, Gail (Riggs) Anderson, moved to St. John so he could accept a summer seasonal Park Aid position at VINP.

During his early years on St. John (1979 to 1983), Anderson worked a variety of positions ending up in a Protection Ranger position as the Lameshur Ranger. After leaving St. John in 1983, Anderson enjoyed a distinguished career with NPS, serving in a variety of positions in the Southeast and Northeast Regions.

The majority of Anderson's career has been spent in the Protection Ranger ranks, including 29 years as commissioned ranger. He has served in field and management level positions in nine NPS areas including VINP and Coral Reef National Monument, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Wright Brothers National Monument, Assateague Island National Seashore, Natchez Trace Parkway and Brices Crossroads and Tupelo National Battlefields.

In his more than 13 years at Cape Hatteras, Anderson progressed from Park Ranger to District Ranger (Bodie Island) and served as acting Chief Ranger. He served as Chief Ranger of Assateague National Seashore and Chief of Interpretation and Protection on the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Prior to returning to VINP and Coral Reef National Monument as Deputy Superintendent in 2010, Anderson served as the Chief Ranger of the NPS Southeast Region. In this position, he provided support, direction and leadership to NPS areas from Virginia to the Caribbean.

During his career, Anderson has received numerous performance related awards including two nationally significant commendations. In 1990 he received the Department of Interior Valor Award for his part in a surf rescue of five swimmers caught in a rip current and heavy surf off the coast of Cape Hatteras.

In 1998 Anderson received national recognition



Mike Anderson

when he was selected to receive the Harry Yount Award, a peer nominated, national award that honors Rangers who demonstrate excellence in traditional ranger duties and promote appreciation of the National Park Service.

The Andersons and their family were invited to the White House where the award was presented to Anderson by then President William Jefferson Clinton.

In addition to his permanent postings Anderson has contributed to NPS operations while serving as acting Chief Ranger at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Biscayne National Park. He also served as acting Superintendent at Congaree National Park, Cape Lookout National Seashore and VINP and Coral Reef National Monument, acting Associate Regional Director in the NPS, Southeast Regional Office.

A Life-time Member and Past Board Member of the Association of National Park Rangers, Anderson would be the first to say that none of his wonderful career would have been possible without the love and support of his family.

The Andersons have two sons; McLean, a computer engineer and Michael, who serves in the US Navy as an Electronics Technician. The Andersons are very much looking forward to spending a lot of time with their one-year-old grandson James.

Friends of VINP Wraps Up "Best Ever" Online Auction

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The 5th Annual Friends of VI National Park Online Auction raised more than \$43,600 this year, just beating last year's total for the popular fundraiser.

Friends is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of V.I. National Park and to promoting the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure. All money raised from the auction will support Friends and assist the group in continuing their work on behalf of VINP, which includes 23 programs and projects this year.

"People love shopping for a good cause, especially when all of the proceeds benefit our VI National Park, and some people actually build their vacations around lodging, activities and items from our auction. We had 67 items — more than ever — which sold over the three-week auction period that ended December 8," said Friends of VINP's Development Director Karen Vahling. "We had everything from villa stays to excursions, jewelry, art, services and retail items. Response from our local businesses has been great and they enjoy being featured on this popular online event."

The top seller of the auction was a seven-night stay at the luxury villa, "On a Clear Day," which sold for \$5,500 and was valued at over \$12,000. Other top items included an emerald and diamond pendant, necklace and earring suite from R&I PATTON and yachting ex-



A necklace and earring set from R&I PATTON was a top seller.

ursions to the BVI, some selling below retail value.

Several items sold for more than retail value as bidders showed generous support for the cherished VINP. Kim Holland of Asolare sold her mobile aged rum tasting experience for more than double the retail value, and she will again feature her aged rum tasting bar at the Friends gala on February 1.

Contact Friends at 779-4940 for more information about the gala or to buy raffle tickets, on sale now and going fast.

Friends will continue to host the online auction around the same time in years to come, giving holiday shoppers and vacation seekers a great opportunity to find something unique and do some good at the same time.

Friends would like to thank all the donors who made the auction possible, media partners for helping get the word out and of course, all the bidders who clicked and shopped online for the good cause!

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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult and student interests and concerns by Raven Phillips-Love

Hope Is Here, Along with Santa and Amazing Author at Governor's Christmas Party

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On Saturday, December 7, Governor and First Lady John and Cecile deJongh hosted their annual Christmas party in Cruz Bay.

There was a plethora of different foods to eat and activities to take part in such as wood working, bounce houses, cupcake decorating, face painting, book signing, and even taking a picture with Santa Claus.

As one of the volunteers for this party, I helped with the singing of books and got to meet an extraordinary woman. Author Cristina Kessler was there giving out free copies and autographing her newest book, "Hope is Here."

This is Kessler's 10th book, and it tells the true story of a whimbrel named Hope and her spectacular annual journey from her breeding grounds in Canada to Great Pond in St. Croix during the winter.

Kessler intended the book to be for children, but I couldn't help but notice the number of adults enjoying the book as well!

The educational story is not only a fun read, but can also instill an interest in nature and bird watching in us all. Ever since 1990 when Kessler wrote her first book ("One Night: A Story from the Desert"), her stories have been based within Africa. This is her first book to be based elsewhere.

Kessler knew ever since she was 10 years old that writing was the career she wanted to delve into. She enjoys using her books to introduce mother nature and different cultures to children.

For this book, Kessler told me how she heard about Hope from a friend, and then studied anything relating to her for three years. She wanted to share the story of this amazing bird with the Virgin

Islands very much, Kessler explained.

The author believes that the story "delivers science, but with a heart," she said.

Kessler's favorite thing about the Governor's Christmas Party was meeting all the young readers, and having the honor of signing their books, she explained.

Seeing as writing is something I plan on delving into throughout my life, I couldn't possibly go through the day without asking what advice Kessler had for young writers.

Writers should always keep a small journal and write in it every day so that writing is no longer a chore, but a habit, she explained.

"It helps out in the long run to have the discipline for writing," Kessler said. "I write so much that if I don't do it for a couple days, I really start to miss it."

Westin Staff Shows Home Pride at International Day



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Westin Resort and Villas

The Westin Resort and Villas staff celebrated the popular annual International Day recently. The day features amazing food and drinks as Westin staff members take over the ballroom to share traditional food and beverages from their home countries.

