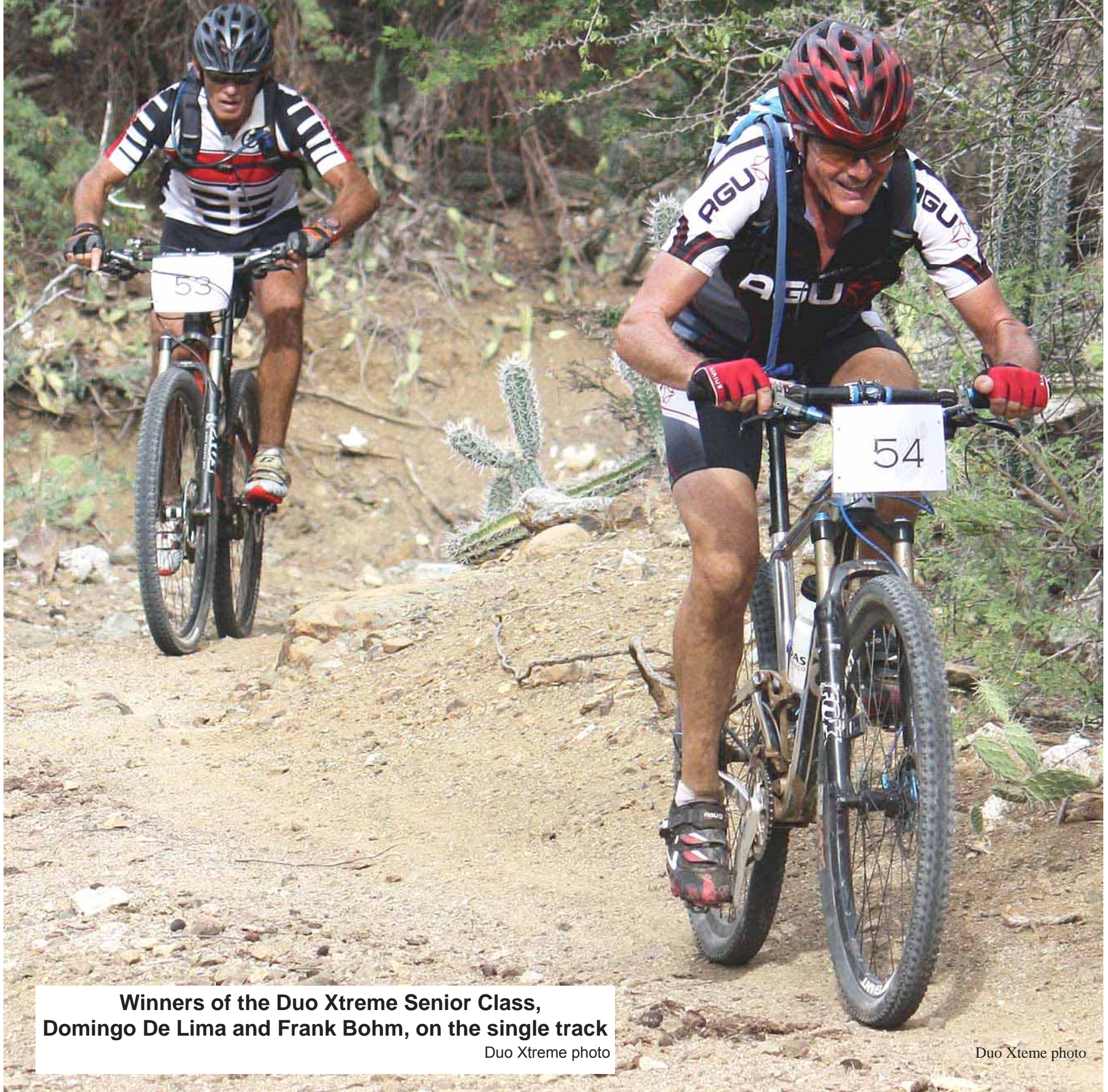


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**Winners of the Duo Xtreme Senior Class,
Domingo De Lima and Frank Bohm, on the single track**
Duo Xtreme photo

Duo Xtreme photo

The 4th Bonaire DuoXtreme Race took place on Sunday, 27 October in perfect weather. It was very successful with 80 participants representing Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Venezuela, St. Maarten, Netherlands, UK and Peru.

The main category of Xtreme 83k was won by Arubans **V. Vrolijk and J.C. Ras** in the men's division and by **C. Verheggen and Z. Everon** representing Bonaire and Aruba in

the Ladies division. The Mixed Category was won by Bonaire residents **Sarah de Groot and Sam Williams**. The Senior Category (100+) was won by Bonaire's own **Frank Bohm and Domingo De Lima**.

The Organization wants to thank all the sponsors and volunteers (more than 50) who gave their support and contribution to make this event a huge success again. ■

Flotsam and Jetsam

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As we go to press it appears that all the requirements to **reopen the Curoil Terminal in Hato** have been met. Last Friday, an Antonov 12 cargo plane (above) from Maastricht unloaded two pumps with a capacity of 10,000 liters / minute, at Flamingo Airport. The fire safety pumps were the last element needed. It is expected the terminal, which was ordered closed because of safety concerns, will reopen this week in time for the monthly delivery of gasoline and diesel to Bonaire. The pumps will be installed at WEB.

As of next Saturday InselAir will no longer operate the non-stop return flight between Miami and Bonaire. Starting November 9th, all flights between Miami and Bonaire will connect to another plane in Curacao. Although Bonaire bound passengers will have to switch aircraft, all luggage will be checked through to final destination so passengers do not have to worry about picking up their luggage while in transfer.

Consult website www.fly-inselair.com for more information on flight numbers and times between Miami and Bonaire.

Last month Customs intercepted 990 grams of cannabis and 2,827 grams of cocaine on Bonaire, with a total street value of \$66,435. And 123 kilos of rotten meat was destroyed.

On September 10th, 2013 the members of the Physical Supervision Team (*Team Fysiek Toezicht*) found 200 grams of cannabis on a female passenger (23) on a flight from Curaçao. It appeared during further investigation that the woman had inserted the cannabis in her private parts. The next day 147.5 grams of cannabis was discovered on a male passenger (33) also on a flight from Curaçao. The man had inserted the cannabis in his private parts.

On September 17th, 123 kilos of meat was intercepted. The meat, packed in 15 bags, was discovered on a Venezuelan fruit boat. The captain did not declare the meat for customs clearance and lacked the relevant license. The meat did not smell fresh and

was thawed. It was handed over to the Veterinary Department for further investigation and destruction.

Then on September 18th, 248.5 grams of cocaine was found on a female passenger (44) coming from Curaçao. Again the cocaine was found inserted in private parts. (According to our sources the movements of a person concealing contraband within their body can be detected by trained Customs Officers. *Ed.*)

More cocaine was intercepted on the same day and flight. This time 2,578 grams of cocaine was hidden in a bag that was carried by a male passenger (37). Finally, 643 grams of cannabis was discovered on September 21st in the lining of the luggage carried by a female passenger (24) coming from Curaçao.

WILLEMSTAD--A crisis meeting was called by Curaçao's Minister of Economic Development Stanley Palm after both the **Kura Hulanda Hotel in Otrobanda and the casino of the Veneto Casino Holiday Beach Resort** closed their doors. The hotel was declared bankrupt last Friday, while management abruptly closed the casino Thursday night and told all the workers and guests to get out. The hotel, founded by Jacob Gelt Dekker, is a favorite of Bonaireans visiting Curacao.

The Kura Hulanda Lodge at Westpunt with 63 employees is still open, although it too is facing financial difficulties and has been granted a stay of payment until January 24, 2014.



Bonaire Govt. photo

Bonaire has a new harbor boat. The venerable 33-year-old *Bubi* was retired and replaced by a more modern boat, named *Velos* (registration B-1250). Harbor boats are used for patrols, line handling, towing, emergencies and the harbor pilot. *Velos* is powered by twin 810 Hp Cummins diesels, Hamilton water-jets drive and capable of 64 km./hr (35 knots).

Rocargo, the islands foremost shipper, reminds us that to ensure delivery for Christmas time, arrangements should be made early. Rocargo makes importing and

A new operator will take over postal service for Bonaire-St. Eustatius-Saba beginning January 1, 2014.

The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs gave Flamingo Communications N.V. the concession for 10 years with a possible extension of up to three years.

Flamingo Communications NV is a well-known, respected company on Bonaire under new leadership. It will expand its current activities with mail services. The company is currently attempting to make a seamless transition with the existing concessionaire, NPNA, under a new name: Dutch Caribbean Flamingo Express NV. It was recognized that declining mail volumes threaten the profitability of traditional mail services. Therefore, the new concession is based upon a 3-day delivery. The local mail rate will be increased and will be 88 dollar cents.

The people on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will soon get details about how the new concessionaire (Dutch Caribbean Flamingo Express NV) will do its jobs.

exporting easy and reliable. They assist with effective and fast Customs clearance and provide a single invoice for the shipments. Their partners, AMCAR Freight in the US and IFC International from Europe, provide weekly guaranteed sailings, CCS, bi-weekly from Curacao. King Ocean Services works with them for container-sized shipment and heavy equipment and of course, Federal Express is used for fast worldwide shipment of documents and more with real-time tracking. Contact Rocargo at 599 717-8922 or email info@rocargp.com. They have been serving the Bonaire community for more than 30 years

The 2013 Atlantic hurricane season looks set to go down as a big washout, marking the first time in 45 years that the strongest storm to form was just a minor Category 1 hurricane.

However, The Netherlands WAS hit with hurricane force winds on Monday, October 28. The most severe gales to hit the Netherlands since 1990 killed one woman in Amsterdam on Monday and severely disrupted public transport throughout the country.

Live north of Bonaire? Cold winter days are coming, but not here. It is almost Christmas again! Do not wait until the last minute to book your vacation villa or condo. Sunbelt Realty has

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Below is a letter from the businesses and shops along Kaya Nikiboko Zuid that has been sent to the Governor of Bonaire and Bestuurscollege:

Bonaire, October 28, 2013

Subject: The closure of Kaya Nikiboko South concerning reconditioning and construction of the new roundabout.

The undersigned, all owners of retail businesses, located along Kaya South Nikiboko direct your urgent attention to the following.

Due to the implementation of the above activities is that part of the Kaya Nikiboko South between Simon Bolivar and Kaya Kaya Industria since beginning of October has been closed to vehicular traffic. This has major disadvantages for shops and businesses located there. Their customer visits and sales have been reduced to almost zero. The fixed costs of these small traders remain, however. In this time when it is already difficult to keep their heads above water, this loss of sales and customers many even lead to closure of their companies.

This situation cannot continue. (*The completion of the work has been extended into 2014 because of a faulty design-Ed.*) The companies will not survive this period. This is why we turn to you with a request for the government to intervene in this before it's too late for the companies to cover their losses without any financial compensation.

We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation in this and see your early reply

with interest.

-Brazilian Wear NV, PEB NV, Lisa Convenience Store, Botica Sabana, Palm & Son Minimarket, E Terras and Hites

OPEN QUESTION TO ALL RESIDENTS OF BONAIRE!

I have recently been hearing the rumblings of Bonaire for Bonaireans. It is reminiscent of the rants of the past when if an outstanding and a highly qualified person emerged and was tapped for a high profile position and he or she was not born on the island, they were automatically relegated to the bottom of the pile. Sound familiar? How many times in the past have there been cases where a candidate for office or for a high position been reduced in stature because they were born on one of the other Dutch Islands?

