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Disappointingly, the board of the Bonaire Jazz Foundation has decided not to organize a Jazz Festival this year, **because, they say they are being assessed for back taxes by the Caribbean Netherlands Tax Service.** The foundation is non-profit and believes it owed no tax. They have hired a lawyer and appealed the assessments imposed. The CN Tax Office said they will make a decision by mid-October 2015, a date that is after the originally scheduled next Bonaire Jazz Festival. As long as this situation is hanging over the head of the Bonaire Jazz Foundation, the Foundation is forced to discontinue any activities until further notice.

"We are very sorry for Bonaire in general and for visitors and others who enjoy the festival," said Michiel van Bokhorst, chairman of the board. "If the Tax Office of the Caribbean Netherlands keeps taxing social cultural events like the Bonaire Jazz Festival, as it is currently planning, there will no longer be the basis for organizing the festival. Costs increase by about 40% and then the Bonaire Jazz Festival is financially unfeasible."

► **Re/Max recently received important news from the Immigration Office concerning visitation and residency for American Passport Holders:** The Immigration Office of the RCN has informed us that USA passport holders will now be afforded the same visitation and residency right as Dutch passport holders who are originally from the Antilles. These changes will be implemented

within the next few months and are outlined briefly below.

Visitors: American Passport holders will now be allowed to visit Bonaire for up to six months in any 12 month period. The old visitation rule limited stays to three months out of 12.

Prospective Residents: American Passport holders will now be allowed to apply immediately for "resident" status "by rule of law" which will allow them to apply one time for a Bonaire Residency permit that will remain valid for five years. This new policy applies to both "first-time" applicants for residency AND for those who are in the process of renewing their residency permits.

NOTE: These new rules have just been released and the Immigration Department is still in the process of implementing these new rules and posting the updated information on their website so please be patient.

If you are an American Passport holder you can now start your application for a "five year" permit using this application form available on the website of the RCN:

www.rijksdienstcn.com/rijksdienstcn.com/up1/ZyahqpxIS_MBES08_EN_aan_vraag_verklaring_rechtswege.pdf (Report thanks to Bob Bartikoski Broker/Owner of Re/Max on Bonaire)

► **Bonaire police are stepping up road traffic checks.** On Thursday morning, March 26, there was a general traffic roadblock on both Kaya Korona and Kaya Amsterdam.

Police checked correct operation of the lighting of selected vehicles, the presence of valid license and the validity of the driving license of the driver and the insurance of vehicles.

A former Bonaire police officer brought a laser gun recently and other officers are being trained to use it. In a test, the speed of the approaching vehicles was measured and



The Easter season was celebrated on Bonaire with gusto. There was lots of camping, special meals of ham (Americans) and fish (Bonaireans) and Easter Sunday brunches (Dutch). For kids there were Easter egg hunts and fun days like the one at Amboina sponsored by FESBO. (above). L.D. photo

drivers who exceeded the speed limit were warned. Soon speed traps will be set up and drivers who exceed the speed limit will be penalized. Bonaire's road-wandering donkeys should be happy. Beginning April 1st, the police started fining drivers who haven't paid road tax (valid plate sticker) for the first half of 2015.

In last week's action 120 vehicles were stopped for a check and 16 drivers were fined. One motorcycle was confiscated for no plate, no valid insurance and the driver was not in possession of a driver's license

► **The two representatives of the National Ombudsman gathered a lot of complaints during their recent visit to Bonaire.** "It was again very meaningful that we were present in Bonaire to collect complaints," explains Hans Oosterveer, one of the representatives of the National Ombudsman. "We have again received many complaints about the Public Body Bonaire (Island Government). Last visit we received a total of 10 complaints, this time 15. It was striking that we have received many complaints about the police, eight in total."

The National Ombudsman representatives will visit again at the end of the year. If in the meantime people still want to file a complaint, they can via the website www.nationaleombudsman.nl/bes or toll free to +31 800 33 55 555,

► **InselAir has added a sixth Fokker 50 to the Curaçao-based carrier's growing fleet,** which brings its total number of planes to 18. Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) Jurgen Lippinkhof said, "By acquiring the proper equipment, accurate scheduling and carefully adding new routes, we expect to transport around 1.4 million passengers this year. To support their growth they are adding another Fokker 50 to the fleet later this year.

But when will they resume non-stop flights to the US from Bonaire?

► **There were 5,500 flight movements from and to the Caribbean Netherlands in the fourth quarter of 2014.** Compared to a year earlier this is an increase of 2%. However, over the whole of 2014 the number decreased by 14%. The Bonaire airport had several flights cancelled and while the

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Flotsam and Jetsam (from page 2) number of passengers fell by only 2% in 2014, the number of flight movements dropped by 22%. The value of goods imported by air was \$6.3 million in the fourth quarter. Compared to a year earlier imports remained stable. However, over the whole of 2014 there was an increase of nearly 4%. Various manufactured goods mainly went to Bonaire, which accounts for 90% of the total import value by plane.

► THE HAGUE- **Krusada, Bonaire's residence and workplace residence for deprived people, will be receiving an Orange Apple (Appeltje van Oranje) from Queen Máxima of the Netherlands at the Noordeinde Palace in The Hague on May 21. The prize consists of a bronze figurine and €15,000.**



Krusada is one of the three Dutch foundations to win an Orange Apple. The other two recipients are from the Netherlands: Support Foundation Food Focus Amersfoort and Dutch Connections of Utrecht.

Every year the Orange Fund rewards social initiatives which connect people in a successful way. Participation is open to all



During BonDoet recently a large group from Special Security Services (SSS) volunteered to clean the terrain of SEDE Scouting Bonaire. In the last issue of The Reporter on page 11, the caption was missing.

social organizations in the Dutch Kingdom, including the Dutch Caribbean islands which always submit several candidate organizations. Krusada has been assisting people since 1999. It mostly concerns people who are having trouble managing in society, including ex-convicts and former drug addicts. The majority of the 50 persons take part in the daily activity program, but some of them also reside at the compound.

Clients help to cultivate fruits and vegetables which in turn contribute to the local food production. **Krusada will have an open house on Saturday 18 April, between 10:00 and 17:00. Visit and marvel at this wonderful facility. For more information call Kees-Jan de Kruijf at 700-6658.**

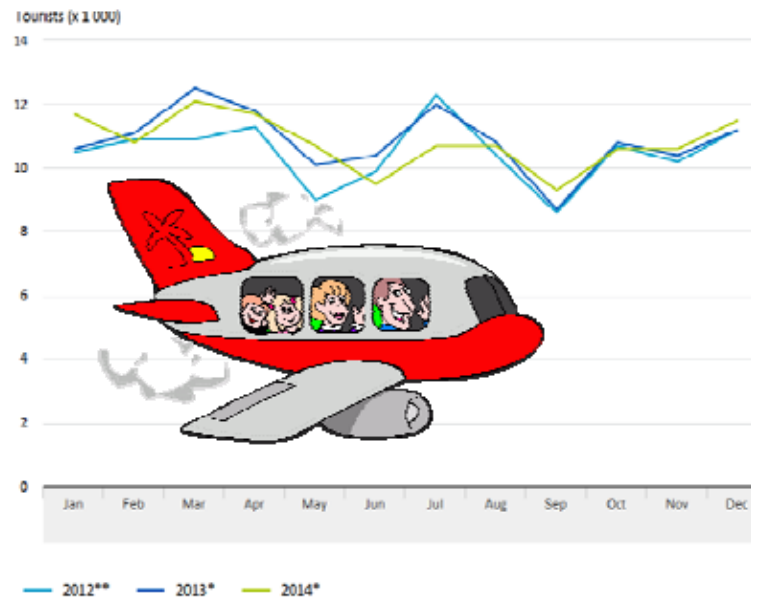
► The **Bonaire Public Library** on Kaya Korona in An-



trio has set up an Internet Café (photo above). Return your overdue books now. **No fine for overdue books during the month of April.**

► Following their trip to Bonaire for Rincon Day at the end of April, **King Willem Alexander and Queen Máxima will be making an official visit to the US in early June.** ■ L./G.D.

