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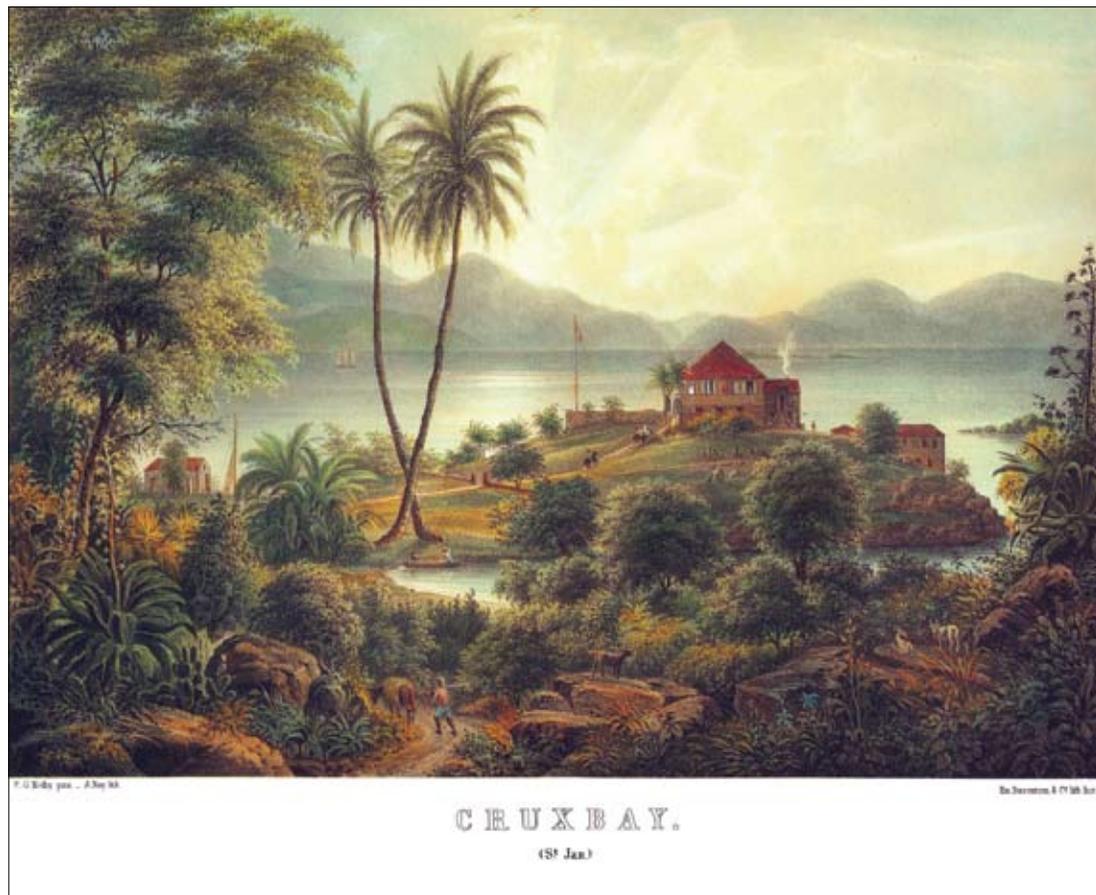


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Historic 1850 painting of Cruz Bay Battery by Fritz Melby will be on display at the St. John Historical Society Auction on Tuesday, March 10, at the Wetin Resort — but the valuable artwork is not for sale. **STORIES ON PAGES 6 AND 17**



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Sen. Almando “Rocky” Liburd promises renewed effort to reopen roads through the V.I. National Park on the south shore of St. John, including Route 107 in Lameshur, the remotest area of the V.I. National Park, above. The former south shore access route has not been very welcoming in recent months and years with numerous, seemingly-bottomless potholes spanning the unpaved access road between Europa and Lameshur Bays which historically connected to Centerline Road.

Sen. Liburd’s Concerns for Island Road Issues Includes Safety Conditions, South Shore Access

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — St. John Senator at Large Almando “Rocky” Liburd wants the National Park Service and the federal government to take responsibility for island highway safety issues.

On the heels of three serious motor vehicle accidents on St. John in less than three months involving eleven people with two fatalities within less than a

mile of each other on federal roads within the Virgin Islands National Park, Sen. Liburd wants the federal government to take responsibility for roads through park properties.

“Our roads are much more dangerous than people see them to be,” Sen. Liburd acknowledged in an interview with St. John Tradewinds. “Some areas are real dangerous.”

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SJHS’s Art Show, Fundraiser Mar. 10

The St. John Historical Society will host an art show and fundraiser at the Westin Grand Ballroom on St John from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

Coral Bay Open Mar. 14 at Skinny Legs

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St. John Rotary is also expecting to change the third Wednesday of the month to an evening meeting in order to appeal to a younger group, thereby guaranteeing that the club will prosper and grow in its dedication to the needs of the St. John community and of the world. The satellite club will continue to meet on Fridays at noon at Chateau Bordeaux.

Sen. Liburd Wants Specific Proposals To Address Disparity Dilemma in Territory's Property Taxes

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — The V.I. Senate is close to conducting hearings on the “very complex issue” of the impact of property tax on St. John landowners, but St. John Senator at Large Almando “Rocky” Liburd wants some specific proposals for solutions on the table.

“I’m not inclined to (conduct a senate hearing) without having some proposals, something to discuss,” Sen. Liburd said in an interview with *St. John Tradewinds* on March 8. “We need some options.”

“I don’t want to have a hearing without something to show — that we have something to present,” explained Sen. Liburd, who said he hoped to have some of those options outlined within “two to three weeks.”

“I think the (Senate) president said he’s also trying to set up a task force,” Sen. Liburd added. Lt. Gov. Osbert Potter is also expected to visit St. John to discuss the property tax issue, the St. John senator added.

From Martha’s Vineyard to Hawaii

“We are looking at a number of tax structures” — from Martha’s Vineyard to Hawaii — “to see how we can find something that is constitutionally tested,” Sen. Liburd told *Tradewinds*. “I want to see something.”

“Everything we do has to pass muster,” the St. Johnian senator added. “It’s taken some time, but the legislature has formulated a commitment.”

“The property tax issue is important because it ties directly into the economy of the V.I.,” Sen. Liburd explained. “You have to handle it with a balance of delivering relief and sustaining a government.”

“I’m optimistic that some relief will come,” the St. Johnian reiterated.

“It goes across the board,” Sen. Liburd explained. “You have to find a formula that works for everyone.”

The St. John senator proposes the government first look at the undeveloped land and set up a territory-wide rate and “see how it affects our taxation.”

“You’ve got to do what you got to do,” Sen. Liburd acknowledged. “You’ve got to do what’s right.”

