

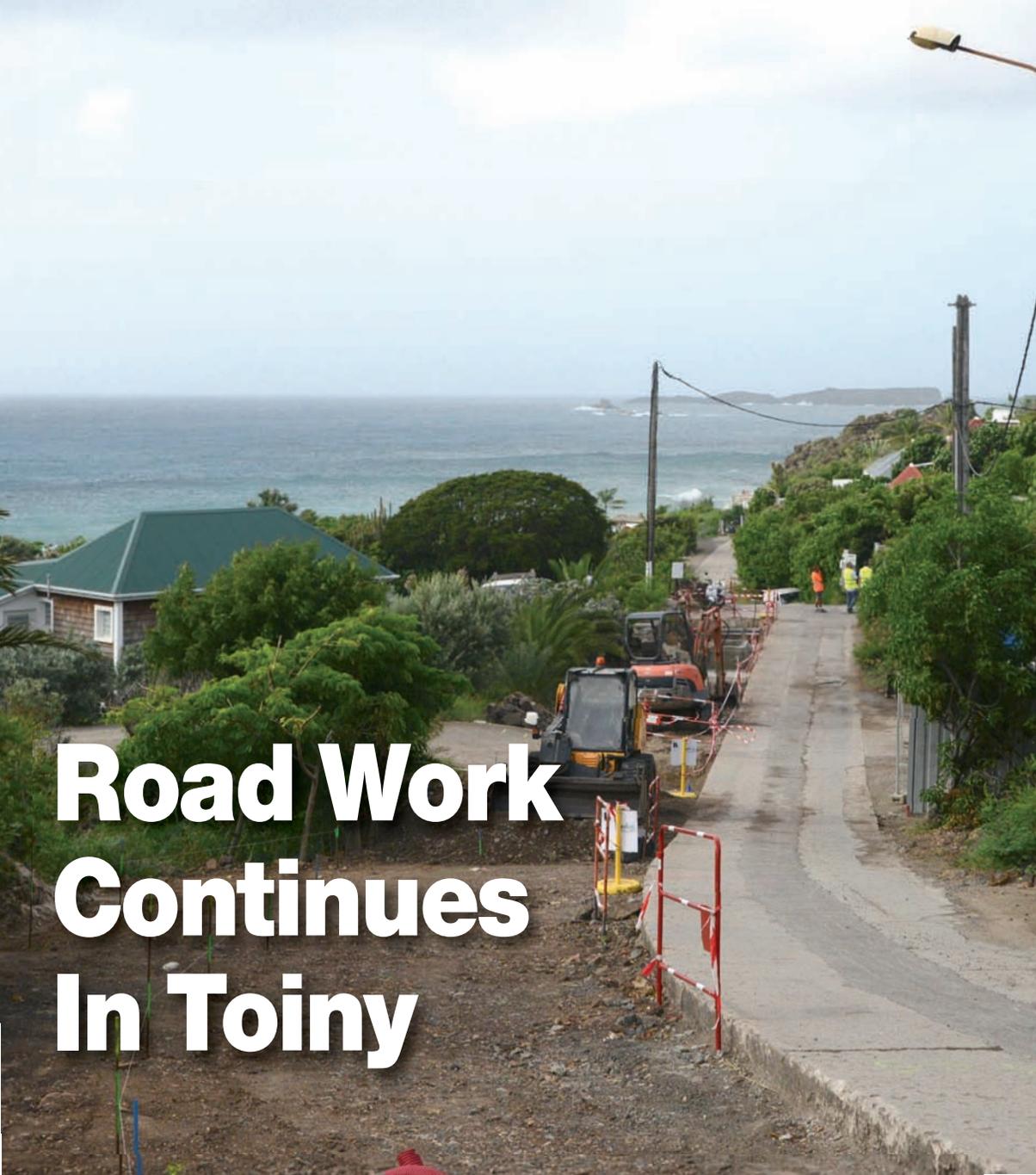
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## Road Work Continues In Toiny



## Taking It Slow

**A**nyone hoping the road from Toiny to Grand-Fond will be finished anytime soon is in for a surprise. As noted in this issue of The Weekly, phase one of that project will not be completed until April, with phases two and three yet to begin. A controversial project to be sure, as that stretch of road is one of the last truly authentic corners left undeveloped on the island, but improvements were needed for the safety of all. The road has intentionally been left narrow to help drivers go slowly. But we also take a look at the new electric Bee-Bee XS, a car perfect for making that drive!

Slow is also a good way to approach the oncoming holiday season, which will be marked by another round of art exhibits, including an opening reception for an exhibit of works by Ellsworth Kelly and Jack Spear at the territorial museum in Gustavia on December 15.

