

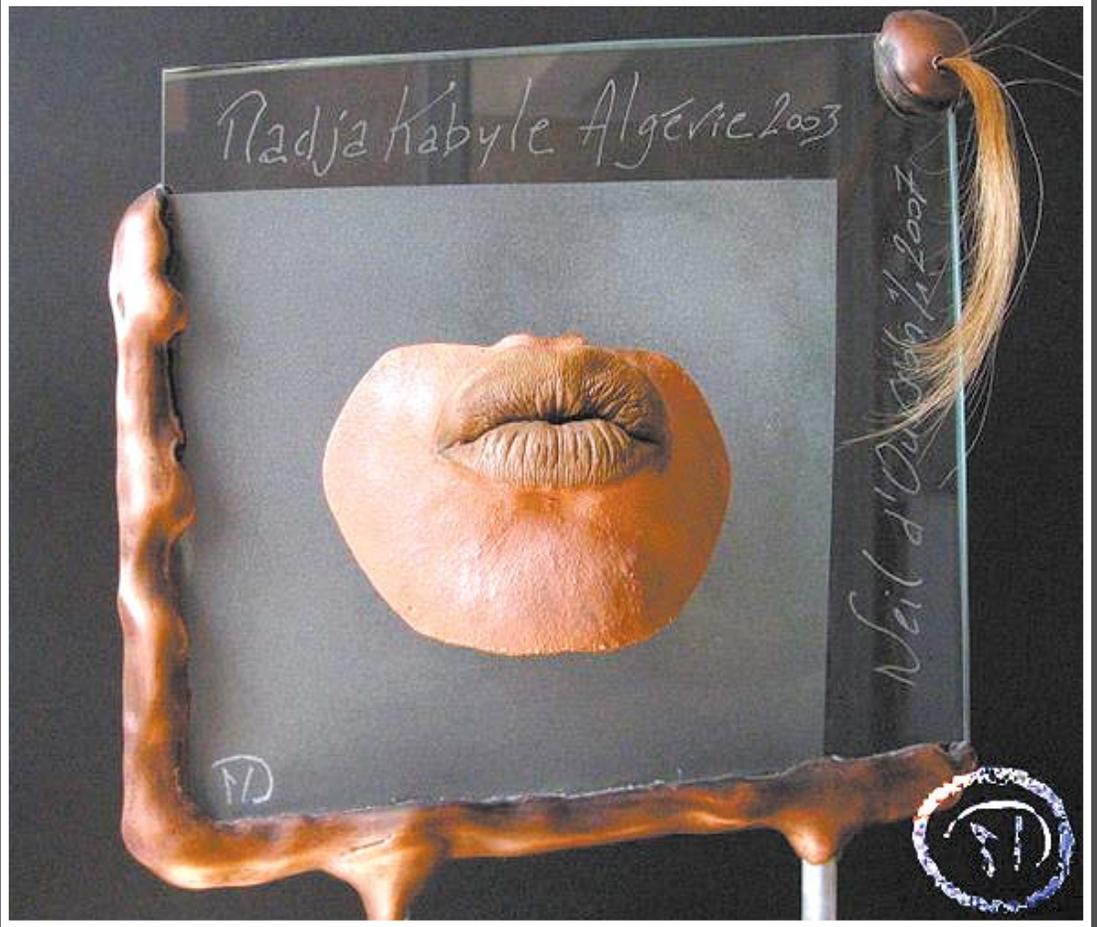


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# Saint Barth Dental Conference A Success



**D**avid Grodberg is a happy man: the 2008 dental meeting he organizes with local dentist François Clous was a big success. "We had 53 dentists, the most we've ever had for one week, with a total of 118 people including families," he explains. In past years there has been a second week of the dental gathering but Grodberg says that was simply "too exhausting." This year's guest speaker was Dr. Lou Graham who spoke on the topic of "Recent Innovations in Restorative Dentistry," during the week of January 21-25. "People attended almost every session, he was a great speaker," nods Grodberg in appreciation.