Christmas Schedule of Worship Services



at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church, Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

Christmas Eve, December 24th

The First Eucharist of Christmas - 7 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25th

The Principal Eucharist of Christmas - 9 a.m.

New Year's Eve, December 31st

To mark the close of the year, we will have a "Service for New Year's Eve" at 7 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1st

To mark the Feast of the "Holy Name" and to observe the beginning of the year, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 9 a.m.

Sunday, January 5th

St. Ursula's will observe its Feast of Dedication (The Epiphany) at 3:30 p.m.

The 9 a.m. Eucharist has been canceled.



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Friends of VINP Kicks Off Year-End Matching Fund Campaign

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Anyone who has been waiting for the right time to make a gift to Friends of Virgin Islands National Park, this is it!

A generous donor has stepped forward and enabled Friends to pursue a swift year-end campaign. Donations made to Friends of VINP's Annual Fund between December 15 and December 31 will be matched up to \$40,000. A \$25 gift doubles to \$50; your \$50 donation becomes \$100.

Any amount anyone can send is worth twice as much during this matching gift challenge! Gifts can be made online at www.friendsvinp.org, or sent to their address at PO Box 811, St. John, VI 00831.



NOVEMBER CALLS

- November 2 - Johnsons Reef for an unresponsive boater.
- November 2 - Johnsons Reef - DOA
- November 23 - Trunk Bay for a cardiac arrest

St. John Tradewinds

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the dedicated members of St. John Rescue.

We just completed a refresher course covering Forensics, Toxicology, Psychological Emergencies and Elder and Sexual Abuse. The course was offered by Lee Singer, RN. Singer is an emergency room nurse from Rhode Island and is trained and experienced in multiple casualty incidents, pediatric emergencies, triage, and incident command.

We are fortunate that Singer is willing to spend some time during her vacation to provide much needed training to our St. John Rescue volunteers. She is well versed in emergency medicine and is a dynamic instructor.

Members who complete the course will receive 12 CEU's towards their recertification as an EMT or EMR (Emergency Medical Responder). Participating in the training were: Pete Hassen, Andi Vacharat, Chai Tetirick, Bryan Barnes, Amy Raymond, Rudell Callwood, Darrell Tasman, Dave Horner, Maya Matthews Sterling, Bob Malacarne, John Fitzgerald, Andy Peter, Emily Dulac, and Adam Levinson.

In late October, members of St. John Rescue, National Park Service Rangers, Fire Fighters, Registered Nurses, and members from EMS participated in a 24 hour International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) course. Instructors from St. Croix Rescue Academy conducted the intense training at the Westin Resort. All participants who suc-

To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, N-R, EMT



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Nurse Lee Singer taught St. John Rescue members about Psychological Emergencies.

cessfully completed the course received 24 CEU's towards their recertification at EMT's or EMR's. Participants were: Dave Horner, Andi Vacharat, Pete Hassen, Alfredo Alejo, Rudell Callwood, Bob Malacarne, John Fitzgerald, Dylan Baird and Maya Matthews Sterling.

I am a firm believer that training saves lives. We can never have enough training. St. John Rescue conducts at least three training sessions each month in addition to our special training events. Our members are well trained and able to handle just about any medical emergency they respond to.

St. John Rescue has accepted an application from Andy Peter, a paramedic with combat experience in Afghanistan. He is also a CPR and First Aid instructor. Having a paramedic on board will greatly improve our abilities to attend to emergencies requiring advanced life support.

St. John Rescue finally received its 2012 financial allotment from the territory. We are now working on our 2013 and 2014 allotments. We know that the funding has been approved by the Senate and has been sent to VITEMA from OMB. Not sure why VITEMA is not will-

ing to send us our funding.

We operate on a very small budget. Our expenses are for vehicle maintenance, building lease and maintenance, and purchase of medical and office supplies. As a member of the Board of Directors for St. John Rescue, I make sure that we are frugal with our funds. We appreciate the support we receive from our friends and neighbors on St. John.

However, we are still concerned that the lease we have on our building should be paid off as soon as possible. Renting with the option to purchase is not an efficient way in which we should be spending our money. The problem is our inability to raise \$240,000 to buy out the lease.

We need one of our friends or neighbors to provide us with a loan to purchase our building. We welcome any financial help to assist us with our building costs.

Also, please consider joining our organization.

Don't forget to sign up for our monthly CPR classes held on the second Saturday of each month. Contact me at (340) 626-5118 or at starvillas@msn.com for more information.

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Jackson Barry, center, with GHS teacher Jim Willen, right, at World Food Prize where the GHS senior made a presentation.

GHS's Jackson Barry Makes Presentation at World Food Prize at Iowa State University

St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to his winning essay, Giffit Hill School senior Jackson Barry presented at this year's The World Food Prize at Iowa State University in October.

For the essay, which Barry presented at the distinguished international event, the GHS senior chose to research Ethiopia and focused on "Increasing crop yields and improving disease and drought resistance through research and breeding of improved plant varieties."

Accompanied by GHS math and science teacher Jim Willen, Barry made his presentation before a small group of renowned scientists and fellow students.

Barry's presentation discussed the use of genetic techniques to improve disease and draught resistance capabilities of Ethiopian plants, explained Willen.

The GHS senior also discussed how water management techniques could improve the crop yields since needed water in the region is not an adequately utilized resource, Willen added.

By attending The World Food Prize, Barry was in some pretty impressive company. The GHS senior had the chance to meet others from across the globe at what is the foremost international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

The World Food Prize was conceived by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in

1970 for his work in world agriculture. Borlaug envisioned a prize that would honor those who have made significant and measurable contributions to improving the world's food supply.

Beyond recognizing these people for their personal accomplishments, Borlaug envisioned The World Food Prize as a means of establishing role models who would inspire others. His vision was realized when The World Food Prize was created in 1986. The World Food Prize is sponsored by businessman and philanthropist John Ruan and is held in Des Moines, Iowa.

This year three distinguished scientists — Marc Van Montagu of Belgium, and Mary-Dell Chilton and Robert T. Fraley of the United States — shared the 2013 World Food Prize for their independent, individual breakthrough achievements in founding, developing, and applying modern agricultural biotechnology.

Their research is making it possible for farmers to grow crops with: improved yields; resistance to insects and disease; and the ability to tolerate extreme variations in climate.

