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*Engracia Coffie demonstrates the art of scarf tying on Lenda Janga to the audience at the Managzina de Rei Cultural Market on Saturday July 30. Mamita Fox looks on and captures her words.*

Mangazina di Rei  
photo

**Wijnand Wolf** → took over management of the Bonaire Marine park on August 1. Before that he worked for the Bonaire island Government (OLB) handling environmental licensing. He studied aquatic eco-technology at the Hogeschool Zeeland and has several years experience in the Netherlands. Wijnand takes over from Sabine Engel who was interim manager of the BNMP. Sabine will remain involved in STINAPA's projects at Lac.



one just issued by the Canadian Government. "Canadian citizens travelling to Saint Lucia are now recommended to exercise a "high degree of caution" compared to "normal security precautions" in other Eastern Caribbean islands. Visitors to Saint Lucia should expect **limited medical resources, generally poor road conditions, unreliable public transportation, and moderate crime rates.**"

►As you might have suspected, Dutch men are the tallest in the world with an average height of 182.5 centimeters (just under 6' tall) according to researchers at Imperial College in London. Dutch women are the second tallest in the world, reaching an average height of 1.69 (meters just under 5' 7"), one centimeter less than the Latvians.

Dutch men have grown from 1.69 meters a century ago, women by 14 centimeters. By contrast, Americans have only grown by an average of six centimeters over the past 100 years. The smallest men in the world come from East Timor, with an average height of 1.6 meters (5' 3"). Women from Guatemala were the smallest with an average height of 149 cm.



OLB Photo

►The Executive Council has recently appointed four new members to the Committee on Nature Management Bonaire. The new members replace members who were officials in the Bonaire Island Government. Replacing the government members promotes independence and transparency. The newly appointed members of the committee are: Rita Peachy, Pancratio "Pancho" Cicilia, Sidney Manuel and Sherwin Pourier Chairman (not pictured). Andre Nahr, the fifth member of the committee, has been a member for over 10 years.

►Late return of the "attestation de vita" or "proof of life" form will result in stopping of the AOV-pension payment for beneficiaries outside the Caribbean Netherlands. Twice a year overseas recipients must contact the Social Affairs and Employment Unit (RCN / SWZ) by mail or email between November 1 and December 15 and May 1 and June 15 to ensure their payment continues. If not done, the AOV payment will be stopped.

If the AOV payment has been stopped by mistake, this can be corrected by submitting the "attestation de vita" by mail to: pensioen@rijksdienstcn.com or by mail

►Yes, there is crime on Bonaire But there's never been a travel advisory like the

►The Pullmantur cruise line will resume port calls to Bonaire with the ship Zenith from 9 May 2017 through 17 October 2017. The ship carries 1850 passengers, mostly boarding from Central and South America, and will make 24 visits during that time. About 350,000 cruise ship visitors are expected in 2017.

►There is a new fence on Te Amo Beach. The new fence will not only stop vehicles from causing potential damage to sea turtle nests when entering the beach, but will also discourage disoriented nesting turtles to access the parking area and the busy road by the airport. The replacement of the fence marks the beginning of STCB's involvement in a wider Ecological Restoration project. Additional activities will take place in the near future, including placement of trash can facilities, signs to raise awareness and planting vegetation alongside the fence aiming to create a natural barrier that will substitute for a fence.

►Divi Flamingo Beach Resort has become the second Bonaire hotel to offer an all-inclusive. Included are hotel room, food, beverages and snorkeling adventures for an introductory rate of US \$175 per person per night.

►Move over Olympics doping screening. Last month Bonaire formalized its screening for testing athletes. Seven new doping inspectors, including Peter Silberie, Head of Indebon (Bonaire's Sports Authority), were trained by Angélique Koolman of the Regional Anti-Doping Agency, RADO. Governor Edison Rijna presented their badges. The inspectors cannot be used only for sports. They can also be used by employers for pre-hiring testing.

►Congratulations to Amado Vrieswijk with his win in the PWA Fuerteventura event. Keep up the good work and on to the World Championship!



PWA Photo

►We are happy to welcome Woodstock Bonaire to our family of advertisers. Be sure to pass by to enjoy the unique atmosphere, the music, drinks, food and the special events. For example, coming up on Aug. 27 is the seven-man cover band from Curacao named CARIBBEAN COURAGE and on Aug. 28 the monthly MOVIE QUIZ starts at 20.00 every last Sunday of the month.

►Be sure to visit Bonaire's Museums. The Terramar Museum downtown just opened. See page 11.

►Isn't anyone writing Letters to the Editor anymore? Have our readers' opinions withered? Let us hear from you. ■

G./L.D.



Photo by Bondy

Pia, the famous Pasa Bon Pizza kitty, died unexpectedly on Thursday July 28, She was around 15 years old. Tourists as well as local customers, would always ask about her if they didn't see her sleeping in the hall...She was loved by many.

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# Preserving Bonaire As A Tourism Destination... and For Its People

**“Helping tourism destinations to become more sustainable.”**

That is the goal of “Green Destinations,” a global partnership for responsible tourism based in the Netherlands. Green Destinations’ tourism expert, **Hugo de Jong**, was invited to Bonaire to do an assessment on the degree of sustainability of the island’s tourism industry and train Tourism Corporation Bonaire’s (TCB) staff in applying Green Destinations’ sustainability management system.

## BROAD SPECTRUM OF SUSTAINABILITY

While “green” seems to indicate a focus on nature and environment, Green Destinations’ approach is much wider than that. The protection of culture and traditions and social well-being of the local population are also included in the 100 criteria used to determine the island’s degree of sustainability. To get a clear picture on those various fields Mr. De Jong interviewed stakeholders such as BONHATA, SELIBON, the Business and Employers Association, Dive operators, STINAPA, NGO Platform, SKAL and the Department of Economic Affairs. The official evaluation is ongoing, but Mr. de Jong has shared some of his first impressions about our island.

## DO RESEARCH ON CRUISE TOURISM

De Jong is positively surprised by many aspects of the island. “Nature conservation seems to be part of Bonaire’s DNA with a long history of the Marine Park and effective protection of the lora, turtles, and fish and reef restoration,” the expert says en-

thusiastically. “There is also a passionate group of people who cherish and celebrate the traditions and authenticity of the island.”

Of course there are also more contentious aspects. “Starting with the most obvious area of tension, cruise tourism does not naturally fit in the picture of sustainable tourism,” De Jong explains, “but neither is it fair to defame this form of tourism based on ‘gut feelings.’” More research on the carrying capacity of the island, on local opinions concerning the growth of the cruise tourism industry, and on the impacts on other forms of tourism practiced on the island is necessary. Will regular stay-over tourists keep visiting the island? Will local people get irritated by the expansion of day visitors? Will dive and snorkeling sites be able to cope with a growing number of divers? Too much is unknown, making it difficult to make proper policy decisions at the moment.” Also possibilities to spread the peaks of cruise tourists over time (outside the high season) and space (to less visited parts of Bonaire) should be further investigated according to the tourism expert.