1. Inbound tourism by air, Bonaire, 2012-2014



Bonaire Tourism statistics for 2014, just released by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), show a stagnation in the number of non-cruise ship tourist arrivals. They revealed that on average, 11,000 tourists a month arrive by air—around 130,000 annually, about the same as 2013. The average number of nights spent by over-nighting tourists was 9.1. This is similar to the 9.2 nights in 2013.

Just as in previous years, in 2014 more tourists arrived on Bonaire by ship than by air. Most - 156,000 - were cruise passengers. In 2012 and 2013, 158,000 and 142,000 cruise passengers respectively visited the island. In 2014 the average number of passengers per cruise ship was 1,200. **The economic significance of the cruise industry is clearly smaller for Bonaire than that of tourists staying on the island.** For example, most cruise ships only stay in Bonaire for one day. In addition, cruise passengers do not use accommodation on the island.

The number of non-cruise ships - motor boats, yachts and other small vessels - that called at Bonaire in 2014 was 850, with an average of 3.1 passengers per boat. These boats usually stayed for about 13 nights. ■ *Press release*

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On The Island Since... 2003: Jana Isaza



One of Bonaire's beautiful faces, Jana Isaza

“First my mother came with my youngest brother and sister and her Antillean husband whom she had met in Colombia. We are from Medellin. My oldest brother and I stayed in Colombia where we were studying. The first Christmas I came for vacation I didn't like it at all. It was 1999, I was 16 and I felt there was nothing to do. Besides, all my friends were in Colombia. Here I couldn't imagine it being Christmas. It was nothing compared to Medellin where we have the biggest Christmas lights and decorations and where the neighbors close the streets and cook together. Here I stayed home and I didn't go out.

My mom wanted me to move to Bonaire, but I was eager to finish my studies. So I went back and graduated from high school. Then I went to university to study law. I did two semesters, then I started missing my mom really bad. I called her and told her that I wanted to give it a try and come to Bonaire. The next day I got the ticket. My mom was so happy and I was older and I had made up my mind to come and live here and so I was determined to like the place.

I started working at Karel's. I spoke zero English and it was difficult, a real challenge. I lived at my parents' house. I call my mother's husband my father because he is a great guy and my mother is very happy and I see him as my dad. At home my father wanted us to speak only Papiamentu, which I am eternally grateful for, because people see you as a completely different person when you speak the language. I learned English at work and on the street.

Then I had a boyfriend and we got married and he was a real nice guy. When I met him we started diving and I got a lot of friends and

life on Bonaire became wonderful! He was still working at La Guernica but had found a new job at Havana's.

One day when I picked him up after work, his boss Joyce asked me if I wanted to join their team. I told her I didn't speak English and that it was going to be difficult as everybody else who was working there was Dutch. But she didn't see it as a problem. So, I started and

“...amongst all these huge farmers with their big bellies I was the little girl who drove the biggest tractor! It was an awesome experience”

six months later I was the manager! It felt great! Joyce taught me everything about running a restaurant. For the Dutch people it was a bit difficult to accept that I was in charge. They gave me a hard time, so there have been some tears...

Time went by and I got a bit tired of La Guernica so when It Rains Fishes offered me a job I spoke to Joyce. She agreed that I was ready for something new. We said goodbye in a good way and I began to work at It Rains Fishes.

During the time that I was with there, my husband and I divorced. After the divorce I felt I was ready for something new, so I went back-packing to Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. I took a variety of cooking classes there. The food in Asia is fantastic and I certainly didn't want to miss the opportunity to learn about the local cuisine. I was gone for three months and I loved it!



Jana cooking at the Dive Hut

When I came back I worked at Little Havana and I did snorkel trips with the tourists on the *Seacow*. I worked with them from 8am to 3pm, then I started at Havana's at 5pm and worked till 2am. But... I had a goal: I wanted to go to Australia. When I was off I went kiting all the time. I had the equipment and it kept me off the streets and from spending money!

Four years ago I finally went to Australia and New Zealand, back-packing. In Australia I worked on a

dressed. I went shopping and spent a lot of money on the right outfit, not knowing if I would have the job longer than one night! When I came back I looked sharp and well-organized and when I walked into the restaurant I saw a line of about 200 people waiting to come in. It was crazy! By the end of the night I had blisters all over my feet, but they told me I did fantasticly and I could stay. It was a very tough job, but it paid extremely well.

After one month I had enough money to travel again and I bought a ticket for New Zealand. I spent three weeks there, did some sky-diving, then came back to Australia and went to Brisbane where I started working at an Indian restaurant.

All my free time and the days I was off I spent at the restaurant too, because then they would teach me how to cook Indian food. But I was running out of time and I still wanted to dive the Great Barrier Reef. So I spent the last four weeks on the islands there, diving every day.

By that time I was ready to go home, back to Bonaire. Because, it doesn't matter where I go and how many places I see and in spite of all the nice people I meet, there is only one place where I want to be and that's Bonaire.

I worked at a couple of restaurants, but it wasn't what I was looking for. Then I met my boyfriend, Asko, who had a job during the daytime so I didn't feel like working at night anymore. I was thinking about all kinds of possibilities, then I thought 'let's make a restaurant for only a couple of days per month!' Asko said I was crazy; how was I going to do that? I told him that I know a lot of people who like a good meal and that I was going to do it by invitation. Then I made a list of all the people

I knew and I sent them a nice invitation for a three-course Thai food meal at Windsock Beach. I created the whole Asian atmosphere with music and decorations and a welcome drink from a coconut and the tables were nicely set with white linen tablecloths and good wine glasses and cutlery. I served 35 people per evening for three days in a row and it was very successful - a great start of my 'Freestyle Pop Up Restaurant'! I'm still in the process of establishing the business and I have a whole lot of ideas for it, but first I need to have the necessary permits. In the meantime I cook every Tuesday at the (Wanna) Dive Hut where people can eat a delicious (exotic) meal for \$17.

With my Freestyle Pop Up Restaurant I want to introduce the cuisine of countries from all over the world and create an ambiance like you're spending the night in another place and a different culture. I want to share my travel experiences with others.

Last year I walked the Santiago de Compostela path - 700 kilometers (435 miles) - from the south of France to Spain. Sore feet but... it was awesome! And also it gave me plenty of ideas for another of my events.

I still want to travel and I think that my restaurant will be flexible enough so I will be able to go and learn more about different countries, their culture and their cooking. Then I will bring it all back to Bonaire, because for a long time I've realized that this place is magic- good energy and beautiful. I'm only 32, so hopefully there will be time to do it - with the help of God - as we say." ■Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Word on the Street

Items not necessarily confirmed but are being discussed "on the street"

The long Easter weekend is traditionally a time when people on the island go camping, → usually along the coast. This year Selibon, the island's waste management company, published rules to encourage keeping the campsites in order and environmentally friendly. They also said that "By 23 April 2015, the camp should be completely cleaned up. If one does not comply with the rules sanctions can be taken against the person who has assumed the responsibility for the camping area." We'll see.



- Bula recently reported that the WEB (water and electric service) was moving to a new location next to the RCN headquarters on Kaya Grecia. This has in fact occurred and the administrative office has moved. However, TAKE NOTE: WEB just announced that until further notice most customer activities, like payments, cancellations and applications will still be processed at the old location on Kaya Carlos Nicolaas.
- Double trouble? Word on the street is that Plazita Limena Peruvian restaurant has recently sold their second location at the Den Laman condominiums at the traffic circle in Hato. Rumor has it that the new ownership's head chef will be someone who operated there back in the day when it was Den Laman Restaurant (prior to Sunset Grill). Remember the fish tank? Also another restaurant owner that has two eateries in Playa has put one of them on the market.
- Change of plans: Bula recently noted that Zen's Bar and Grill was open on Sundays and closed on Wednesdays. Seems Michi Zhen has had a change of plans. They are now open Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday. New feature is a \$10 lunch special menu.
- Shelves in many of the grocery stores are looking rather empty these days. One rumor credited a problem in Aruba was causing the shortages. Don't we get the majority of our stuff from Curacao?
- There had been "clamoring" on the street that Van Den Tweel prices should be going down since the US dollar is now stronger against the Euro. VdT has recently posted "reduced price" signs on many item. But, is it just Bula or has anyone else noticed that a lot of the shelves with those signs are really empty. Flying off the shelves?
- The Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) said it will discontinue distributing the Bonaire Non-Resident Cards onboard Arke, United and Insel. The distribution of the cards started in early 2014. The cards asked visitors to provide information about their motivation for visiting the island and was useful for statistical and marketing purposes. However, the practice violated Dutch privacy laws if filling out the cards was mandatory. But over the course of a year, more than 15,000 cards were voluntarily submitted and TCB now has a survey sample size with more detailed information. Statistical information is now gathered by the Dutch government's Central Bureau of Statistics. See page 3 for the most recent report.
- With the welfare of the students in mind, the board of the high school (SGB) reached out to Sander Dekker, the Secretary of Education who told the board all to go home because they did a bad job. "We want to de-escalate the conflict with you and the Ministry of Education. We ask for open and respectful communication in the interest of the young people of Bonaire," writes Frans Lauxen, board president in an open letter to Dekker.
- Things that you find only on Bonaire. There is a new store open on the island. Take a drive on Nikiboko South, headed away from Playa, just south of the newest traffic circle on the right side of the street is a freshly painted building with a big sign across the front: UNDERWEAR AND HOME CENTER. What?!" ■ Bula Bonchi