Senator Encourages Appeals Process

“The appeal process is still there,” Sen. Liburd reminded constituents.

“Even though that is there, there is always a window for review,” Sen. Liburd added. “You can always go to the tax assessor and ask for a review.”

“They are supposed to,” grant taxpayers a review of their bill. “(Property owners) should go in and try to get a review.”

Meanwhile, Sen. Liburd is looking into adjustments to the territory’s property tax system including adding different assessment categories based on the type of structure, and different residential or commercial uses.

“We are looking at all aspects of it,” Sen. Liburd said. “Then we will put it in draft.”

“If we do it right it will bring some relief,” the St. John senator said.

Considering the Future of GBS

– St. John Teens Discuss the Proposed Vocational School



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Raven Phillip

Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School remains locked and unused since last year.

By RAVEN PHILLIPS
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — The Guy Benjamin School was once a prolific institution that committed itself to molding young minds into the influential and industrial Virgin Islanders of the future. It now stands silent and empty.

As negotiations over how the building should be used now are being hashed out, one idea has rung clearest over all others: a vocational school.

Rather than reestablish the building as a full blown school, some people have suggested that it be transformed into school that focuses on specific occupations.

Since the decision affects them and they remember the school well, the teenagers of St. John were given a chance to weigh in on the issue.

Many teenagers love the idea of having a vocational school. “It would be great to learn different job skills. I haven’t seen anything like this since the Coral Bay Job Club. I think it is important that

teens learn the skills they need for the jobs they want” one teen said.

“I want to own my own business”
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ACOE Ends Month-Long Public Comment Period on SEG Coral Bay Marina Plans

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

After being extended twice, the Army Corps of Engineers deadline for public comments on Summers End Group's controversial plans to construct a megamarina in Coral Bay ended on Thursday, March 5.

ACOE officials originally set the public comment period for three and a half weeks when they opened it on January 5. The January 30 deadline was first extended to February 15 and finally to March 5. The extensions were a result of the large amount of comments submitted opposing the marina, according to David Silverman, a community activist with the group Save Coral Bay.

"A large part of the extensions was the level of comments they were receiving at ACOE's office in Puerto Rico," said Silverman. "They were realizing this was a controversial project and they wanted to give people ample time to submit concerns."

In the end more than 12,000 letters were submitted opposing Summers End Group's proposed 145-slip mega marina and associated shore-side development project in Coral Bay, explained Silverman.

"Over 12,000 letters were received from members of The National Parks Conservation Association," Silverman said. "Over 1,000 individually written letters were received by St. John residents, property owners and visitors and we got close to 5,300 signatures on a petition against the SEG marina project."

ACOE officials in Puerto Rico had never seen that level of public comment before, Silverman added.

"The ACOE Puerto Rico officials said that was an unprecedented level of public comment for their office," said Silverman. "In large metropolitan areas you might see a large level of comments. The ACOE Puerto Rico office said that for a small, little community like Coral Bay to get that level of support was unprecedented."

Since forming in October 2014, Save Coral Bay — which was formed after Summers End Group's proposal sailed through the local permitting process — also managed to raise more than \$93,000 from 800 donors to finance a legal fight against the megamarina.

In addition to receiving more than 12,000 letters opposing the marina, ACOE officials also received Save Coral Bay's official comments, a thick binder containing five expert reports, legal analysis and more.

Working with highly respected national environmental law firms Sive, Paget & Riesel (who provide pro bono assistance) and Manko-Gold, Save Coral Bay comments included expert reports on the economy, fish habitat, endangered species, water quality impacts and navigation and marina design, as well as hundreds of pages of comments, legal analysis, Silverman explained.

"It was a very complete and professionally done package of the concerns of the impact of the marina delivered with over 13,000 letters and the petition," he said.

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— David Silverman, community activist, Save Coral Bay

Silverman also created accurate scale video renderings of the project, which he submitted to ACOE officials as well.

"We wanted them to have everything required to get a really, really accurate understanding of the how the proposal would look in the setting of Coral Bay," said the community activist.

Save Coral Bay has received letters of support from a range of national and local organizations including National Park Conservation Association, Mission Blue, Center for Biological Diversity, V.I. League of Women Voters and V.I. Conservation Association.

After ACOE officials spend "whatever amount of time it takes" to read through the thousands of letters and hundreds of pages of official comments, the corps can take several possible actions, Silverman said.

"They could outright deny the application, they could summarize all of the issues that were raised and ask the applicants to respond to the issues, they could — because of the level of controversy and the probable impact to the environment — require a full Environmental Impact Statement, or they could just get out and approve the application," he said.

If ACOE officials order Summers End Group to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement, studies could take years, Silverman added.

"An EIS is a true piece of scientific research," said the community activist. "It is conducted under the oversight of the federal agencies. It's not a point in time study, it's not saying 'this is what is here today.'"

"Often it is a longitudinal study saying 'lets look at these issues over a period of time,'" he said. "By its very nature, it takes time. The federal agencies would identify the studies that would be required and would supervise the conduct of the studies in the sense of reviewing data. If it was not adequate they wouldn't accept it."

At this point Save Coral Bay has done all it can in its fight against Summers End Group's proposed marina, according to Silverman.

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Audubon Plant Sale Pleases



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tom Oat

From tomatoes to tomatos, the V.I Audubon Society's annual Plant Sale at the Marketplace on Saturday, March 7, was once again a big hit as savvy shoppers mowed down the merchandise at the highly-anticipated annual event.



Senator Liburd Promises Action To Secure Replacement Equipment for St. John Rescue

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Sen. Alman-do “Rocky” Liburd is not all talk when he says he’s going to secure a new “Jaws of Life” for St. John Rescue.

Three serious one-vehicle accidents in a three-month span involving the extrication of 11 victims with two fatalities – culminating in a six-hour extrication effort at a single-vehicle crash of a heavy crane on Kings Hill on Friday, February 20, have taken their toll on St. John Rescue volunteers and their equipment.

The all-volunteer force was left looking for a new “Jaws of Life” extrication device.

While St. John Rescue members were contemplating a fund-raising effort for new extrication equipment at an estimated cost of “\$21,730; \$15,473 on sale,” Sen. Liburd said he would seek other sources for funds – including securing federal assistance through the VINP with the help of V.I. Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett.

St. John Rescue volunteers had used the equipment in early January when they responded to a fatal

early-morning car crash on Route 10 on January 10 less than 100 yards east of the intersection with Route 20 which killed one back seat passenger and trapped the driver and three injured passengers in the vehicle.

December Wreck of Rental Jeep

On December 22, the volunteers had responded to a rental Jeep accident in which a tourist family with two teenage children ended up injured and trapped in the vehicle after it went off the shoulder of the one-way section of Route 20 just a few hundred yards below the scene of the subsequent February crane crash.