## A VIBRANT AND AUTHENTIC CITY CENTER

De Jong sees space for development in other fields that can affect the tourism industry in a positive way. Playa’s city center for example, has quite some room for improvement, he says. “The center is not very inviting,” De Jong noticed during his visit. “If the island finds a way to make it more vibrant, more tourists might come out of their resorts in the evening for a

drink, or a walk on the seaside.” Also the opening hours can be better geared towards visitors.

“Museums are currently closed on weekend days, bike rentals close their doors at 5pm, tourists are forced to use resort facilities out of town.” Furthermore, De Jong, who draws on experience in tourism destinations all over the world, argues that imported souvenirs should be banned from the shops. “Local production should be stimulated, and already existing local arts and crafts could be more exposed to tourists. It is unbelievable that souvenirs made in China are still sold here!” Also local cuisine deserves a more prominent place according to the researcher. “I ordered a ‘special of the day’ in a restaurant and got haddock, a fish caught in the North Sea!” De Jong shares, surprised, “while there are so many great local alternatives.” A first step could be to make the population more proud of their local products and local craftsmanship.

## EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

The island is doing a good job with communication and education aimed towards tourists, but there is space for improvement. “While there is mostly strong awareness among divers about the do’s and don’ts in practicing their hobby, snorkelers can buy a tag without knowing what they are allowed to do. While the rangers do a great job enforcing regulations, they could have a more educative role.”



PICK: Donkeys and goats or green and lush?

## DONKEYS, GOATS OR PLANTS

Another way to make the island literally greener would be by doing something about feral goats and donkeys. “It is a precarious topic and a sustainability dilemma; if you want to protect the island’s culture you could argue it is necessary to keep donkeys and goats walking freely around, but if you want to bring back the island’s original vegetation, you will have to lock them in.” At the moment there are around 1,000 goats wandering around in Washington Slagbaai Park, the expert learned. Although STINAPA now tries to reduce this number, trees and plants have little chance to flourish. De Jong thinks the island would be more attractive with more vegetation, both for tourists and for the population, as it will have various positive impacts on the climate and soil fertility. Another way to improve the island’s natural environment is to forbid the usage of plastic bags and unrecyclable

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# On the Island Since... 1996 and 2015 - Terence Bernabela



Terence and Liset and their daughter Kailani



Francisco Valerio and Terence Bernabela, founders of Dinner in a Box

"I was born February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1988, in Tilburg, Holland, but my mom and dad are both Bonairean. They'd left for studies and met each other there. I am their only child. When I was eight my mom and I came to live on Bonaire and to me it was all very exciting because when you are young the only thing you can think of is sun, sea and sand. I loved it! I went to Papa Cornes elementary school, which was kind of hard the first couple of months because I spoke Papiamentu with an accent. I can't say I was really bullied, but I felt it! It didn't take long though; I picked up the language fast and I got friends and everything went back to normal. I was into all kinds of water sports, I also loved to fish, and I played tennis, baseball and loved windsurfing. I was engaged in numerous sports activities which is really the only thing you can do on the island when you're young.

As my mom loves to travel, we made a lot of journeys together. We went to Peru and Ecuador, to Puerto Rico, St. Martin and of course Aruba and Curacao, but also many times to Miami and Orlando and on cruises as well. And with my sports clubs I also travelled around on a regular basis." *He laughs.* "Where have I not been?"

At SGB Havo I had the best of times. It wasn't like nowadays where everybody is separated, even at different locations. No, we were all together and everybody knew everybody. On Fridays and Saturdays you could find us all at the boulevard, at City Café and Karel's. Town was crowded those nights. Everyone was okay with one another and where you were standing, right there was the party.

When I graduated, I went to Leeuwarden, Holland, to study International Business & Management. It's a Bachelor's education in English and therefore the training attracted many students of different cultures. My classmates came from Indonesia, Malaysia, China and Vietnam, but also from Nepal, India, Germany and Spain. So many cultures and you get to know them almost in a playful manner. You learn how other people think and especially what their customs are, something what comes in handy later when you're in business. For instance, in Holland most people are very direct, which other cultures might translate as being

rude as in Asia for example people really take their time to get to know you first. If you don't know that or ignore it, it comes across as uncivilized and uncouth. You know, I think those things should be taught in any education and although – in my case – it was included in the learning, the varied composition of my co-students background topped it off completely! I graduated in 2010.

In 2006 I met my girlfriend **Liset**. We've been in a relationship for 10 years now. We have a little daughter, whom we

named **Kailani**, which means 'sun, sea and sky' in Hawaiian. Liset found the name, and because I really love windsurfing I thought it was well chosen. She's three years old and an intense little girl," *he grins proudly.* "A real girly girl."

Well, in Holland Liset was working at one of the main department stores as a supervisor. After my graduation I worked at a marketing agency. Then I got a job with the government at the department of education execution where I worked for four years until we made the move to Bonaire.

In 2014 we came here – after not having been on the island for five years – for a vacation and we really enjoyed it. Somehow it felt different, like coming home, and it made me think, 'What am I doing in Holland?' When it was time to go back we felt sad. We would have preferred to stay. Back in Holland we talked it over and began to look for work possibilities on Bonaire, but still with the idea it could take a couple of years. Then Liset applied for a position as assistant manager at DA drugstore and she got a positive answer. And after several interviews with her boss she was hired. Oh boy! Then we started doubting our choice. Was it the right one? Everything moved so fast. It was July 2015 and she had to start working in October.

Two months later we arrived on Bon-

aire. I still didn't have a job but I thought that once I would be here things would be easier, which wasn't so. Then, one day, I went with my daughter and a friend of mine, **Francisco Valerio**, to the beach. By the end of the day we were really hungry so I said to Francisco, 'Let's order some food and we'll eat it at home.' Francisco laughed and told me, 'You've been away too long; nobody does delivery on the island.' So, we chatted about it and then Francisco, who was working for his mom at Exito, said, 'You know what?

**"I think when you leave for studies it's hard to come back and find a job in your field on these islands."**

I think it would work! When I only think of the clients of Exito I can think of several people who would love to order delivery. Let's do it.' We started talking as to whether it would be really feasible: what kind of investments we would have to make. Both of us had a car, so we could start immediately with the means we had and grow little by little. We went to the notary and had ourselves registered. Then we made a business plan, thought of a logo, a website and of course a name, and it became '**Dinner in a Box.**' We finished in about two months. By that time it was December. We decided to start the second week of January. As we wanted to start kind of slow we'd approached five restaurants: Rumba, Julian's, Pasa Bon Pizza, Exito and Between 2 Buns. That was our selection, but once we began promoting the business, other restaurants immediately wanted to join as well.

Two months later we were really busy and – entirely in style – we purchased a scooter which fitted the delivery image perfectly. As both of us had SUV's it wasn't very economical so we bought a Renault Kangoo and put the stickers on it. We set up a Facebook promotion and within three weeks we had a thousand likes. People got excited and started talking about it. We distributed flyers, made posters and did a lot ourselves to save costs. It was fun.