So the question I would love to have answered is what are the requirements to be a real Bonairean? I know that I am turning 69 in January. I lived here a year and a half shy of half my life. I am not completely fluent in Papiamentu but can "help myself" as the saying goes. I do have bit of help with Dutch since I can use Google to translate written documents. Since most of the other people here are blessed with superior language skills, I am not at a loss to be well informed. So even though my parents made the error of conceiving and giving birth to me in the US, I have chosen to be a "son of Bonaire!"

So, I repeat...what qualifies one to be a Bonairean? I think it is time that we all take stock of where we are as a "country" and how we as individuals fit into the fabric of the culture and society. The community is as diverse as it is homogenous. Our differ-

ences in many way are what draws us closer as a single unit in that with the many immigrants and ethnic origins we are a melting pot just waiting to be stirred! Today I had the chance to meet a man from Portugal and his friend from Syria! Not too bad for a Russian/Egyptian Jew living on a Dutch Island in the Southern Caribbean!

For the third time ask you to define and categorize for me what I am supposed to look for to be able to tell a real Bonairean from a fake? What litmus test is there to make the final decision? Definitely not color, not ethnic origin, not language nor any one thing except what is in your heart and how you view yourself as a member of a vibrant island that needs lots of TLC to overcome the past errors and be willing to step up and be counted and raise your voices in one accord. Remember the following two words and listen well! TICK TOCK
Michael Gaynor

KUDOS FOR RECYCLING

Hello *Bonaire Reporter*:

I would like to tell you how impressed and happy we are to see the Recycle Depot up and running on Kaya Industria.

We visit Bonaire each year by boat, and spend 2-3 months diving and exploring.

We have been asking for two years, for the marina to get a recycle bin, or some system in place to collect the bottles/cans etc, but they refuse.

Perhaps an article in the paper would nudge them in the right direction.

There are usually between 20-30 boats, at any time, on the moorings, and more in the marina.

It seems ridiculous, not to have a system in place. Anyway, just a thought!

Russell. Bertrand








Photo by Oma

On Sunday, November 3, Ava Rose Wuyts celebrated her 4th birthday at her home with her family and friends.

She mentioned she was very excited about starting school on the very next day after her birthday

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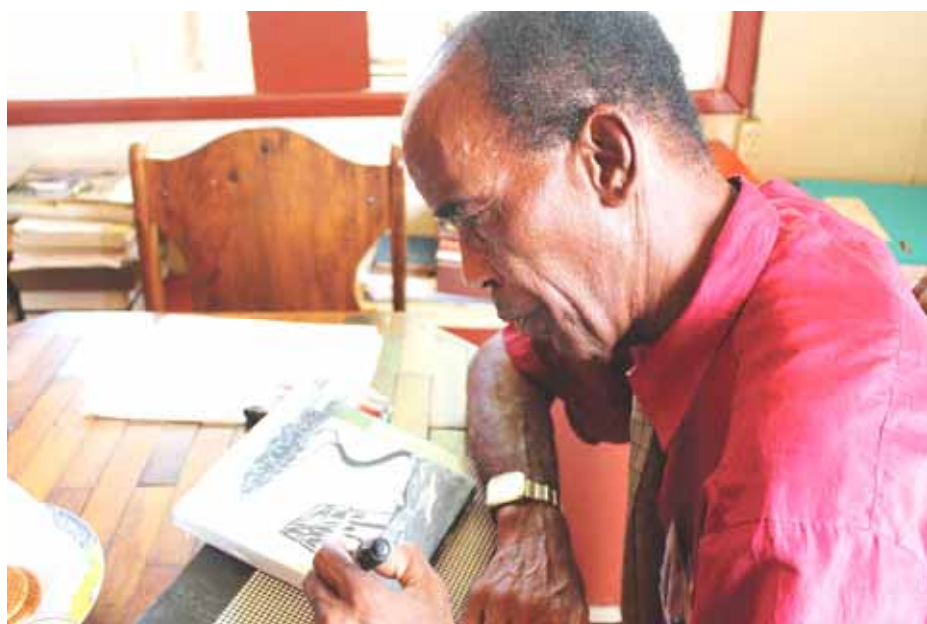
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On the Island Since... 1996 - Cesar Pablo Apostel 'Cheky' Zimmerman



Cheky Zimmerman at his art



Cheky and his lovely wife, Sulin, with one of his paintings

“I was born on Curacao, January 25th, 1951. My mother is Maria Martha Zimmerman and my father José Antero Zimmerman. I grew up in a famous fishermen’s town on Curacao, called St. Michael’s Bay, one of the island’s six natural harbors. My father was a professional fisherman and when there wasn’t any fish to catch he would load and unload ships. We were four children: two girls and two boys.

My father passed away after his third heart attack in 1956. We were seven, five, three and two years old. At the time there was no pension for widows and/or orphans and so we lived in simple but respected poverty. My mother worked as a maid servant for a family in Otrabanda where she earned 150 guilders per month.

However, we were never hungry because my dad had left us a house and a little boat and we got an excellent upbringing. My mother was everything to us. When I was 17 I installed running water and electricity in her little house all by myself. My mother never had another husband because she thought my father was the best and I am proud of that!

After Lower Technical School I went in the evenings to Middle Technical School and I graduated when I was 20. Then I worked for 35 years for the government on Curacao, at KAE, later called Aquaelectra, the water desalination and electricity production company on Curacao. I started out in the electricity department, then for four years at the drawing office and the last 20 years as a deputy supervisor/official. I retired when I was 55. By that time I had 35 years of service. I was never involved in politics – it’s too messy and the equivalent to corruption.

The last 15 years I’ve been a legal social advisor and I’ve won a number of cases on Bonaire. I guess my interest in social legislation started when I was a child and saw what my mom went through. After I was retired I took several courses and I attended many lectures on the subject. I still want to go to Venezuela to obtain my license.

I have four children- two boys and a girl from my first marriage- and with Sulin I have another daughter, Suwela, who has two little sons herself. They’re clever little boys, one of five and one of three. They live on Curacao. From my first marriage I also have one grandchild who’s almost six and lives on Curacao as well. My eldest son died, so now I have two daughters and one son.

All my life I felt I was born to paint. Already at elementary school I was chosen to make a drawing on the blackboard of each classroom for the holidays. By the time I was 14 I was selling my work and I had exhibitions. I’ve had expositions in Venezuela, Cuba, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, the ABC islands, Anguilla and Santo Domingo. In 1993 during the International Year of the Reef Dive Festival I won first prize with my painting at the Caribbean Gallery here on Bonaire.

A lot of my work I sold to Americans, Venezuelans, Antilleans and Dutch people. Many Dutch have told me, ‘Not only are you a good painter, but you’re also a good salesman!’ Ha! But Seriously, when I paint I can express my feelings, my character – it’s another world. When I’m painting I’m in a different place.

“I don’t love the Netherlands, but I had to learn the language and I finished school and all my children learned it well – they had the chance.”

I’ve become world famous by painting Dutch Antillean plantation houses. To me it’s like the buildings are telling me their own personal story – why they were built, who owned them, what it was they were planting on the premises, what kind of people lived there, who were the slaves. The whole history of the building comes to my mind; while I’m painting I’m in love with these buildings.

Many people believe the plantation houses were owned by the Dutch. They’re wrong, because the owners were the Spaniards. Eight out of 10 owners were Spaniards, maybe two were Dutch. They came much later. An example is Pachi de Sola, a plantation house build by a Spanish family at Waaigat on Curacao. Eventually they sold it to the government and for a long time this historic house served as a register building.

I also like to paint nature around my buildings but I cannot paint people or animals.

Let me tell you this story. Once there was a Dutchman who wanted me to paint Westpunt (a beach on Curacao) with people who were swimming there. Before I started I

told the man that I couldn’t paint people but still he wanted me to paint ‘people swimming at Westpunt’. Well,” *he laughs*, “I painted more than 70 black heads – just round balls - all black - in the sea and you know what? The guy liked it! And he paid me!

I also paint in black, white and grey. There are people who love colors so much that they don’t have a favorite color, but if you would ask me I would answer ‘black.’ Black is my favorite color because you can combine it with everything. It might seem strange but I think eight out of 10 painters will tell you the same thing. But I also love green very much. Maybe as an artist you need to be colorblind.

Well, for more than 30 years I kept coming to Bonaire frequently. I had and still have very good relationships here at all

kinds of levels – also work wise. Twenty years ago I built this house in Mexico (a neighborhood on Bonaire), because it was decided by the family that we should come and live here after I retire. I like the quietness.

During my lifetime I visited 18 countries in South America and Europe, but South Africa and Mexico are still on my bucket list. I’ve got paintings hanging there you know!

This last year I haven’t been painting much. I still have quite a few paintings in stock and it is quiet... and... although my prices are very reasonable, there is also a lot of competition on Bonaire, like Manuela Winklaar who is a very good painter! I’ve learned a lot from her and I even dared to imitate her!

Besides painting and selling my paintings and besides Bonaire’s lovely tranquility and nature I also came here as a missionary to help people to get a better insight into themselves and in their relationship with others and with God. In this social and political system many people are getting lost, and when I compare it to other countries I see there is a large backlog here. I didn’t want

to say that because it isn’t positive, but it’s true.

Everybody makes mistakes, but to blame someone else for it – that’s the biggest mistake.

People should read more – the more you read, the more you know. You can’t blame Holland because we all went to school. I find that Dutch should be our language and Dutch should also be the instruction language at school. Let’s be reasonable: you don’t get anywhere with Papiamentu. I don’t love the Netherlands, but I had to learn the language and I finished school and all my children learned it well – they had the chance.

Nowadays the political system is destroying its own people. You see the direction most children are going. They become criminals... and that is very serious!

I’ve been a Jehovah’s Witness for 42 years and I believe in truth and in logical reasoning. When you talk about a theme you have to be informed about it. I read every day and if all people would read more – every kind of literature, not only spiritual - the world would look different today.

Now I’m helping people voluntarily to interact with their family and others in a constructive way and I suggest that they should read God’s word. Sometimes it helps and people find a way to change their life in a positive direction. It’s for a reason that we call our services ‘meetings’ because you’re free to ask questions and to analyze the answers.

Well, there are a few things I still would like to do, besides going to South Africa and Mexico. I am going to say goodbye to the world of painting with the biggest exhibition that ever took place on the Antilles: 154 plantation houses. I want to paint all my paintings one more time and then I will sell them at an open expo to the highest bidder!

In life one should make their own party and invite people to it! Do things that make you feel good. That’s what life is all about.

Sulin and I have been married for 20 years and we’ve never hit each other, we’ve never bitten each other and many people love us and we love people back. It’s fun!” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



A Brave Girl Returns To Mona Lisa

This is the 24th of a series of Bonaire Reporter short articles by J@n Brouwer, about helmets and helmet awareness.

Bonaire/Playa – Monday October 28th was the first day of work for Monique van Hooi donk at Mona Lisa's bar and restaurant in Kralendijk after an absence of eight months. The Friday before an unofficial party was organized by the crew of the restaurant. The event was heartwarming. Monique met a lot of old friends and clients. She received flowers and little presents.

Monique has been on the island of Bonaire for more than 10 years. She's worked as a waitress at Mona Lisa for some eight years—a fulltime job. As well as that she works part time at the Outlet Mol across the street in the new shopping center.

Then, one night, some eight months ago she fell with her little red scooter and got seriously injured. The trauma plane flew her immediately to Aruba where she had to stay for a month because of serious brain damage and paralysis of the left side of her face. After waking up from a severe coma and recovering a little bit from the very serious physical injuries she came back to her island to wait for two months and a half for further medical treatment. It took that much time and a lot of communication and paperwork to be allowed to go the Netherlands for treatment and reevaluation.