In the December accident, the rental Jeep went off the right shoulder of the one-way section of Route 20 dropping through the north shore forest from the intersection with Route 10 connecting Cruz Bay and Coral Bay at the intersection of Centerline Road and Kings Hill Road

The passengers appeared to

have not been wearing seatbelts and all four victims suffered non-life threatening but serious injuries when they ended-up piled on each other on the windshield of the up-ended vehicle in the wooded ravine.

The hours of use were too much for the rescue squad’s 12-year old equipment.

“It’s just that they are so old,” Malacarne said of St. John Rescue most important equipment. “And, they are old school. They were when we got them 12 years ago.”

St. John Rescue, meanwhile, welcomed new members to its board of directors, including the first non-rescue members, at its monthly meeting, March 4.

“We all have jobs and the work suffers because we have to make it up,” Malacarne admitted of the impact of the volunteer rescue work on members. “We’re all self-employed and we have to make a living.”

“It’s been really crazy,” Malacarne acknowledged.

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Historic Paintings on Display Are Highlight Of St. John Historical Society Fundraiser

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The St. John Historical Society art show and fundraiser at the Westin Grand Ballroom on St John from 5:30 to 8 p.m. March 10, will offer a rare opportunity to view historical paintings of the Virgin Islands now held in private collections.

One of the historical pieces of artwork on display will be an 1850 Fritz Melby painting, Cruz

Bay Battery on St. John, (inset left) which was commissioned by Gov. Carl Hänschell (1809-1859). The painting hung at the battery on St John, which then served as the governor's residence, until the Hänschell family took it with them to Lemvig, Denmark.

The painting remained in the Hänschell family until it was acquired recently by a private St. John collector who graciously consented to loaning it to the Society for this event.

Melbye was born in Denmark in 1826 but traveled and painted extensively throughout the Caribbean. He is credited with inspiring the young Camille Pissarro, the St. Thomas artist, to take up painting as a career.

An original Pissarro sketch will also be on display at the fundraiser, and commentary on selected pieces of historical art will be part of the activities.

The event, entitled A Look Backtime, will also feature local artists with their own works for sale with a portion of the artwork sales going to benefit the Historical Society, a raffle and a silent auction.

Available for sale will be the work of several local artists, including Kimberly Boulon, Lucy

Portlock, Janet Cook-Rutnik, Elaine Estern, Lisa Etre and George Hollander, with a portion of the artwork sales benefitting the society.

A raffle and silent auction will include gift certificates from local restaurants such as Waterfront Bistro, Ocean 362, Vista Mare, Virgin Fire, the Lime Inn, Ronnie's Pizza and the Fishtrap; a sunset sail and half-day sail on Cloud9; and hotel stays at Carambola Beach Resort & Spa, Estate Lindholm and String of Pearls.

Other items include a private tour of the Cinnamon Bay Museum guided by National Park archeologist Ken Wild; a private tour of Susannaberg conducted by Ronnie Jones; jewelry from R&I Patton; a Scandinavian dinner for six prepared by Robin Swank and Larry Boxerman; a whitening from St. John Dental; free car servicing from Community Motors; a gift certificate for fiberglass work by Mike Sheen; five out-of-print copies of *Life in 5 Quarters*; copies of *St. John Backtime* and *St John Voices*; a mahogany hand-turned pen by Pam Richards-Samuel; and a back issue of the American Folk Art Museum's 1990 publication that featured an article on the

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First Bank Completes Big Move



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tom Oat

It was a minor catastrophe to those who missed the warning signs when First Bank locked the doors at its downtown Cruz Bay branch at noon on Friday, March 7, to complete the bank's move to its new location at The Marketplace at Enighed Pond, above. Work continued on the interior of the refurbished banking facility as the automatic teller machines were installed on the same day to allow a somewhat-seamless transition for the island's only full service bank. First Bank had done business in Cruz Bay Quarter, across the street of Nazareth Lutheran Church since taking over the operations of Chase Bank in the 1990s. For several years it was the only financial institution serving the island of St. John.



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More than 20 members and prospective members filled the St. John Rescue headquarters on Thursday, March 5, to elect a new board of directors for the volunteer organization.

St. John Rescue Stops Transporting Deceased for V.I. Government Over Liability Concerns

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — There's no free ride on St. John — not even for the deceased.

Pending resolution of a long-festering dilemma of liability questions related to St. John Rescue's transportation of bodies of deceased to the Muryah Keating Smith Community Health Center, the island's volunteer emergency squad can no longer serve that function.

"St. John Rescue members have voted to discontinue transporting bodies until we have an agreement with DOJ," St. John Rescue member Maya Matthews-Sterling wrote *St. John Tradewinds* on March 8. "We have not yet received such an agreement. Hopefully, we will meet next week with the new AG to further discuss the

matter."

After months of operating in legal limbo after unofficially taking over the task of transporting persons who have died in accidents or of natural causes at home on the island, the St. John Rescue officials are waiting to hear back from the AG's office on an official, formal agreement for providing the service to the community.

"If we are administering first aid to and/or attempting to resuscitate a person and EMS is not able to transport them in an ambulance we will transport as we continue to work on the person," Matthews-Sterling wrote. "Occasionally, the person we are working on is declared dead once we arrive someplace that has someone who is qualified to make this declaration (usually a doctor)."

No Free Ride for Person Declared Dead

"We will not, however, transport a person that has been declared dead," the St. John Rescue spokesperson wrote.

"Lately, St. John EMS has been taking them to MKSCHC which now has a working freezer that can store two bodies temporarily," Matthews-Sterling wrote. "The DOJ will then send someone from St. Thomas to transport the body(ies) to the morgue on St. Thomas during hours when barges are operating."

Ending Legal Limbo

St. John Senator at Large Al-mando "Rocky" Liburd is trying to solve the island's volunteer rescue company problem with transporting the bodies to the island's de facto morgue.

St. John Rescue officials unofficially had taken on the responsibility of transporting bodies to MKSCHC to await transport to St. Thomas by the medical examiner as a community service, but the organization is still waiting for a formal arrangement and protection from liability.

There has been progress, Malacarne acknowledged in February.

"Sen. Liburd got me on a conference call with the acting attorney general," Malacarne said. "The AG was hoping to indemnify us."

"We don't want to be alone (with a body)," Malacarne explained in February. "It's a question of liability."

"We'd still like to have an escort" when transporting a body in a St. John Rescue vehicle, Malacarne told a recent meeting of government officials. "God forbid we got into an accident and the body was damaged."

Sen. Liburd said he still expects a meeting between the parties will lead to an agreement that indemnifies St. John Rescue in transporting bodies.