Picture Yourself With The Reporter Above The Arctic Circle



Here's the *Bonaire Reporter's* *On The Island Since* author Greta Kooistra all dressed in warm clothes with her friend Tike above the Arctic circle, close to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland. The sled-pulling reindeer looks very bored, not knowing he was pulling a celebrity. Greta and Tike were there to view the Northern Lights (*Aurora Borealis*). ■

Skiing In Vail, Colorado, USA

Pat and Carol Kepen visit Bonaire often on their sailboat *Songbird* which is currently at the Harbor Village Marina awaiting their return. They took this photo in January on the Gondola Ski Lift and thought you would enjoy seeing it! They wrote that are about skied out now and ready to come back to the tropics. ■





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What's Going On With Museum Bonaire?

The Museum Bonaire, which is currently STILL housed in a container ever waiting to come out of the box according to Felix "Papito" Thomas from SKAL (*Sekshon di Kultura, Arte I Literatura*). "Until today I have not received an exact date from the storage company for delivery ...when they will bring the museum artifacts to the office of SKAL."

The vision for the museum itself is beginning to take shape. The idea, according to Thomas, is to show visitors from Bonaire what their part in the past was and what it will be in the future. The museum "doesn't have to be big." The hope is to show Bonaireans and tourists alike how the island formed geologically and culturally over time using digital pictures and artifacts with input from NAAM. An educational component, especially for Bonaire's youth, will be a very central part of the new Museum. Perhaps there will be an association with BONAI (Bonaire Archeological Institute) as there was in the past?

According to Thomas, no one is sure how the artifacts, including the 500-year-old full skeleton of a Bonairean and the paintings, including 10 of Winfred Dania, have fared inside the container. Until the condition of the existing items is known not much can be decided about how the museum will be put together.

At the present time there is not enough room to use most of what is in the container in the museum, so the thought is to give or loan parts of the collection to



Restored Kas di Arte building

various museums around the island and maybe to places in the Netherlands. The old museum, with articles that were collected during the times of Frans Booi, Felix "Papi" Cecilia and Jay Havisser, will change and something new will start to emerge. Hopefully there will be interest in securing more artifacts, not just redistributing what is already there. The state of preservation is an important indicator for future goals related to collections conservation.

The Government of Bonaire presently houses SKAL & Museo Bonaire in the old Kas di Arte, which is a historic building owned by the government. This is a temporary solution because of the space constraints. In 2016/2017 SKAL and Museo Bonaire will become a totally independent private foundation, which hopes to secure funds from outside interests in order to continue.

A number of questions come to mind. If SKAL and Museo Bonaire is no longer a public entity, then who will

own the items of the museum? There has not been a value placed on the artifacts or the paintings, but it is probably in the 10's of thousands of dollars. Will these then be given to the new foundation as private assets and no longer be owned by Bonaire people? Will they be rented or loaned to various museums, which are also totally private? Could they be distributed all over the island and off shore without ever coming back? What about the private collections on loan to the museum? Who watches over an island's treasures? These are very serious questions that need to be answered, in our opinion, before the museum opens.

Will the museum, that has remained relatively static for so many years, re-emerge and again become a dynamic place? Is SKAL with its limited resources and staff able to maintain and grow a museum?

The attached photo is of the restored Kas di Arte building. It is beautiful but



Artifacts in the old museum

devoid of character. That should change when the "box" is opened and the new Museum Bonaire emerges.

Papito Thomas works on a contract basis for SKAL and is Project Leader in charge of specific Cultural Activities such as; Luna Yen, International Museum Day, Cultural Week, Monumental Route and Festival di Bari. He is also charged with the re-installment and re-opening of the Museum Bonaire.

I will continue to keep you informed as more information becomes available.
 ■ Maggie Kaiser Booi



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The Fisherman's Hut "Rancho" -Part 1

During our lifetime, unfortunately, many of us seem to take true natural beauty for granted. A colossal mountain range, or a shimmering coastline during sunset, or maybe simpler things, like the magic of fresh fluffy snow falling from the skies as resembling aftermath of a really good pillow fight. But hopefully one day most of us learn to be able to observe and really take in and appreciate the beauty that our planet has to offer. Growing up on a small island in the South Caribbean Sea called Bonaire (a tiny speck of land right off the coast of South America, neighboring Aruba and Curacao, the ABC islands), as a child, I was no different.

Sometime in the early 90s my mom had purchased an old fisherman's hut from an even older fisherman named Shon Papa, "Old Father" in the native tongue. It was built almost entirely of aged driftwood on top of a foundation comprised of cement and dead coral. We called it the "Rancho." It was located on the southern west end of the island, in between the salt flat, that were located more inland, and the coastline



of the South Caribbean/ Atlantic Ocean. For many years this was a place for my mom to take my younger brother and me to spend a few nights away from society, being in peace with nature. We were approximately five and six at the time.

It would begin with the drive to the Rancho, which was only 30 to 40 minutes away since it's such a small island. I can still feel the anticipation I had while packing provisions into our rusty old dark blue Suzuki minivan. It could best be described as an oddly shaped square with the occasional rust spot here and there, but still very reliable, like Paul Bunyan's infamous blue ox, Babe, known for his strength and dependability. We would load it to the breaking point with provisions such as water, food, fishing supplies and much,

much more. After which came the process of stuffing us (brother and me) in what little space remained on the back seat, while simultaneously trying to find a spot between the pots, pans, mattresses and snorkel equipment where we could sit comfortably while old "Babe" putted along towards our final destination. Enroute I would regularly stick my head out the window to enjoy the hot tropical sun and cool trade winds as it rustled through my hair, while traveling as fast as the minivan could go, about 40 mph... until at last, we were there.

One noticeable aspect upon arrival was the white, porous, yet hard coral pieces that were piled together by the waves to create a bright oversized gravel beach, which in some places stretched as far as 100 feet from the shoreline. These had been corals that had died many years before and were in turn washed ashore. They crunched and cracked under the skinny wheels of the Suzuki as we drove off the paved road towards the side entrance of the Rancho, which was built about 20 feet from the water's



Douglas, mom Christy and Dustin at the Rancho

edge. Even though we had done this many times before, the distant thought still lingered that we might one day get stuck on this coral beach, simply because the ol' Suzuki couldn't take it anymore. Yet somehow we always seemed to make it, safe and sound.

Every time we returned, the place seemed like it had been abandoned for years, and that was part of its charm. From the first step up onto the cement and coral entrance, to the rusty lock on the door we sometimes had to fight for

several minutes to open, this place was very charming. Its character was engrained in the wooden walls and the zinc roof that made these creaking sounds when the wind whirled around them. ■ Douglas Abraham

End of Part 1. Part 2 in the next edition will tell about a day at the "Rancho."