This year was also challenging in new ways: the host hotel for the meeting since its inception had been The Christopher in Pointe Milou, which closed last spring, leaving Grodberg to find new meeting facilities and deal with a potential housing crisis. "Half of the dentists used to stay at the Christopher, there was a real sense of camaraderie there. They could sit by the pool and discuss dentistry." This year many of the dentists were in villas (Grodberg worked with Sibarth, Marla, and The New



Agency) as well as hotels such as Village Saint Jean, the Tropical, and Emeraude Plage. The new meeting space was the meeting room at the Capitainerie, next to the Port offices on the main dock in Gustavia. "It was wonderful there, very comfortable, and in a dramatic location," says Grodberg. "We had a wine-tasting—wines from Le Gout de Vin with hors d'oeuvres from the Wall House—for 80 people with the French doors open onto the terrace overlooking the port." There was also a dinner for 86 at Le Tamarin. "Cooking for 86 people at the same time can be hard," says Grodberg, "it was lovely there under the trees, with live music and dancing. Everybody loved it."

The 2008 dental conference sold out quickly, with many repeat customers.

"They love the beauty of the island, and the safety here," points out Grodberg, "as well as the quality of the speakers. During the year I get an average of two letters per week from dentists who would like to speak here. The attendees also get see things from a broader scope: specialists hear about what's going on in the rest of the profession."

Next year's dates have been set: January 19-23, 2009 with Gary M. Reiser, DDS, speaking on the "Planning & Surgical Treating Site Specific Restorative Based Periodontal Problems." Details can be found at [www.stbarthdental.com](http://www.stbarthdental.com) (a site created by dentist Richard Weledniger, who attends the conference every year). Smile!

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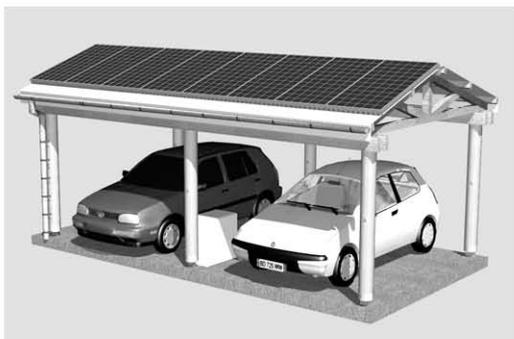
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## Tuesday, February 5, Mardi Gras Parade

After the school kids parade through the streets on Friday, February (as of 2pm) near the Anglican Church, the big Mardi Gras parade gets underway on Tuesday, February 5—Fat Tuesday. Eleven groups—some with floats—are scheduled to march in the parade, which draws a few thousand people to Gustavia each year. The parade leaves the commercial dock in Public at 3pm sharp and goes through town to the far side of the harbor (La Pointe). An event not to be missed.

Due to the large crowds and for safety reasons, traffic and parking are strictly controlled (as outlined here):

► As of 2pm and during the rest of the parade, all access and traffic is PROHIBITED throughout Gustavia.

► Taxis have special authorization to take people from the industrial zone in Public as far as the parking lot at the entry to Gustavia, and back, from 2pm-



3pm, and from 4:30pm until the end of the parade.

► Parking is prohibited as of 2pm in the streets of Gustavia and until the parade is over. It is advised to leave all vehicles in parking lots such as in the industrial zone of Public or at the commercial dock in Public.

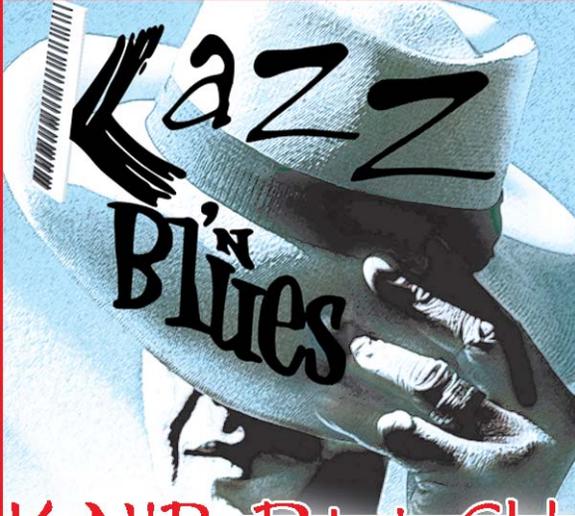
► Finally, please note that the consumption of alcohol on the public streets and especially along the parade route is against the law.

The most fun is had by those who don a costume and take part in the celebration!