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The approximately two million cans that arrive on St. John each year will soon be doing a lot less harm to the Virgin Islands environment thanks to the Island Green Living Association's purchase of an aluminum can crusher and baler.

The industrial aluminum can compactor/baler, which is currently en route to the island, was purchased through donations made by Eco Serendib Villa and Spa as part of a program that allocates a portion of the villa's rental income from every reservation to preserving St. John.

Villa owner Harith Wickrema has agreed to match total contributions made by Earth Day, April 22, up to \$20,000 in an effort to encourage others to support IGLA's recycling efforts. If \$20,000 is raised by April 22, Eco Serendib will add another \$5,000 to IGLA's fund. The machine will operate at IGLA's ReSource Depot in a space that has been donated by Storage on Site.

In the span of just one minute, the can crusher uses 59,000 pounds of compaction force to crush 600 cans at a time into a 12" x 12" x 6" bale. The bales will then be collected, palletized, and shipped

off island to be recycled; IGLA is working with shipping companies in the hopes of securing donated space in one of the many containers that leave the islands empty.

The can compactor will eventually operate entirely off-grid. IGLA, which is partnering with the St. John Community Foundation on this project, is seeking additional donations to purchase a photovoltaic panel system to provide power to operate the compactor/baler and future equipment for recycling glass, plastic, and other recyclables. Brad Camrud and The Link Group have already made a generous donation of \$10,000 to get this project started. Angel Electric and Solar Supply have offered to donate time and equipment at cost to get it up and running.

Until the panels are in place, the can compactor will be run by a temporary diesel generator. IGLA plans to build a roof over the can crusher using an existing structure at the Storage on Site Gifft Hill location, with the purpose of supporting the PV panels and collecting water to wash the cans prior to crushing. Labor for the roof's installation has been offered by Stronghouse Construction.

Several island restaurants have

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VINP Honored in Final Event of 2015 Season at Boulon Fine Art Gallery

St. John Tradewinds

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery will be presenting the final event for the 2015 "An Evening With The Arts," Visual and Performing, series opening Friday, March 13, at the Marketplace in Cruz Bay, St. John, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The theme is *PERSPECTIVES: ST. JOHN, VIRGIN ISLANDS* interpreted in Art through *Water - Fire - Earth - Air - Spirit*.

March's Event is entitled *THE PRESENT: Crossroads*, and honors the Virgin Islands National Park for preserving and protecting the natural and cultural resources of the majority of St. John and its surround-

ing waters.

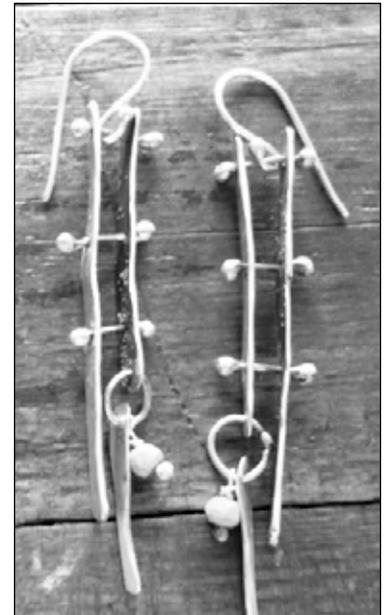
Twelve Visual Artists will showcase their one-of-a-kind creations while St. John School of the Arts (SJSA) will be performing.

A raffle of a Kimberly Boulon painting benefits SJSA with 100 percent of the ticket sales. Tickets are \$10 ea or 6 for \$50. View the painting at the Gallery (or on Kimberly's website) and purchase tickets there Tues. and Thurs. 10 to 5 p.m. or call SJSA at 340-779-4322. You do not need to be present at the event, which is free to the public, to win.

Please go to www.kimberlyboulon.com for more information.



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"Guardians Of St. John"
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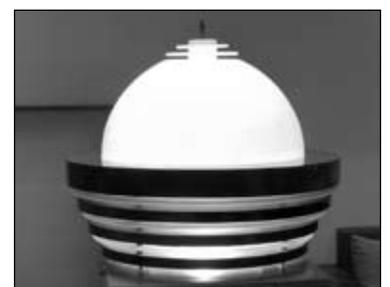
Francis Bay oil painting
by Kimberly Boulon, above.

Mahogany "Star Box"
by Jon McKay, left.



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More Than 1,000 Runners and Walkers Brave St. John Hills in 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

A total of 1,046 runners and walkers of all ages and abilities hoofed it across the challenging hills of St. John in the 19th Annual 8 Tuff Road Race on Saturday morning, February 28.

Hosted annually by Peter Alter and a team of about 400 volunteers on the last Saturday in February, the well-organized race from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay has drawn a steadily increasing number of participants and an impressive talent pool.

This year's race saw Jessica Rice repeat as the women's winner. Rice, 39, of Needham, Massachusetts, set the course record for women last year at 56 minutes and three seconds. Rice followed up that performance with another win, crossing the finish line this year in 57 minutes and 39 seconds.

Ruth Ann David, 41, of St. Thomas, finished second in the women's race with a time of one hour and 19 minutes. Twenty-three-year-old Emily Egelhoff-Whalen from North Carolina was the third woman to cross the finish line in Coral Bay with a time of one hour, six minutes and 22 seconds.

On the men's side, it was a first time win for Paul Jones, 39, of North Carolina who finished third overall last year. This year, Jones crossed the finish line 52 minutes and 34 seconds after setting out from Cruz Bay. St. Thomas resident Shane De Gannes, 42,

finished second with a time of 53 minutes and 28 seconds. Javan Anthony Lapp of North Carolina finished third with a time of 53 minutes and 37 seconds.

The first St. John resident to finish this year's 8 Tuff Miles was up and coming runner Evan Jones. The 15-year-old athlete has continued to improve, finishing this year's race in seventh place with a time of 56 minutes and eight seconds.

While top runners cross the finish line in under an hour, the race draws a huge field of participants with wide range of ages and abilities. This year's youngest 8 Tuff Miles were seven years old while oldest person to finish was a mere 83 years young.

Among those more than 1,000 runners and walkers in the race, were Jordan Manges, Aaron Hale and Jaclynn Larington who ran to raise funds for Team River Runner, a program dedicated to teaching adaptive kayak skills to wounded veterans.

Manges, along with Hale, a blind veteran, and Larington, began 8 Tuff Miles at the very back of the 1,046-person pack. They raised money for each of the 703 people they passed en route to the finish line which they crossed together after one hour, 30 minutes and 17 seconds.

The runners hoped to raise about \$7,000 for Team River Runner's St. John leadership program.

The event would not be possible without



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Bill Stelzer

Race director Peter Alter

the 400 volunteers, organized by Race Director Peter Alter who oversees all aspects of the day, from the start line to the awards ceremony.