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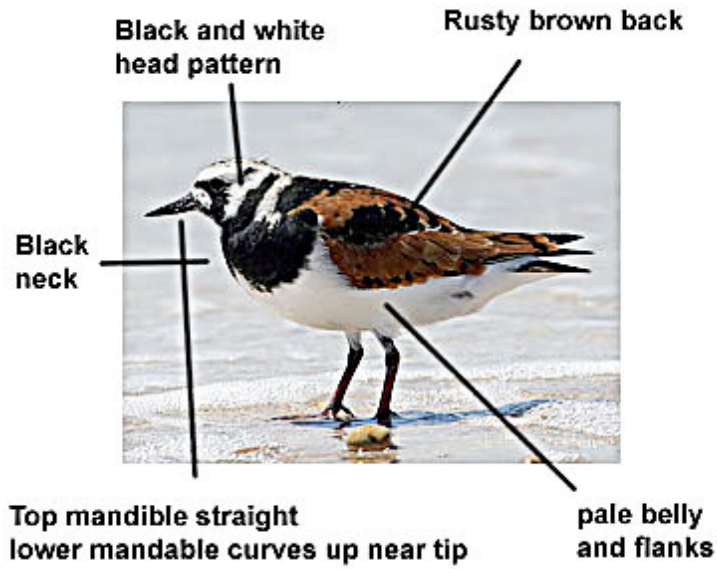
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Ruddy Turnstones - Travelers from Canada's Arctic

The little shorebirds that you commonly see running around Bonaire's shorelines, particularly any place where there are people, restaurants and food scraps to eat, are called Ruddy Turnstones. The word "shorebird" is a good description for these birds as that is where they spend the vast majority of their time...right along ocean shorelines. Their name - Ruddy Turnstone - comes from the ruddy/reddish color that they have, which is most prominent in spring and summer, and from their habit of flipping over small rocks and stones to look for bugs to eat. Of course on Bonaire, a lot of these birds seem to prefer to eat whatever scraps of human food they can find or that people might toss to them!

While these little birds can be considered pesky, unwanted guests at some seaside restaurants because of their habit of getting right up on restaurant tables and pooping - causing some restaurants to post signs saying "please don't feed the birds" - they can also be a source of interest to other people who often enjoy feeding and observing these tame little birds. **What you might not know is that these little birds fly all the way to the treeless tundra on Arctic islands off the northern coast of Canada to breed, and then spend their winters along the coast-**



lines of places like Bonaire, other islands in the Caribbean and the coastlines of northern South America. In fact these Ruddy Turnstones spend far more time in wintering areas such as Bonaire than they do in Canada; they are only in the Canadian Arctic for about three months from June to August to quickly lay eggs and rear their young, before returning back south again.

This winter my wife and I made our second visit to beautiful Bonaire. When we were first here in 2010, I noted Ruddy Turnstones running around and also observed that a few birds had been marked and banded by biologists. So when we returned this February, I was keen to see how many of these birds I could

find that were marked. I was surprised to find that about one out of every 20 turnstones was in fact marked. But you have to look real close at their legs to see the markers. It helps to have binoculars or a camera with a zoom lens, but there are also occasions when these friendly little birds will let you get so close you can see the marker with your naked eye. Typically the birds have two markers - a tiny round metal band low down on one leg and then a larger colored plastic "flag" which is inscribed with a letter and number combination on the other leg.

The photo above right shows a bird I saw near the main pier in downtown Kralendijk on February 17 this year. This

bird had been captured and banded May 30, 2009, in New Jersey. In fact all the Ruddy Turnstones I have seen on Bonaire have been banded in New Jersey or Delaware where they have had a long-term study going on, banding many shorebirds including Ruddy Turnstones and Red Knots. This same individual was observed by someone else near the pier on Bonaire in February 2010, and again in November 2013 on the southwest beaches of Bonaire...so we know this individual likes to repeatedly turn to Bonaire in winter (just like me). And it was seen in May in New Jersey in 2013 and 2014, so we know that it regularly stops there on its way to arctic Canada.

mation plus the date and place you saw the bird. When you do this, you can then map your sighting and learn where and when that bird was caught and banded, and where else someone might have seen this same bird. This can be a fun hobby and can also contribute to our scientific knowledge of these birds and hopefully help us to conserve them. There is lots to learn such as when exactly do these birds arrive on Bonaire and when do they leave to go back north? Do they tend to hang out at the same areas on Bonaire all winter long? And do they tend to return to the same area on Bonaire year after year?

I can hardly wait for my next visit to Bonaire to not only enjoy the lovely warm weather and people, and to see more underwater wonders, but also to see how many more of these marked Ruddy Turnstones I can observe and whether I can see some familiar ones that I've spotted before.



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Spin To Thin

Why is spinning—stationary biking in a group to wonderful, inspiring music—the fastest growing exercise program in Europe and America? Probably because it can burn, burn, burn calories, is good for your health and **anyone** can do it.

I wasn't fond of spinning when I started because it was hard on my lazy legs. However, as I began to get accustomed to routine I saw the pounds begin to melt away faster than when I worked out on any other cardio equipment or in other fitness classes.

Some other reasons to spin:

Cardiovascular Health

Spinning is primarily an anaerobic exercise, pulling energy from your reserves and building up your muscular endurance over an extended period of time. However, there are also aerobic benefits of spinning. Planned spinning programs include both endurance and cardiovascular training during the workout. At several points you may be required to break your steady pace and speed up to increase your heart rate.

Progress at Your Own Pace

While following a live instructor the amount of resistance you apply as you gain strength and endurance is up to you. Each spinning bike has a resistance control knob within easy reach of the handle bars. It works something like switching gears.

You don't feel out of place for not knowing an aerobic or step routine. No one really knows what level at which you are working, so you are free to progress at your own pace.

When I began spinning I ran the entire class with little resistance. I'm glad I can progress at my own pace now, because some days I want to add more resistance and work out harder.

Time Flies

Have you ever walked or run on a treadmill for an hour only to discover you burned around 400 calories? Did you enjoy the time on the treadmill? The treadmills at Bon Bida have a personal TV mounted to help you pass the time. I still find it irritating to walk or run in place for 30 minutes to an hour. For me, the television makes it worse. It slows me down and annoys me to work out with the TV on. Time, when I'm on the treadmill, creeps by very slowly.

On the spinning bike, the challenge is constantly changing. As I work through each level I tend to lose track of time.

Low Impact But Weight Bearing

I have several friends who avoid the treadmill, elliptical, and stair stepper because of the traumatic impact on their knees or feet. Spinning keeps the pressure off of your knees and feet. You are able to



work out hard on a spinning bike without hurting your knees and feet. Bone mass is preserved because part of the spin class involves pedaling while standing.

Euphoria

As you learn to work harder on the spinning bike you will begin to find that the breaking point, at which you begin to feel the workout, will become lower the harder you work. For me, the benefit is that once I reach a breaking point and work through it, I get the natural endorphin kick that most athletes enjoy.

The great thing about working your body into this kind of shape is that you feel better without the use of drugs. You feel better throughout the day following a workout and you have more energy. You are simply training your body to work more efficiently.

Get an Abdominal Workout Free

Spinning instructors never give up when it comes to talking about technique and posture. Correct posture is important to working the right muscle groups. In addition to the major leg muscles worked during a Spinning routine, the abdominal muscles get a workout, as well.

Social Benefit of Riding Together

Regardless of your fitness level spinning keeps everyone together. This goes beyond sitting in the same spinning class, but each individual works equally as hard at their own level. It is amazing how you can feed off of the energy of other riders when you begin to fatigue and start thinking you might want to quit.

Mental Strength

I've found spinning does two things for me mentally. First, the warm up and cool down are great ways to relax. Before and after putting my body through a strenuous spinning workout I can close my eyes, work just a little, and allow the physical exertion of the main workout to become a catharsis for releasing pent-up emotions.

Bon Bida is Bonaire's only gym that offers spinning. **Your first class is free.** After that individual classes are \$10, but much less if you buy a package. For example, a one month Group-Exercise-Only pass is \$70. If you spin three times a week that is only \$5.50 a session. Of course you could also sign up for gym membership and take advantage of all the facilities—various plans for vacation visits, monthly, multi-months and annual are available. Ask at the desk. But do please try a class.

■ G.D.

Photo Notes



Giraffe winner was Hilary Rincon (in pink).

Bonaire's hit consignment store, Penny Lane, held an appreciation party for its consigners and buyers. "There was even a Giraffe." Pass by and see.