We made a website [www.dinnerinaboxbonaire.com](http://www.dinnerinaboxbonaire.com). On it are all the menus and the restaurants that are participating. Presently we're working with 21 restaurants. When you want to order delivery you look at the menu on the website, then you call us 782-9729 and tell us what you want to eat from which restaurant. You give us your phone number and address. We place the order, pick it up at the restaurant, pay for it and deliver it to your address at the normal restaurant price plus a delivery fee, depending on the zone (distance), starting at \$3.50. For every zone extra we add one more dollar. But... the price is per delivery not per meal. We also have an ATM machine so people can pay with their card, which is so much easier, but we take cash as well. We're doing breakfast, lunch and dinner and we have plenty of work, so we're already training a third person.

I am happy to be here and even though I'm very busy, life is relaxed and I don't feel stressed. I do miss things like the seasons and playing soccer, because I was a fanatic soccer player, but here I go windsurfing and I feel free. I think when you leave for studies it's hard to come back and find a job in your field on these islands. And even if you find one, there's little chance to grow, so you stay put in your position for about 30 years, which makes it also impossible for a younger person to step in. But... if you are ambitious and creative you will find something to aim for, because there's still a lot we don't have here and it might not be a necessity, but it could be useful and enough to make a living from.

It's been a good move although Liset misses her family a lot, especially her mom. Nevertheless we have a good life and we are happy together. I found out that once you have a child, you have a big responsibility and even though you're still relatively young yourself, you're already thinking of the future of your child and how you are going to guide her. But for now we're good! I think we're going to be here for a while – for sure!"

Story & photos by  
Greta Kooistra



# Wonders of Nature

Every day I see new trash and that makes me wonder. I will share my wondering about this waste and nature with you and hope that this might contribute to putting waste where it belongs: in the landfill.



## THE CARPET

Full of expectations I walk my usual path. I am very curious to see whether I'll find something that reveals something of the continuing story of Sven and his mother Anita. They are the protagonists of the "Waterbed" and the "Sofa," my recent articles in *The Reporter*. Anita has thrown a mattress and couch in the street, because her son, once he gets the taste of a bed, never rises and fails to attend school. I actually hope to find nothing that refers to them, because that would mean that things are going well. Unfortunately, after 10 minutes walking in pure nature, I do hit an object that makes clear that the fight against Sven's being bedridden is not over yet. Such a pity, I didn't expect this, since school holidays have already begun. Why couldn't Sven take his favorite horizontal position during the vacation?

The object, a carpet, is rolled up along the way, beside the sofa and the water mattress. The colors of the rug are cheerful, but the background isn't. I feel guilty: in my stories I support Anita in her tenacity. That support probably impelled her to hold on to her demands on Sven, even during his time off from school. I look at the lines I wrote in my previous articles and am dismayed when I reread what I recognize as the moral of the story: "As a parent you have to behave like a madman to be taken seriously by an adolescent" and "stay consistent in your approach to adolescents, even if it costs you your home furnishings." Perhaps I have gone too far. It sounds quite fanatical, although it came from a sincere concern. I probably brought the idea to Sven to lie down on the carpet, in the absence of a doghouse. And Anita knew he was going to do that because she read my story as well in which I forecasted the next step. She was on duty when Sven came home from his SGB graduation party. She immediately pulled the rug from under him as soon as he laid himself down on it, exhausted from the exam efforts, the party and the bad nights he'd had on the sofa. Now I am worried about the consequences:

in this way life is too heavy for a boy of that age. During his holidays he should have the opportunity to relax and recover from all the emotions and misery of recent times. What can I do to calm the conflict between mother and son? I conclude that the only thing I can do is write about it and hope that mother and son read this article. But first I have to consider a solution for them that brings harmony into their troubled world ...

Sven must regain a place where he can sleep, but within the normal range of about eight hours a night. Apparently a permanent place to sleep is too tempting for him. After a few days of rooting in my brain, a solution dawns. I remember my camping days, when I built my sleeping camp on and off. This gives direction to my thinking: a pop-up bed. And then I get an inspirational thought that makes all other inspirations superfluous: an air mattress. Inflated, it gives Sven the possibility to lie down comfortably. Every morning Anita deflates it from under him and stores it in her already locked bedroom. What a brilliant find, if I say so myself. Completely satisfied with myself and the world I finish this story and am convinced that this will cause a happy ending to an out-of-control situation for which I am to blame. Until ... on my next walk I see an air mattress lying along the side of the road. But come on, let's remain with a positive view of life.

The moral of this story is: if you feel sufficiently guilty and complicit you can solve every problem. However... could this morality have negative consequences? Just forget you have read it, don't act on it. That's the safest.

■ Story & photo by Justine Verschoor



## THE BENEFITS OF FIBER

Fiber in your diet contributes to digestive health, helps to keep you regular, and helps to make you feel full and satisfied after eating.

Dietary fiber is commonly divided into two types of fiber: soluble and insoluble fiber. Soluble fiber dissolves in water and is usually found in fruits, vegetables, wheat, and oats. Insoluble fiber tends to exit the body largely unchanged, and is found in foods like seeds, nuts, and celery. Consumption of both soluble and insoluble fiber is vital to a healthy diet. While you may have heard of the importance of a high fiber diet for colon health, there are many other health benefits.

**Fiber contributes to digestive health, helps to keep you regular, and helps to make you feel full and satisfied after eating.**

The overall recommendation worldwide for adults is to consume between 25 and 35 grams of fiber per day, yet many of us struggle to get even 15 grams. For people with heart disease or elevated cholesterol, fiber can help reduce cholesterol levels and decrease the risk of possible cardiac events. In fact, a study from The Journal of the American College of Cardiology noted that women consuming higher fiber diets have a decreased risk of heart attacks and coronary artery disease compared to similar women who consume less fiber.

Diabetics and those with uncontrolled blood sugar also benefit from a diet rich in fiber because of its ability to slow the absorption of glucose into the bloodstream. This avoids frequent spikes and dips in blood sugar that cause headaches, nausea, and fatigue.

Also a high-fiber diet has been shown to assist in weight loss because of its ability to slow the transit of foods and provide a feeling of fullness.

**How can I boost my diet with fiber?** Aim to get fiber from whole foods, rather than processed foods that claim they have added fiber added. Try adding a few of the following foods and your body will thank you.

**Beans and legumes:** black beans, kidney beans, pintos, chick peas (garbanzos), edamame, white beans, and lentils.

**Fruits and vegetables,** especially those with edible skin (for example, apples, corn



and beans) and those with edible seeds (for example, berries).

**Whole grains** such as: whole wheat pasta, brown rice, whole grain cereals (Look for those with three grams of dietary fiber or more per serving, including those made from whole wheat, wheat bran, and oats.) whole grain breads (one slice of bread should have at least three grams of fiber.