While this year's start line was missing the customary U.S. Coast Guard fly over — nixed due to Department of Homeland Security budget cuts — the highlight of the opening ceremony was Shikima Jones' stirring rendition of the American Anthem.

Nineteen years after starting a little race from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay, Alter these days spend just about all year preparing for the last Saturday in February. It is the positive comments he gets from participants that keeps dedicated to 8 Tuff Miles, the race director explained.

"What keeps me going really are all the positive comments I get from people after the race," said Alter. "I get lots of nice emails from people and walking around

town some of the tourists who are still here a few days after the race will come up to me and thank me."

"People take a minute to stop doing what they are doing to come over and say, 'Hey you know, this is a great event,'" Alter said. "All that positive feedback is really great."

While Alter has no specific plans for the race's 20th celebration next year, which will be on Saturday, February 27, he hoped to have his key volunteers back again.

"There are a lot of people looking forward to that last Saturday in February," said Alter. "I hope that my volunteers continue to hang with me. There are so many key volunteers; everyone helps."

In addition to setting up, breaking down, handing out fruit, medals and more, there are more than 150 volunteers who hand out water along the race course. This year, Alter — who runs the race each year — took time to thank those volunteers.

"I enjoyed my race this year," said Alter. "It was a little different. I took my time and I enjoyed walking through each water station, thanking the volunteers."

"I really enjoyed myself," Alter said.

By all accounts, the 1,045 other participants in the 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles also enjoyed themselves.

For more information on the race and a full list of results, go to www.8tuffmiles.com.

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By **JAIME ELLIOTT**
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone dreaming of the postcard perfect Caribbean retreat — think gin clear water and a powder white sand beach steps from your expansive pool and luxurious family beach house — will fall in love with One Peter Bay.

The three bedroom home sits on a full 1.1 acre parcel of land in the upscale Estate Peter Bay neighborhood, a gated enclave nestled within the pristine Virgin Islands National Park on the island's famed North Shore.

The address says it all, explained Merry Nash of Islandia Real Estate/Sea Glass Properties.

"If you want to be right on a white sand beach on the island's North Shore, One Peter Bay is the house for you," said Nash. "This is a charming family beach house with only a few short steps from the private pool in the courtyard to the white sandy beach right on the water at famed Estate Peter Bay."

One Peter Bay is situated to take full advantage of the cooling trade winds coming in off the nearby Caribbean Sea. The pod-style home is centered around a large, free form pool, deck and courtyard.

Enter through the decorative iron gate the top of the driveway and be ready to be swept off your feet by the tropical beauty of One Peter Bay. The home is about 5,000 square feet with an additional 3,500 square feet of outdoor living space.

Lush, tropical gardens, 100 feet of private palm fringed powder beach front and a path to Peter Bay

Beach are only a few steps from the large pool. With plenty of space to lounge in the sun or stretch out in the shade, with your toes in the sand or dangling in the pool, you won't have any reason to leave. An outdoor grill and bar area will have you whipping up gourmet lunches for all your friends.

Inside the shared living area at One Peter Bay, find an expansive great room with a towering exposed beam ceiling. The open plan, country style kitchen features custom tile work and a center island. The cozy library, office, bar with hard wood details is the perfect place for a night cap and a few pages of reading before turning in for the night.

The master bedroom suite at One Peter Bay features a private terrace just off the hot tub and a second covered verandah facing the pool. The en suite bathroom boasts double vanities and an outdoor native stone shower.

The two guest suites are nestled in a separate pod allowing for the utmost in privacy. The en suite bedrooms feature private terraces and indoor and outdoor showers.

Situated on one of the most beautiful shorelines in the world, One Peter Bay is designed to embrace outdoor living. All of the rooms open by pocket doors to the outside, allowing for a seamless enjoyment of the tropical sun and cooling breezes.

One Peter Bay is currently not listed on the MLS. For more information on the home, including the price, contact Nash at (340) 642-2246 or via email at merryvi@aol.com.



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Longtime St. John snowbird Sybil Lefferts joined guitarist-vocalist Erin on stage at Castaways in downtown Cruz Bay to delight the audience with classic song.

Best of Both Worlds Friday Night Fete Features Jeweler Ann Larkin-Roy on Friday, Feb. 13

St. John Tradewinds

The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Craft Gallery is pleased to invite the public to a series of Friday Night Fêtes with the next event featuring Jeweler Ann Larkin-Roy, on Friday, March 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mongoose Junction, St. John.

Ann Larkin-Roy is a native of Canada who has lived on St. Thomas since 2010. Jewelry has been her passion and she hand-crafts all jewelry pieces locally in the islands.

Each piece is created with inspiration from the beauty of the Caribbean Sea and is a wonderful reminder of the stunning nature of the Virgin Islands. Her sense of style is shown in beautiful pieces from delicate lariats to beaded earrings and necklaces.

Best of Both Worlds is constantly changing displays to high-



A necklace by Larkin-Roy

explore many new items and enjoy a glass of wine as Ann discusses her work.

To go with the wine that will be served in the gallery, Virgin Fire will be providing a delicious selection of appetizers to enjoy as well as Live music by Inner Visions, next door to Best of Both Worlds

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Letter to *St. John Tradewinds*

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Intercessor, International Ministries, Inc. is a not for profit organization formed and located on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. We are here to assist individuals in our community. That assistance is especially geared towards the youth of our community.

From July 26 to July 31, Intercessor International Ministries, Inc., will be conducting our first Evangelistic Crusade. We write to ask for sponsorships for our organization as we embark on a mission to uplift the community which without donations from individuals like you, would not be possible. Donations help sustain our organization and benefit the community which we serve.

In the near future we would like to work towards getting our youth choir group sponsored so they could join other youth groups in Georgia and Florida at upcoming youth revivals.

We are counting on your support. We promise that we will not be telephoning you, but we do hope that you will respond positively to our written request. Remember that your gift may be tax-deductible! Your donation will be recognized in our program book throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Sincerely,
Freda Baly-Abramson**

I Sure Am Glad I Live Here

If the stupid Republicans and the stupid Democrats would stop becoming leaders of this country to build their egos and fill their pockets and become leaders of this country because they wanted to lead us to a better situation; we would be starting to solve the climate change problem instead of kicking the can down the road.

Republicans, the party that thinks government should be almost nonexistent, except to help people make money and the Democrats the party that wants the government to make sure everyone gets taken care of but doesn't bother to pay enough attention to make it work.

We have a very, very stupid system that if you become "poor" because you lose your job, because you were too old, or because you were hurt, or the company eliminated 2000 employees or because your family was always poor, you get taken care of by the government giving you money. Even more stupid is the elimination of benefits if you start to get healed or work legally again and you still can't make enough to keep your house. So you don't try to get a legal job.