Other events include panel discussions from noted world leaders and presentations from student participants. This year panelists included three key global leaders: Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, current President of Iceland; and Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, at the Holy See in the Vatican.

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Caribbean2: An Evening with the Arts

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art on the second floor of The Marketplace hosted the first of the season's planned Caribbean2 openings on Friday night, December 6. The show featured Boulon's paintings as well as work by several clay artists and a light sculpture by artist George Hollander. The evening was a fundraiser for St. John School of the Arts, whose students performed during the show.



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By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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Located on the eastern shore of St. John near Estate Hard Labor, the four bedroom, three and a half bath home Windswept is for sale for \$895,000, explained Islandia Real Estate broker associate Marty Beechler.

While nestled on the quiet side of St. John, Windswept is easily access via Route 107, explained Beechler.

“Windswept is located in a small subdivision overlooking tranquil Friis Bay on the island’s eastern shore,” he said. “Access is off the public road (Rt. 107) via a paved driveway that takes you right to the front door.”

The stunning views from Wind-

swept include relaxing Friis Bay below and the beautiful British Virgin Islands dotting the horizon. Enjoy those views on one of the spacious decks where you won’t want to miss the magical sunrises or moon rises, explained Beechler.

“Sip your morning coffee on the deck as the sky is painted in dazzling shades of pink and gold with every sunrise,” Beechler said. “Listen to the soothing sounds of the surf while you watch the moon gently rise over the east end of St. John and cast its light across the deep blue sea.”

Windswept also boasts a large concrete pool, the perfect place to while away and afternoon or two.

Inside find a spacious great room with several cozy living and dining areas. The open plan kitchen features stainless steel appliances, a convenient island and hard wood cabinets.

Windswept features three large

master suites, each with en suite bath and private balconies. The fourth bedroom is located near the swimming pool and also boasts a convenient half-bath.

“The home is solid masonry and features ceramic tile inside, slate tile outside, custom mahogany doors, a large open kitchen with center island and a great room which includes living and dining areas and opens to a 30-foot wide tiled deck,” said Beechler.

Windswept also includes deeded access to Friis Bay beach along a quaint walking path.

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Shootings: 1	Shootings: 0
Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
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Rapes: 1	Rapes: 1

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery Thanks “An Evening with the Arts” Participants and Supporters

A huge Thank You to all involved in our Caribbean2 presentation for making it a special event:

The Marketplace, Debbie Marsh, manager, your support and accommodation is, and has been, paramount to our success.

All Gallery signage, flyers and ads since the Gallery’s inception designed by Bill Stelzer’s creative pulse, with precision signage fabrication by Joseph Stelzer.

Tradewinds and Jamie Elliott - thank you for your sensitive writing and excellent coverage.

Gallery Artists - it’s our privilege to have you and your marvelous creations grace our gallery. Ceramists Kaye Thomas Eichner, Casey Giakas, Gail Van de Bogurt; George Hollander, light feature extraordinaire.

St. John School Of The Arts - your dedication and creativity was on display in full force, in true color- a community’s godsend:

Kim Wild - SJSA Executive Director
Kazumi Schaub - Office Manager
Alesia Georgiou - Theater teacher
Parent/Volunteer (set up and break down)
Mathayom Vacharat, Ferman “Paco” Jones, Crystal D’abbraccio, Donald Becker, Marley Becker, Emily Wild (stage floor border design)

Performers - A thorough delight!
Kelley Hunter- Narrator
Students - Nadia Leoni, Skylar Loeffler, Sky D’abbraccio, Lyric Vacharet, Elete Skahill, Seta Skahill, Jayni Blackwood, Liv Peltier, Kitori Thomas, Allegra Muilenburg, Naima Dolgopolsky, Shekoa Sprauve, Kai Copeland

Mike Sorzano- steel pan

Roy Smith - key board; very very cool guys....

Decorative elements for a Caribbean/Japanese Fusion - George Hollander with his eye for the fantastic with Sloop Jones Bamboo from his garden, and Robyn Podany’s arrangements on tables.

Robyn Podany - behind the scenes the night of, you are major elbow and glue for set up, during, and break down (and thank you Greg Podany) of all areas culinary including the raffle area.

Chef Andy Marcellin and Starfish Market, appetizers and Chef Gail Anderson, confections - through our five gallery events together both of your excessive creativities have been the palate’s delight. Indulgent we have been!

West Indies Corporation with Paul Kessock - always agreeable and thoughtful of our culinary pairing; and beverages servers et al, non-stop at your service, and we mean non-stop, with smiles: Kevyn Salsburg, Drapes Jensen and Linda Naudin.

At the raffle table -
Maryanne Campbell and Ken Naudin- pulling for the SJSA that is so dear to us all. You and the raffle-buying guests made a great team.

And to record the evening with professionalism and sensitivity - Bill Stelzer videographer and Yelena Rogers still photographer.

Attendees - it’s for you, dear friends, thank you for being there for and with us. We hope you enjoyed the Arts and the Evening. The gallery’s next event is Friday, January 31. Our sincerest gratitude for a scintillating collaboration with a beautiful community.

**Thank you,
Kimberly and Rafe Boulon**

SJSA Thanks Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery

St. John School of the Arts is so grateful to Kimberly Boulon for asking us again this year to participate in her wonderful themed art shows “Caribbean 2 - Caribbean/Japanese Fusion in Art.”

It is one thing to be able to receive 75 percent of raffle sales, but it is another thing — the most important — to create a performance through collaborative

efforts and have our students experience this wonderful event and feel such an outpouring support from the community.

**Thanks,
Kim Wild
Executive Director
St. John School of the Arts**

Coral Bay Yacht Club Thanks Thanksgiving Regatta Supporters

Coral Bay Yacht Club thanks all supporters of the 32nd Annual Thanksgiving Regatta which benefitted the non-profit youth sailing program Kids and the Sea, St. John.

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Thanks for helping us host a great regatta!
CBYC Commodore Stephen Hendren

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

We Deserve Leaders Who Work for the Community

The coach at the Swim Club spoke at my Rotary this week. We have kids going to the Olympics and he has to come to Rotary to ask us if we are interested in helping to sponsor some learn to swim program for kids.

Where are our leaders? We have kids that go to the Olympics. We have kids that go into pro sports of all kinds. We have kids that go to International Chess tournaments. We have kids that go to Poetry Contests in Washing D. C. Most of these kids depend on people to help because the leaders of the community are busy doing something else.