## Political Party UMP In Saint Barth

Having reached the required number of 200 members, the local branch of the UMP political party (that of French president Nicolas Sarkozy) will be transformed into a federation in the next few months. This allows it to be represented on the national committee that defines the political orientation for the party. In fact, on March 29, a local committee of 14 people will be elected from among the 200+ members. Along with the four territorial council members who are members of the UMP—Nils Dufau, Marithé Weber, Yves Gréaux, and Bruno Magras—they will make up the Territorial Committee of the UMP Federation in Saint Barthélemy. Their first order of business will be to elect a committee president during their inaugural meeting on April 11, 2008.

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# Drowning In Saint Jean

The body of 52 year-old Jean-Luc Nony was found on Wednesday, January 23, a little before noon, in the bay of Saint Jean. Employees at Nikki Beach found the body and pulled it aboard their dinghy in order to bring it back to the beach where firemen tried in vain for a good half hour to revive the victim via cardiac massage. The restaurant staff as well as the firemen had been alerted by a witness at the Eden Rock who noted a man in difficulty, hanging on to a buoy about 300 feet from the shore, alternating gestures of distress with signs of drowning. When his bag was found on the deserted beach later that evening, it was possible to identify the victim. According to the police, the man was a Parisian notary, alone on vacation for a week, and who became ill while in the water, but they did not indicate if his death was due to a physical

problem (such as a heart attack) or from drowning. The body was sent back to France on Tuesday or Wednesday.

## *Strong Currents This Time Of Year*

No matter what caused this particular death, fire chief Jean-Louis Danet reminds us that at this time of year, the bays of Saint Jean and Lorient are subject to very strong underwater currents and swimmers should be especially prudent in proximity to the coral reefs. He notes that unless you are a very strong swimmer, it is better to stay closer to the shore.

According to our archives, the last drowning in Saint Barthélemy took place in 2002 when an American citizen, an 82 year-old woman, drowned near the small island of Fourchue while snorkeling along the coast.

# OOO, A French Association To Support Barack Obama

Created on January 7, 2008, OOO - Overseas Obama Organization- is a new French association of overseas residents whose sole goal is to support Barack Obama in his quest of the Democratic nomination for the US presidential elections set to take place next November. Christian Bidonnot, publisher of Top Dom (the "who's who" of overseas France residents), is the creator of the group, whose members, for the time being, are but few. But the association hopes to attract political, economic, and cultural decision makers from the French overseas departments and territories in order to form an Afro-French Diaspora that would lend moral and media support to the black candidate, as well as promote the French overseas regions to Americans. Among its planned activities, OOO hopes to organize a first trip to the Democratic Convention in Denver, Colorado, this summer, and in case of an Obama victory, to the inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D.C.



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# David Henderson at a Crossroads

Leaf through up a copy of this year's Pure magazine, and you'll see a beautiful, smiling photograph of David Henderson, hotel manager extraordinaire. Whether you met him in the old days at Autour du Rocher or more recently at the Toiny, where he is just finishing a 15-year tenure as manager of the 4-star Relais & Chateaux hotel, he has been a man about the island for some time. "I came for the first time in 1982 when my sister Wendy was living in Saint Barth," he recalls. By the early 80s, he had been in hotel management since the age of 17 in his native Scotland, but found he was too young to be promoted any further at that time. "A friend of mine showed me a place on Cooper Island near Tortola. From there I went to see my sister in Saint Barth, which I'd never heard of at the time," he says. "I didn't want anything to do with hotels, so my first job was painting the roof of the Tamarin restaurant." From there, Henderson took a job at Autour du Rocher, a small nightclub and offbeat hotel that burned down in 1991. "I ran it for the owners then leased it from 1983-1991," he notes. Talking to Henderson about Autour du Rocher is like turning back the pages in the history book of Saint Barth, with names like Larry Gray and Jimmy Buffett popping up. "An electrical fixture behind the DJ booth had faulty wiring and that's where the fire started," he explains. Through his friend, Xavier David (a local building engineer), Henderson got a job at