The R's and the D's leaders could create a country where everyone could take care of each other but this goal is long gone by the time they run for office, if they ever had it.

Instead of trying to get the citizens of this community, America, to get together and work together for all their benefit, they use the differences to run for office. No solutions, just positions: gay, abortion, guns,

anger, attack, befuddled ways to correct the problems, and the more and the louder they shout the more likely they will get elected, as long as they can convince enough rich people that they will "be da man".

In spite of them in some ways we are progressing. We are beginning to agree that it is not good to have sex with kids. It was not that long ago that tribes would allow men to have sex with girls until they became fertile. Now priests, football players, billionaires, and fathers and brothers can't have sex with kids because they might get caught and not be forgiven for it. The same change is happening in race, religion, politics, and our daily lives, we are beginning to treat each other better and we can do this whenever we get a chance.

If American leaders want to continue politicks let them, here we can try to be nice to each other.

I went to meet Osbert Potter at his office about two years ago to give him some CD's of the Pistackle Theater "Stopping crime at the Roots" kids program. He said thanks and kept walking to the door and I told him not to run for office again because he was doing so well at the PBS programing on St. Thomas. It is very, very good. There are a lot of local programs and the selections of PBS progress that they choose to broadcast be very good.

I guess now I have to hope that Potter does as well in helping this community to get on the right path.

B. Greg Miller

Corrections

The image printed with an article entitled "Janet Cook-Rutnik in Women to Women 2 Show at Ponce History Museum in Puerto Rico" in last week's edition was incorrectly identified. The image was of Mandy Thody's ceramic piece not artwork by Janet Cook Rutnik who also exhibited in the show.

The information accompanying photographs of the annual St. John Cancer Fund Light Up the Night program in the February 23 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* incorrectly referred to the beneficiary of the event which is the St. John Cancer Fund.

Cancer Fund Thanks Supporters for Fundraising Success

It takes a village to maintain a grassroots movement such as the St. John Cancer Fund. Formed in July 2012, the St. John Cancer Fund's mission is to provide support both financial and personal for StJohnians battling cancer. The founding members' goal is complete transparency in our fund raising efforts and financial matters.

St. John Cancer Fund does not restrict how the funds are utilized by the patient, but rather serves as a support in their journey. The St John Cancer Fund is managed financially by Community Foundation VI (CFVI). The St John Cancer Fund does not pay any administrative fees to CFVI. 100% of all monies raised are granted to St John patients. Since 2012, the fund has assisted over 30 St John patients and their families. If you or someone you know is battling cancer, please contact us at stjohncancerfund@gmail.com or visit our website www.stjohncancerfund.org.

February 2015 was our first annual fund raising campaign. The St John Cancer Fund hosted three events:

- Feb 21-22, 2015- Light Up the Night
- Feb 27, 2015- Pasta in the Park – hosted by Cruz Bay Landing
- March 1, 2015- The Oppenheimer Beach Recov-

ery Party

The St John Cancer Fund members are eternally grateful to the community and visitors of St John for their generosity and support. The combined events raised is over \$70,000 (and counting). These events would not be possible without the support of our volunteers, sponsors, local businesses and individuals who donated their time, talent and products. THANK YOU!!

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Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Registration Opens

St. John Tradewinds

The 12th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Sunday, May 24, in the protected waters of Virgin Islands National Park along the north shore of St. John will consist of three simultaneous events:

- Short Course, Maho to Cinnamon (1 mile)
- Intermediate Course, Maho to Trunk (2 ¼ miles)
- Long Course, Maho to Hawksnest (3 ½ miles)

The long course may be swum solo or as part of a 3-person relay team. There is also an “Assisted” category for swimmers using masks, fins and snorkels.

Registration is now open and it will be limited to 350 swimmers.

Advance registration is available through May 1 at \$50 for adults and \$30 for youth 17 and under. From May 2-22, registration will be \$65 for adults and \$30 for youth. In the unlikely event that places are still available, late registration will be available at the pre-race meeting, which will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 23, at Cinnamon Bay Campground, at \$85 and \$50 for adults and children, respectively.

To register:

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Full information about the swim is available at www.friendsvinp.org/swim. All swimmers are strongly urged to review the course details and competition rules on this website. For further information or if you have questions, please e-mail: swim@friendsvinp.org, or call: 340-779-4940.

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Monday, March 9

— “Understanding the Coral Bay Community Council as an organization – Answering Your Questions” is the topic of the next CBCC Forum on Monday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at the Johns Folly Learning Institute in Coral Bay.

Tuesday, March 10

— The St. John Historical Society will host an art show and fundraiser at the Westin Grand Ballroom on St John from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

Saturday, March 14

— Join IGLA and the St. John Community Foundation for the Coral Bay Open “Golf Tournament” on Saturday, March 14, at Skinny Legs. Shotgun start at 2 pm. You don’t have to be a golfer to participate. This year, the proceeds from this fund raiser have been designated to sup-

port recycling efforts on St. John.

Sunday, March 15

Join Laurie Herrick at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on Sunday, March 15 at 10 a.m. at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: Attention is the Beginning of Devotion. Mary Oliver said: “Attention is the beginning of devotion”. This service will explore “to what or whom do we give our energy and resources?” In a world with abundant opportunities, innovations and inventions, do we focus more on the things that happen to come our way or on the things to which we have the highest commitment?

Friday and Saturday, January 29-30, 2016

— Broadway Comes to St. John 2016 has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30!

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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Today’s Cryptoquip clue: W equals S

Considering the Future of Guy Benjamin School

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ness someday. It would be great if I learned how to do it while I’m still in high school,” said another.

Some agree with the idea because of the independence it will give St. John. “I think it is a great idea because St. John doesn’t have very much to do and our resources are limited. I feel that we rely on St. Thomas too much,” said Lakeisha Hendrickson.

The teens proposed classes such as carpentry, jewelry making, agriculture, hospitality training, entrepreneurship and business management, engineering, Search and Rescue training, finances and accounting and more.

One vocation in particular that interested many teens is culinary arts.

A prevailing issue on St. John is the fact that our many restaurants opt to hire people from the mainland.

Because of this and a lack of the proper training, the teenagers of St. John miss out on many prospective job opportunities.

By establishing a foundation to teach culinary skills to students, our restaurants will instead hire the local teenagers.

“I would love to take some culinary classes. It can help me get a job in one of the restaurants,” remarked one teen. “It’s a good idea. It should offer culinary classes,” another teen added.

Not only do teens love the idea, they are already devising ways it can be improved. Many of them suggested that the school also offer afterschool programs.

“I think it would be a good idea to have nice things to do with your friends afterschool,” commented Zaria Longueville.