Some of our leaders are spending their time making sure that they are elected next time by taking care of "their people." Like the spot zoning they do or forgiving the debts of the people that go to the hospitals or the taxi drivers or some other group.

They are hurting this whole community because they are not willing to make the necessary changes to reduce the cost of electricity. Our semi-functioning government bureaucracy is costing us a whole lot more than just WAPA.

I have worked on all three islands and folks, the government functions a lot better on St. Croix and St. John than it does on St. Thomas. The employees on St. Thomas and the rest of the VI need to be supervised and trained properly. People who do their job and do it well, enjoy working.

In the last few years every time I have gone in to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on St. John I have been treated and served well; everyone is helpful. Licensing, OLG, they all seem to be enjoying trying to do a good job on St. John, but it's not quite the same on St. Thomas. Government employees in a lot of departments are costing the community a tremendous amount of money in lost time, mistakes and inefficiency in transactions required for businesses.

I think that we deserve leaders who are working for the welfare of the whole community so we can send more kids to great things. I think that it is time we all told the leaders that we would like them to help us

and our kids.

We really should be told who borrowed the "money" from us and will not pay it back. Senators, if you require their names to be made public, you will be removing a lot of temptation for other leaders and citizens who want to be community leaders.

It has amazed me how much we have progressed in the last few years. We have gone from, "When is school going to start?"

"When they finish repairing it."

To having summer school in the public schools to help kids catch up. We have gone from the cops being the baddest of the bad guys to being good guys and arresting the bad guys, bad cops and government employees who steal from us.

Public Works is building sidewalks for kids to walk to school and everyone else to walk safely along the sides of the roads. We still have a lot of work to do to keep getting better, so we can help more kids to be everything that they can be, whether it is here or off in the world.

I think that we have been doing very, very well, and our leaders have been trying to help, a little. I think that we need leaders who are going to work hard at helping us get some of these problems taken care of. WAPA needs to be fixed, government contractors that continue to get work and don't pay any taxes or social security for their employees, and do lousy work while stealing from us need, to be stopped. Government employees need to be trained and supervised properly.

I think that it is time that the leaders of the community realize that we are a small community, with a lot of exceptional kids and we have the climate and the environment to live very comfortably.

It is time that they started to work a little harder at helping us with these problems and stop helping themselves so much. Or get out of the way, while the rest of try to be nice to each other.

Greg Miller

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Annual New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza Set for Dec. 31

St. John Tradewinds

Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its 4th Annual Sisterhood/Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Cruz Bay's Franklin Powell Park on Tuesday, December 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza is a unique youth event that promotes positive, drug- and alcohol-free fun on New Year's Eve and during the New Year. With giveaways and refreshments, parent registration and pick-up are required right after midnight.

The Youth Extravaganza is free and coordinat-

ed with the V.I. Police Department, V.I. National Park, Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation and St. John Community Foundation.

Sisterhood Agenda thanked community partners for making this activity possible for all youth in St. John: Scotiabank; Drift Away Spa; St. John Hardware; St. John Insurance Agency; St. John Properties; Boyson Transportation; The Marketplace; St. John Dental; Bayside Market; PostNet; and St. John Ice Company.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Volunteers are invited to assist. For more information, call Angela Coleman at 714-7076.

Friends of VINP Celebrates 25 Years of Conservation

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generation of conservation citizens," he said. "They are going to inherit the park and the environment and we hope to make them better prepared do that."

While it's difficult to measure the progress on this project — as opposed to the now completed VINP mooring field — Kessler hopes the island will see dividends long into the future.

"This is one of our goals that we're never going to achieve because it's an ongoing thing," he said. "In 20 years somebody, perhaps the St. John Administrator, could say they had these formative experiences in the park as a child."

By creating and growing the VINP archaeology program, Friends has made huge strides in helping scientists understand pre-Columbian life.

"John got a grant in the late 90s to start the archaeology program and he brought [VINP Archaeologist] Ken Wild here," said Kessler. "Now we're bringing in interns all year and we have a great program with the University of Copenhagen. People don't realize that the findings from the program has really changed the understanding of pre-Columbian life in the Caribbean."

While Friends didn't have a lead role in the purchase and preservation of the 400-acre Estate Maho Bay, the land acquisition was so important, even the group's small role is a significant accomplishment, according to Kessler.

"The preservation of Estate Maho Bay is something we're very proud of," he said. "In many ways if we did nothing else that would have been worth it. The lion's share of the work was done by John and Trust for Public Land and I'm not taking anything

away from what they did."

"But we did play an important role and we're very proud of the work Friends did to preserve Maho Bay," said Kessler.

Looking ahead, Friends of VINP's board of directors is set to create its next long-term strategic plan this coming year, Kessler explained.

"We want to continue to work with kids and continue to work with historic preservation and tell the story of the people who lived here," said the Friends' executive director. "As our current strategic plan winds down this fiscal year, we're going to be asking ourselves what we want to look like."

"Anniversaries like this are a great time to sit back and look at what you did and also an important time to look forward," said Kessler. "That's what we're going to embark on over the next several months and we certainly want anyone with thoughts and ideas on that to let us know."

As VINP, like National Parks across the country, continues to feel the pinch of budget constraints, it seems likely that Friends of VINP's role will become even more important.

"The likelihood of the park having funding for more rangers is going to be more and more difficult," said Kessler. "We won't be supplying staff but we can, with volunteers and interns, help the park meet its interpretative mandate and natural resource mandate and help people enjoy the park."

Don't miss Friends of VINP's 25th Anniversary Expo at VINP Visitors' Center this week. A reception is set for Thursday night, December 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. and the expo will run through Saturday, December 21.

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Obituary



Kristi K. Downing

Kristi K. Downing, 77, Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

Kristi K. Downing, Kristi, age 77, of Grand Marais, MN, and Coral Bay, St. John, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2013 after a brief but brutal recurrence of cancer.

Kristi was a beloved free spirit who was an artist in the kitchen and in clay. She nourished and nurtured others with her incomparable hospitality and unconditional love. She was a teacher and a healer at heart.

Kristi was born August 23, 1936 in Neenah, WI. She graduated from high school in Eau Claire and followed her mother and brothers to St. Olaf College. She was a stewardess at Northwest Orient Airlines and taught high-school English in Bloomington, MN.