Due to local and French presidential elections coming up in April, the St Barth Film Festival will take place the same week, April 25-30, as the Book Festival and the West Indies Regatta. I had the pleasure of attending the New York premiere of *Gang des Antilles*, by our friend Jean-Claude Barny, who has been to the festival twice already and is looking forward to sharing his new film (which is subtitled in English) with St Barth this year along with author Loic Léry, whose book inspired the film. Perfect for the book-to-film connection.

So pace yourself, take it slow, as the season is just getting underway!

*Ellen Lampert-Gréaux*

## ELLSWORTH KELLY & JACK SHEAR AT WALL HOUSE MUSEUM



*Portrait of Ellsworth Kelly in his Spencertown, NY, studio.  
Photo: Jack Shear.*

**T**he association, St Barth Ile d'Art, has organized an exhibit featuring the work of Ellsworth Kelly and Jack Shear at the Territorial Museum of Saint Barthélemy, located in the historic Wall House in Gustavia. The exhibit runs from December 15, 2016 through March 15, 2017.

Ellsworth Kelly (1923-2015) was a leading 20th-century American painter, sculptor, photographer, and printmaker associated with hardedge painting, color field painting, and minimalism.

Jack Shear is a photographer noted for his iconic portraits of American figures such as William S. Burroughs and Ellsworth Kelly, as well as for his architectural photography. Shear is also executive director of the Ellsworth Kelly Foundation, which actively supports the conservation and care of modern and contemporary works of art.

*Ellsworth Kelly  
& Jack Shear  
Territorial Museum  
Opening reception  
December 15, 2016,  
6pm to 8pm*

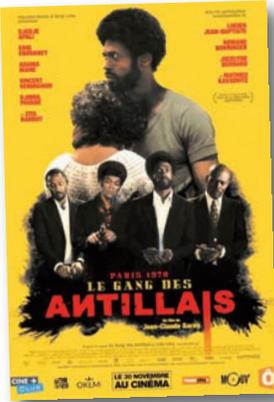
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# LE GANG DES ANTILLAIS TO BE SCREENED AT ST BARTH FILM FESTIVAL IN APRIL



of *Le Gang des Antillais*, on Saturday, December 3, as part of the African Diaspora Film Festival.

Barny has been at the St Barth Film Festival twice in the past, for screenings of his films, *Nèg Maron* in 2005 and *Rose et Le Soldat* in 2015. His new film, *Gang des Antilles*, is based on an autobiographical book by Loïc Léry, and tells the story of four men from the French West Indies who arrive in Paris in the 1970s, but find that life is a lot harder than what they expected. They begin robbing post offices, before things get out of hand.

Barny will attend the St Barth Film Festival for the third time, to present this film, and it is expected that Léry, who lives in

Martinique, will attend as well. This is a nice fit, as the 2017 film festival will take place the same week as the island's book festival, and it's a perfect tie-in to present a film inspired by a book, and have both the director and author on hand to meet with the public as well as students. The film touches on subjects such as racism and colonialism, as well as the disillusionment of the French West Indian community in France in the 1970s, where they were considered more as immigrants than French citizens.

Another interesting tie-in to the St Barth Film Festival is the character of Patrick Chamoiseau, the award-winning Caribbean author from Martinique, who has written or co-written several of the films shown at the festival over the years. These include *Nord Plage*, which Chamoiseau presented at the festival in 2004 along with its director José Hayot. In *Gang des Antilles*, an actor portrays Chamoiseau in his role of a prison social worker, whose client in real life was Loïc Léry.

The new feature film by director Jean-Claude Barny, *Le Gang des Antillais*, will be screened as part of the 22nd annual St Barth Film Festival "Cinema Caraïbe," which takes place April 25-30, 2017. Festival organizers Ellen Lampert-Gréaux, Joshua Harrison, and Sophie Maupoil attended the New York City premiere



right to left: St Barth Film Festival organizers Joshua Harrison, Ellen Lampert-Gréaux, and Sophie Maupoil with filmmaker Jean-Claude Barny from Guadeloupe at the screening of *Le Gang des Antillais* in New York.

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Toiny–Grand-Fond:

## FIRST PHASE OF ROAD WORK THROUGH APRIL



**W**ork on the road between Toiny and Grand Fond began several months ago, with construction machinery still on the job. Phase one of the project stretches from Le Toiny hotel to the old cistern, and all traffic is just one-way, in one lane, in the direction from Grand-Fond to Toiny. And there are occasionally times when the entire road will be closed for a half-day, “as concrete is being poured,” explains Ludovic Labrador, foreman for BatiVRD.