Now the tough girl is back on the island. She smiles and says: "I'm glad I'm back! It was heartwarming to see that many friends and clients last Friday. Bit by bit my short term memory comes back. I am a little bit tired and sometimes it is a bit difficult to concentrate, but I am still recovering every day! By Skype I have contact with a mime therapist in the Netherlands who helps me



The photograph is taken in front of Mona Lisa on the Kaya Grandi in Kralendijk. On the left: Douwe Dooper, cook and owner, In the center: Monique, happy, alive and kicking. On the right: Hans Holkenberg bartender and owner.

to train the nerves and the muscles of the left side of my face."

She smiles once more when I ask her about riding her red scooter again. She replies: "During my crash apparently I protected my little scooter. It has just a few minor scratches. And yes, I will ride my scooter again. I do not really need a car and if I need one I can always use my father's car. The only restriction for riding my scooter is that my father insists I wear a helmet. So yes, I am convinced and I am going to buy one!"

Welcome back, Monique. Have a safe journey along the paths of life. Monique is still recovering. She is vivid, alive and kicking, though. She really enjoyed her first day of work at Mona Lisa's as the well-known and admirable waitress. ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



The staff and an admirer: Claire, Marlene, Mary, Liliane, Inge (not pictured: Antonia and Helen)

Last Friday, November 1st, Dushi Shoes had a grand re-opening at new shop at Kaya Grandi # 18. Some 100 islanders visited the event held in and in front of the shop. And although most dive friends like to be wet, this time they enjoyed the dry evening after a very rainy day.

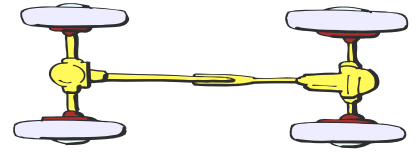
Manager Claire Crowe, Mary Hart, Marlene Thodé, Helen Abdul and Inge Engelhart are very proud of their new shop. Mary, working for the company for some 25 years, gave me a tour through the shop, while other visitors enjoyed their drinks and snacks. A variety of shoes and sandals is in stock. Well-known brands like DC Shoes, Birkenstock, Guess, Crocs, Clarks, Ipanema, Havainias and Cobian are available. And there are sunglasses from Sunrayz Eyewear. The original Dushi Shoes shop, around the corner, behind Banco di Caribe, now features only Reef brand shoes and clothing. ■ Jan Brouwer

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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

This is the 131st of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n –wear a helmet- Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles and persons that are "on wheels."

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PIET AND ELS KOENE AND THEIR VERY RARE LADA SAMARA CABRIOLET

Bonaire/Antrio Pabou –

A couple of years ago I saw a weird red Lada Samara parked in one of the streets of Playa. A lady approached the vehicle and I had a little talk with her. That time there was no time for an article. On



Saturday October 26th the now flat red Lada Samara Cabriolet popped up again, parked on the opposite site of the road along which the Pakus di Pruga is situated. I asked the owner of the local Chinese Bar next to Jong Bonaire and he pointed in the direction of the Pakus di Pruga. Then two persons approached the vehicle. I introduced myself. And yes, they knew about *The Bonaire Reporter*, and yes, they had read the last article about the London cab, and no, an article about this vehicle was not a single problem!

Els and Piet Koene are the third owners of this quite unique original Lada Samara Cabriolet. Els' father was a Lada dealer in the Netherlands. He imported the vehicle from Russia. Then Els' brother bought the vehicle and finally, some 12 years ago, Piet and Els bought the sturdy and solid cabriolet. Piet: "This Samara as made in 1992. I brought it to Bonaire. I also imported a Samara sedan ain parts. So far I haven't needed many spares as this cabriolet is a good and reliable runner. Those days the Samara was for sale for 9,999 Dutch guilders, let's say some \$5,500. It was one of the cheapest cars you could buy for the money. The Samara sedans were chopped and converted into cabriolets by a factory in Germany. The conversions were for sale for 30,000 Dutch guilders, so they were not that successful!"

This Samara cabriolet, licensed: B – 3177, is equipped with four eight-spoke light alloy GTI rims and 185/60R13 mud and snow tubeless steel belted radial shoes. The front

has four round headlamps and in the front and the rear the vehicle has spoilers. Side skirts are fitted and the hybrid cabriolet has a moon roof.

The Lada factories are located in the Russian county of Samara. They are said to be the largest car producers in the world with a production line of no less than 145 kilometers and 180,000 employees. The first Lada was the 2101 model, a rugged and reinforced copy of the Italian car of the year 1967: the FIAT 124. Lada bought the production rights and mounted a home designed engine, light alloy drum brakes and higher springs. The first Ladas had a crank to start the engine by hand. (Gloves, jaws together, legs spread wide/jb) Very low Siberian temperatures sometimes made the car battery have a hard time. In 1977 Lada introduced the permanent four-wheel drive Niva. The Niva was made after an original Russian design and fitted with the normal Lada engine. Because of all the reinforcements and the use of a lot of thick metal the Ladas were known as "tanks." The Samaras were the first more or less modern Russian cars, equipped with three or five doors and front wheel drive. The last Samara was produced in 2013. In this region Ladas were for sale in Cuba, Saint-Martin and Curacao.

■ Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



Useful Gadgets

This is the seventh article in a row of a 100 about useful gadgets for sale on Bonaire.

Bonaire/Kralendijk –

At Boomerang Hardware store I found the new hardened Master Lock padlock without keys and without numbers. I got intrigued by the sleek design and the mystery behind the lock. For \$15 I became the new owner of the black magic lock. At home I took a position behind my solid mahogany desk in the office, opened the plastic blister and started reading the instruction manual. All in all it took me one day and a half to open the lock for the first time. After reading the manual at least 15 times I still was not able to open the closed padlock for the first time. Finally an instruction video on YouTube helped me out. I have to admit I am not that smart. On the other hand a thief has to be a little bit smarter than me otherwise he is also busy for some one day and a half to replace for instance my motorcycle or my boat



trailer.

So here is how it works. First you have to press in the hardened handle or grip. Then you have to move the central button of the padlock a certain number of times up, down, to the left and to the right. Finally you are able to unlock the device. No keys or numbers needed. On the back of the lock there is a little switch which enables you to change the code. Interesting and mysterious. It took me a day and a half. This really is a useful gadget. The only problem is you have to be smarter than a thief! ■ Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

The Seven Summits...Plus One!

- To Do List:
- Water the plants
 - Climb the Seven Summits
 - Take out the Kliko



There are only approximately 350 people in the world who could have this completed this "To Do List" posted on their refrigerators....and Bonaire resident Dennis Kellner recently became one of them. On October 11 of this year, Dennis climbed his Seventh Summit, Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia, after having finished his Sixth Summit, Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, only 13 days earlier. Over a 13-year period, he has safely and successfully climbed the Seven Summits.

The Seven Summits consist of the highest mountain on each of the seven continents: Denali/Mt. McKinley (North America), Aconcagua (South America), Mt. Vinson (Antarctica), Mt. Everest (Asia), Mt. Elbrus (Europe), Mt. Kilimanjaro (Africa) and Mt. Kosciuszko (Australia).

In 1963, the first Americans reached the summit of Mt. Everest. A story in *National Geographic* about that climb got Dennis interested in mountaineering. In 1999, a six-day mountaineering course on Mt. Ranier in the US proved to Dennis that it was something he enjoyed and was able to pursue. He didn't begin climbing with the intent of doing the Seven Summits, but when he was successful at climbing Mt. Everest, he knew that goal was attainable. (*Reporter* readers may remember the photo of Dennis at the top of Mt. Everest with a *Bonaire Reporter* in his -August 2006).

Prior to the Everest summit in 2006, Dennis had already climbed Denali, Aconcagua and Mt. Vinson during the years 2000 through 2004. After a six-year break (during which he and his wife, Tamara Brown, took on the "mountainous" task of building their home on Bonaire), Dennis returned to the quest and completed the last three summits in 2012 and 2013. (Mt. Elbrus, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Kosciuszko).

Tamara had been an active backpacker but had not done any climbing internationally until after she and Dennis met. She traveled to South America to meet Dennis after his



summit of Mt. Vinson and they trekked and climbed through Patagonia. She also accompanied him to Mt. Elbrus in Russia and climbed to base camp from where Dennis continued on to the summit push. This year,



The Bonaire flags on Mt. Kilimanjaro
Kellner photos



Atop Mt. Kosciuszko with The Reporter
Kellner photos

however, Tamara did the full summits of both Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kosciuszko with her husband. Did he enjoy having his best friend along on these recent climbs? "I enjoyed it, although there were times that I was naturally concerned. I was really impressed with Tam's climbing strength and thoroughly enjoyed having her as a tent mate and climbing buddy!"

In response to questions as to the most difficult, the easiest, most enjoyable and most scenic of his summits, Dennis's answers were quickly given. "The most difficult was Aconcagua. It's the highest mountain outside the Himalayas. The final push on this mountain is called the Canaleta and it is loose rock and boulder which requires difficult scrambling to get to the actual peak." The easiest: "Mt. Kosciuszko. It was just a pleasant six-hour day hike, al-

though it's cold and snowy in early spring." For Dennis, Denali/Mt. McKinley was both the most enjoyable and the most scenic. "The climbing conditions are great and the scenery is incredible. It also might be because it was my first mountain! This is the one mountain I would enjoy doing again."

Tamara was quick to point out that Dennis has actually done Eight Summits. "The Eighth Summit was wonderful! We climbed Mt. Brandaris (Bonaire) on the one-year anniversary of Den's summit of Mt. Everest. It was a beautiful day with a great view from the top and we had the mountain to ourselves. The best part.....there was no snow!"

With the Seven Summits behind him, what's the next quest? "We've been discussing the next quest or adventure....time will tell! For now, we are looking forward to R&R and recovery." ■ Jane Madden Disko

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Word on the Street

The character of downtown Kralendijk, better known as Playa to locals, is changing. The opening of Gio's ice cream shop a few years ago continued a revitalization of the walking street concept. Mona Lisa's sidewalk tables were soon joined by El Mundo's patio. More recently the Retro Pizza place and the trendy Cuba Compagnie on Wilhelmina Plaza are the latest editions.



•**Get your stuff off the street!** Beginning October 28, the government launched a so-called "zero tolerance" investigation of anything and everything that is "placed, tied, fastened, etc." on public property. All owners of businesses that have one or more objects on public property will be visited to determine if they have the necessary permit or other right for the object to be there. Objects include those concrete parking barriers that many business owners have put in to protect their own space or prevent parking in front of their doors.... What about tables and chairs in front of eateries that obstruct the sidewalks?

•In a radio news program **Island Council Member Rafael Santana** that he hasn't decided under which party's banner he will run for re-election. He declined to comment on rumors that he would become affiliated with UPB. Santana did say that there was little chance that it would be the PHU, the party he represented in the last election. "There are people that perhaps don't know, but I came

up with the idea to start PHU." Huh?

•Speaking of Attorney Bijkerk...on December 17 a judge will give his verdict in the case **concerning the inequality of pension amounts between the BES islands and the Netherlands.** This is just one of a series of cases that Bijkerk has filed with the goal of establishing social and economic equality between Holland and the BES now that the islands are supposedly "part of the Netherlands." If the verdict is not in his favor, Bijkerk plans to appeal. The Island council unanimously supported pension equality in a recent resolution.