Following a recent competition in Curacao, the Bonaire Aquatics Club "Barracudas" received a wonderful donation of Naf 1500 (\$850). The chairman of the Bonaire Aquatics Club Barracudas, Simone Sweers (in blue shirt →), thanked the ACU club for their gift. She said, "Without sponsorship if the ACU, we cannot offer our members swimming and water polo. Furthermore, we find it important to give all young people the opportunity to enjoy this great water. Contributions may be made to: Bonaire Aquatics Club Barracudas, MCB #11153607.



ACUphoto

The Bonaire Aquatics Club Barracudas invites interested parties to come look at the training of its members, Monday to Saturday in the seapool next to the Domacassé playground on the seaport boulevard. If you see the Barracudas training, stop a moment and come join. Everyone is welcome. ■ Press Release



FWIR photo

Last month a Bonaire delegation of Sensei Peter Silberie, Thuersten Winklaar and Everon Vrutaal participated in the 2015 Pan-American Karate Championships. The huge event involved more than 300 participants from 24 countries. The team gained great experience and looks forward to future competitions in Brazil and the Caribbean.



Last Tuesday Alfredo Koolman, director general of Water and Energy Bonaire (WEB), presented the results of a pilot study to add solar power to Bonaire's electricity grid.

Commissioned and placed under the auspices of the Dutch company, Solar Power Solutions, the pilot installation has 792 solar panels and associated equipment on the former Radio Netherlands Barcadera site. The results from the study appeared favorable and hinted at the feasibility of having "solar garden" in Bonaire neighborhoods to augment the electricity provided by the island's existing diesel and wind generators. *The Reporter* hopes to have more details in the next edition. ■ G.D.

Stormvogel Comes Home



On the morning of March 25th, local freighter *Doña Luisa* became visible as she rounded the far tip of Klein Bonaire. It was just another freight run for the workhorse ship, but on this sunny day something looked different. While her deck was jammed with the usual freight containers, placed on her port side was an impressive 45-foot wooden hull. *Stormvogel* was finally coming home.



By freighter and truck *Stormvogel* returned

This historic boat, built on Bonaire in 1951, is the last of the sail-powered cargo ships from the time before air travel arrived on the island. Shipwright **Etche Craane** had crafted the cutter on the shores of Playa Pabou 64 years ago for **Captain Martinus Ramon Felida**. Felida had secured a lucrative contract to haul propane tanks between Curacao and Bonaire. Martin's father, **Jan Efteban Felida**, financed the build. Upon completion, *Stormvogel* was shoved into the sea and began its life as an inter-island cargo ship.

Ismael Soliano (86) tells about his sailing prowess on his first return journey into the wind from Aruba to Bonaire. Soliano served as captain on and off, accumulating four years behind her helm. "When we left Aruba, we followed the Venezuelan coast for over a day. At the right time, we made one tack north. That route took is directly to Kralendijk. We

completed the voyage in just two days. Fast boat!"

Stormvogel was modernized in the 1960s with a diesel engine and registered as a Curacao ship. Felida later did an extensive overhaul of the boat in the early 1990s at Schottegat Bay. For decades, the cutter hauled goods, packages and freight. There were rumors of smuggling liquor and cigarettes from Klein Curacao to Venezuela when economic times were tough. **Lucio Soliano** (79), a deckhand aboard *Stormvogel* during its sailing days, recalls hauling live goats. "We would load between 80-90 goats from Klein Bonaire and deliver them to Curacao. We would put as many as we could below deck and tied the rest above deck. With a crew of five, it was pretty crowded."

These interviews with Bonaire's old sailors and boat builders are part of Fundashon Patrimonio Maritimo Boneiru's (Bonaire Maritime Heritage Foundation) mission to save and preserve the rich nautical history of the ABC



Stormvogel Foundation President **Johnny Craane** welcomes the boat back to Bonaire with some bubbly

Islands. The foundation's flagship project is restoring *Stormvogel* to its original condition when it was launched in 1951, but that almost did not happen.

Back in 2012 **François van der Hoeven**, now a foundation board member, discovered *Stormvogel* slowly sinking in a Curacao bay. Van der Hoeven understood the tremendous historical value of the boat and knew he had to do something fast. For three years every week, François pumped out water from the old cutter while he tried to generate interest on Bonaire to save her. Last November, several Bonaire residents formed the foundation, contacted legal representatives from Martin Felida's family, and secured ownership of *Stormvogel*. There was still the

matter of getting her back home.

That was not possible without the generosity and help of many people. Van der Hoeven organized a group of volunteers who removed tons of unwanted materials and prepared the boat for transfer. Curacao Marine discounted the haul out in Curacao and donated five months of rent totaling \$2268. Miles Trucking & Heavy Equipment Services craned the boat twice during that time and gave us a 55% discount. Antillean Scrap Company lent its low-boy trailer for no cost. Lastly, Don Andres NV shipped the boat back free of charge and took care of all the importation papers

After the *Doña Luisa* delivered *Stormvogel* to the city docks last

week, it was towed to Navegante Boatyard in Hato where owner **Lele Davidsson** has offered free space for the project's first year. "Our next step is to carefully examine the condition of the boat," explains **Johnny Craane**, foundation board member and head of restoration. "Every rib and plank will be inspected. Then we will decide what is the best future for *Stormvogel*."

Craane will not be alone. Bonaire resident **Lars Elsdrodt** has volunteered to create line drawings with CAD/CAM computer programming providing a permanent record of *Stormvogel's* exact shape. This will be the first visual record for *Stormvogel* since earlier Bonairean shipwrights built through memory and intuition rather than plans. Also joining the effort is **Bruce Halabisky**, a 20-year professional wooden boat shipwright and marine carpenter who will serve as a consultant. Halabisky has agreed to offer advice from afar for free as the foundation shares photos and videos during the restoration. He will also do on-site visits at critical stages of the process to supervise the work and ensure quality control.

"We will also be launching the Junior Shipwright program," adds Craane. "It is a 10-hour course where students will get hands-on experience working alongside Bonairean shipwrights while completing nine hours of restoration work. Plus, they will attend a one-hour talk on Bonaire's nautical heritage presented by our historian and board president, **Bòl Antoin**. Students from Scholen Gemeenschap High School Bonaire (SGB), STINAPA's Junior Rangers and the CIEE Research Station will work on the project. We are very excited to connect the island's young people with their maritime past." ■

Story by **Patrick Holian**.

Photos by **Hendrik Wuyts** (*ScubaVision*)



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The Kontest di Fli is one the most popular of all events on the island, organized all these years by Iris Semeleer of the Flamingo Book store and her committee. This year the winds cooperated and were so gusty at times that the strings were blown out of the handlers' hands.

Curacao participants come every year with containers filled with the most exciting and innovative kites. Everyone, of all ages, comes for the day with chairs, tables, coolers. There's music, there's food and drinks for sale. There's non-stop entertainment with all the kites and their handlers. Will they get their kites in the air? How long before they crash to the ground?

This year there were 117 participants from Bonaire and Curacao.

This year's main sponsor was the Lottery Wega di Nomer. ■

Story & Photos by Laura DeSalvo



All Around Winner Kids, 4-year old Mouro Cicilia, Jr. with his kite and dad



The "Car Kite" never made it too high but was quite fantastic

Iris Semeleer, Kontest di Fli organizer and founder



The busy judges at a rare quiet moment

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Bon Boule Bonaire



On Bonaire there are a lot of clubs where you can spend time enjoying yourself, meeting other people and showing your talents. Joining these clubs can make it a lot easier to find your way on the island and to make acquaintances or even friends.

Since 2011 Bonaire has a *jeu de boules* (or petanque) club. It started very small but now has about 20 to 30 members. The people who started it are Peter van Baalen and Theo ten Brinke. They met one afternoon in a bar, drank something together and found out that they both liked *jeu de boules*. So, they decided to play the game a week after they met. Theo had already a lot of experience with the game. He'd joined a club in the Netherlands and participated in the national competition. Peter was at that time an amateur. "I only played *jeu de boules* when I was on holidays at the camping ground," Peter admits.

After a first try-out Peter and Theo decided to put an announcement in the 4-sale magazine to ask for more enthusiastic members. About six people joined them. "One day the owner of Tera Kora ranch asked if we were interested in playing there." Theo explains that they were very glad of this option, as at Tera Kora ranch they also could provide drinks and snacks. This was in the middle of 2011. They moved there and made four playing-courts.