In 1962 she moved to Rochester with her then-husband Lawrence Downing. A year later, they moved to Oronoco and raised their small family on the banks of Lake Shady. In 1980, she went back to school to get her Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. After that she moved to the Twin Cities and worked as a counselor and rehabilitation consultant, and eventually ran her own business.

At age 55, Kristi was diagnosed with breast cancer and it was a turning point in her life. She bought a small, rustic cabin and floated it in to a beachfront lot on Hut Point, her family's land northeast of Grand Marais on the shores of Lake Superior. She named the cabin KK Sera, reflecting her "what will be will be" philosophy of life.

At age 62 she retired, sold her Minneapolis condo and moved to her beloved cabin "KK." A few years later she built an adjacent studio, and KKD Pottery was born — a dream come true after decades of potting.

She began taking extended winter trips to the homes she built with her brothers on the hillside overlooking Coral Bay, forging a remarkable community of friends and adding to her expansive Sloop Jones clothing collection. She loved being a part of the island life on St. John.

Kristi was an extraordinary mother and grandmother to daughter Kyia (Kirk Horsted) and their children, Jesper and Elsa; and son Christopher (Teri) and their blended family: Liz, Sue, Brit, Becca, Austin, Tia, Kylie, Jack and great-grandchildren Amelia, Becker and Eli. She is survived by her three big brothers Oz (Jean), Joel (Louise) and Mark (Donna) Anderson, numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends from Thunder Bay to Coral Bay and from Napa to Montauk.

Memorials should be directed to North House Folk School in Grand Marais MN, where the family plans to establish a KKD mentorship scholarship to encourage and support promising artists.

First CBCC Bizarre Bazaar Draws Hundreds of Residents

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the winning IPA from St. Thomas. Jason Hayman and Jeff McCrave of St. John represented Love City well in the competition.

"The beer competition was definitely very popular," said Groves. "The whole food and beverage area seemed to be super busy throughout day."

Although food and beverage sales were strong during the bazaar, CBCC still has several Mixology Cards left to sell, Groves added.

"The cards are a really good deal," she said. "For \$20 you get a signature cocktail at seven different Coral Bay restaurants."

Stop by the CBCC office to buy a card for \$20, which entitles one to a signature drink at Skinny Legs, Shipwreck Landing, Aqua Bistro, Miss Lucy's, Tourist Trap, Concordia Cafe and Island Blues.

With such a huge turnout for this year's bazaar, CBCC officials are certainly planning to host the event again next year.

"I would have to say that we're definitely going to do it again," said Groves. "We haven't had our debriefing meeting yet, but we did try to get a lot of feedback from people. I'm sure there are things we'll look at doing better or differently."

For the CBCC volunteers and organizers who hosted the event, seeing the crowded yard made up for months of hard work, Groves explained.

"We've been working on this since August," she said. "It felt great to have it not be a disaster and not be pouring rain."

The day would not have been such a great success without the help of numerous volunteers and Pickles in Paradise owner Bev Melius, Grove added.

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Mimi Roller Looking To Return to Olympics in 2016

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For her first Olympic bid, Roller took a year off from her studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she competed on the sailing team. She has since graduated and now is an assistant coach for the sailing team.

As she was eyeing a second bid at the Olympics, this time in Brazil in 2016, Roller had several different boats from which to choose, but the trapeze style women's 49er FX, a high performance skiff, was by far the most appealing, she explained.

"There were a couple of different classes I could have gone into, but the 49er FX seems to be the best by far," said Roller.

The FX rigs are a recent advancement for the men's Olympic 49er skiff hull, yet with a reduced sail area for women's sailing. The 49er FX boats were chosen for the Brazil games just this past May and represents the leading technology of sailing.

The St. John sailor chose the 49er FX for this Olympic campaign and got a used boat for her college graduation present. Roller, 22, is sailing with fellow St. Mary's graduate Kayla McComb, also 22, who is establishing residency on St. John to represent the Virgin Islands in Brazil in 2016 along with her sailing partner.

McComb and Roller both sailed for St. Mary's but didn't sail regularly in the same boats. Roller had sailed with McComb several times before her last Olympic campaign, however, and was impressed, she explained.

"I sailed with Kayla a few years ago before I took the year off for London and I always thought she was by far the best crew I've ever sailed with," said Roller. "I always wanted to continue sailing with her and she was the first person I asked when I decided to pursue this."

McComb spent time at the America's Cup in San Francisco after graduating from St. Mary's and knew she wasn't ready to walk away from sailing, she explained.

"Being around all those sailors who were still pursuing their passion and making it work, I already missed it and I was out of college sailing for only a month," McComb said.

Both women sailors decided the 49er FX was the boat for them.

"It seems the best fit moving forward because sailing is so technologically advanced these days and this is the next boat for women," said McComb. "It's trapeze style and you are perpetually standing on the side with a wire on your waist. It's very engaging."

With their new 49er FX in California, where McComb was living, Roller took two trips out to train on the new vessel in Santa Barbara.

"The first trip was definitely just really getting used to the feel of the boat," said Roller. "I had never really trapezed before in my life so just getting used to trapezing and steering at the same time was tough. It was all very new and overwhelming."

"The margin of error on these boats is really small," McComb said. "They sail at wind speed and things happen really fast, you have to be on your toes."

By Roller's second training trip to California, the ladies had the hang of the new boat and made some



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McComb and Roller get a feel for the new trapeze style 49er FX.

progress.

"The second trip I made out there was definitely more productive," said Roller. "We were both more comfortable and trusting each other with the different roles we're supposed to have."

McComb is set to drive the ladies' boat from California to Florida where the two plan to race in several regattas this winter. They will leave for Europe in mid-June where their first regatta of their summer is in Germany.

Roller and McComb will have their first chance at qualify for the 2016 Olympic Games in September 2014 at the World Championships in Spain. The ladies will need to finish among the top 10 countries at the worlds to have their tickets to the Olympics punched.

While they certainly have the ambition, the passion and the drive, what these two striving athletes need is funding. The two will need to purchase a 49er FX for their European regattas and training, as well as pay for travel, meals and accommodations for themselves and a coach, who will also have to be paid.

"We are looking at about a \$100,000 budget per year for our campaign," said McComb.

The two hopeful Olympic sailors are putting together a website, www.rollermccombsailing.com, as well as brochures and packets detailing their needs and expenses.