•**Whisperings that Den Laman Condominiums have a member of the van der Valk family as new management are not true.** The Den Laman Condominiums Homeowners Association recently announced it has awarded the hotel management contract to **Debby Rauwers and Marco Vermeulen.** Debby and Marco have also jointly owned and operated La Pura Vista, a small, elegant boutique ho-

tel on Bonaire. Debby Rauwers grew up on Bonaire, where in 1980 her family built and operated Buddy Dive Resort. Debby was involved in the operation of the resort before and after her studies at the Higher Hotel Management School in Maastricht, Netherlands. Marco Vermeulen has had broad experience in the travel industry.

•Earlier this year, word on the street was that **a dive site would be named after the new King Willem Alexander.** Where is it? Will it be unveiled during his visit here this month? Inquiring minds want to know.

•**With the takeover of Nieuwe Post by Flamingo Express Dutch Caribbean, what will happen with Punto Mio?** Punto Mio, the service that makes internet shopping easy for islanders by offering a Miami address with quick delivery to Bonaire, has been a godsend for shopaholics. Customers report that it offers much better reliability and speed than the E-zone service did. Hey, Flamingo Express...If it works, don't fix it! Please!....but that seems to be a saying that usually doesn't apply here.

•Speaking of "if it works don't fix it."....or "putting the cart before the horse"....**why tear up the ENTIRE length of Nikiboko South from Kaya Simon Bolivar to the traffic circle at van den Tweel** and then only work on the traffic circle at the beginning of the closure? Couldn't they have left the street intact until close to the time when the actual resurfacing would be done? Busi-

nesses and residents on Nikiboko South are really suffering and all the rain makes it even worse. To add insult to injury....rumor has it Nikiboko South will not be reopened until the middle of 2014!

•**Check your labels!** ...A friend of Bula Bonchi bought a nice apple Danish pastry at a major supermarket this week. Upon arrival home, she noticed that there were two labels on the pastry box, one on top of the other. Curious, she carefully lifted the one on top. Lo and behold the lower label had the packaging date as 28-10-2013 and the label on top said packaging date was 1-11-2013.

•**Bonaire's bicycle mounted police are getting serious.** In Holland bike mounted officers have proven effective in fighting street crime. They will train with members of the Royal Marechaussee to develop their riding skills. Any officer who cannot meet the high standards will get dropped from the team.

•**Numerous NGOs and foundations have been invited to set up booths** at Wilhelmina Plaza for the King and Queen's arrival this month. The royal pair will pass by the various stands to acquaint themselves with what Bonaire's non-governmental agencies are doing to promote social, environmental and educational goals. Rumor has it one of the animal protection foundations was not on the invite list. ■

Sra. Bula Bonchi



BES Week Disappoints



Photo: Nico van de Ven

BES Island and Dutch officials in The Hague

The much anticipated Caribbean Netherlands Week in The Hague ended last Thursday with only small improvements for the BES Islands, mainly due to tight Dutch Government finances.

During a press conference Statia Commissioner Reginald Zaandam and his colleagues, Chris Johnson of Saba and Burney el Hage of Bonaire, spoke of a "hectic week" where "small steps" were made. This contrasts with statements of Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ronald Plasterk who said the extensive meetings with the various Dutch Ministries had been "fruitful and demanding."


The development plans for the islands and the associated funds as well as the general reevaluation in 2015 were major topics during the week, but the delegations were also able to come agreement to set aside €600,000 for poverty projects. The property tax was slightly lowered from 0.8% to

0.7% for second homes. Also the tax free threshold of the property tax for second homes has been increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

For Bonaire Commissioner Burney El Hage this was the last Caribbean Netherlands Week as he will be stepping down soon. He said it was becoming more clear that after three years the Dutch Ministries were increasingly seeing the islands as part of the Netherlands. El Hage said he hoped that the money destined for the islands would be spent wisely so the people can optimally profit from it. He pointed out that the people had voted for direct ties and not the expensive consultants hired by the Netherlands. "The Hague has to show an open attitude towards the islands whereby one day agreements with financial consequences will be signed automatically with the assurance that the monies will go to the people." ■




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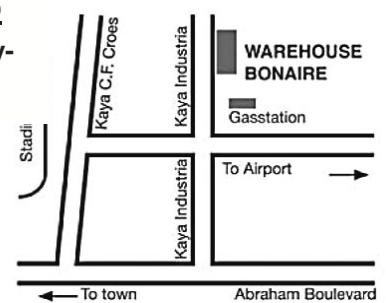
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Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) Ready For the New Season.

Preliminary tourism statistics for the third quarter of 2013 were recently released by the TCB, **They showed that US arrivals increased 13.4%, but overall total third quarter arrivals remained flat.** The statistics are based on International and Domestic Arrivals between July 1st and September 30, 2013. Flights from and via Aruba or Curacao are considered "domestic." International flights constitute those originated in Miami with Insel Air, from Houston and Newark with United Airlines, from Atlanta with Delta Airlines and from Amsterdam with KLM and Arkefly.

Total US arrivals in 2013 from July 1st - September 30th were 5,443. In 2012 the same period saw a total arrival of 4,800.

United Airlines saw a total passenger increase to Bonaire of 35.17%. This was primarily due to the recent September "Sellabration" promotional campaign." Delta from Atlanta had a small decrease of 6.45% while Insel Air from Miami saw an increase of 9.91%. This increase could be

related to the vacation period and DAE stopping its operations.

Total European arrivals for the third quarter of 2013 remained essentially flat: 7,337 arrivals compared to 7,315 in 2012.

Arkefly from Amsterdam had an increase of 16.20% and KLM saw a decrease of 4.69%. Arkefly will be adding a third new weekly flight on Tuesdays starting November, 2013. This will translate into an extra 4,000 passengers per year to Bonaire given the same load factor as the Saturday and Thursday flights.

The third quarter the regional airlines saw a decrease of 2.06%. This can be linked to DAE stopping their operations, having less seat capacity and reducing connections into Bonaire. The flight interruptions of Tiara Air Aruba flights, due to yearly maintenance also affected the connections. They are now operating normally.

For more information please contact Tourism Corporation Bonaire (599) 717-8322 or email :

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FIRST Cruise Ship Arrivals of the Season

DAY	DATE	NAME	ARR/DEP	CAP	C.LINE
Wednesday	13-nov-13	Aida Luna	0800-1800	2194	Aida Cruises
Friday	15-nov-13	Star Flyer	1200-2000	170	Star Cruises
Tuesday	19-nov-13	Vision of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
Wednesday	20-nov-13	Noordam	0800-1700	1920	HAL
Monday	25-nov-13	Emerald Princess	1200-1900	3200	Princess Cruises
Tuesday	26-nov-13	Vision of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
Monday	25-nov-13	Azura	0800-1800	3080	P&O Cruises
Tuesday	26-nov-13	Ryndam	0800-2300	1258	HAL
Wednesday	27-nov-13	Aida Luna	0800-1800	2194	Aida Cruises

Cruise Ships: Beneficial of Detrimental to Bonaire?

A significant number of people on Bonaire say they are opposed to cruise ships calling at the island. It may be because the ratio of cruise ship passengers to the island population is one of the highest in the Caribbean: **almost 1,000% more visitors arrive by ship during the season than live on Bonaire.** (see graph at right).

But this works both ways. It means that the large number of visitors will spend more money per Bonaire resident than they might spend elsewhere. The positive economics for shopkeepers on cruise ship days cannot be denied. But forget about parking downtown. ■ G.D.

Island	PAX	Island Population	
2007 Curacao	204,326	140,000	146%
2007 St. Maarten	880,246	85,000	1036%
2007 Dominica	237,857	72,386	329%
2007 Aruba	299,783	100,000	300%
2007 Jamaica	706,384	2,780,132	25%
Bonaire 2007	156,702	14,000	1119%
Bonaire 2013	170,000	17,800	971%

We are less than two weeks away from the start of the new 2013/2014 Cruise Season, from November 12th 2013, until April 22nd 2014. For the current 2013 - 2014 peak winter cruise season, Bonaire is projecting approximately 170,000 passenger arrivals, which is an increase of 20,000 passengers compared to the previous high season.

Downtown Kralendijk will be closed to vehicles whenever there are more than 1,200 passengers per day. The closed areas will continue to be the intersection at City Café and the BC parking area. When there are two Cruise Ships in port, the intersection of Kaya C.E.B. Hellmond and Kaya Gilberto F. Croes will also be closed to traffic.

All the companies that adhere to the TCB Cruise operating standards will need a badge which allows them to operate within the City Center boundaries during the Cruise Season. These badges are in production and will be distributed at the beginning of November. Additional information regarding the Cruise Schedule is available on line at: www.tourismbonaire.com > <http://www.tourismbonaire.com/en/over-bonaire/cruise-tourism>. You can also visit us at the TCB office located at Kaya Grandi 2 for a hard copy of the schedule. If you have any questions contact TCB. ■ Press releases



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Edshel's Nursery



There is a little treasure hidden off Kaminda Lagun. Take a left when you hit the Balentina Blokkenfabriek sign, follow some bumpy dirt roads and you'll find Edshel's place marked by a sign decorated with a sun and moon and the text "Mantene Nos Cultura Na Bida." Here is a typical kunuku from the outside, but upon entering you see the workings of an avid gardener. Edshel, a kind and humble green thumb, used to make a living from his plants, but now it's become a hobby which he continues despite the rising cost. "If you have lots of plants and they cost a lot of water, no money comes in." He's also battling the extremely dry year which he says has been one of the worst and is being besieged by those pesky iguanas. "When I'm out, they come and visit me!"

In the past, school children would visit Edshel's garden and he would talk about traditional food cultivation. He was born in Curacao near the famous gardener and herbalist, Deenah Veeris. In his childhood he was raised to honor the garden and described what he learnt as a necessity because in his time there were no doctors in the area. "When you got a cold you had to go to the garden." Every year as he grew up they had to plant the kunuku.

Inside the first open shade houses the majority of plants are still looking vibrant. You can tell he's out and about often by the quality of the plants. He shares, "Every morning I HAVE to be out with the plants. I don't miss a single day." There is quite a variety here and many native plants. Everything from Palu di Sia, Taki (you can boil and eat the insides including the seed), Beshi, Kibrahacha (you have to harvest seeds after flowering as they don't grow seedlings beneath the mother tree), Kalabas, Oliba, Wayaka, Tamarind, Mahogany and Shimaruku. We get lost in the finer points discussing the difference between the three types of Palu di Sia, the most well known of which has that trademark orange/brown peeling bark. He pa-



Edshel in his nursery

tiently explains that there is *Bursera simaruba* (orange/brown bark), *Bursera bonariensis* (similar glossy leaves to *B. simaruba* but silver/white bark) and *Bursera tomentosa* (similar silver/white bark to *B. bonariensis* but unusually shaped hairy leaves). The next time you look at a species of *Palu di Sia* you'll be able to impress your friends a little more than, "Well, it's a tree with really nice bark"! Amongst the trees were also the native Sabal Palm which I have mentioned before as the only native palm on Bonaire. Edshel went on to remind me that it is also a PROTECTED palm and that if you "bulldoze one you should go to jail!" Also in the nursery there are fruit trees for anybody's fancy from Soursop, Pomegranit, Mispel, Kenepa, Mandarin and Suriname Cherry.