Hibiscus, a restaurant/small hotel in Gustavia. "I put money into it, then found out I'd been paying the wrong people and came in one day and it was all sealed up," he says. Then Xavier David told Henderson about a new hotel in Toiny, and he was hired there as assistant manager, then was promoted to full manager when Laurie Smith, the manager, went back to the UK. "I got the job by default," he says, noting that the job lasted from 1996 through the end of January 2008 (the Toiny was sold to a group of American investors in 2006). For the past few years, in partnership with Smith (who runs 22 Jermyn Street, a boutique hotel in London, UK), Henderson has been leasing and running another small hotel in Saint Barth—Les Islets de la Plage in Saint Jean—through another lead from Xavier David. "He is my patron saint," says Henderson. "At Les Islets, which I had never even heard of until then, we found St. Barth as it was back then. It's a great place with a

huge, repeat clientele. People have been coming back for more than 20 years." But now that the Toiny experience is behind him, what is next for Henderson? Does his future still have Saint Barth in the cards?

"The island is changing so much, it's so much more money-oriented," he says. "In the old days it didn't matter if you had two dollars or two million dollars. Today there is no housing for the personnel and the cost of living is so high." Yet with his partner, Laurent, and his dog Rusty, Henderson is a very private person who has enjoyed over 25 years on the island, in what he refers to "as my own private world." Currently in Scotland collecting his thoughts, Henderson will be back on the island soon. With three business propositions on the table, my bet is he'll soon be back in the saddle at the start of another Saint Barth adventure.

By Ellen Lampert-Gréaux



Michel and his staff are happy to welcome you to their pool-side restaurant for lunch & dinner.

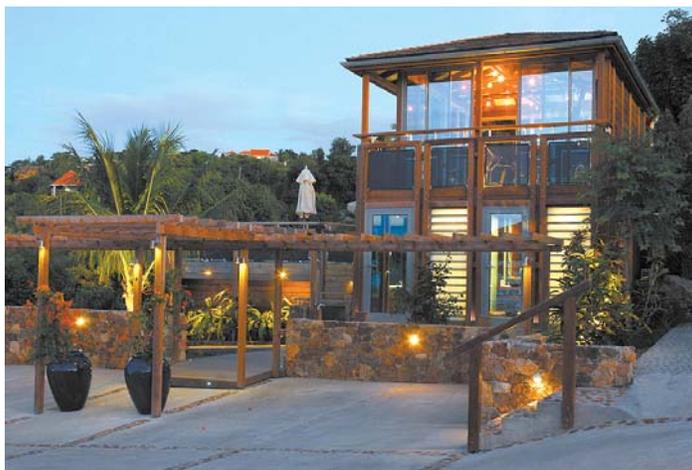
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# Big Changes At Village Saint-Jean

First came major work to get the sanitary systems up to new codes, then the 3-star hotel, Village Saint Jean, embraced a new look and new amenities: the parking area has been redone, and the deck around the pool is larger and more private. At the heart of this recent renovation is a superb new building made of Ipé, a tropical wood, and glass, which houses the hotel's spa/gym. This two-level space has been baptized the "well-being cottage," and was built on the foundation of their former boutique, and is quite frankly a great success. The initial idea for its design came from Bertrand



Charneau, owner of the hotel along with his mother Gaby and his sister Catherine. They worked in collaboration with designer Alain Aupy, who gave form to this unique building in Saint Barth, which blends so well with its environment thanks to the glass

panels that reflect its immediate surroundings. The first level is dedicated to a relaxation room, very Zen, used for massage and facial treatments, given by five partners selected by the hotel, as well as for private yoga or stretching classes. Upstairs is a classic gym, with weights and workout machines as well as a view of St Jean bay: you can ride the stationary bike looking out at the little island of Bonhomme: ah, paradise! Services are for clients as well as residents.

The parking area of the hotel has been repaved with warm-toned stones found nearby: elegant, natural, and unassuming. Pergolas in wood will be cov-

ered with flora (bougainvillea plants are rapidly growing) to offer shade as well as embellish the parking area and screen the pool deck, which has been completely redone. The pool itself was retiled in small, dark blue mosaic, while the decks were enlarged and made of Ipé for a fresh, new look. And for those who like to play pétanque, a small boules court has been put in for a little relaxation in the evening.