"People can help with so many things," said Roller. "As basic as if someone knows of housing anywhere we're going to be or if you have a coach boat we could use, or if you have frequent flier miles to donate."

Supporters can help Roller and McComb's campaign through St. John Kids and the Sea, for tax deductible donations, or directly to the ladies. For more information email Roller and McComb at rollermc-combsailing@gmail.com. And keep an eye out for their website, set to launch soon at www.rollermc-combsailing.com.

Good luck Mimi and Kayla!

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Chamber of Commerce Objects to Proposed Gross Receipts Tax Hike for EDC Companies

St. John Tradewinds

The Board of Directors of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce unanimously protested Section 10 of Bill 30-0166 (with Amendment 30-724) that would add an additional one percent on current gross receipts taxes paid by all companies holding an Economic Development Commission certificate, in exchange for an automatic three-year extension of the certificate.

A further provision of the section called for a possible one percent increase on excise taxes for EDC certificate-holders, again in exchange for an automatic three-year extension of the EDC certificate.

The bill was proposed by Senators Terrence Nelson and Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly in July of 2013, under the title of "An Act implementing austerity measures for the Government of the Virgin Islands."

The amendment was adopted on December 3, and then the bill was approved without opposition by the Senate Finance Committee.

Chamber Board President Sebastiano Paiewonsky-Cassinelli summarized the Chamber's position on the measure.

"We think that the impact of the bill is very harmful," he said. "While the bill purportedly seeks to implement 'austerity' measures for the Government, what it really proposes is an increase of taxes on the corporations of the community."

"The proposed gross receipts tax increase for EDC certificate-holders is especially devastating to fund management firms and other designated service businesses, which have brought their corporations to the territory for the benefits that the Legislature is now reducing without any regard to the impact on these entities whatsoever or the VI tax base," said Paiewonsky-Cassinelli.

The Board of Directors of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce urged all members of the 30th Legislature to stand with them in opposition to Bill No. 30-0166.

"Administration officials have come out in disagreement to the bill for a myriad of reasons, mostly to do with the cost of implementing various provisions, the lack of understanding of government operations, and vagueness," said Paiewonsky-Cassinelli. "Section 1 of the bill calls for a one percent discount on gross receipts taxes if estimated taxes are paid in advance."

"So perhaps the bill's supporters are trying to reduce the gross receipts tax burden on one set of taxpayers, but making up the difference by increasing the tax burden on EDC beneficiaries through Section 10," he said. "Whatever the thinking is behind these measures, they have little to do with making the Virgin Islands government more efficient or more cost-conscious, which is what all taxpayers in the territory demand."

Police Log

Friday, December 6

10:55 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

11:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Saturday, December 7

2:08 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Loud music.

1:53 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a taxi vehicle damaged her building. Accidental damage.

6:56 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Giff Hill. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Sunday, December 8

3:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of the Lumberyard. Disturbance of the peace.

4:16 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Estate Pastory. Disturbance of the peace.

4:56 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that he is being harassed by two males. Disturbance of the peace.

5:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r a man down in the area of Wharfside Village. Police assistance.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Estate Adrian. Disturbance of the peace.

9:24 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that she is being harassed by a female. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, December 9

12:29 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

1:58 a.m. - An Estate Kiddle Bay resident r/ that two males tried to rob him in the area of Cruz Bay. Robbery in the third.

9:45 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r an auto accident. Auto collision.

8:07 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that she was involved in a disturbance with her children. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Tuesday, December 10

5:55 a.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident. Auto collision.

11:31 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he was assaulted by a his co-worker. Simple assault and battery.

4:31 p.m. - A citizen c/r that his vehicle had been damaged. Damage to a vehicle.

8:08 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, December 11

9:15 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone went on her property and cut down some trees without permission. Trespassing.

9:08 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Saunder's Gut. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Thursday, December 12

7:40 a.m. - A citizen p/r that his passenger side mirror was struck by another vehicle. Auto collision.

11:02 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a barge captain pulled a gun on him. Disturbance of the peace.

11:14 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a patient at MK-SCHC threatened her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

1:56 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was assaulted by a male with a knife at Dreetet's Bay. Assault.

5:22 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that he was robbed at gun point in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Robbery in the first.

6:20 p.m. - Badge #1248 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Darcey Thomas of no known address, under arrest and charged with Robbery in the first. His bail was set at \$75,000. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

8:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/ at MKSCHC r/ that he was assaulted at a job site. Assault in the third.

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St. John

On December 2, at around 1:10 p.m., police received a report that a wallet and an iPhone 4 were stolen from Quiet Mon Pub in Cruz Bay. The victim laid her cell phone and wallet that contained IDs and credit cards on the bar counter for a few minutes. When she returned the items were missing. Tell us what you know.

St. Thomas

On Tuesday, December 3, two armed Ranger America security guards were in the vicinity of Lockhart Mall picking up a deposit from Kmart

when a gunman fired several shots at them. The shooter escaped from the scene with a money bag containing over \$33,000. A suspect, 28-year-old Richard Hodge Jr., was apprehended but the money bag was not recovered. VIPD officers are seeking the community's help in recovering the money.

Step up and be part of the solution. Continue to help make our islands a safer place to live and visit by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.crimestoppersusvi.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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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 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

Wednesday, December 18

— The St. John Animal Care Center's Christmas Open House is on December 18 at the group's animal shelter on Library Road in Cruz Bay.

— The St. John Film Society is screening "When the Drum is Beating," on Wednesday, December 18, at Pickles in Paradise in Coral Bay starting at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20

— The community is invited to join the annual Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing-along on Friday, December 20, at 6 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Sunday, December 22

— The St. John Landsharks present the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas Run on Sunday, December 22, at Annaberg parking lot. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and of course Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day! Registration begins at 7:30 and the race starts at 8 a.m. For more information email Louise Wearmouth at louise@surfbvi.com

— "Have yourself a merry little...ritual" is the topic at Unitarian Universalist Fellow-

ship Service of St. John where Gabriella Brand will speak Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m. at Gift Hill School's lower campus great room.

Tuesday, December 24

— Don't miss the fun in Cruz Bay on Christmas Eve this year! Santa Claus is set to arrive on the Caneel Bay ferry around 9 p.m. on Tuesday night, December 24. Santa will arrive in Cruz Bay to the delight of island residents young and old. See you there!