When I asked how Edshel keeps the leaves of plants looking so vibrant he replied that he mashes the green insides of a Kalabas with water and pours that over the plants. As for nutrients he adds one quarter goat manure to three quarters local soil when potting. For fertilizer, later on he will buy organic liquid fertilizer from Manuel who is sometimes at the Kriabon Farmers Market. When he plants seeds he buys potground from Kooiman as the local soil often contains grass seeds. Another trick he uses is a bucket filled with holes that he fills with water. This acts as a slow release system. There are also some cases of recycling such as his innovative use of bathtubs as planters!

Further into his kunuku Edshel has full shade houses. Here, safe from the med-



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dling iguanas, he keeps his tender sprouts and his seedling station. In this area he is sprouting Mint, Starfruit, Potato, Parsley, Celery, Garlic, Italian Basil, Kouseband and "Popeye" Spinach as he calls it! "This is the time to plant seeds, right before the rain." In the other rooms he has Banana, Moringa, Rosemary (grown from seed which I had previously heard was impossible), Yucca (the sweeter variety the locals call "yellow"), Custard Apple, Pineapple, Papaya, Cucumber and Oxalis. The last apparently can be used against spots and you can eat the leaves, flowers and carrot-like roots.

On the way out I notice a large tree I had never seen before. When I ask what it is he smiles mischievously and asks how I think he got it. I don't figure it out and he laughs because he found the seed deposited by the sea! He says people tell him stories like, "Ooooh I saw that tree at Noord Salina or ooooh I saw that tree at Hotel Bonaire" and he knows it is not true. It turns out to be a Ficus with rubbery leaves a little smaller than *F. elastica*. He has only seen it on a visit to Jamaica where he saw a huge specimen.

As a final parting nugget of information



Seedlings in pots

he lets me know that when he plants a coconut he will add sand and seaweed from Lagun. And judging by his massive coconuts that he's clearing out for a bargain \$150 a piece it's working a treat.

Call Edshel on 796-2534 for directions, to pay a visit or buy plants. ■ Clark Heijbroek – Freelance web designer and landscape architect.

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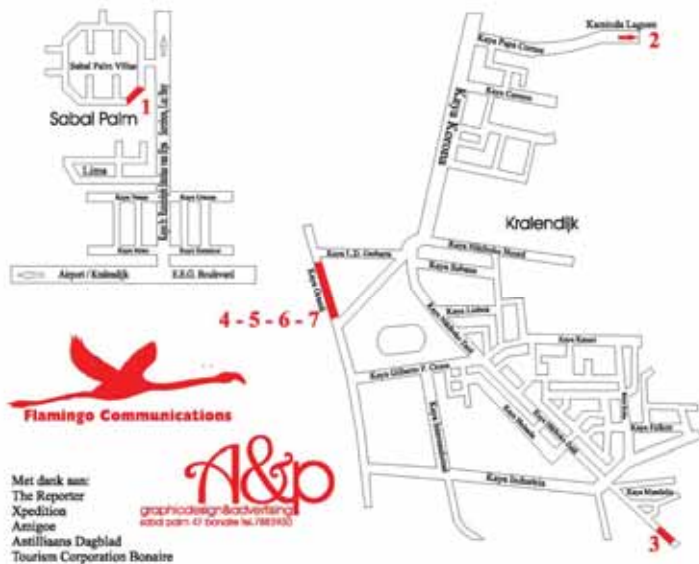


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The 'Art Route' - 'Kaminda di Arte' 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 "Kaminda di Arte" (Art Tour) will start on Sunday, November 17th. It's the fourth consecutive year for the event. It will be held every 3rd Sunday, that is on **November 17th, December 15th, January 19th, February 16th and on March 16th.** Several artists will show their work at various locations.



Formerly each artist exhibited at home, in his or her own studio, and the Tour spread out all over the island. This year they opted for a slightly changed setting with fewer participants. Additionally, a number of artists will exhibit together at one location. They also offer the possibility to invite guest exhibitors to a location. This should make the "Kaminda di Arte" even more interesting.

The locations (see map) can be visited from 11 am to 4 pm. Look for signs pointing to the participants' locations. Descriptions of the route will be available at T.C.B., several hotels, stores and restaurants/bars.

Participants and locations:

1. **Magreet Faassen-Pijpers**
Sabal Palm 10
2. **Alejandra Riquelme**

3. **Lagoen Hill 36**
Wolmoet Jansen
Kaya Nikiboko Zuid 124
4. **Janice Huckaby**
Kaya Grandi 14 Kralendijk
5. **Luz Aida Franco-Wesselijs**
Kaya Grandi 26-D Kralendijk
(Royal Palm Gallery)
6. **Josephine Ebing**
Kaya Grandi 85

Invited artists will include **Jose Smit, Tom Bergh, Fred van den Broek and hopefully other local artists like Elena.**

There will be a total of six locations which can all be visited in a single Sunday outing. Each location will possibly offer a few more creative activities, or occasionally offer to another artist the space to exhibit and thus also have a platform to show his or her work. ■ *Press release*



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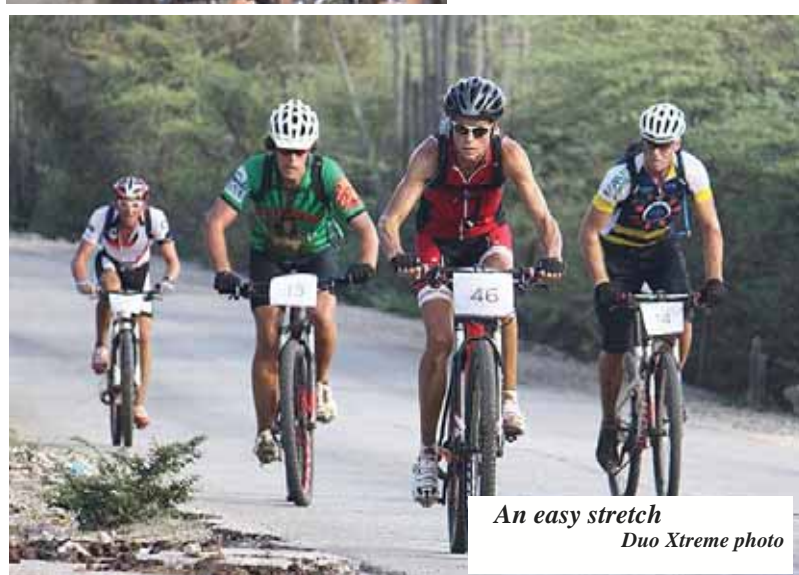
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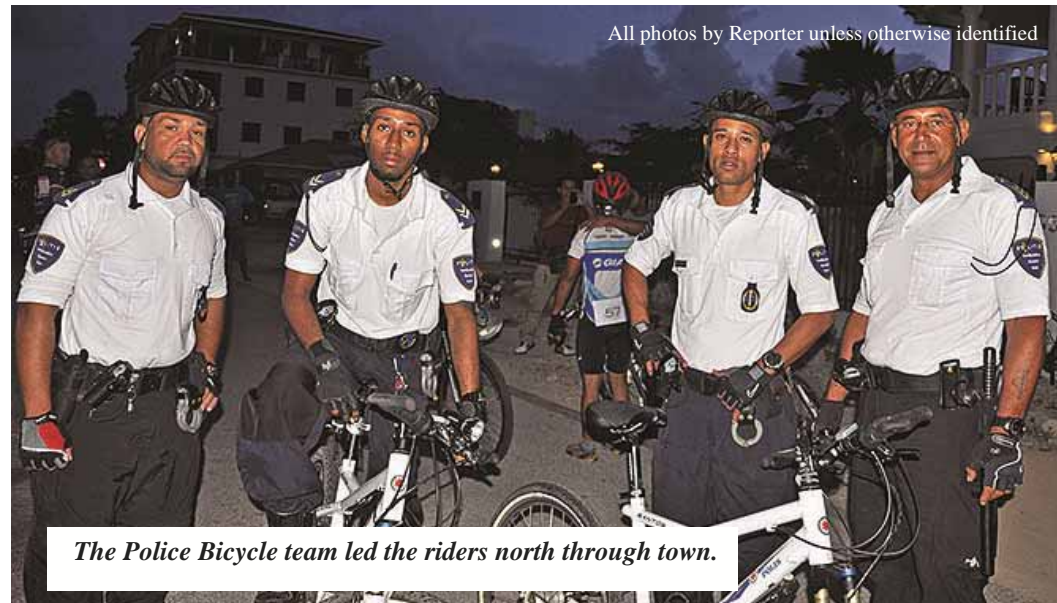
Rianna and Styn -above
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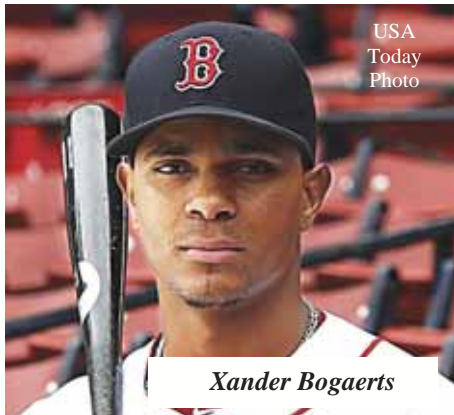


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Bonaire Gets "Direct Ties" With The USA

Did you know that Bonaire has "direct ties"....with the 2014 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox? Xander Bogaerts, 21-year-old infielder for the Red Sox, spent a good part of his youth on Bonaire playing for the Little League Select team here, helping them reach the Caribbean Champion finals in 2005.



Xander Bogaerts

Born on Aruba, Xander and his twin brother, Jair, were 11 when the Bogaerts family moved to Bonaire. But they eventually moved back to Aruba, first Jair and then Xander, largely because the quality of baseball was higher there. When remembering his time on Bonaire playing under the guidance of Francis Wanga and others, Xander said, "I am happy that I could play on Bonaire as a child when my parents moved to the island of flamingos." He went on to say that he knows Bonaire is grateful that he helped Bonaire reach the final of the Caribbean championship and that Bonaire is waiting for him to do great things. "I will never forget Bonaire. I will do my best to see if I can go there this year when I am back on Aruba."

The government of Bonaire presented a special program about Xander on NOSTV and Energia Vision last Wednesday. Although five Arubans have played in the major leagues, Xander is the first Aruban to play in a World Series and the first Aruban to win a World series.

Xander is not just a "back up" player. Here's what American sportswriter Tim Britton had to say about Xander before the final series game:

"This postseason, Bogaerts hasn't just emerged as a better option at third base than Will Middlebrooks; he's become one of Boston's most important bats at any position. And that breakthrough can have a cascading influence on the team's offseason plans. Behind David Ortiz's otherworldly performance in this World Series, Bogaerts has been the Red Sox's best hitter in the Fall Classic. Entering Wednesday's Game Six, Bogaerts is 5-for-17 (.294) in the series. Better yet, he's 5-for-11 since a hitless first two games....His numbers are even better in the playoffs as a whole. In 11 postseason games, Bogaerts is hitting .348 with a .467 on-base percentage. Four of his eight hits have gone for extra bases."

According to Bonaire Diputado James Kroon, what this young man has done for Bonaire is let us feel that we are part of his achievements and successes. Pabien, Xander! ■ Jane Madden -Disko

Price Fighter

In the first week of December Bondigro b.v. will open a new low budget supermarket in the blue building along the Kaya Industria Pariba, more or less opposite the building of the Van den Tweel Food Group. So in the near future in and around the Kaya Industria area there will be four supermarkets and Bondigro will be by far the cheapest of all.