Phase one not only includes repaving the

road, but also the adding of a sidewalk and low walls, as well as supporting walls where necessary, and public lighting. There will also be places for parking, as per the project presented to the population last December by the office of Xavier David, who is in charge of the work. The sidewalk will actually be a little wider than originally planned, at least as far as the Nureyev house, or almost. “Thanks to the enormous generosity of the residents,” emphasizes David. “They ceded enough land to create a shoulder 70cm wide, with the road at 4.65m, and a slightly wider sidewalk,” he adds. “At

first, for a long stretch, we were at 1.5m for the sidewalk. The standard for a wheelchair is 1.4m.” In the end, the sidewalk will be between 1.6m and 1.8m. That allows two people, joggers or walkers, even with a baby stroller, to pass without problem. Yet the road is intentionally narrow along here, to help reduce excessive speeding.

The construction company BatiVRD is doing the roadwork, while Alco BTP is building the walls, with MIP for the lighting. This will entail six lampposts to light the intersections. There will also be illuminated bollards along the sidewalk, at a height of 90cm, to diffuse “a soft light, yet still enjoy the moonlight,” notes David. The overall project for the road between Toiny and Grand-Fond comprises three phases, each a little different. The goal is to “finish this first phase in April,” indicates Labrador. After which, phase two will get underway for the road

along the coastline, without public lighting or a sidewalk. But there will be a path that descends close to the shore.

### Lampposts Provide More Than Just Light

The public lighting in the residential sector includes 90cm-high illuminated bollards along the sidewalk, as well as six lampposts to light the intersections. These have yet to be installed but for each one, “a plastic base is already there and can be used for fiber-optic cables in the future,” notes Pascal Peuchot, digital technology director for the Collectivité. “We could also install cameras, sensors, Wi-Fi access points, or control the intensity of the lights remotely from a computer,” he envisions. “We are taking this approach on all the construction projects for the Collectivité. And placing fiber-optics in anticipation.”



# THE BEE-BEE, A CAR MADE FOR SAINT BARTHÉLEMY



**A**mong the cars for sale at FBM, the Bee-Bee stands out especially for its design: round and enticing, almost as if the car escaped from a cartoon. Its origins are also a bit unusual. At the request of Bruno Miot, the Bee-Bee XS was actually created for Saint Barthélemy. “That car, without Saint Barth, without me, would not exist,” explains Miot, without boasting. Miot, the owner of FBM, had imagined the perfect car for our island: four seats, electric, powerful enough to get up the steepest hills such as Camaruche. The chassis and undercarriage are aluminum, with a plastic body, which will not rust in the salty air,

making it a car perfect for driving by the sea. These were the requirements that Miot gave to the specialized firm, Beta Epsilon, which has started building cars. “In the beginning, we wanted to make it just for Saint Barth, but the investors told us that wasn’t enough,” says Miot. “So that the car is authorized and can be registered elsewhere, it had to meet European standards. It passed the crash test. That took longer and was more complicated.” The Bee-Bee XS, as imagined by Miot, could also be used in Marie-Galante, for example, where they are planning to use more renewable energies, such as in Barbados, Mustique, and other British islands. The

Bee-Bee XS was first designed for driving on the left, and for use in seaside resorts around the world. To date, six such vehicles have been produced as pre-production models, comprising the one that was shown at the FBM garage on December 3 as part of “green day” events. Production

models, under the brand of Bee-Bee Automotive, in conjunction with Beta Epsilon, Bruno Miot, and other investors, will soon be available. “The manufacturing is 100% French and will be done in the Vosges,” notes Miot. The first order is for 50 vehicles to leave the factory by the end of March. The price tag is from 22,000 euros to 25,000 euros, depending on the options, with or without doors. There are also different styles of battery, depending on their range of autonomy.

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- DJ Thomas. A., Dj Résident @ BAZ Bar, Gustavia

### ► Thursday, December 8

- Karaoke Night, starting at 9pm @ 25 Quarter  
- Rock n' Baga night with C-Will @ Bagatelle  
- 80's Evening from 8pm @ Ti St Barth and DJ mix at Tavern Ti Bar, starting at midnight! And guest DJs.

### ► Friday, December 9

- Bagatelle for Her Evening: Ladies night / complimentary champagne for ladies from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle  
- BBQ Social Club, Panama

Night, feet in the sand, Live music by Soley & Christian @ Christopher hotel  
- I Love Friday with Dj Laurent Perrier, Fire show, magician Stéphane Estrellas.