**Nuts** — try different kinds. Peanuts, walnuts and almonds are a good source of fiber and healthy fat, but watch portion sizes, because they also contain a lot of calories in a small amount.

**Seeds** like flax seeds and chia.

In general, an excellent source of fiber contains five grams or more per serving, while a good source of fiber contains 2.5 - 4.9 grams per serving.

It is best to get your fiber from food rather than taking a supplement. In addition to the fiber, these foods have a wealth of nutrition, containing many important vitamins and minerals.

It is also important that you increase your fiber intake gradually, to prevent stomach irritation, and that you increase your intake of water and other liquids, to prevent constipation. ■ Lucinda van der Wardt

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# Zales Named Picture Yourself Winners



photo by Denise Merrill

Alan and Joan Zale (center) literally took the Picture Yourself with *The Bonaire Reporter* contest to new heights when their photo was taken with the paper at 35,000 feet over the Atlantic on the United Airlines flight from Newark to Bonaire.

That highlighted an effort that took *The Reporter* to nine states and led the Zales to be named winners of the 2015 Picture Yourself With *The Bonaire Reporter* Contest. They were honored with an awards certificate presented by *Reporter* publisher and editor George and Laura DeSalvo at Between 2 Buns on July 28<sup>th</sup> and claimed their prize that weekend, a torch-lit dinner on the beach at the La Balandra Restaurant at the Harbour Village Resort.

They were selected as winners, citing their dedication to the column, the quality of the photos and the subject matter. They also motivated at least four friends to submit photos.

The Zale's first appeared in *The Bonaire Reporter* in 2004 and have been represented in the Picture Yourself column 16 times with photos from locations from New York to Hawaii.

The Picture Yourself column is not the only place the Zales have appeared in *The Reporter*. Joan, a retired New York City schoolteacher, visited a local elementary school and worked with the students, and Alan did a picture story for *The Reporter*. When Joan retired from 28 years of teaching, Alan greeted her as she walked out of school for the last time, carrying the Bonairean flag, a dozen roses, and Joan's fins while he was wearing full scuba gear, in the Bronx, saying, "Let's go diving." A photo also appeared in *The Reporter* of the Zales snorkeling on Bari reef wearing their Santa hats.

The Zales, who live in Hartsdale, NY and own a condo at Sand Dollar, have been coming to Bonaire every year since 1995 and proudly have 22 marine park tags on their BC's representing all their visits. When notified earlier this year of their award, the Zales said they could not have been happier.

It is obvious, given the number of the times they have appeared in the Picture Yourself column, that the Zales always seem to have a copy of *The Reporter* with them. When asked if they always pack one in their luggage they responded, "No, it goes in carry on, we don't want to risk losing it." ■ Story by Tom Pedulla

Tom Pedulla has been sports writer for USA Today and The New York Times. He has covered 16 Super Bowls, 11 World Series and six Olympics.

The winners, Joan and Alan Zale, enjoyed their prize, an exquisite torch-lit beach dinner, generously provided by the La Balandra Restaurant at Harbour Village Resort. The Zales described the night as one of the most amazing dining experiences they have ever had. Hensley Bernabela (center) provided outstanding service throughout the evening. →



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# A Garden? Just Do It

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SOIL

Often we think that because of the drought, little rain, lots of wind, salt in the air and too many rocks in the soil, it's hard to get plants to grow on Bonaire.

And yes, in a certain way it is true. But do you know that the **type of soil** is very important for a green garden?

We just want to make it easy on ourselves: just put the plant or seed in the ground and then it has to find a way to grow. But sorry, it does not work that way. Care in each and every way is necessary to let things grow and to have a nice garden. And one of these cares is knowledge and the attention to the right soil for your plants.

So this time it's all about what kind of soil.

### Different soil types.

There are five different soil types that gardeners and growers usually work with. All five are a combination of just three types of weathered rock particles that make up the soil: sand, silt, and clay. How these three particles are combined defines your soil type - how it feels to the touch, how it holds water, and how it's managed among other things.

#### 1- Soil type: Sandy

Sandy soil has the largest particles among the different soil types. It's dry and gritty to the touch and because the particles have huge spaces between them, it can't hold water.

Water drains rapidly, straight through to places where the roots, particularly those of seedlings, cannot reach.

Plants don't have a chance to use the nutrients in sandy soil efficiently as they are swiftly carried away by run off.

#### 2- Soil type: Silty

Silty soil has much smaller particles than sandy soil so it's smooth to the touch. When moistened, it's soapy slick. When you roll it between your fingers, dirt is left on your skin. Silty soil retains water longer, but it can't hold onto as many nutrients as you'd like even though it's fertile. Due to its moisture-retentive quality, silty soil is cold and drains poorly. Silty soil can also easily compact and become poorly aerated too.

#### 3 - Soil type: Clay

Clay soil has the smallest particles among the three so it has good water storage qualities. It's sticky to the touch when wet, but hard and caked when dry.

Due to the tiny size of the particles they have a tendency to settle together and little air passes through its spaces. Because it's also slower to drain, it has a tighter hold on plant nutrients. Clay soil is thus rich in plant food for better growth.

Clay soil could be very heavy to work with when it gets dry. The Bonairean red dirt is like this clay.

#### 4 - Soil type: Peaty.

Peaty soil is dark brown or black color, soft, easily compressed due to its high water content and is rich in organic matter. Although peat soil tends to be



Pepper plants in my garden

heavily saturated with water, once drained it turns into a good growing medium. The most desirable quality of peat soil, however, is in its ability to hold water during the dry months and its capacity to protect the roots from damage during very wet months.

#### 5 - Soil type: Saline

The soil in extremely dry regions like Bonaire is usually brackish because of its high salt content which prevents water uptake by plants, leading to drought stress. To determine if your garden has saline soil, you'll probably see a white layer coating on the surface of the soil, your plants are growing poorly, and they're suffering from leaf tip burn, especially on young leaves.

#### 6. The Ideal Soil type: Loam

Loamy soil is the ideal soil to work with. It contains of all three soil materials - silt, sand and clay- plus humus. It has a higher pH and calcium level because of its previous organic matter content. Loam is dark in color and mealy- soft, dry and crumbly - in your hand. It has a tight hold on water and plant food, but it drains well, and air moves freely between soil particles down to the roots.

#### How to find out what type of soil you have in your garden?

Fill a small jar with a soil sample from your garden. Shake vigorously and let the soil settle overnight.

Next day, you'll see distinct soil layers. Sand stays on the bottom, clay at the top and silt in between.

In the next article I will explain more so that you will have a total overview of this subject and you will have more expertise in working with your garden. This knowledge is important for you when gardening is one of your hobbies.