Unfortunately this year they've had to move again, as there is a new Tera Kora Ranch owner who also wants to organize parties at Tera Kora ranch and lots of times there were music rehearsals during boules hours. "This situation was no good for the club: we even had to cancel a couple of times." They found "de Tuin," a project of Forsa, on the road to Lac Cai. This really is a good place. The catering is provided by youngsters who learn on the spot and they got permission to make several courts. For the last two months they've been playing there every Saturday afternoon from 2:30 until 6pm.

The club has grown bigger and bigger; now there are about 30 members. Some of them only come from November until April, those who come to Bonaire to skip the winter in Holland. About 20 people come all year round. The club organizes tournaments around New Year's and Easter. There is also a so-called Carbo day. They drive to different locations by car, play there, then drive to another court somewhere, very often at a kunuku. This year there will be a barbecue at de Tuin for the Easter tournament on 12th April. Theo says, "People come here not only to play, but also to socialize and to get to know each other." "We are a real Bonairean club," Peter explains, "We don't take the rules of the game that strictly; we are flexible and our main goal is to have a good time being together, talking to each other. Guests are always welcome and you are not obliged to come every week, you can come when you feel like it. Our wish is that we get more real Bonairean members. At this time mostly Dutch people join the club. We would like more diversity in the membership and we invite people here and now to come to de Tuin and have a look and a try of *jeu de boules*." This sport is playable for almost every age and handicap. "We even had people here in a wheelchair or with a rollator. As long as they were not on the same court together it works very well. Everybody would help them if needed."

If you would like to see for yourself whether *jeu de boules* (or petanque) is something for you, you are welcome at de Tuin every Saturday from 2:30 pm. You may watch or play or just drink or eat something. The first event is an Easter tournament that will take place 12th of April. ■ *Story by Justine Verschoor; photos by Peter van Baalen*



UNSANITARY CONTROL

Dear Reporter,

For a long time there has been something on my mind which I cannot keep any longer to myself.

Its about the containers at the airport where passengers have to put their stuff when going through the controls.

In these containers all kind of things go in like laptops, snacks, little bags, jackets, belts, but also dirty things like shoes. All goes in the same containers. The working people wear gloves when touching these things. So they are protected. But at the same time my clean stuff has to go in a container where all kinds of dirty shoes have been. And then my jacket or belt is goes back on my body or I eat the snack later while waiting for the plane.

This is not hygienic. It's nasty, dirty, irresponsible. I know this happens everywhere in the world but that does not mean that it shouldn't change TODAY.

Bonaire can start with this change, for example have two types of containers: one black, one white. The black ones for shoes, slippers and sandals. In the white ones all other things. Maybe Bonaire can teach the world how it should be concerning this matter.

A Traveler



CRUISESHIP BACKLASH

Dear Editor,

I'm writing you out of the deepest concern I have for our Island of Bonaire. Although I am not a Bonairean citizen, I have vacationed on the Island since 1997. My wife and I have been honored by the tourist board with honorary ambassador medals. We routinely spend three to four weeks on the island annually. During this time we snorkel daily, and dine out at the local restaurants every day. We love the island!

Our concern are the cruise ships and their environmental impact on the island. This year in February and March there seemed to be more ships then ever before. On several occasions I witnessed a lot of passengers walking on the shelf/reef at Eden Beach. As you are aware, there isn't much coral at Eden Beach, but I was horrified of what I saw at Klein Bonaire. Hundreds of people with absolutely no regard for the coral reefs at No Name Beach south along the coast.

People who come for the day do not normally respect the environment, dropping trash and walking on the reefs.

The people I know who vacation annually on Bonaire come and spend a lot of money because they respect the Bonairean people and their environment. This isn't consistent with the cruise ship business model. The larger the cruise ship business grows the more of a negative impact on the environment. I know people need to make money to survive. If this continues I am afraid you will be driving away those of us who enjoy your Island for its natural beauty and friendly people.

Richard and Margaret Trombly



DECEASED

Karen MacDougall Ciminelli, who, with her husband Jim, took over Oscarina Charters in 1996, passed away in upstate New York on March 24, 2015, at age 58.

Following the departure of her husband she operated the business single-handedly with the assistance of Bonairean crewmen. She was known for her good seamanship and Japanese cuisine. After several successful sailing seasons she became seriously ill and had difficulty running her business. Many Bonaire residents helped

her during this difficult time. She returned to her hometown in the Cheektowaga, NY area a few years ago and lived with her mother. You can share your condolences at www.AMIGONE.com. Funeral Services will be held at a later date. ■ G.D.



Aletta's Semper Contentu Goat Farm

The goat moms have been milked, the two gates are opened and more than 100 babies and moms rush out to be reunited. Now that's a photo opportunity!

One of the most fun and real Bonairean experiences for all ages is a visit to Aletta's Semper Contentu Goat Farm. Long known for her handmade cheese "with love and care in every bite," Aletta now welcomes visitors to her off-the-grid kunuku (farm) where you can meet the goat mothers who produce the ambrosial milk as well as their babies. Although the farm has been in operation for a number of years it's only recently that it's been open for tours.

You arrive as the moms are lined up in the barn, ready to be milked. The babies wait nearby in a side yard. When all have been milked, the gates are opened and the babies charge out to be reunited with their moms. It's an amazing sight. There are 54 "moms" right now with an equal number of babies.

Interspersed with the activities Aletta tells the story of the farm and how it came to be, what it's like to live with these goats with all different personalities, how to deal with feeding, how to produce the products with no connection to local power and water. But it works, primarily because of Aletta herself who attracts loyal volunteers. While we were there two pickups arrived, loaded with garden cuttings. All the goats gathered around and had a wonderful feast of the fresh branches and leaves. Aletta says, "Well, they could take the garden waste to the landfill, but they don't get good coffee there!" She's alluding to the coffee with goat milk that she serves.

At the end of the tour guests are offered that popular coffee and goat milk, tea or juice. You get samples of goat cheese and goat yogurt too. Sitting in the open air, under a tree, imbibing products from the nearby goats is a real trip. You may purchase goat cheese, milk and yogurt (when available).

Another added attraction are the magnificent bags made out of goat skin, created by Lida. They're works of art. Lida considers the individual character-

istics of the fur while creating her bags. Each one is unique. Some of us yearn for one!

Aletta's Goat Farm Tours start at 9 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. \$10 includes cheese tasting and tea. Kids are \$5. Give a call to say you're coming: 786-6950. To find the farm: go north on the Rincon Road. Just past the ball field on the left you'll see a sign on a dirt road on the left for the Goat Farm. Follow the white rocks to the farm. Park outside and ring the bell. For more information call 786-6950. ■

Story & photos by Laura DeSalvo



Aletta with the handsome current billy goat papa, "Ben"



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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time

| Day | High | Low | High | Low | High | Sunrise | Sunset |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|--------|
| Mon 06 | 02:26 0.57 ft | 11:07 -0.07 ft | 16:58 0.21 ft | 20:19 0.18 ft | | 6:29 | 18:47 |
| Tue 07 | 03:04 0.63 ft | 11:49 -0.13 ft | 17:43 0.20 ft | 20:58 0.18 ft | | 6:28 | 18:47 |
| Wed 08 | 03:44 0.70 ft | 12:25 -0.18 ft | 18:11 0.20 ft | 21:47 0.16 ft | | 6:28 | 18:47 |
| Thu 09 | 04:24 0.75 ft | 12:59 -0.21 ft | 18:33 0.21 ft | 22:40 0.13 ft | | 6:27 | 18:47 |
| Fri 10 | 05:07 0.79 ft | 13:32 -0.24 ft | 18:58 0.23 ft | 23:36 0.10 ft | | 6:26 | 18:47 |
| Sat 11 | 05:50 0.81 ft | 14:04 -0.25 ft | 19:27 0.28 ft | | L Quarter | 6:26 | 18:47 |
| Sun 12 | | 00:34 0.07 ft | 06:36 0.81 ft | 14:38 -0.25 ft | 20:02 0.34 ft | 6:25 | 18:47 |
| Mon 13 | | 01:36 0.05 ft | 07:23 0.76 ft | 15:12 -0.24 ft | 20:43 0.42 ft | 6:25 | 18:47 |
| Tue 14 | | 02:42 0.03 ft | 08:14 0.69 ft | 15:48 -0.21 ft | 21:28 0.51 ft | 6:24 | 18:47 |
| Wed 15 | | 03:54 0.02 ft | 09:10 0.59 ft | 16:27 -0.18 ft | 22:18 0.61 ft | 6:23 | 18:47 |
| Thu 16 | | 05:13 -0.01 ft | 10:14 0.47 ft | 17:07 -0.14 ft | 23:11 0.70 ft | 6:23 | 18:47 |
| Fri 17 | | 06:37 -0.06 ft | 11:27 0.36 ft | 17:52 -0.08 ft | | 6:22 | 18:47 |
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| Sun 19 | 01:03 0.84 ft | 09:15 -0.21 ft | 14:22 0.24 ft | 19:36 0.02 ft | | 6:21 | 18:48 |
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Sudoku Solution