— Sing your way through Cruz Bay with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Tuesday, December 24. To join in, meet at 5:30 p.m. at Mongoose Junction in the courtyard area near Bouganvillea.

Wednesday, December 25

— Annual Serenade in Franklin Powell Park is set for Christmas morning, December 25, starting at 5:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 26

— Kwaanza

Tuesday, December 31

— Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its 4th Annual Sisterhood/Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Cruz Bay's Franklin Powell Park on Tuesday, December 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 5 Baby ovines
- 10 Talmud experts
- 16 CD followers
- 19 Sean of film
- 20 Rankled
- 21 Colored ring of the iris
- 22 Shar- —
- 23 Naturalist from southern Louisiana?
- 26 "— Fool to Care" (1961 hit)
- 27 Discard knowledge of
- 28 Sign of the zodiac
- 29 Ready for use, as a roll of film
- 31 Not at all lax
- 32 Actress from southern California?
- 35 Dispenser taking a PIN
- 37 Airport guess, briefly
- 38 H.S. science class
- 39 Pulitzer winner Alison
- 40 Hockey player from northern Indiana?
- 47 Häagen- —
- 48 — de France
- 49 Prefix with tour
- 50 Bad grade
- 51 Yahoo! rival
- 53 The, to Henri
- 54 Arm, for one
- 56 Alias abbr.
- 58 Running-and-cycling event
- 63 Like a villain
- 64 Singer from northern Utah?

- 70 Fey and Brown
- 72 Soul's car make
- 73 "j" finisher
- 74 Lark
- 75 Painter from southern Minnesota?
- 81 Crux
- 82 Least fine
- 83 Roman 2,001
- 84 River to the North Sea
- 85 Rural tract
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- 89 Old space station
- 92 World Series mo.
- 94 Ditty syllable
- 95 13-digit ID in publishing
- 97 Actor from central Arkansas?
- 103 Golden Arches pork sandwich
- 105 Metal source
- 106 Bear, in Baja
- 107 Austin-to-NYC dir.
- 108 Actress from western Wisconsin?
- 112 Low areas between hills
- 116 Interest
- 117 Honda Classic org.
- 118 Rowing fulcrum
- 120 Morse click
- 121 Dancer from southern New York?
- 125 Immigrant's course: Abbr.
- 126 Dixie Chicks member Maguire
- 127 Get by logic
- 128 What "vidi" means
- 129 Hog hangout
- 130 Worth mentioning
- 131 Pod veggies, old-style

- 132 D.C. ball team

DOWN

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- 2 Tilted, to Brits
- 3 Often-twisted joint
- 4 Curl one's lip toward
- 5 Lion player Bert
- 6 — end (over)
- 7 Sea, to Henri
- 8 Voted
- 9 Cheapest cruise option
- 10 '90s kids' exclamation
- 11 Coach Parseghian
- 12 Composer Hector
- 13 Put a — (adorn, as a wrapped gift)
- 14 Homeric epic
- 15 Summer shoe
- 16 Childbirth anesthetic
- 17 Make girlish
- 18 50-foot woman, say
- 24 "— all just get along?"
- 25 Wail in grief
- 30 Israel's Barak
- 32 Tokyo coin
- 33 "Honest" guy
- 34 Really tipsy
- 36 Parrot variety
- 40 Cuts of fish
- 41 Singer Newton-John
- 42 Actress Leah
- 43 Oxen holder
- 44 Makeover
- 45 Madeline of funny films
- 46 Egg part
- 52 Chaney Sr. and Jr.
- 55 Mel of voices
- 57 Help desk invitation, maybe
- 59 Kin of Hindi
- 60 As sick as —
- 61 O'Neal with an Oscar
- 62 Chilly
- 65 Flooring unit
- 66 Crying bouts, e.g.
- 67 Batches of grain to be crushed
- 68 Prefix meaning "different"
- 69 Iranian capital
- 71 Put in a hold
- 76 Shovel's partner
- 77 First class for painters
- 78 "Look — now!"
- 79 "Are you hurt?" reply
- 80 Special area of demand
- 85 Greenish citrus drinks
- 86 Reality-avoiding sort
- 87 Suddenly
- 90 Very strong clutching power
- 91 Funny Barr
- 93 Arctic stretch
- 96 Considerate
- 98 Raptors' city
- 99 Uno and due
- 100 Escorted
- 101 Fortune's 500: Abbr.
- 102 Buys and sells
- 104 "Kapow!"
- 109 "Half — is better than none"
- 110 "Who can — to?"
- 111 Simian creature
- 113 Mucho
- 114 Conspicuous success
- 115 Shows biasedly
- 118 Low dice roll
- 119 Ranch unit
- 122 Trade for tat
- 123 Neckline shape
- 124 Friend — friend

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"Eleah's Garden" - Enchanting, Eleah's Garden, your very own 'Secret Garden' on the island of St. John. This 4 bedroom 3 bath home has a separate apartment with outdoor kitchenette and lots of tropical fruit trees. Enjoy the views of the Caribbean Sea and French Cap and beautiful sunsets. Solar panels reduce your electric bills. The location couldn't be better, close to Gift Hill Schools, with town just five minutes away, and the beautiful North Shore beaches just an easy 10 minute scenic drive. **\$750,000**

"El Cielo" - This masonry home has an ideal location in every way. Midway between Cruz Bay and Coral Bay this four bedroom home is perched on a flat ridge just above Upper Peter Bay & has National Park land to the north and east to ensure quiet and privacy. Graceful arches frame the sweeping views from Lovango Cay to Jost van Dyke. Features include custom mahogany doors & windows, a large deck with pool, stainless appliances, air conditioned bedrooms, 18" floor tiles, large great room & an office. **\$2.25M.**



"Vista Cielo", or View of the Heavens, features some of the best sunset and water views in the Caribbean. This luxurious, fully air conditioned, very well built 3 bedroom pool villa is located in the quiet gated community of Virgin Grand Estates. It sports a gourmet kitchen and an architecturally magnificent pool, is elegantly furnished with every convenience, and beautifully landscaped with colorful tropical blooms. **\$2.95M**

"Picture Point" - One of the most beautiful lots on St. John, this parcel is high on Bordeaux Mountain at "Picture Point" - aptly named because it has the most breathtaking views on St. John & it is hard to drive by without snapping a few photos. See all the way from Jost Van Dyke to Tortola, Virgin Gorda & Peter & Norman Islands. Over one acre with a moderate slope & paved access for an easy build. High elevation & easterly trade winds. Just listed at **\$550,000** Adjoining half acre also available.

