St. George Village
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & PRESERVATION
BOTANICAL GARDEN
The Conch Call
1st Quarter 2005

President's Message

Greetings everyone! If you haven't been to the Garden lately, you should make the effort to do so. Paul, James and Howard are doing a great job keeping the Garden looking trim and neat. Carol and her crew have the Nursery fully stocked with a wide variety of plants waiting to be added to your collection. Even the Herbarium is expanding. The old storeroom has been thoroughly cleaned out and new ceramic tile will be put down, creating a new working area. The tile will cost about $275—is anyone willing to help defray the cost? Please let Christie or Margaret know.

While on your visit, be sure to check out the progress on our new Bodine Visitor Center and Gift Shop. The project is really taking shape and we expect to be able to use it later this summer. I'm sure you will agree that the concrete work is quite impressive.

Please welcome aboard three new people at the Garden: Angela and Gerard are our new greeters at the Entrance Gate and Danyé is Lesley's new part-time assistant in the Gift Shop and office. They all have wonderful smiles and will be great ambassadors for the Garden.

I would like to thank all our volunteers for their tireless efforts. Without their help, the Garden would not be the unique entity is continues to be. Thanks to all for a continuing job well done.

And once again, we thank Denali Asset Management, an EDC company, for assisting with the production of the Conch Call.

Good gardening!
Bob Bartle

Artists, flower lovers to unite for annual festival

As good as all the previous Flower and Fine Art Festivals have been, this year's—the 11th—promises to be the best ever. The dates are March 11-13.

It will begin Friday, March 11, with the Artists' Reception and Art Sale from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Great Hall. Many of the participating artists will be present to discuss their techniques, the mediums they use, and the inspiration for their work. Violinist Barbara Murray will play, and hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. The Art Sale will continue throughout Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Croix artist Jane Akin has donated an original watercolor floral painting for the festival. Posters of her painting will be on sale, and the original work will be raffled off.

St. Croix's Hibiscus, Orchid, Bonsai and Fern societies will have elaborate and colorful displays in the Great Hall. Other highlights will include "Art in the Garden," with handsome outdoor exhibits, and "Art in Bloom," which will again be presented in the Education Center. A floral designer interprets a work of art, and both are exhibited together.

New this year will be a hands-on Floral Design Clinic by Beatrice Ramos of Wild Orchid Gifts & Flowers, a St. Croix native who studied floral design at the Academia Boshette in Puerto Rico.

Guided tours will be offered Saturday and Sunday; and workshops will be sponsored by the Orchid and Hibiscus societies. Members of the public are invited to bring their own special plants (in pots) for exhibition during the event. The Nursery will be open; and local food vendors and a cash bar will provide refreshments.

Call Lesley Hoffman at 692-2874.

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Upcoming Events

FLOWER & FINE ART FESTIVAL
Friday, March 11-Sunday, March 13

RUINS RAMBLE (with Landmarks Society)
Sunday, March 20

ANNUAL MEETING (RESCHEDULED)
Sunday, April 3

VOLUNTEERS PARTY
Sunday, April 3

ECO-FAIR (with STX Environmental Assn.)
Thursday, April 21-Saturday, April 23

MOTHER'S DAY NURSERY SALE
Saturday, May 7

GARDENS BY MOONLIGHT
Wednesday, June 22

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In memoriam

SGVBG expresses deep sympathy to the families of

PHIL PETACHENKO

&

SARA SIMPSON

who passed away recently.