■ Story & photos by Angliet -Nature lover



# Preserving Culture at Mangazina di Rei



## RINCON –

During the last Cultural Market at Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Mrs. Lijntje Finies illustrated how to make a fisherman's net. Nowadays this hand craftsmanship is considered to be very rare, because there are only a few people who still possesses this skill. It requires a lot of dedication and precision. At the end of the workshop different visitors surrounded Mrs. Finies and the well known local fisherman, Mr. Doei Diaz, demonstrated how to repair the fisherman's net with a special needle.

A lot of visitors arrived early in the morning to have a traditional breakfast consisting of fresh bread from the oven or a pumpkin pancake. During midday you could get the local traditional plates as usual, but this time it was the watermelon stew which attracted a lot of attention because a lot of people did not know about this stew.

Also during the Cultural Market there was a talk about the Museum Chi Chi Tan, which is an interesting attraction located in Rincon. There were also the representatives of Tekibon, which is a local product. Tekibon stands for tequila of Bonaire. There were samples of the tequila being handed out and different visitors approved these to be of great taste. Other visitors came especially to participate in the scarf workshop (see cover page). Also as part of the program Mr. George "Kultura" Thode explained how local lime was produced in the past.



Mangazina Museum visitors

During the Cultural Market there were live performances by local bands "Grupo Krioyo" and "Grupo Kariño.

To sample the ambience of the last Cultural Market visit the Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/mangazinadirei](http://www.facebook.com/mangazinadirei).

A special thanks goes out to all the entrepreneurs, organizations, media and visitors who help sustain and promote the Cultural Market of Mangazina di Rei with the aim of making the area of Rincon more attractive for tourism and leisure on the island.

The next Cultural Market will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of August from 8 o'clock in the morning till 2 o'clock in the afternoon. ■

Story & photos by Izain Mercera



Preserving Bonaire... (Continued from page 3) take away boxes. "Curacao has already banned plastic bags. Bonaire could be the next to implement these laws."

### A SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS COMMUNITY

This assessment can be seen as a baseline measurement. "How is Bonaire doing at the moment as a sustainable tourism destination? What are the island's strengths and weaknesses?" With this knowledge, policy can be improved or developed.

The worldwide destinations that are assessed by Green Destinations come

together in the so called "Green Destinations Community." Via this online platform, innovative ideas of particular destinations can inspire other destinations, and best practices can be shared. There are about 40 sustainable destinations from all over the world participating, and they're happy to make Bonaire part of the community.

"The eventual goal is to preserve destinations like Bonaire for future generations," Mr. De Jong explains, "both for locals and visitors." ■ Gerjanne Voortman





Citroen 2CV

This is the 143<sup>rd</sup> of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n (always wear a helmet) Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles and persons who are "on wheels." Up to at least 200 articles!

**MARIJ AND MAX AND THEIR UMBRELLA ON WHEELS**

**M**arij and Max are from Belgium and Germany. They've known each other for decades now, and it all started with a Citroen 2CV from France. They lived in Sittard in the very southern part of the Netherlands and moved to the tropical island of Bonaire in 2011. Since their long lasting relationship started with a Citroen 2CV, Marij and Max decided to go back to the basics. They traveled through Europe, found a rural Citroen 2CV and enriched the culture of our island in 2015 with their primitive icon.

Marij and Max are very happy together. Their black Citroen 2CV underlines this happiness. With Max or Marij behind one of the six wheels of the French designed and made vehicle, the Citroen 2CV Club brightens Bonaire's everyday traffic. On Bonaire this car is a weird duck in the pond of vehicles. As far as I know there are only 6, 2CVs or CV related cars on Bonaire. That's it. "Basic," "functional" and "easy to maintain" are the words and ideas Pierre de Boulanger had in mind while designing the all purpose vehicle. First prototypes used a lot of aluminum and magnesium to save weight. Only one head lamp was mounted. Unfortunately one of the pre-war prototypes got involved in an accident because the driver of another car thought the Citroen prototype was a motorcycle because of this single headlamp.

Then there was the Second World War and all prototypes were hidden by the factory. In 1948 the Citroen 2CV was presented at the Paris Motor Show. (2CV stands for: deux chevaux-vapeur; literally: two steam horses = two taxable horse power.) The front wheel drive vehicle was designed for farmers. The vehicle had to carry a case with bottles of wine, a basket with eggs. A living goat had to find sufficient space behind the seats of the driver and the passenger. Wheels were immense to deal with bumpy and muddy terrain. The looks of the vehicle were not important at all. So there she was: The Citroen 2CV. And people liked it. In the beginning farmers had to wait for some three years after ordering their new car!

So the Ugly Duck, as the Dutch nicknamed the car (In England they nicknamed the Citroen 2CV: tin snail), was presented to the public in 1948. She stayed in production until 1990 and 8.8 million Citroen 2CVs and 2CV-variants were produced.

And Marij and Max are the proud owners of a 1986 version: a Citroen 2CV6 Club.

Max: "It is because of a Citroen 2CV that Marij and I started our relationship. During the time we have had all kinds of cars. Then we decided to go back to the essentials and we bought a 2CV again. This one was made in 1986. She is black and under the hood there is a 597 cc twin cylinder air cooled engine, capable to produce 27 horse power."

Then Max grabs the impressive aluminum handle (from a Citroen ID/DS, better known as *déesse* (French for goddess/*jb*), to show me the heart of the car. And indeed: there is lots and lots of air under the floppy hood to cool the engine. No drum for the power brakes, no power steering, almost no nothing under the hood, apart from a small four stroke two cylinder boxer twin, a carburetor, a small gearbox and a battery. That's it. Is that it? No, that's not it. There are two remarkably shining discs mounted, close to the gearbox: This revolutionary car has disc brakes in the front!

Max carefully closes the flexible hood and opens the door of the driver. A sticker reads: "Nothing in this car is worth dying for!" Another sticker says: "Slide to unlock." Weird enough the car does not have sliding doors at all...

The inside: a double roof, consisting of a vinyl cabrio-roof and a cotton bikini top, very basic, still comfortable, independent seats. A steering wheel made in the 50s out of Bakelite. Accessories like a temperature gauge, indicating over 40 degrees Celsius, a digital clock, a blue plastic vase with flowers, a gear shift knob made from a pool billiard ball...

On the outside of this unique car: mirrors all over, extra indicator lights for safety and four original "Robri-corners" to protect the mud guards. In the rear an after-market boot extension or hunchback made by "Palma."

A sticker on the rear window reads: "I am not drunk! Just avoiding potholes!" Now I am sure this car and his owners feel at home on Bonaire!

Max opens the door for Marij. Then he takes position behind the driver's wheel and turns the starter motor. The sound of an airplane, a mix of a Volkswagen Beetle, a DAF Daffodil, a last centuries BMW-motorcycle. Max opens the flap up side window. Big smiles from the owners and the vehicle. Off they wobble. Happiness is for free!

■ Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



# Taste of Bonaire



The "Balloon Lady" shows her whimsical creations.



Esseline Jacobus and Maidelne Martijn pose in traditional dresses.