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| 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
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| 8 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
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Saturdays

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

• **Tera Kora Ranch Market**—2nd & 3rd Saturdays- local produce, clothes, food, games for kids, 2nd hand items

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—Last Saturday of the month**, 8am-2pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon

• **Last Saturday of the month** – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 9:30am-2pm in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

• **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.

• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules**, 2:30-6 pm, Landhuis DE TUIN on the road to Lac Bai. Info: 786-0150

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

Mondays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9 am**. Meet the goats, see milking, cheese making and more. \$10 includes cheese tasting and tea, Kids \$5. 786-6950- Also on Wednesdays & Fridays.

• **Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar**. The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: *Island Adrift*, *Shangri-la*, *Sea Trauma* and the newest book *Reef Windows*. 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290.

• **Touch the Sea** -- 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 every Monday when

Cruise Ship Schedule

| DAY | DATE | NAME | CAPACITY | CRUISE LINE |
|---------|----------|----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Friday | 17-04-15 | Serenade of the Seas | 2490 | RCCL |
| Tuesday | 21-04-15 | Carnival Valor | 2984 | TBA |
| Sunday | 26-04-15 | Maasdam | 1258 | HAL |
| END | 2014-15 | Cruise Season | | |

she's on-island at 8 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call Habitat at 717-8290 or Dee at 717-8529.

Wednesdays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am**. See Monday for more information.

• **Divers' Night at Zazu Bar at Bistro de Paris Restaurant at Harbour Village Marina**. Free house rum when you buy a coke.

• **Echo Parrot (Lora) Foundation** tours at the Dos Pos Conservation Centre. Get an insight into Echo's work and their efforts to protect this endangered species. Book your private tour for \$30 per person (minimum of 2) through Flow: info@flowbonaire.com Phone +599 788 4636. Or come to the weekly tour on Wednesday 4.30 pm. Meet at the Dos Pos windmill and bring good shoes as it is 'off road'. We invite you to enjoy Bonaire's nature!

• **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)

Fridays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am**. See Monday for more information

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CLUBS and MEETINGS

Bridge Club - Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200or788-2819 or peejeese@gmail.com

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.

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

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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. De-brot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:00 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride bonaireibc@yahoo.com

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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

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Friday, April 10- Indian Food Buffet, Bonaire Basics. For info/reservation call 700-5488.

Saturday, April 11—Divers' Clean-up Dive. Dive Friends Bonaire organizes 2nd quarterly Bonaire Underwater Clean Up Dive. info@dive-friends-bonaire.com, 717-3462 infonaire.com

Friday, April 17— DJ Chuckie Concert at Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire 8 pm \$20 admission Info: 700-1049

Saturday April 18 - Krusada Open House -10am-5pm. An opportunity to see the various projects of this award-winning foundation on the Lagoen Road. See page 3

Saturday, April 25—Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei, 8am—2pm. Traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen

Thursday, April 30—Rincon Day. Focus on Rincon with an array of local cuisines, local music and traditional dances. Our King and Queen will be there.

May 21- 25- Sorobon Masters Windsurfing at the Sorobon Beach Resort, World class multi-discipline windsurfing competition. For info email organisa-tie@sorobonmasters.com

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July 2015 — Plan for **Mindfulness Retreats** for the summer of 2015. The two sessions are July 25 through August 1 and August 1 through 8. The focus will be on daily guided meditations at various locations in Bonaire. Also yoga, nature hikes and one-on-one therapist session will be offered. For more information email ann@bonairecaribbean.com



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Sea Turtles Slaughtered



Cadavers of the slaughtered turtles (above)

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Sea turtles have been protected on Bonaire since 1991 when the Island Council of Bonaire amended the Marine Environmental Ordinance (A.B. 1984, no 21) and as of October 10, 2010, when Bonaire became a special municipality of the Netherlands, the penalty for violating laws that relate to species listed under Article 8 of the SPAW Protocol may result in a maximum fine of US \$560,000. Therefore all details have been provided to the police who will be investigating this matter. Anyone who has any information about this matter should contact the police on 715-8000, or STCB on 780 0433.

Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is a non-governmental research and conservation organization that has been protecting Bonaire's sea turtles and their habitats since 1991. ■ *STCB Press Release and photo*

Pet of the Week

Let us introduce you to our Pet of the Week, beautiful "Winnie."

Winnie is a friendly, obedient, high energy, smart young lady. She loves to give and receive lots of affection and likes to play, learn and go on walks. She is considered a "Bonairean Shepard." If you are looking for a great companion, beautiful Winnie is the match for you.

Winnie has been checked out by vet to be sure she is healthy, given her inoculations and wormed. The \$75 adoption fee for dogs includes all this plus sterilization and an ID chip which will identify her with her new owner.

If you're interested in adopting Winnie or meeting the other healthy, social cats and dogs, please visit the Animal Shelter Bonaire on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 10am -1pm and 3-5pm, or call for more information. (717-4989). Go to



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Shelter News

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Set your dog up for success: If you are going to practice "stays," begin the practice when your dog is in a calm mood.

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Every dog needs leadership: Leadership is a good tool for raising a well-adjusted puppy and also will help a shy and fearful dog understand that the problems of the world are not on his shoulders alone. He can rely on its leader!

BECOME AN ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEER

You don't have to be an animal expert to help out at the Animal Shelter Bonaire. You just need to have the time and desire to lend a helping hand. You don't need a lot of time. In fact, whatever you do for a living, you're bound to have skills and talents our Shelter can use. If you're into technology, internet, organizing events, like to socialize with animals or come and help us with cleaning.... We are looking for you! This is the opportunity to help out! Let's get started to lend a helping hand, visit the Animal Shelter Bonaire at Kaminda Lagun 26 or call (717-4989) to sign-up.

MORE SHELTER ACTIVITIES

The Animal Shelter Shop offers great pet products like toys, collars, leashes and more for cats and dogs that generate extra revenue for our animal protection programs. Start shopping today and show your support. At the Shelter Bonaire on Kaminda Lagun 26a.

Animal Shelter T-Shirts

Have you got your own Animal Shelter T-shirt? They're considered the "in" shirt on Bonaire and they're perfect for gifts too. There are tanks and tees in adult and children's sizes. Shirts are available at the Shelter Shop, at Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn and at the Monday night Happy Hour at Capt. Don's Habitat.

Make a Difference

The Shelter has a Free Sterilization project that's been running for several years. But they can't do it alone. Your financial contribution goes a long way to continue this project. **Their account is**

MCB #10616410 "Sterilization Fund." ■

Nathalie Peterson/L.D.



Apiary Construction

Bees are important pollinators worldwide and as such are very important for our food production. They have been introduced in the beginning of the last century for beekeeping. Bees swarm, can survive in the wild, and have spread over large parts of the island. Besides the positive aspects (pollination, production of honey) there are also negative sides. Being non-native, they are competitors to



native pollinators and occupy potential nesting sites for Loras and Prikichis. Junior Rangers will be introduced to beekeeping and learn the basic skills. In that way they can manage beehives and help in removal of colonies from the wild. An apiary - small shed - will be built where beehives can be placed so they are in the shade. STINAPA and Cargill volunteers, under the supervision of beekeeper Sabine Engel, built a shaded area so the bee hives can be placed out of the sun. This apiary is inside the Fundashon Kas Bonaireano Educatonal P and will be maintained by the STINAPA Junior Rangers. ■ *Story & Photo by Sabine Engel*



A Garden? Just Do It!