The initiator is Roland Schalker, well known from the Dive Hut and his many years on the island of Bonaire. Schalker is shown in front of the new building. Water is connected, soon there will be electricity for the freezers and the coolers. Schalker: "I just wanted to create an alternative to the luxurious and expensive supermarkets we already have. I did a lot of research and made a lot of calculations and I went to the notary for advice. We decided to create a kind of a holding based on co-operation and shareholders—shareholders with participation and equal say. The enterprise is a kind of foundation. The main goal is to present some 350 different products of good quality for a very low price. Most articles will be non-perishables or deep frozen. Of course we will try to make money, but that is not the first goal. The possible benefits out of the enterprise will eventually flow to the shareholders. At this moment we have some 150 shareholders. Some people just bought one share of \$150 but there are also persons who bought shares for \$10,000!"

For years I lived in Switzerland where supermarkets like Aldi and Lidl work with the same construction: good products, a small variety, low overhead costs. Germany and the Netherlands are also familiar with these popular and basic supermarkets. In the US Aldi also has supermarkets. We will be like a small and cheap kind of Walmart, the low budget supermarket Sam Walton started way back in 1962. It takes a lot of money to start an enterprise like this. At this moment two 40-foot containers with products are on their way to our island. It takes some \$60,000 to fill and ship one container. I put my own money in the co-operation and together with the shareholders we can do it.

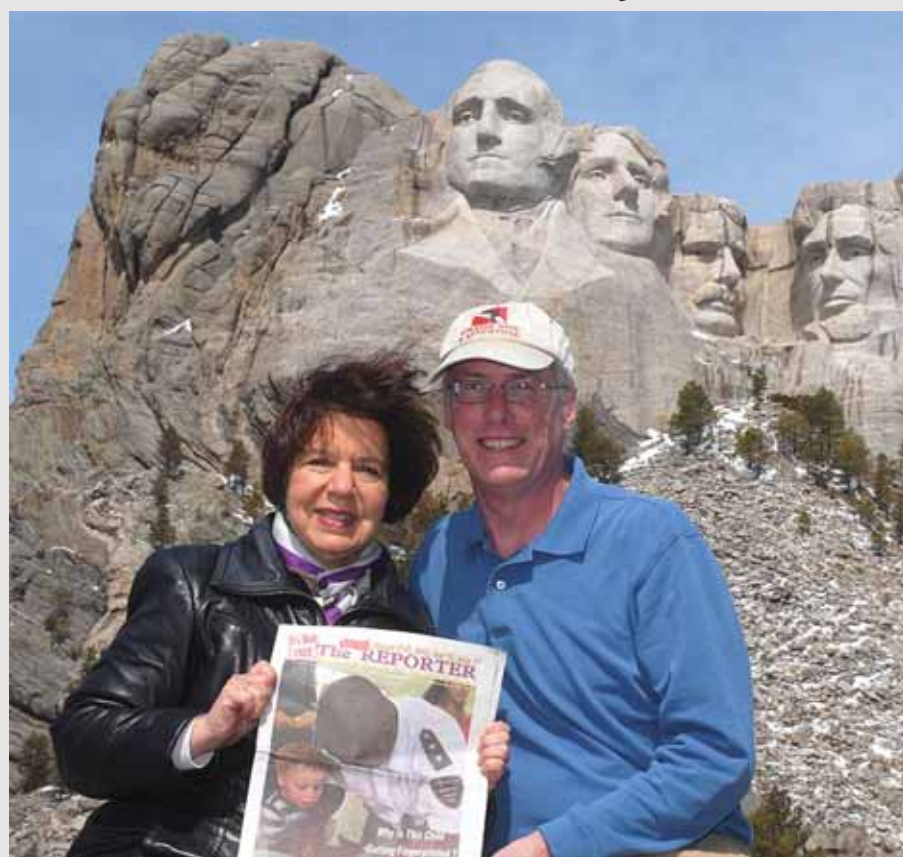
So far the newspapers paid attention to this no nonsense supermarket in Papiamentu and in Dutch. I realized I did not reach the English speaking and reading people on the island so I am glad I am allowed to vent my ideas and plans in *The Reporter*. Facebook also gives information. Just type: Bondigro. Unfortunately most of the Bondigro/Facebook site is still in Dutch. I am going to work on it. For more information people can mail me or phone me: info@bondigro.com, +599 780 2121. ■



Roland Schalker

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

Picture Yourself At Mt. Rushmore, USA.



Joan and Alan Zale are frequent visitors to Bonaire who just completed their 35th trip to the island. Earlier this year, on April 25, 2013, Alan fulfilled a life-long dream of visiting Mt. Rushmore in Keystone, SD. Mt. Rushmore, often referred to as the President's Mountain and America's Shrine of Democracy is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. It features the image carvings of four American presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Gutzon Borglum was the sculptor for the project, which was dedicated in 1941 taking 14 years to complete. The project cost \$989,992. Another interesting fact is that no one died competing Mt. Rushmore. Joan and Alan *never* travel anywhere without taking a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with them and could not pass up this historic photo opportunity. They own a condo at Sand Dollar. ■

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BON Doet Is On



Roosje van der Hoek and the team switch on the 2014 Bon Doet

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Tue 05	04:00 0.25 ft	06:24 0.24 ft	14:01 1.13 ft	22:58 -0.18 ft		6:29	20:20
Wed 06	04:49 0.30 ft	07:52 0.27 ft	14:55 1.14 ft	23:39 -0.23 ft		6:30	21:21
Thu 07	05:29 0.37 ft	09:21 0.30 ft	15:49 1.13 ft			6:30	22:22
Fri 08		00:19 -0.25 ft	06:08 0.46 ft	10:45 0.30 ft	16:43 1.07 ft	6:30	23:21
Sat 09		00:58 -0.25 ft	06:48 0.56 ft	12:04 0.29 ft	17:36 0.99 ft	6:31	
Sun 10	First Quarter	01:35 -0.23 ft	07:30 0.67 ft	13:21 0.27 ft	18:31 0.87 ft	6:31	0:19
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Thu 14		03:50 0.03 ft	10:24 1.01 ft	18:34 0.07 ft	22:50 0.32 ft	6:32	3:52
Fri 15		04:17 0.11 ft	11:08 1.04 ft	19:49 0.00 ft		6:33	4:44
Sat 16	00:29 0.25 ft	04:37 0.18 ft	11:53 1.05 ft	20:56 -0.06 ft		6:33	5:35
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4	2	7	5	8	3	1	9	6
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5	8	1	6	4	7	2	9	3
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6	4	8	1	5	9	7	3	2
7	9	2	8	3	6	1	4	5
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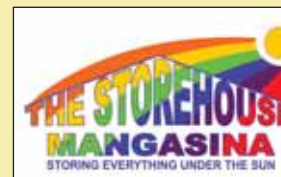
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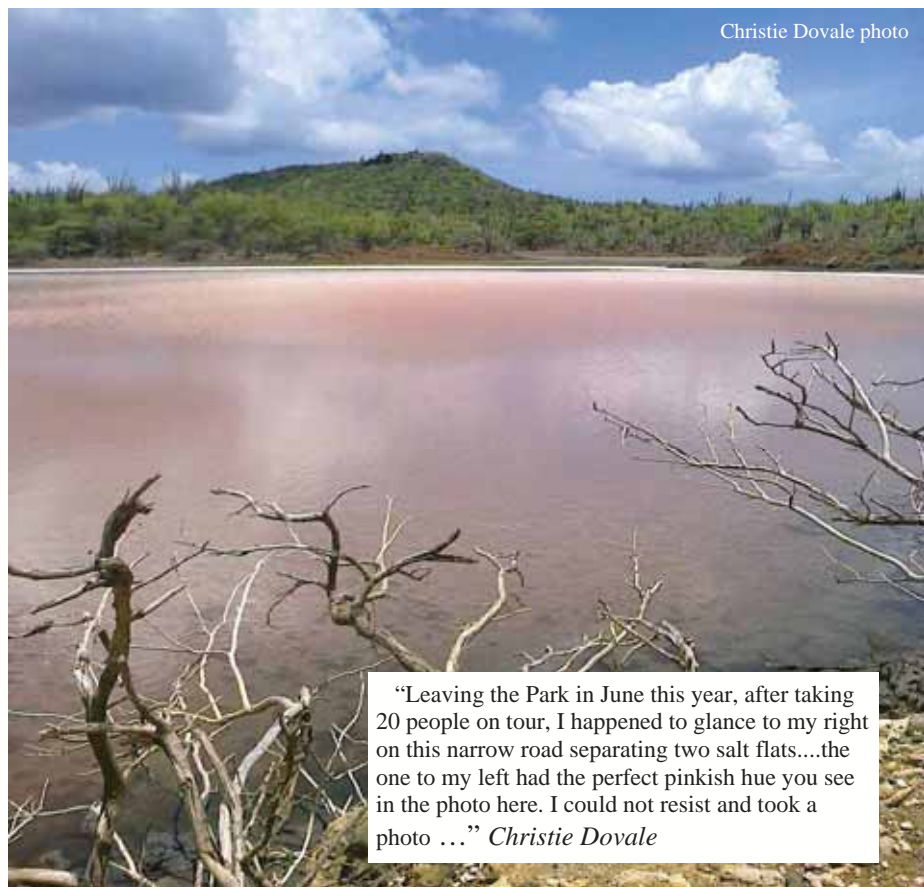
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Winning Photo!



Christie Dovale photo

"Leaving the Park in June this year, after taking 20 people on tour, I happened to glance to my right on this narrow road separating two salt flats....the one to my left had the perfect pinkish hue you see in the photo here. I could not resist and took a photo ..."
Christie Dovale

The Caribbean Netherlands photo contest, "This Is The Place," recently ended with brilliant results. Citizens of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, young and old, uploaded beautiful photos of their own island to the CN photo contest's Facebook page, competing to win one of the 29 prizes in different categories. These entries were evaluated by a professional and independent jury, which assessed the entries based on composition, lighting, originality and expressiveness. Of course they also took into account the different categories that were defined at the beginning of the photography contest on September 2nd, 2013. Among the winners was **Christie Dovale**, a frequent contributor to *The Bonaire Reporter*.

The winners are listed below. Their photos will shine in the "CN Expo" which will open on all three islands beginning November 16 as part of a special royal reception at Jong Bonaire.

In addition, two extra categories were added: "Originality" and "eXpressivity." The contest organizers believe it is important to provide a place in the exhibition for particularly original photos or photos with a significant appeal. There is a winner from each island in both categories. These are: **Keval Bissessar, Alessandro Guido, Hannah Madden and Hanneke Magee Quist, Angela van der Heijde, Ellen Richardson.**

The exhibition will in fact be opened personally by King Willem-Alexander, accompanied by Queen Máxima, on Bonaire in a surprising and unique manner that will allow the opening to be seen simultaneously on all three islands.

Winners: The winner of the "Most popular photo" that received the most votes on Facebook, is **Justino Bravo** and the "Best of the best" photo, deemed by the jury to be the most outstanding, was taken by **Genevieve Aitatus**. Besides a Lytro camera, both winners also win a week-long vacation on one of the three Caribbean Netherlands islands: Bonaire, Sint Eustatius or Saba.

The other winners from Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are respectively: Tyrii Figaroa (12), Annabelle van Dam (8), Aymee Ayubi (15) Xiomantha Janga (15), Christie Dovale (56), Peter de Graaf (43), Genevieve Aitatus (33), Jurgen Leon (6), Makeda Taylor (7), Earduchen Woodley (17), Twiixii Rojas (17), Frini Spanner (55), Maaïke Patrick (48), Cherie van der Lugt (39), Denicio Levenstone (7), Olivia Simone Ann Johnson (10), Frankelly Wilson (16), Esmeralda Johnson (16), Jasper Oei (36), Hemmie van Xanten (52), and Martijn Schuurung (34).