A large amount of teenagers on St. John attend Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. The commute from St. John to St. Thomas discourages many of them from participating in afterschool programs.

“I live all the way in Coral Bay. It is very hard to go back and forth to St. Thomas for the clubs I am in-

volved in. St. John needs more afterschool programs” declared one teen.

Others proposed that the school should offer tutoring. “Many teens need help with subjects like math. Tutoring can help them with school and college. You could even hire teens to be the tutors and pay them in community service hours,” explained Lauren Samuel.

Proposed classes include dance classes for all ages, choir, pottery, cosmetology, modelling, pageant training, gymnastics, and graphic arts and design.

Several teens feel that the building’s significance should never be forgotten.

“You can do new things with the school, but you can’t forget its past. That school means a lot to all the people who used to go there. Don’t cover up what it has already done for St. John” one teen argued.

Many agree that because of the history of the school, the building should take strides to preserve St. John.

“I like the idea of the school and the idea of making clubs in it, but I think it should offer Quadrille. It should also teach about the history of St. John”, said LaTiah Jackson.

“Any plan that benefits the people of St. John is a good plan. Plus, I think we can all agree that it is better than chopping the whole area down and turning it into a marina”, asserted Lioness Bruce.

The teens of St. John agree that the idea of a vocational school on St. John is a wonderful idea.

It can teach the necessary job skills to survive in the competitive business world.

The idea can be expanded so that it enriches every aspect of a student’s life and education.

Till a decision is made, Guy Benjamin School will remain an abandoned but not forgotten piece of St. John history.

Though it seems like an empty shell on the outside, the inside is brimming with endless potential.

“The future of Guy Benjamin School is in St. John’s hands,” reflected one teen.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Next Letter Deadline: Thursday, March 12th

IGLA’s Aluminum Can Crusher and Baler

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agreed to separate their cans for IGLA to recycle, and the SJCF already has an entire container full of cans ready to be crushed, gathered from the collection sites found adjacent to many island dumpsters. IGLA will call on the V.I. Waste Management Authority St. John residents for help with continuing to collect cans, whether by adopting certain collection bins

or donating to the cost of paying for the collection and delivery of the cans to the crusher.

The can crusher is poised to make a big impact on the preservation of the Virgin Islands environment, but IGLA and the SJCF need the cooperation of the community and financial support to keep the machine running. To donate, please visit www.iglav.org or call

Historical Society's Historic Art Sale Also Offers Raffle of Opportunities and Array of Auction Items

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Historical Society's A LOOK BACKTIME-Historic Art Show and Sale in the Grand Ball Room of the St. John Westin from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on March 10 will offer a raffle stacked high with opportunities and an impressive array of unique silent auction offerings that you won't want to miss – in addition to the historical art on display, the local art for sale, music by Bo, light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, thanks to the generosity of businesses and individuals throughout the territory.

Raffle prizes include: First prize, at more than \$1,000 in value, is a two-night stay for two at the villa String of Pearls; a sunset sail on Cloud 9; \$200 gift certificates from Ocean 362 and Waterfront Bistro; and a \$25 gift certificate from Lime Inn.

Other prizes include:

- Round trip on the Love City Car Ferry
- One-hour massage from Tropical Palms
- Manicure and pedicure from Nancy's Nail Spa
- \$50 gift certificate from Pesce in St. Thomas
- \$50 gift certificate from Pink Papaya
- \$25 gift certificate from Lime Inn
- \$50 gift certificate from Cruz Bay Landing
- Pizza and a six pack of soda from Ronnie's Pizza
- Books: St. John Backtime, St. John Voices and Adrift on a Sea of Blue Light

The cost is \$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20. You don't have to be present to win.

Items for the silent auction include:

- Emerald and diamond ring donated by one of our members
- Restaurant gift certificates from Ocean 362, Virgin Fire, The Terrace Restaurant, the Fish Trap Restaurant, Da Livio, Lime Inn and Vista Mare
- Two-day stays at Carambola Resort on St. Croix and Estate Lindholm on St. John
- Teeth whitening and cosmetic consultation from St. John Dental
- \$200 gift certificate from Michael Sheen Fiberglass
- Walks and/or tours with Eleanor Gibney, Ken Wild and Ronnie Jones
- Danish Christmas dinner for six from Robin Swank
- Vintage Lisa Etre tray
- Jewelry from Vikki Willis' Lotus Moon Studio
- St. John basket charms with chain by R&I Patton
- Two-hour "Mini Mud" class from Pottery in Paradise
- Half-day sail for two on Cloud 9, donated by Diana Hall
- Mahogany-framed tile from Elaine Estern

Historic Paintings on Display Are Highlight Of St. John Historical Society Fundraiser

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St. John market basket by Bernie Kemp.

Music by Bo Magnie will complement light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The historical society suggests a minimum donation of \$25 per person at the door.

The St. John Historical Society is a membership-based, non-profit organization that has served the St. John community for the past 41 years. Its mission is to document, preserve and share with the public the history of this very special island. This has been achieved with

the help of numerous professional historians, crafts people, artisans, musicians and educators who have brought this island's rich history to life.

Through its collections, publications, media, educational programs, field trips, special events and more, the organization has been and continues to be the leading resource for discovering St. John.

To learn more, visit the society's website at <http://stjohnhistoricalsociety.org/>.

- Paddle board rental for two from Arawak Expeditions
- Framed etching by R.W. Birch, donated by Janet Cook-Rutnik
- Hand-turned wooden pens, donated by Pam Richards-Samuel
- \$125 gift certificate for a car servicing from Community Motors
- Framed water color from Lucy Portlock
- Two ceramic hanging pendant lights from Catherine Perry
- Matted print from Christian Wheatley
- Two unmatted water colors from Robert Willis
- Wooden bowl and two hours of instruction for hand-turning wood, donated by Avelino Samuel
- Mahogany light box from George Hollander

- Water color, donated by Livy Hitchcock
- Several out-of-print books, including "Life in Five Quarters," donated by Robin Swank and Larry Boxerman
- Two books, donated by Eleanor Gibney
- An article on the St. John basket by Bernie Kemp, donated by Diana Hall
- Framed painting, "Sunset Harbor" by R. Youle, donated by an anonymous member

All proceeds from the raffle and silent auction will be used to move the society one step closer to realizing its long-term goal of having a home of its own. See more of our plans for a "Cultural and Historic Resource Center" on the web at <http://stjohnhistoricalsociety.org/visit/cultural-and-historic-resource-center/>.

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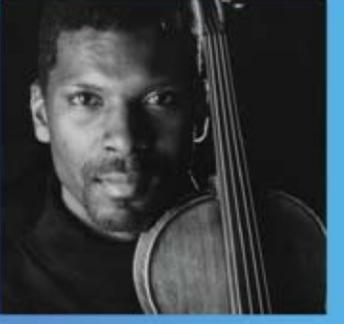
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Single performance tickets will go on sale December 15th for \$35 per ticket.