**T**he Taste of Bonaire on Saturday, July 30, held for the first time at Coco Beach, was a rousing success, according to TCB Marketing Manager **Melinda Hassel**. There was a true village-like atmosphere with friends meeting old friends and making new ones, people enjoying foods and drink, kids running around having fun. There were more than 18 food stands, including those of established restaurants, arts and crafts for sale, a kids' corner, Zumba demonstrations with kids, the Steel Band, Eso band, dancing and more. Some visitors said they preferred the Wilhelmina Park location, but at Coco Beach there was more space and more people filled it. Parking was abundant. Hassel says TCB was encouraged to use the area as they got such good coop-

eration from Coco Beach. Before the event, the whole area was raked and cleaned.

The next Taste of Bonaire on Sunday, August 28, will be back at Wilhelmina Park as a preparation of the celebration of Bonaire Day (September 6). This time, in coordination with SKAL, the cultural department, there will be more emphasis on culture and folkloric events. Of course, the diverse food stands will be there as will be the music and other activities and the open and friendly ambiance. See you there!



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island we plan to ask some of them to refinish and creatively decorate these pieces into genuine collector items for the auction.

If you have something to donate please call Dabney Lassiter at 717-3949 or email at [dabney38@yahoo.com](mailto:dabney38@yahoo.com), to schedule a pickup of the item. Whichever pieces are not rehabbed can be sold at the shelter Pakus which is open every Saturday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and is located across from Brandais Café.

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# How Swine Smart Are You?

This story is a part of an ongoing series contributed by Echo, an organization which has been mandated by the Island Government to conduct a pig control program on Bonaire. For information about this project, please email [Julianka@echobonaire.org](mailto:Julianka@echobonaire.org) or call our Pig Hotline at 786-7447 (786-PIGS).

## AN ECOSYSTEM AT STAKE

Feral pigs cause significant damage to ecosystems. These negative impacts include but are not limited to: **rooting, consumption of native vegetation, negative effects on water quality, and predation of wildlife** (Texas A&M, 2012).



When a feral pig roots in the ground, it disturbs the soil, accelerates leaf litter decomposition (which causes the loss of nutrients) and damages seedling tree growth and survival by damaging the roots (if dug up and/or eaten) and trampling the plants. On Bonaire, we have very little topsoil and leaf litter to begin with due to the historic felling of large trees and the introduction of invasive herbivores, like the pigs. So, when a pig comes through and further degrades the soil layer, it negatively affects the tropical dry forest's ability to regenerate and grow and contributes to increased erosion. And, remember how pigs like to "nest"? The act of bedding down to sleep involves trampling the ground which compacts soils and reduces the ability of water

to sink into it and for nutrients to be cycled through it. Compacted soils will also lead to erosion and the runoff of water on the surface of the ground.

Feral pigs can outcompete native fauna in the consumption of leaves and seeds and other vegetation. Furthermore, as they disturb a habitat, they can assist the spread of invasive plant species either through their feces or because invasive plants tend to prefer disturbed areas and can colonize them more quickly than native plant species.

Feral pigs like to follow waterways to move around, and in doing so they will increase the turbidity of the water (how many particles are suspended in the water) and can cause bacterial contamination, either with what they bring into the water on their hooves or if they defecate into the water. These factors will hurt anything living in the water or using it.

Finally, feral pigs can and will prey upon native wildlife. This can include sea turtle eggs if they happen upon a beach ecosystem, lizards and baby birds.

Feral hogs are a significant threat to Bonaire's nature. And while there are not that many at present, as we have learned in previous articles, if left unchecked, their numbers can grow quickly and so will the damage they cause. ■

Story & photo by Lauren Schmaltz

# Terramar Museum Opens

The Terramar Museum opening on August 5 marked the beginning of a new era for revelation and preservation of Bonaire's cultural heritage. The professionally designed museum built on the site of the Music School and Road Department, uses traditional art and relics combined with modern technology to illuminate the past. A more complete report will be in the next edition of *The Reporter*. ■ G.D.



Terramar Museum photos



Views of two of the many exhibition rooms

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you look at the number of mammal species on Earth, a quarter of them are bats! There are over 1100 species of bats and Bonaire is home to at least nine of them. We have insect-eating bats, fruit/nectar/pollen-eating bats and even fish-eating bats! We have it all!

Up-close, you'll find that bats are either super cute or super freaky, depending on your viewpoint. Bats leave their cave shortly after sunset in search of food and return before dawn. A lucky insect-eating bat eats up to 12,000 mosquitoes in one night. Talk about a full belly! In fact, those 12,000 mosquitoes quite possibly weigh the same as the bat. Can you imagine eating your body weight worth of food every night?

In Bonaire, as elsewhere, our bats are extremely important to the ecology of the area. Many of our bats feed on nectar from night-blooming cacti. While they feed, they spread pollen from cactus to cactus which fertilizes the cacti. If one insect-eating bat can eat 12,000 mosquitoes in one night, imagine how many cactus a nectar-eating bat can fertilize in

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Davy's Naked Backed Bat, *Pteronotus Davyi*

one night!

So, knowing how important bats are, please be extra careful if you enter caves that have bats in them. Mother bats may drop or abandon their babies when disturbed. Be careful not to shine your flashlight directly on bats and please keep your voices quiet so you don't disturb them. ■

Caren Eckrich,  
STINAPA Biologist.  
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## FLYBON AIRLINES NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

FlyBON Airlines, an aviation project conceived to further develop tourism and international commerce in Bonaire and also promote better connectivity between the Island and the most relevant cities in North, Central and South America where the tourist markets are. With Bonaire not only intended as a destination but a crossing point, thus enabling Bonaire to become a hub among the Americas.

The immediate objectives-markets for Bonaire are represented by tourism flows from Toronto and Montreal (Canada). Fort Lauderdale and New York (USA), Bogota, Medellin and Cartagena (Colombia), Caracas (Venezuela), and Manaus (Brazil); As well as major flows from cities that are very important markets in outbound tourism to the Caribbean.

FlyBON Airlines project is handled by Estratega Consulting, LLC from Miami, USA - a specialized consulting company - opened this opportunity for people, companies or institutions to show interest in the project whether it is capital, manpower, services or support. FlyBON Airlines has open a bid for all stakeholders to pronounce interest in participation in the project.

The Bonaire Tourism and Airport Authorities already received a copy of FlyBON Airlines project in order to help expedite the red tape for certification purposes involved in this kind of project.



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# What's Happening



## REGULAR EVENTS

**Tanki Maraka Heritage Park and Open Air Museum.** Site of an American soldiers' camp during WWII. Self guided tour with excellent signage. After leaving Kralendijk on the Rincon Road watch for sign to the park on the right. Driveway to entrance just a short distance. Free entry.

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

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**Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park)** Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Free entry.

**Nature Organization, STINAPA,** has frequent events—bird watching, sunset hikes, lectures, etc. Go to their website for more information of events for the rest of 2016: [stinapabonaire.org/events](http://stinapabonaire.org/events)

## Saturdays

•**Marshe di Playa (Bonaire Duodero)**—Every Saturday, 8am-1pm, across from Warehouse Bonaire, locally made and grown products.