The modern Lytro cameras were won by: Christie Dovale, Xiomantha Janga, Earduchen Woodley, Makeda Taylor, Cherie van der Lugt, Jasper Oei, Hemmie van Xanten, and Martijn Schuurung. ■ *Press release*

Winners Honored



Culinary team and coach Floris

Bonaire honored its Culinary Talent at a gala dinner at the Divi Flamingo two weeks ago. At the Taste of the Caribbean Competition in Miami: June 26 – June 30, 2013, the team won three medals and five additional awards including the Award for the Most Innovative Dish utilizing Indigenous Ingredients.

Taste of the Caribbean provides education and inspiration through seminars, workshops, tastings and demonstrations, created to enhance performance, style and profitability in food and beverage operations. The preparation for the Taste of the Caribbean starts in the Caribbean as each island holds individual competitions to select the three chefs, pastry chef and one bartender who will make their national team.

The team was composed of Tarimar Thom (Bartender at Donna & Georgio's), Junior Janga (Pastry Chef at Bonaire Food Group), Rhashinda Donge (Plaza Resort / Rum Runners), Robertico Bernabela (Divi Flamingo), Norrison Conquet Jr. (Chef from Rum Runners) and Giovannie Veld, Jr (Chef from It Rains Fishes). Coaches were Liz Rijna (Bartender Coach from SGB) and Isidoor van Riemsdijk (Chef Coach from Forma).

Sponsors included: Streefkerk architects + consultants, Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association, Bonaire Food Group, Cadushy Liquors Bonaire, SGB, Divi Flamingo Resort, Rum Runners Restaurant, Caribbean Bakery Supplies, OICN, Captain Don's Habitat and The Culinaire Bonaire Foundation. ■ *Press release text and photo*



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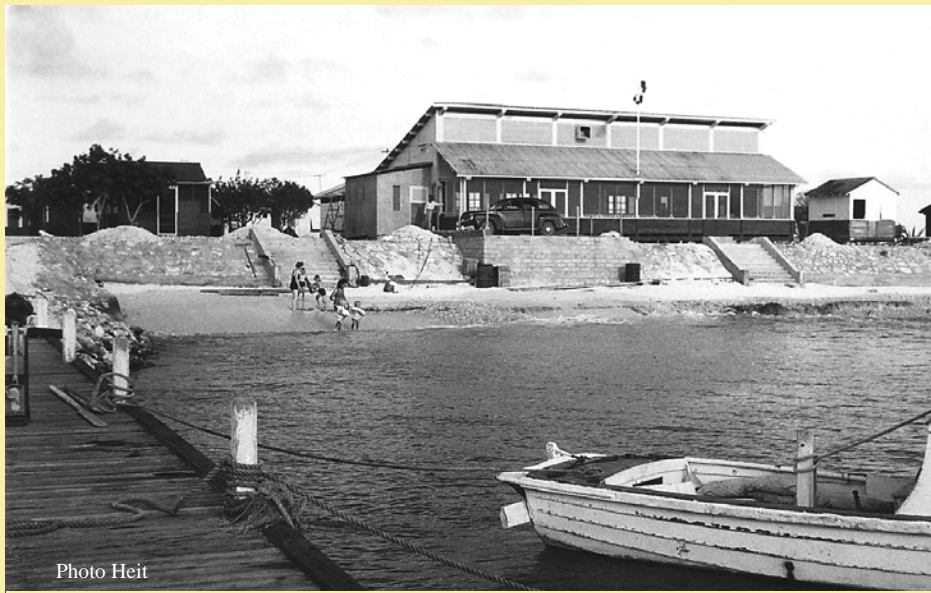


Photo Heit

Zeebad –the hotel that started modern tourism on Bonaire

After 17 bi-weekly articles about the History of Tourism in this publication, I have now come to the end of the installments. My interest in the history of Bonaire's tourism came about after publishing a book on the same subject on Aruba, where I live. The wealth of subjects regarding Bonaire's tourism has always been obvious to me: its tranquility, the underwater world, the flamingoes, the national parks, the Regatta, the story of Hotel Zeebad, important players like Captain Don, L D and Hugo Gerharts. All of that merited being documented.

I approached Bonaire's outstanding historian, Bòi Antoin, who helped me tremendously by allowing me access to his research on the subject in Papiamentu. Without this information, I would never have been able to write in such depth about these subjects. It was not my intention to publish a book, so I approached George DeSalvo, publisher of *The Reporter* and his immediate reaction was very positive. We started publishing at the end of February and never skipped an installment until today. My thanks to George and Laura are heartfelt. I am equally grateful to Ria Heitkönig who helped me to many historic photographs taken by her father Heit.

Of course the history of the island's tourism does not end after what has been published in these articles. It is an on-going process. But essential subjects, most of which occurred in the 60s of the past century, have shaped the tourism industry as it is nowadays. Of course there have been other important players in its development, like Niki Tromp and Toon Abraham. Their contribution has been of the utmost importance as well.

Without one man I could not have written my series: Mr. Hugo Gerharts who tirelessly answered all my questions by email about what occurred in his career as a tourism

entrepreneur as well as in that of his father, L D. Although we have never met, he trusted me with his father's memoirs, a major source of information on how Bonaire has developed from an island of fishermen and 'kunukeros' (farmers) to an important asset of the Caribbean tourism industry. His memoirs have never been published as a book, but with Hugo's permission I am now publishing its most interesting chapters in the weekend supplement of a Curaçao newspaper in Dutch. To fashion a book from this 'rough copy' of almost 400 pages will be a totally different undertaking, but it will be an important addition to Bonaire's written history.

Last week, on October 31st, members of the Gerharts family and their friends remembered when L D died, exactly 30 years ago. This man most assuredly deserves a statue in Kralendijk.

A final word to the people of Bonaire who are blessed to live on such a precious and beautiful island: I want to congratulate them on all that surrounds them, the island's natural beauty, its flora and fauna, culture and history. The island has a tradition of defending its wealth, but once again there are predators on the loose, aiming to take commercial advantage of all this beauty, sacrificing what has been protected successfully throughout the years.

Sixty years ago, as the first American tourists visited the newly opened Hotel Zeebad, they all came to this conclusion: **'Don't ever change this island, keep it as it is!'** Please keep their advice! ■

Evert Bongers

The Reporter is most grateful for Mr. Bongers contributions to this newspaper and the historical legacy of Bonaire.



Photo Heit

It is most appropriate that the historic Passangrahan and Wilhelmina Plaza are being renewed at this time.

Royal Visit Schedule

His Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Majesty Queen Máxima will visit Bonaire on Saturday, November 16th, 2013, as part of a 10-day trip to all six islands in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

On Saturday, November 16th they visit Bonaire.

It's hoped that as many people get the opportunity to see the king and queen and a comprehensive tour of Bonaire is planned:



Queen and King at summer photo shoot in The Hague, casual, dressed like in Bonaire?

Wilhelminaplein

After the official reception at Flamingo International Airport the royal party leaves at 10.10 am to waterfront Wilhelmina Plaza, where they arrive around 10.20 am. They get off the bus in the parking lot at the Executive Council, where they attend the finish of the runners of the Special Olympics. Then they get a tour of various sports demonstrations, including chess, volleyball, BMX, judo and karate. Then the royal standards group attends the official start of the campaign "hoben sa bo peso adekua" (Youth Weight and Awareness). Then they walk the Plaza, where various social organizations and foundation will present themselves.

Pier Chicu Mercelina (Town Pier)

Also on the water are demonstrations of sports such as kite surfing, windsurfing and Sunfish sailing. Bonaire world champion windsurfers will explain the windsurfing activities that will be being demonstrated. Around 11:20, the royal party

leaves to the next part of the program.

The Road to / from Rincon and Cocari

Around 13.30 the royal party drives from Playa to the Cocari Senior Center in Rincon where they arrive at 13.50. Here the royal party gets an explanation of the transformation of the center and they visit a program put on by the seniors. At 14.15 the company returns to Playa

Jong Bonaire

At 15.20 is the royal party arrives at Jong Bonaire, where the Caribbean Netherlands photo exhibition, "This Is The Place" will be officially opened by His Majesty King Willem-Alexander. The opening of this exhibition and the reception that follows offered by the Lt. Governor is only for invited guests. The royal party leaves Jong Bonaire at 17.10 for Flamingo International Airport. ■

Press release

GUN AMNESTY



For A Safer Bonaire

For the first time there will be an amnesty in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba for handing in illegal (fire)arms and ammunition to the authorities. In principle, this surrender of arms will have no consequences for the possessor of the (fire)arm, unless later on it is evidenced by investigation that such weapon was involved in any crime. Then an investigation will be duly made, however. All other (fire)arms will be destroyed by order of the Public Prosecutor.

Also other weapons - which are not barred from being kept on hand - but which one still wants to get rid of, can be handed in without any legal consequences.

On the dates below - between 13.00 and 20.00 hours - weapons and ammunition can be handed in:

1-November 6 in Kralendijk at the Koninklijke Marechaussee office on Kaya Gilberto F. Croes 24 (opposite the stadium),

2-November 7 in Rincon at the sub-office of the Executive Council on Kaya Arcangel (Minguel) Pourier 73

It will also be possible to ask questions and to have weapons checked if one is not sure whether they are illegal or not.

The object of this drive is to reduce the amount of illegal weapons and ammunition in circulation and, in doing so, increase integral safety in the BES islands and to inform citizens of applicable rules.

On January 1, 2014, a new integral firearms policy will be introduced. Details will be made available later this year.

In pursuance of the BES Firearms Act, it is prohibited to have on hand / to possess prohibited firearms and ammunition. Having on hand does not imply that one should have a firearm literally within reach. Also keeping a firearm at home is prohibited and, consequently, punishable.

Objects which, in terms of their shape and size, resemble firearms (and therewith are suitable for threats or extortion) are also part of the prohibition of the BES/Firearms Act. For example certain toy weapons, 'BB-guns', 'airsoft guns' and other imitations of a firearm or explosive.

In exceptional cases, the Island Governor may grant a person authorization to have a firearm on hand.

In pursuance of the BES Firearms Act, it is also prohibited to have certain objects on the public road or in any place accessible to the public. The following objects included:

- Rifles, air/ gas weapons (weapons with which projectiles can be fired by means of compressed air or gas), daggers, sheath-knives, bayonets, poniards, swords, sabers, bodkins, truncheons, rubber coshes, bulls' pizzlies, blackjacks, knuckle-dusters, lances, spears, pointed sticks, arrows;
- Other objects that have obviously been made to be used as a weapon. This should appear from the circumstance or the manner in which they are worn or used.

Think, for example of someone who moves around with a baseball bat or a kitchen-knife. ■ *Press release*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 7—Free lecture: **Bats of the ABC Islands—Keystone Species in Trouble and How You Can Help** by Fernando Simal, at CIEE, Kaya Gobernador Debrot #26, 8 pm.

Friday, Nov. 8—Classical Music Concert at San Bernardo Church— Plaza Reina Juliana 2, Kralendijk: Carel Kraayenhof and his sextet will play World Class Argentinean Tango Music, 8 pm. More on page 10

Saturday, Nov. 9—Book Debut at Addo's Books and Toys (via Skype)—*Weaving Dreams* by Sandra Johnson, former Administrator at Kas di Arte. At Addo's Books and Toys, Kaya Grandi 36 at 5 pm.