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### ► Sunday January 27

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### ► Monday February 4

Parade in pajamas

### ► Tuesday February 5

Mardi Gras parade

### ► Wednesday February 6

Burning of Vaval (black and white)

Grand Cul de Sac  
- PapaGuvo and Friends, Live Music, at La Plage, St Jean

### ► From Monday to Saturday

- Isabelle Blanc, on the piano starting at 7:30pm, Gaïac restaurant, Hôtel le Toiny

### ► From Sunday to

### Wednesday

- Stéphane Cano, sunset live music, from 6:00 pm Carl Gustav Hotel, Gustavia

### ► From thursday to Saturday

- Christine Gordon, sunset live music, from 6:00 pm Carl Gustav Hotel, Gustavia

- Pink Party, dress code white & pink, Casa Nikki, Gustavia

### ► Wednesday

- We never know Evening, Yacht Club, Gustavia

### ► Thursday

- Pure House Evening, Yacht Club, Gustavia

## Fashion Show

### ► Everyday

- 1:30- 2 pm, Case de l'île, Isle de France, Flamands

- 1.30pm & 8:30pm, fashion show featuring Wild Side, La Plage, St Jean

### ► Every Tuesday

- 6:30 pm, Hôtel Isle de France Boutique, Flamands

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► Sandra's Art Gallery, Gustavia.

## Live Music

### ► Every Evening

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- KJ Denhart & the New York Unit, Urban Folk & Jazz, from 9:00 pm to midnight, Bet'a Z'ailes, Gustavia  
- Alan Landry, piano, 6pm, except Sunday, Kazz'n Blues,

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### ► Tuesday

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### ► Wednesday

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### ► Thursday

- Angels party, Ti St-Barth, Pointe Milou

### ► Sunday

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### ► Every night

- K N'B Private Club, Grand Cul de Sac Beach  
- Casa Nikki, Gustavia  
- Yacht Club, Gustavia  
- Bubbles Club, Gustavia  
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### ► Monday

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### ► Tuesday

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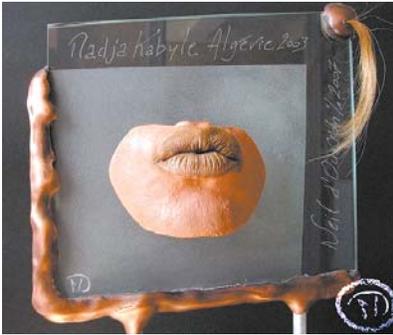


**A**fter a week traveling around the United States, five wine growers or sommeliers representing the best vintages from Bordeaux made a 24-hour stop in Saint Barth. Last Friday, a little before lunch, at La Mandala, they presented the fine wines from their chateaux to experts in Saint Barth, who were able to taste for themselves. On the menu: Saint Estèphe Château L'Argilus du Roi (former vintner at Château Rothschild), Haut-Médoc Château Bernadotte, Pessac-Léognan Château Carbonnieux, Saint Julien Château Léoville Poyferré, Pauillac Pichon Lalande, Saint Emilion Château Figeac, and Grange Neuve Château Figeac

(Left to right): Mr Cantorne, director of Veyret Latour, Count Eric D'Aramon of Château Figeac, Philibert Perrin of Carbonnieux, Yann Mesle of the Grands Vins de France Saint Barth, Daniel Passeri, owner of the Grands Vins de France, Pierre Bat, sommelier from Veyret Latour, and Didier Cuvelier of Léoville Poyferré,

## NEIL D'OURSON AT GALLERY PORTA 34

**L**ast year, Neil d'Ourson exhibited "Sea Quark Variations," a sculpture with a base of real sea-fan coral covered with metal and designed in harmony with



the law of the golden ratio, the absolute conception of beauty in imitating nature. This sculptor/visual artist is back again this year at Gallery Porta 34, from February 1-7, 2008 with his "Fragments of Women," or sculptures made with molds of body parts cast in metal, brass and/or silver. According to the artist, these sculptures are meant to "stop time with a smile, an expres-

sion, or part of a body, and thus show our differences in an artistic look at the human form. I explain this idea when I choose my models, so with the okay of the "living sculpture," I make the mold for the fragment of the body selected. To personalize the work, I ask for a lock of hair, which accompanies the sculpture," says the artist.

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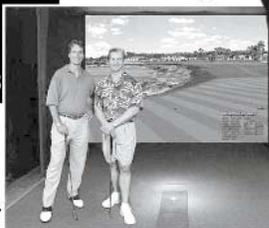
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