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This project is funded in part by the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts.



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Sen. Liburd's Concerns for Island Road Issues

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Focusing Attention on Closed Roads

In fact, Sen. Liburd intends to re-focus on his continuing effort to force the NPS to open up long-closed island roads which the VINP has allowed to fall into disrepair and out of use – including the continuation of Route 20, known as King's Hill Road, through the Carolina Valley to Route 107 on the shore of Coral Harbor from the south side of its intersection with Route 10 at the landmark Colombo stand; the completion of Route 108, the Bordeaux Mountain Road, from below Mamey Peak to Route 107 on the shore of Coral Harbor; and the reopening of Route 107 from Salt Pond Bay thorough Europa to connect with Route 108 on Bordeaux Mountain.

"We going to open up those roads," Sen. Liburd said firmly. "We need to."

"The park and I are going to sit down," Sen. Liburd told *St. John Tradewinds*.

"I'm getting all of the roads opened up."

"The part of the agreement is they are supposed to maintain these roads." The St. John senator said.

"Instead what they have done is let them for into disrepair."

From increased traffic safety signage and guardrails on hazardous portions of existing roads through the VINP to the thorny issue of reopening and improving unmaintained or closed historical roads through the south shore of the park, Sen. Liburd says it is time to address St. John road issue.

"It's something we can look at for sure," Sen. Liburd told *St. John Tradewinds*. about improved traffic safety on VINP roads in the aftermath of the series of serious accidents. "It's about protecting our people so it is something we need to address."

"I intend to meet with the National Park Superintendent (Brion Fitzgerald)," Sen. Liburd said. "The fact that congress appropriates money for roads, I would like to see what monies were sought (by the VINP) to address our roads, to see what they asked for and if they got any at all."

"At every chance, guard rails and protection should be maintained," Sen. Liburd reiterated. "There has to be some type of safety consideration."

ACOE Ends Month-Long Public Comment Period

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"We have to sit back and let the process work," he said. "We did our job. We got an excellent set of comments in and we have confidence that the federal agencies will take the right steps."

The group is also confident that V.I. government officials will wait to hear ACOE's decision on Summers End Group's application before taking action locally, Silverman added.

"We know that the legislature has not taken any action on the permit applications and we know that the governor has not taken any action and I believe that a prudent thing to do would be to wait and

see how the federal agencies view the project," said Silverman.

While waiting to hear from ACOE — and the local Board of Land Use Appeals — Save Coral Bay officials will keep an eye on the Moravian Church's proposed hotel and marina project in Coral Bay and look forward to working proactively, Silverman added.

"We also want to do other things that were in our mission statement which was to support the small, sustainable improvement to Coral Bay infrastructure that will ensure the health of Coral Bay for future generations," said the community activist. "That means looking at municipal docks that would

allow people to come and utilize the amenities of the restaurants and shops or getting fuel and pump out facilitates available and improving mooring practices."

"Once we get this immediate threat off the radar we can start talking with Coral Bay Community Council and churches and the yacht club and get all parties together and try to come up with a shared vision and create an action plan to ensure the right things are done," said Silverman. "We want to not have to be reactive, but we proactive."

For more information about Save Coral Bay, check out <http://savecoralbay.com>.

Crimes of the Week

Crime Stoppers asks that you to continue to help make the Virgin Islands a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. If you know something, say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without your help. The smallest bit of information may help solve these cases. Step up and be part of the solution.

St. John: On November 18, 2014 about 9:15 a.m., police responded to a call about a man who was found motionless in his home in the area of Hansen Bay. If you have any information concerning the death of Edward Hutton Netherland, please let us know.

St. Thomas: On February 11th about 6:40

a.m., police were dispatched to Building 10 in Tutu High Rise because a man had been shot and was lying in a vehicle. Upon arrival officers found 21-year-old Leroy Rawlins of St. Kitts dead from gunshot wounds. If you have any information about this murder, please say something.

If you have any information on who is bringing illegal weapons into the Territory, please let us know. You can reach us by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477); by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637); or by visiting www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org. If your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of stolen property or illegal drugs or weapons,

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FULL MOON HIKE • Mar. 5, Thurs. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Meet: Salt Pond parking lot; *Bring:* Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp;

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LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE LIVING & DESIGN TOUR

• Mar. 7, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm; *Meet:* Friends of the Park Store;

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Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • *Max Group:* 20

PADDLEBOARD, HIKE, & SNORKEL • Mar. 8, Sun. • 9:30am – 12:30pm

Meet: Skinny Legs parking lot to carpool to Hansen Bay;

Bring: Lunch, water, swimsuit, water or hiking shoes, towel, hat;

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LAMESHUR BAY/VIERS TOUR • Mar. 9, Mon. • 10:00am – 2:00pm

Meet: Lameshur Bay parking lot; *Bring:* Notebook & water;

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TRADITIONAL BROOM MAKING • Mar. 11, Wed. • 12:45pm – 2:45pm

Meet: St. John School of the Arts • *Bring:* Yourself;

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CANEEL BAY KAYAK, HIKE & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

• Mar. 13, Fri. • 9:00am – noon; *Meet:* National Park Visitor Center;

Bring: Lunch, snacks, water, towel, hat & sun protection

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MANGROVE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP • Mar. 14, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm

Meet: National Park Visitor Center dock at 8:45am;

Bring: Lunch, water, snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, hat;

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PEPPER SAUCE MAKING AT HANSEN BAY • Mar. 15, Sun. • 11:00am – 3:00pm

Meet: Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay;

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Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • *Max Group:* 20

TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY • Mar. 16, Mon. • 8:00am – noon

Meet: Friends of the Park Store;

Bring: Camera & manual, batteries, memory cards, water & notebook;

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MEDICINAL HERBS • Mar. 18, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm

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ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA BOAT TRIP • Mar. 25, Wed. • 9:45am – 3:00pm

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TAINO POTTERY • Mar. 27, Fri. • 10:00am – 1:00pm

Meet: Pottery in Paradise, Coral Bay (behind Pickles Deli, Rt. 107, Coral Bay)

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TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR II • Mar. 28, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm

Meet: Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool;

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MAHO/WHISTLING CAY KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

Mar. 29, Sun. • 9:45am – 1:00pm; *Meet:* Maho Bay parking lot;

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APRIL

HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Apr. 1, Wed. • 9:00am – 3:00pm

Meet: National Park Visitor Center; *Bring:* Lunch, hat, water, sunscreen

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FULL MOON HIKE • Apr. 2, Thurs. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm

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