Friday, Nov. 15—Study and Job Fair at Jong Bonaire, 11am-6 pm, see above poster

Sunday, Nov. 17—Dia di Gracia—for the needy—at St. Dominic School behind the church in Playa. Donate non-food items now at family Nicolaas in front of Napa Auto Parts at the snack Cans and dry food will be received on Saturday, Nov. 16 between 7 am-12 noon. Call 717-2953 or 796-1919

Sunday, Nov. 17—Kamida di Arte begins. See more page 10

Sunday, Dec. 1 - Chichi Tan Fundashon- Local Artists show work 10 am – 4 pm, behind Rose Inn in Rincon, snacks and drinks too. (same as last issue)

Saturday Dec. 7 - Christmas Farmers' Market at Kriabon, 8 am to 1 pm, at Kriabon, Kmindia Yatu Bako #55, next to Aquamarin School - Annual Animal Shelter Art Auction and Indonesian Dinner, Hotel Roomer. More information on www.BonaireAnimalShelter.com and their Facebook page.

REGULAR EVENTS

• **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

• **We Dare to Care Park children's playground** - closed due to lack of financing.

Saturdays

• **Last Saturday of the month** – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 10 am-4 pm, in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

• **Open House at Semper Kontentu milk goat farm. Second Saturday of the month**, 8 am to 12 noon. 786-6950
Closed until November

• **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) 1st Saturday of the month**, at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am to 1 pm.

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" Pakus di Pruga—every Saturday**, 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989. Drop off cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road weekdays. 717-4989

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **Second Saturday of the month**, 7-9 pm. (*Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. +5999-560-7539.*) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **Soldachi Tours—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time.** Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information—796-7870.

• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules**, Saturdays 2:30 pm Tera Cora Ranch. Info: 786-0150

Sundays

• **Kunuku Arawak** - Music, drinks, local food, dancing, 10 am—6 pm. Live music starts at 4 pm. Tel.786-7210

Mondays

• **Soldachi Tours of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria, 717-6435— Bonaire's best island tour value**

• **Meet the Captain Night at Captain Don's Habitat Bar**— Get up close and personal with Bonaire's dive pioneer. The Captain will autograph your copy of his newest book *Reef Windows*.

Wednesdays

Divemaster's Night at Bistro de Paris Restaurant at Harbour Village Marina. Free house rum when you buy a coke.

30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bonaire, 12 noon, Bonaire Basics. Donation. 786-6416 or info@bonaireyoga.com

Fridays

Happy Hour party at Bistro Di Paris. Ricky Thomas performs Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6- 9pm.

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Monday - **Touch the Sea -- Will resume in November**- Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on

critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

Wednesday - **Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat (717-8290)

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

Mangasina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

Museo Sentro Chichi'Tan, historical home, behind Rose Inn, Rincon, open 10am-4pm daily. Tel. 786-6420

Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th and January 1st. **Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681**

CLUBS and MEETINGS

Bridge Club - Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200 or 788-2819 or jeroen@telbonet.an

Darts Club plays every other Sunday at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays, 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

Toastmasters Club meets every two weeks. For more information call Crusida de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30 am in Papiamentu/Dutch.

Children's club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact; Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

International Bible Church, Kaya

Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride bonaireibc@yahoo.com

Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk – Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol, Saturday at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios): Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 10 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. 717-2194

Ministerio di Kristu Hesus Services Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republiek. Services are held Sunday mornings 10am-11:30am. Bible studies in English on Monday nights from 7-8 pm. Contact: 717-3322

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20am- Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome. Information: Call 701-9522 .

Foundation Fountain of Living Waters, Centro Fuente, Service Sunday at Kaya Aruaco 4 at 6 pm, in Papiamentu and Spanish. For Marriage Counseling, contact 717-2161.

Iglesia di Cristo (Church of Christ) Sunday: 10:30 am & 7:00 pm; Wednesday: 7:00 pm. Services in Papiamentu (English also if needed) Address: Kaya Msgr. Nieuwindt 25 (same street as Dr. Dorvil) Cell: 796-0721

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Pet of the Week

An older and more mellow dog at the Bonaire Animal Shelter right now is "Fred." He was brought in as a stray and it seems he has "seen it all." He's been through the sometimes destructive puppy stage, the wild running around for no apparent reason, the barking at nothing at all. No, Fred is mature and wise. As an example, notice how he shows his appreciation for Shelter Staff member, Hanny, by giving her a kiss. He knows that Hanny has been a tireless foster mom to motherless kittens and puppies, over and over again.

Wise Fred is about five years old and is a social guy, not only with other "mature" dogs but with people as well. All he really wants out of life is a loving and calm master or mistress, someone he can love unconditionally, a little time to curl up in a nice basket and some tranquil walks where he can contemplate nature along with his owner. Fred is healthy, he's had his checkups and shots, been wormed, is sterilized and even comes with an ID chip.

You may meet Fred and the other pets



Hanny and Fred enjoy a tender moment

up for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989.

WWW.AnimalShelterBonaire.com. ■

Laura DeSalvo

Shelter News

BONAIRE ANIMAL SHELTER AUCTION ALERT

Artists and craftsmen and women: The annual Shelter Art Auction needs you. Your donated art will be on display and bid upon at this very popular fundraising event. Take this opportunity to show your wares and be part of the fundraising for the Bonaire Animal Shelter.

You may donate other items or services (such as painting, plumbing, carpentry, maintenance) or entertainment or other "saleable things." One of the items up for bid will be a chance for you to have your pet photographed as **Guest Pet of the Week**.

This year the Animal Shelter Art Auction will be on December 7 at Hotel Roomer. An amazing Indonesian dinner prepared by "star chefs" will be served. You may come for the dinner and auction or just show up for the auction.

Check out the Bonaire Animal Shelter Facebook page for more information and reservations.

The proceeds of the Auction this year will go towards refurbishing the cat cage which leaks like a sieve when it rains.

If you can't bring the items yourself call the Shelter at 717-4989, and they can even make arrangements to pick up the item(s) you are donating.

Check out the Bonaire Animal Shelter Facebook page for more information and reservations AnimalShelterBonaire.com. ■

Laura DeSalvo

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2) a few villas and condos left for Christmas. Book now and make sure you don't miss out!

Browse through the listings and start dreaming of the gorgeous Bonairean sunsets and crystal clear Caribbean waters for your next Christmas holidays..... Call Sunbelt phone 599 717 6560 Fax 599 717 6570 | or email info@sunbeltbonaire.com.

►It's Still Free! The yearly "Dia di Gracia" thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, November 17, at the school behind the big Catholic church in Playa, St Bernardus. Besides the usual goods (like clothing shoes, house wares, bedding, appliances in good condition) they will collect canned and dry food this year. All is for Bonaire's needy who will get donated items for free.

You can bring your goods to the home of family Nicolaas at Kaya Nicolaas, in front of NAPA next to the snack in Playa. Collections also at the school on Saturday, November 16, to collect the canned and dry food. Please participate in "Dia di Gracia." For more info (any language) call 796-1919 or 560-7412.

►Flu shots are now available. Ask your house doctor. Elderly and at risk groups have priority.

►The easiest way to get on line copies of *The Bonaire Reporter* is to access the George F. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida's Digital Library of the Caribbean: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00094093> It's still free. ■ G.D./L.D.



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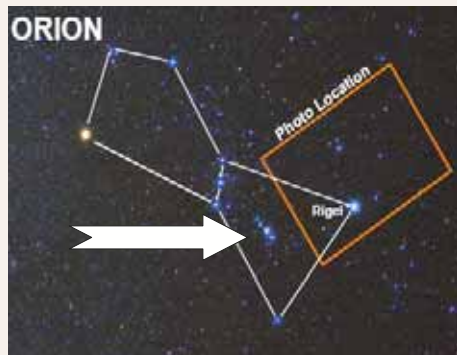
This month you should be able to spot the **Constellation Orion**. He rises a little late but comes earlier each night. Soon, when you walk out just after dark, you will see his bright figure towering over you to the south. He harbors many awesome secrets, one of which . . . is a witch!

She stares back at the bright star **Rigel** as though it were her own evil creation. Truly, this area of the night sky is haunted. She is seasonally well timed and one of the tougher targets to photograph. You can make out the shape of her head in two ways that I can tell. I see a hat, a large nose, a cheekbone, and a protruding chin. Even without the Halloween influence, what do you see?

Do you see the witch's profile? You may look at this photo and wonder, What in the world is going on here? Well, nothing in the world is going on here. The goings-on are happening about 900 light-years away! That is 900 years traveling at the speed of light. Light travels pretty fast, by the way, about 186,000 miles in one second. The photograph above is actually a representation of what the **Witch Head Nebula** looked like 900 years ago! No big deal.

There are a lot of gas clouds in outer space, and astronomers cryptically refer to them as "**nebulae**" (the Latin word for

"clouds"). The light coming from the very bright star **Rigel** is passing through this gas and splits up, somewhat like that Pink Floyd poster some of you may have seen. Light is made from all colors of the rainbow, but the warmer colors (orange, red) tend to pass through the gas while the cooler colors (blue, purple) tend to bounce off the gas, making the nebula appear blue. Our sky is blue for the exact same reason. This type of nebula is called a reflection nebula, and we live inside one!



Where is she?

To gain a little perspective, the graphic above shows the location of the Witch Head Nebula inside Orion. Easy to spot with the naked eye but far too faint to be seen without the help of digital photography. ■
David Rankin



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

November 2013

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Recognition will be yours if you meet your deadline. You may not be that popular at home but you should be able to shine at social gatherings. Take time to do something nice for yourself. Stomach problems could prevail if you haven't been watching your diet. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Don't spend more than is necessary on travel or friends. Be sure to take care of the needs of youngsters. Look into some form of physical recreation. Your attitude is changing rapidly and your plate is overloaded. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Romance may be likely if you travel. Unforeseen changes in your location are apparent. Put your energy into learning new skills or picking up valuable information. Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable if you take them with that special person in your life. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Look into intellectual and physical games that will test your abilities. Organize all the responsibilities that have to be attended to and make sure everyone knows what to do. Ignore colleagues who appear to be going in circles. Take time to help children with projects that may be too hard for them to do on their own. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can visit clients and make a big impression just by giving them some hands-on help. Problems with colleagues are likely. You can make some favorable changes to your looks. Don't let criticism upset you. Hassles will delay your plans. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Make money using your ingenuity and creative talent. Invite friends over rather than spending money on lavish entertainment. Your passionate nature may make you jealous if your mate has been too busy to take care of your needs. You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can expect to have a problem with your lover. Don't put off the things that they have asked you to do. New hair, new outfit, new you. Be aware that a female you work with may be trying to hold you back. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool if someone backs you into a corner. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Take care of any pressing health problems. Your intellectual charm will entice mates who have common interests. Be cautious while traveling to foreign countries. You will be full of energy and you need to find something constructive to do. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Some time spent with that special someone should be your intent. You may think gifts will win their heart, but it could add stress from lack of funds. Your mate may be distressed if you refuse to make a commitment. Get proper medical attention and confront your situation decisively. Your luckiest events will occur on a Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can make headway if you share your intentions with someone you care about. You will be able to dazzle others with your obvious charm and your outgoing nature. Be sure to organize events that will keep the children busy. If you can, try to work out of your home this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You could receive recognition for a job well done. You will not be pleased with family members who try to put demands on you when you just don't have the time. Uncertainties regarding your love life will surface if you have neglected your mate. Difficulties may be encountered while traveling in foreign countries. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will have a childlike approach this month, big hearted and full of spunk. A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding. You should get out and meet new people this month. Your best efforts will come through hard work. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday. ■

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