"Limin' Time" - The perfect Caribbean cottage with a sandy pocket beach on Great Cruz Bay & a very large pool & deck. Completely redesigned and refurbished in 2009, Limin' Time is better than new with high end fixtures, furnishings & new pool with the perfect location in this well established neighborhood. Moor your yacht within sight & just pull your dinghy up on the beach. Swim & snorkel without driving. New solar power. **\$1.249M.**



"Rhapsody" - Perhaps the most impressive short term rental on St John. Features include waterfront location, 16' x 32' spectacular infinity pool at great room level, stone & masonry construction, granite & stainless kitchen, 2 full laundries, garage, spa, 5 lg. bedrooms (2 with sitting rooms), spectacular sunsets and end of road privacy. Close to Cruz Bay **\$5.95M**

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Making the Holidays Greener



Holidays are festive and fun, but they can take a toll on the environment. One way to be greener is to get a real tree, especially a potted (living) tree, which can be kept for years after the holidays pass.

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Dear EarthTalk: *What are some ideas for being greener this holiday season?*

**Beth Livingston,
Camden, NJ**

While the holidays are festive and fun, they can take a toll on the environment. All that shopping, decoration, food preparation and travel adds up to more carbon emissions and more waste. But there are ways to minimize that impact and still celebrate the season in grand style.

For starters, buy fewer gifts. Homemade, personal gifts are always appreciated as much or more than something store-bought. Paint a painting, bake a cake, or make a playlist of favorite songs. EarthEasy.com recommends giving services instead of goods to cut down on the materialism of the holidays.

"A great gift could be an hour's massage at a local spa, or music lessons for a budding musician," according to her site.

Other service gift ideas include childcare or tutoring, dog walking, cooking, window-washing, a car wash and vacuum or even Internet/computer lessons. Another way to cut down on the amount of stuff passing under your tree is by having a

Secret Santa exchange among grown-ups so that every adult doesn't have to get gifts for several others.

Another way to save energy and waste is to tone down the holiday decorating, especially with regard to lighting. A 2008 report commissioned by the Department of Energy found that holiday lighting across the U.S. uses up some six terawatt-hours of electricity per year, which is equivalent to the total electricity consumption of half a million homes in a month.

Anyone who still decides to indulge in holiday lights, try to go LED. The smaller "light emitting diode" bulbs don't get hot to the touch (and are less likely to start a fire) and consume a fraction of the electricity of their incandescent predecessors while lasting 10 times longer. HolidayLEDs.com gives customers who recycle their old holiday lights with them a voucher for 15 percent off a new order of LED lights.

Believe it or not, the choice of a Christmas tree affects the environmental footprint as well. The Epoch Times reports that artificial trees are not necessarily the answer, as most are made out of petrochemicals, PVC, metals or sometimes even lead, and can't usually be recycled, so end up in land-

fills after a few years of useful life.

Furthermore, some 80 percent of artificial trees are made in China, meaning shipping them on trucks, railways and container ships uses a lot of fuel and emits a lot of carbon dioxide accordingly.

Getting a real tree, preferably one that is organic and sustainably harvested by a local tree farmer, is a better choice. After all, real trees provide habitat for wildlife while they are growing, and they filter dust and pollen out of the air while producing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide. The Epoch Times adds that typically one to three tree seeds are planted for every Christmas tree harvested in the U.S. And, a potted (living) Christmas tree can be kept for years after the holidays pass, either in its pot (or a bigger one as it grows) or in the ground outside.

Of course, another way to keep that carbon footprint down over the holidays is by just staying home. A third of the carbon emissions generated daily come from driving cars, so why not stay off the roads over the holidays? And air travel is one of the biggest carbon splurges anyone indulges in, so not jetting across the country to visit in-laws might be the best environmental action one takes all year.

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<p>"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giff Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.</p> <p>MLS 13-516 \$1,295,000</p>	<p>"NEW CONSTRUCTION!" Enjoy Fish Bay breezes & views to Ditleff Pt. in this new, 2 unit home. Masonry, nice finishes, separate entries to each level which feature 2 bdrms w/ bath, covered & screened wrap around porch, great room and kitchen.</p> <p>MLS 13-523 \$1,235,000</p>	<p>"WHALE WATCH" – Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.</p> <p>MLS 13-204 \$1,225,000</p>	<p>"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. A wesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!</p> <p>MLS 12-391 \$980,000</p>	<p>"SAGO COTTAGE" adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views and great rental history.</p> <p>MLS 13-207 \$975,000</p>	<p>"VILLA MIMOSA" IS A BEST BUY! 4 bedroom private rental home- awesome down island & Coral Bay views! Turn key! Originally \$1,700,000 now priced to sell.</p> <p>MLS 12-329 \$695,000</p>	<p>"BORDERS NATIONAL PARK!" EXCEPTIONAL CARIBBEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP masonry home w/ FLEXIBLE FLOORPLAN is a "must see"! Private, end of road FLAT lot with additional cottage. Completed in 2010 by Owner/builder/ furniture maker from Santa Fe.</p> <p>MLS 12-176 \$650,000</p>	<p>"GIFFT HILL" View, quiet area & convenience! Two unit home-Live in one, rent the other! Main level features 2 bdrms, bath & a generous great room w/ sliders to Pillsbury Sound view deck. Lower level studio apartment with porch. Lush, level property with easy parking.</p> <p>MLS 13-347 \$499,000</p>	<p>"FISH BAY" 4X2!" INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p>MLS 13-267 \$475,000</p>	<p>"VERY MOTIVATED SELLER!" SABA COTTAGE offers an open floor plan & valley views of historic sugar mill. Room to expand this small but well constructed home. Two parcels-keep one and sell the other.</p> <p>MLS 13-199 \$215,000</p>	<p>"BEACHFRONT GRANDE BAY RESORT" Has great views! Beautifully furnished & easy access to shop/restaurants. Large pool & deck area, fitness & reception center, indoor parking & elevator service.</p> <p>Two 3 BR/2 BA from \$1,139,000 and 1 BR/1 BA \$745,000</p>	<p>"OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME!" Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.</p> <p>Priced from \$54,000</p>																								
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