•**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 & last Saturdays**—local produce, clothes, food, games for kids, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items

•**Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**—Usually the last Saturday of the month, 8am-1pm. 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. Free entrance

•**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

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

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **Second Saturday of the**

#	DAY	NAME	Time in Port	Cruise Line
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59	23-08-16	<i>Adventure of the Seas</i>	0800-1700	Royal Caribbean

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

## Sundays

•**Landhuis DeTuin- Real Jamaican BBQ on the terrace** of the land house in the quiet countryside. Jerk Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Seafood Curry, Veggie Dish, Child's plate, Bread Pudding. On the road to Lac Bai – Kaminda Lac #101. Follow the signs, 12 noon to 6 pm. Tel. +599-786-6816, +599-701-1982. A Forsa training school.

## Mondays

• **Bonaire Goat Farm Tour—9 am.** Meet the goats, see milking, and more. **\$10 includes 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.

## Wednesdays

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

•**12-step meeting (AA/NA).** Every Wednesday at **Bonaire Basics**, Kaya Korona #47. Walk in from 18:45, starts at 19:15, ends at 20:30. Feel free to mail : [12stepsbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:12stepsbonaire@gmail.com) or [12stappenbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:12stappenbonaire@gmail.com) for more information.

• **Echo** offers free (donation-based) Public Conservation Tours at 4:30. No reservation needed. For optimal birding, you can also book a private tour by calling 701-1188 or email [info@echobonaire.org](mailto:info@echobonaire.org). Please give at least one day's notice. Private tours are \$25/person with 2 person minimum.

•**Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday**. STCB presentation will be taking place upstairs at Yellow Submarine Dive Shop, Kaya Playa Lechi 24 courtesy of Dive Friends.

•**Chess Club** meets at to play starting at 6 pm in Tera Cora Ranch.

## Fridays

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

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## CLUBS and MEETINGS

**Lions Club** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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. 717-8332 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@gmail.com](mailto:bonaireibc@gmail.com).

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

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**Prayer Walk at Rooi Lamoenchi every first Sunday of the Month** (or on request) for all followers of Christ. Hours: 4.30 pm till 7.30 pm. Contact Ellen Cochran-Herrera at

[ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca](mailto:ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca) or phone 717-8489 or 005999-540-9800 English//Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish spoken. ■

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Saturday, August 13** - Bird watching with STINAPA at the LVV facility (Kaminda Lagoen) 5-6:30 pm. Call 717-8444 to make your reservation

**Thursday, August 18** –Full Moon Walk at Washington Park, Lagadishi Trail. Call 717-8444.

**Friday, August 19**

—Talk about *Stormvogel* by Captain Johnny

Craane 6-9:30 pm at the new Terramar Museum (entrance located behind Mona Lisa Restaurant).

**Saturday, August 27**

—Mangazina di Rei Cultural Market, 8am-1pm. See the Real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen, more—page 7

—Take away BBQ to benefit Bonaire bodybuilders trip to Santo Domingo. 11am-2pm, Kaya Industria 36, Unit 3

—Taste of Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park, food stands, crafts, music, folkloric theme in preparation for Bonaire Day (Sept. 6) 6:30

—Woodstock Bar features CARIBBEAN COURAGE a seven man band cover-band from Curacao starts 22.00

—Theodoro Rayes in Concert at Hillside Apartments. Sponsored by Hillside & Mega-hitFM

**Sunday, August 28-** Famous Woodstock Bar MOVIE QUIZ, 8pm every last Sunday of the month

**Tuesday, August 30**—CIEE free lecture "Mangroves & Sea Grasses" 7-8pm, Gob. Debrot 26

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# Pets Of The Week

# Animal Shelter News

## BEST BUDDIES

**N**ino and Vinnie are picture purr-fect buddies! At four months old, these two tabby kittens are in their kitten "prime" and are more fun to watch than any comedy movie or television show. Whether it's chasing toys, flies or each other, there's never a dull moment with these two. But, as is typical with kittens, they play fast and furious for about half-an-hour and then it's time for a long nap... preferably together!



*Nino and Vinny*

Nino and Vinnie met each other at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Nino arrived with his mom in May at only 3 weeks old. Staffers and visitors watched as he grew from a tiny sprout into a handsome red tabby with unusual spots, stripes and swirls. By the time Vinnie arrived in July, Nino already "knew the ropes" and helped Vinnie adjust to his new surroundings in the Kitty Kresh, the "creche" area in the Cat Palace where kittens reside until they are old enough to venture out into the main area. Vinnie was a quick study and the two of them graduated to the palace by the end of July.

While Nino is a "red" tabby, Vinnie is a classic mackerel tabby. Mackerel tabby markings closely correspond to the patterns seen on African wild cats and are more reminiscent of the domestic cat's origins. Mackerel tabbies have narrow striped rings around their tail and legs, solid or broken stripes down their sides and one or more "necklaces" on the front of their chests. Some say that tabby cat personalities are distinct from other cats in the sense that they have a more "dog-like" personality. Tabby cats love to play and explore, they'll follow you around like a puppy and some will even teach their humans to play fetch. Many consider tabbies more intelligent than other types. They are amusing, clever, warmly affectionate and make wonderful companions.

Both Vinnie and Nino have the classic "M" on their foreheads that all tabbies carry. There are several legends about how tabby cats got their "M." The most popular of these states that when the baby Jesus

was lying in the manger he started to shiver with the cold. Mary covered him with blankets but still he kept shivering. Mary then asked all the animals to move closer so that their body heat would warm Jesus. The animals stood as close as they could but the baby Jesus remained cold and shivering. After a time a small cat with tabby markings jumped into the manger and snuggled next to Jesus. Before long the baby stopped shivering and was warm and sound asleep. In gratitude to the tabby, Mary made the mark of her own initial on the cat's forehead so that tabby cats will forever remind the world of how they saved Jesus from the cold.

A legend from the Islamic world tells that Mohammed had a tabby called Muezza who once saved his master's life by slaying a snake that had crawled up Mohammed's sleeve. Later, when it was time to attend prayers Muezza had fallen asleep in the sleeve, so to avoid disturbing him, Mohammed cut the sleeve from his garment. From that day on all tabbies were born with the "M" marking to remind everyone that Mohammed loved cats and that cats should always be respected.

Nino and Vinnie are ready to fill your life and your heart with fun and affection. They are available for adoption as a pair or individually. Come by the Animal Shelter Bonaire and meet this fun pair and all the other residents, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 12 noon and 3 - 5pm, Saturday 8 am - 3 pm non-stop, Kaminda Lagun 26. ■

*Jane Madden-Disko; photo by Nathalie Peterson*



The Animal Shelter Bonaire is a refuge for dogs and cats that can no longer be cared for by their owners, have been abandoned, or were born in the wild and brought in by concerned citizens and tourists. The Shelter also offers a grooming and boarding place for cats and dogs. There is a gift shop on the premises to help raise money to sustain the Shelter.