A rosy pomegranate ready to pick.

It's amazing how much fruit the trees are bearing after the rainy season.

If you just look around in the *mondi* (countryside), the *kunukus* (farms), along the old roads like the way to Rincon, the back dirt roads and also in town you will see trees in blossom and with young fruit already. And some ripe fruit too, maybe even in your yard.

Delicious fruit made on Bonaire!

To mention some: **mango, mispel (sapotille or naseberry), tamarind, papaya, guyaba, pomegranate, amandel, golden apple, birambi, coco, bacoba, carambola, calebas (to make syrup), shi-**

maruku (cherries), apple-dam.

Who says there's no fruit growing on Bonaire? And from each one you can make great jams, batidas (fruit shakes), ice cream, a mixed fruit dessert or stobas like papaya stoba, or liqueurs like the home made pina colada (coco milk with pineapple) and juices like guyaba juice, tamarin juice or just a nice fruit veggy mix salad like mango mixed with cucumber, some green herbs, sunflower seeds and a lemon-honey dressing. Or just eat it like it is, fresh picked from the tree in your yard.

One of the nicest fruits found in many yards is the **manikara zapota, well known here as the mispel** (in other places called achras zapota, sapotilla, naseberry, dilly or chiosapote). Originally it comes from Central America and the Caribbean. The tree can grow to more than 30 meters. It will usually take five to eight years to bear fruit and will yield fruit twice a year though flowering may continue year round.

The fruit has a high latex content and does not ripen until picked. The fruit has an exceptionally sweet flavor. It's eaten



The ever-popular papaya

fresh but it's also used to make syrup, jam, juices, ice cream and can be dried. Home made ice cream is very popular with the locals. I used to buy the most delicious home made mispel ice cream in Rincon. It's great, made with sweetened condensed milk and sometimes some rum.

A dessert sauce, also well known in the world, is made by peeling and seeding ripe mispels, pressing the flesh through a colander, adding orange juice and topping with whipped cream. Doesn't this make you

get hungry? But I'm not finished.

Another recipe: Mispel flesh may also be blended into an egg custard before baking.

Or to sweeten your meal, just add this very sweet fruit to your yogurt dessert for example or in a green salad or on a cake as a topping.

You can also eat it just as it is. Cut it in two parts and use a spoon to take the flesh out. For babies it's a smooth, sweet easy-to-swallow fruit. And so healthy.

Benefits of mispel?

It's a very good source of dietary fiber. It contains a good amount of anti-oxidant vitamins like vitamins C and A and it's a good source of minerals. So go ahead with some new try outs in your daily food.

With all these healthy fruits growing right here on this clean island (the soil is clean, the air is clean, the sea is clean) you can eat the most healthy way there is. I guess you might feel like Jane or Tarzan.

Oh, by the way, the Loras (local parrots) are crazy about this fruit. So to be able to enjoy your mispel look for small paper bags like the brown ones or



Egg shaped mispel. They come in a round shape as well.

sugar bags, move each mispel into a bag and tie a thin piece of wire or string around the bag where the stem is. This is so Loras can't see the fruit.

Ask a local when the mispel is good to pick because, as I said before, it stays hard until it's picked. Then it ripens further in a paper bag. It takes a few more days to ripen soft and sweet. ■

Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



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THE STARS HAVE IT

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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Chances are you split up the last time because you didn't really want to make a commitment. Try not to attempt to do something unless you are fully intent on following through with the plans. You may find yourself caught in the middle of an argument that has nothing to do with you. Focus on your own domestic problems. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Sign up for courses that will help you understand yourself better. Time to deal with institutional environments, government agencies, and matters of a private nature this month. Your desire for excitement and adventure may be expensive. Romance is likely if you can bring yourself to go out with friends. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Deception in your home is evident. Don't beat around the bush. Think before you act if you wish to avoid friction. Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. Don't prejudge. You may get drawn into a personal situation that will not be to your liking. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Put your emotional energy into passion not anxiety. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. You will be in the mood to socialize. You may win favors if you present your ideas and include your family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You may find out that someone has not been completely honest with you. Channel your efforts into achieving your goals. Avoid letting family get involved in your personal life. Opportunities will come through behind the scenes activities. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your emotional partner will push the right buttons this month. Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. This will not be the day to have minor surgery. You would be wise to socialize

with as many people as possible. Your luckiest events will occur on a Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. Don't let coworkers interfere with your objectives. Try to be reasonable. Include friends and family members in your redecorating plans. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) A residential move may be necessary to get a better job. It's time to reevaluate your motives. Sort situations out as best you can. Watch your spending habits. Don't go hog wild when it comes to entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Make sure any presentation you have is ready. Romance will develop through work related activities. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth. Attend to things that you should have done yesterday. Your luckiest vents this month will occur on a Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Things are looking up. Don't let peers distract you or push their work your way. Opportunities will unfold; however, you must be willing to pay the price. Make arrangements to meet friends at your local dance club. Your luckiest events will occur on a Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You could make extra cash through creative hobbies. Visit friends or relatives who have been confirmed. Make plans that will take you to exotic destinations. You may not want to spend time around family or your home. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Expand your knowledge and sign up for courses and seminars. Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Opportunities to get involved in self improvement projects will be rewarding. Be innovative. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday. ■ *Astrologer Michael Thiessen*



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

A SKY-BUSY APRIL

Did you see the third of four total lunar eclipses separated by approximately six months - tetrad - on Saturday, April 4? The Moon gradually got darker and then took on a rusty or blood red color. The eclipse was visible throughout most of the Caribbean, North America, South America, eastern Asia, and Australia.

Shooting stars associated with the **Virginitid meteor shower** are expected to be visible each night from April 7 to 18, however, this shower will reach its maximum rate of activity on April 12 when the Moon will present minimal interference. The maximum rate of meteors expected to be visible from a dark location is around five per hour

Lyrids, an average meteor shower, usually producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak, will reach its maximum rate of activity on the night of April 22nd and morning of the 23rd. These meteors can sometimes produce bright dust trails that last for several seconds. The **first quarter Moon** will set shortly after midnight, leaving fairly dark skies for what could be a good show.

There is still great planet watching this month. Here's a rundown:

Evening planets

Brilliant **Venus** in west dusk until mid-evening

Fading **Mars** sets soon behind the **Sun**

Bright **Jupiter** from dusk until late night

Saturn rises at mid-to-late evening

Mercury at dusk in second half of April

Morning planets

Bright **Jupiter** out until after midnight

Saturn from late night until dawn

Highlighting our two nearest planets: First, brilliant Venus is west at dusk until mid-evening. Venus - brightest planet and third-brightest object in the sky after the Sun and Moon - climbs higher up at dusk and stays out later after dark than it did in March.

Do not miss the sky at nightfall, around April 11. It's your chance to see the sky's brightest planet coupling up with the **Pleiades star cluster**. Bring your bin-

West, One Hour After Sunset



oculars, if you have them, to view Venus and the Pleiades taking the stage in a single binocular field. Read more about this special sky event here.

The **waxing crescent Moon** swings close to Venus for several days, centered on April 21.

Throughout April, brilliant Venus beams like a lighthouse as darkness falls.

Fading Mars sets soon behind the Sun. Mars has lingered in our western twilight sky for many months, and it continues to fade in brightness, falling into the sunset glare. It's farther and farther below Venus each evening.

But you might see Mars still, with or without binoculars, when the young **waxing crescent Moon** pairs up with Mars on April 19. See the Moon that night, but not Mars? Then use your binoculars to sweep near the Moon!

Why is the **Red Planet** getting dimmer and dropping into the sunset now? It's because Mars is now lagging far behind **Earth** in its larger and slower orbit. Soon, Earth will be so far ahead of Mars in orbit that the Sun will be between us and it. Mars will pass behind the Sun, thereby entering our morning sky, on June 14. But we won't see much of Mars between now and June. The bright glare of the sunset will hide it from our view long before its June conjunction with the Sun.

You might see Mars near the moon on April 19. It'll surely be gone shortly after that. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



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