### @ La Plage

- DJ mix at Tavern Ti Bar, starting at midnight! And guest DJs @ Ti St Barth

### ► Saturday, December 10

- Bikini brunch, from 12pm to 5:30pm, music by Dj @ La Plage

- Saturday nights with DJ Guest, from 9 pm @ 25 Quarter

- DJ mix at Tavern Ti Bar, starting at midnight! And guest DJs @ Ti St Barth

- Special Champagne paring menu, wine tasting from 7 pm Dj @ La Plage

### ► Sunday, December 11

- Amazing Sunday «Circus Circus» Music by DJ Patris

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- Christopher's Brunch, Live music by Jaya @ Christopher hotel, Pointe Milou

- Sunday is chic! Beach Lunch on the beach, music by Dj @ La Plage

- DJ mix at Tavern Ti Bar, starting at midnight! And guest DJs @ Ti St Barth

### ► Monday, December 12

- Monday Italian Aperitivo with Live pop/rock music by Don Soley from 7pm.

### @ Le Sereno

### ► Tuesday, December 13

- Delicious Tuesday

### @ Bagatelle

- Sunset Lounge, with DJ Set by Sebastien Roche from 5pm @ Christopher hotel

- Live Music with Bianca @ La Plage

- DJ mix at Tavern Ti Bar, starting at midnight! And guest DJs @ Ti St Barth

### ► Wednesday, December 14

- Bagatelle for Her Evening: Ladies night / complimentary champagne for ladies from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle  
- Live Music with Bianca @ La Plage

- Diner Cabaret with show girls (Music Hall - New team - new artist) Show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth

- DJ mix at Tavern Ti Bar, starting at midnight! And guest DJs @ Ti St Barth

## Fashion Show

### ► Daily Fashion Shows

- Fashion Show, every lunch @ Nikki Beach

- Fashion Show every lunch @ La Plage, St Jean

### ► Friday, December 9

- Fashion Show by Pain de Sucre @ Nikki Beach

### ► Saturday, December 10

- Fashion Show by Nikki Beach Lifestyle @ Nikki Beach

### ► Sunday, December 11

- Fashion Show by Nikki

Beach Lifestyle @ Nikki Beach

### ► Tuesday, December 13

- Fashion Show around the pool of White Bar from 6pm @ Hotel Cheval Blanc Isle de France, Flamands

## Exhibitions

### ► Through December 26

- In collaboration with Galerie Perrotin and Art Saint Barth, Eden Rock Gallery, announce an exhibit of Terry Richardson "Portraits" by American fashion and portrait photographer until December 26.

- Space Gallery Gustavia - Philip Colbert, Hunt Slonem, Marco Glaviano and MORE including christmas gift ideas  
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- David Kracov, Natan Elkanovich, Yoel Benharrouche, Calman Shemi, Dorit Levinstein, @ Eden Fine Art Gallery, Gustavia

- Bronze Sculptures by Bjorn Olkholm Skaarup @ The Collectivity & Space Gallery  
- Kate Kova

### @ Ortega Gallery

### ► Art Galleries

- Eden Rock Gallery

- Eden Fine Art St Barts

- Les Artisans, Gustavia

- Jabuti Art Gallery

- SpaceSBH Gallery

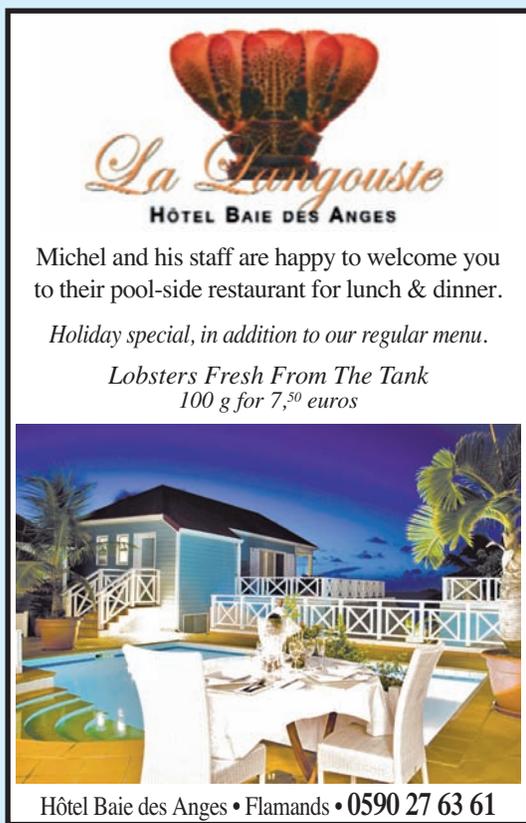
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