## QUE RICO!

**T**he Story of Rico: Less than a month ago Rico was found wandering alone in the mondi. Rico was discovered by a friendly and concerned citizen and was brought to the Animal Shelter. He was in very bad condition, covered with ticks and fleas and had a huge mass on his back leg. The huge growth was pushing on his back leg, which kept him from doing normal dog things. After a week of receiving extra care and nutrition he was ready and strong enough to undergo surgery.

Rico's tumor was successfully removed and he is on the road to recovery. If all goes well, Rico should be up for adoption in a few weeks.

We don't know how long he was in this bad condition, but we do believe he was someone's pet at one time. He has too much love and life to live, and hopefully a new owner will give him a new chance to be a family pet again.



*Rico recovering*

If you would like to support Rico on the road to recovery, foster or adopt him or just pass by to cuddle or go for a walk with him, you are welcome to visit him at the Animal Shelter Bonaire at Kaminda Lagun 26. For more information call or e-mail at #7014989, [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com).

*Story & photo by Nathalie Peterson*



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# THE STARS HAVE IT

August 2016

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Be careful not to overexert yourself. Don't expect anything for nothing and you won't be disappointed. Do not yield to children or relatives when they really don't deserve it. You can make a difference if you offer your help at functions that involve children. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You can make gains if you look at long-term investments. Be diplomatic but stem. You may want to get involved in financial investments presented to you. You may need to lend an ear to an old friend. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Try not to attempt to do something unless you are fully intent on following through with the plans. Don't overspend to impress others. Travel if it's needed to start the ball rolling. Lay your cards on the table regarding your personal direction. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Get out and about. You will be on the rampage this month. Don't second guess yourself, just go to it. Your position may be in question if you haven't been pulling your weight. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Don't let any small misunderstandings get in the way. Don't turn down offers that include sports activities or children. Get domestic chores out of the way early. You can ask for favors but don't take them for granted. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Try not to be so demonstrative. Refuse to let others make unrealistic demands of you. You may have a hard time relating to children this month. Your diplomacy will be of utmost importance this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) It's time to reevaluate your motives. Communica-

tion will be your strong point and you should be able to persuade others to see things your way. You will have a child-like approach this month, big hearted and full of spunk. It might be best not to spend your money on luxuries this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You'll feel much better when your slate is clean again. You may be tired of working for someone else. You could easily lose your temper at work. Don't push your opinions or ideas on others. A day at the beach may satisfy the whole family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't rely on others to handle the workload. You are best to deal with those outside your family. You may win favors if you present your ideas and include your family. Use discretion in your dealings and refrain from making verbal promises of any kind. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Direct your energy wisely. Your partner may blame you for everything. Offer good conversation and a nice soothing lunch. Avoid overloading your plate. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) New emotional connections can be made through business contacts. You'll feel much better when your slate is clean again. Don't be too quick to react. You'll find love and you'll get into tiptop shape at the same time.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your dramatic nature may be too much to handle. Disharmony in your relationship may cause minor ailments. Offers of joint ventures are likely. Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of.

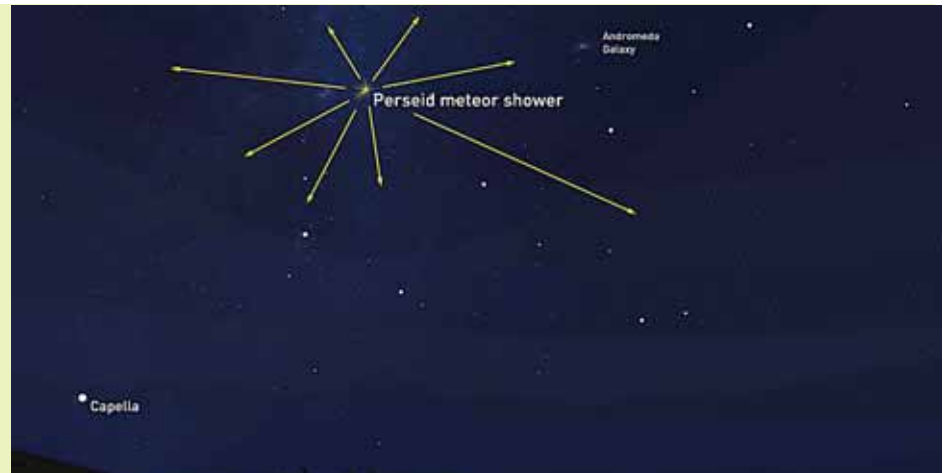
Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday. ■ *Michael Thiessen*



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

## Best Perseid Meteor Shower Coming?



The radiant of the Perseid meteor shower, at midnight, on Aug 11-12, 2016. Credit: Stellarium/S. Sutherland

If you didn't see many meteors from the **Delta Aquarids** on July 28-29 in the Bonaire Sky Park don't worry, this is the one to wait for this summer, and what some have been waiting for since 2009 - the **Perseid meteor shower**, one of the best meteor showers of the entire year, and one that is due for an outburst!

The Perseids rank as one of the best showers of the year because this shower not only produces around 100 meteors per hour (only bested by the December **Geminids** and the January **Quadrantids**), but it also produces the most **fireball meteors** of any other shower seen during the year.

Normal meteors can range in brightness from very faint (requiring the darkest skies to see) up to the brightness of brightest stars and even rivaling **Jupiter** or **Venus**. A fireball, however, is frequently the brightest thing in the night sky, unless the **Moon** is up.

**Perseid fireballs** can be so bright as to be visible even from the downtown core of a large town (as long as the buildings don't block your view).

This year is setting up to be a special one, however. Astronomers with NASA are projecting that the 2016 Perseids will experience an outburst, with 150 meteors per hour expected (under ideal conditions), and possibly even more!

According to Danielle Moser and Bill

Cooke, from the Meteoroid Environment Office at of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, "Model predictions place the **peak activity on the night of August 11-12** as the Earth passes through several old debris trails from parent comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle."

Will this outburst be similar to the ones observed in 1993 and 2009, which filled the sky with meteor streaks?

The **best time to watch this meteor shower is after midnight on the night of August 11-12**. The **Perseid radiant** rises at around 10 pm local time on the 11th and is up for the rest of the night. The **Moon** sets around 1 am local time on the 12th, though, so in that three-hour block of time, the Moon will contribute some light pollution to the sky. After 1 am, however, (depending on the weather) it should be great viewing all the way until sunrise.

Look also on **August 27 for the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter**

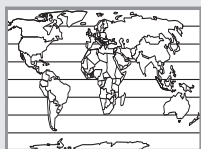
For this your timing and your view of the western horizon have to be especially good. On the night of August 27, the planets Venus and Jupiter will come extremely close in the western sky, just after sunset. Viewed without any assistance from a telescope or binoculars, the planets will appear to overlap, producing one very bright object in the sky. ■

*Dean Regas & James Albury*

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