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Restoration Of Small Salt
Pond in Grand-Cul-de-Sac

50,000€ Donation For The Environment



In December 2022, in addition to the LuisaViaRoma gala for UNICEF, the non-profit organization, Parley For The Oceans, and the association Art Saint-Barth organized a dinner and art auction on the theme of the oceans. The goal of that event was to donate part of the proceeds to an environmental cause. Better late than never, the Parley association has now presented a check for 50,000 euros to the president and the director of the Territorial Environmental Agency, Marie-Angèle Aubin and Sébastien Gréaux. A sum that the ATE plans to use to finance a project for the preservation of the island's coral reefs, underwater seagrass beds, and marine species.

SBIPPOA Fundraiser For FEMUR

Make your reservations today! The non-profit organization, Saint Barthélemy International Property Owners Association (SBIPPOA), is holding a fund-raising luncheon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 12 noon at the Sand Bar Restaurant at Eden Rock. Proceeds go to FEMUR, the Fund for Emergency Equipment for the De Bruyn Hospital in St Barth. Funds have helped fund big-ticket items for the hospital as well as equipment for the new health center (Maison de la Santé) in St Jean. Tickets for the luncheon are 175euros per person and include a three-course lunch with appetizer, main course, dessert, wine, water, and coffee.

Please email secretarysbipoa@gmail.com to make your reservations... members, non-members, and guests are welcome!



There is a generation of Saint Barth natives, mostly now in their 80s, many of whom were instrumental in making the island what it is today. A generation that is fading away, and one can only hope we can honor their legacy. Imagine being born on the island of Saint Barthélemy 80 or more years ago. There were no roads, mainly goat paths. There was no electricity, no running water, no cars, no airplanes until Remy de Haenan landed here in 1946. If you were sick, they took you off the island by boat. There was one midwife who used a horse or donkey to get from one side of the island to the other, especially if two babies were being born the same day in different neighborhoods. The kids, sometimes as many as a dozen in one family, were all born at home, in small cottages where they slept in hammocks, and mama cooked outside over an open fire. Clothes were often made from old flour sacks and kids walked barefoot to school. Everyone was poor but not unhappy. One of the men from that era, Raymond Magras, passed away this weekend at the age of 84. I can only imagine what his early life was like, but as part of a leading family of merchants, with various branches that would eventually create the shops of ALMA (Raymond's father was "Old Alma" or Alexander Magras), GDM, and CCPF, he made his mark, importing things that would improve the quality of life of the island. Raymond was a man who gave to others with his heart and soul, and was a founding member of FEMUR, the organization that raises funds for the local hospital, and of the Lions Club. He was often heard playing the accordion, a traditional island instrument. As a lone bagpiper plays for a Scottish funeral, I can picture a lone accordion player honoring Raymond's memory.

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Tourist In Fatal Quad Accident

An accident took place in the early afternoon of Friday, January 19, by the entry to the path that leads from La Petite Anse (Flamands) to the beach in Colombier. A couple of Canadian tourists in their sixties lost control of their quad. The reason has yet to be determined as to why the quad left the path (most likely a false maneuver), causing the two victims to fall several meters before crashing onto the rocks.

When the rescue team arrived at the site of the accident (firemen, emergency medical team, gendarmerie, and territorial police), they confirmed the death of the woman. At the same time, initial examinations of the man, who was alive but seriously injured, showed that his vital signs were seriously compromised. The Civil Security Dragon helicopter was called to transport the injured



man to Guadeloupe. By the time the helicopter arrived shortly after 5pm, the medical team had managed to stabilize the injured man's condition. After a few maneuvers by the pilot over the waters of La Petite Anse, the rescue team managed to hoist the

injured man into the helicopter. The accident is said to have occurred during a quad tour involving a group of cruise ship passengers who were aboard the Sea Cloud 2, which was calling at Saint Barthélemy for the day.



Dasha Villa

Lurin, St Barth
3 bedrooms




RENTAL: Villa Dasha is a 3-bedroom, 3-bath contemporary-style residence located at the top of Gouverneur. Dasha is only a few minutes from Gouverneur Beach, restaurants, shops, and Gustavia. The villa has a large living room, equipped with home cinema, large white sofas, and a gourmet kitchen. Each bedroom offers views of the ocean, and is furnished with a queen-size bed, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, TV, US satellite, DVD, bathroom with shower.

For additional information contact your rental agency.




Northern Island Gendarmerie Gains Autonomy

Saturday, January 13, 2024 is a date that will go down in history for the Northern Islands gendarmerie. At a ceremony organized with great pomp and ceremony at Saint Martin's Babit Point, lieutenant general Lionel Lavergne made it official: the creation of an autonomous command for the Northern Islands Gendarmerie, handing over this responsibility to colonel Maxime Wintzer-Wehekind. Going forward, the gendarmerie of Saint Barthélemy and Saint Martin is completely detached from Guadeloupe. A major change, as confirmed by Vincent Berton, deputy prefect for the Northern Islands.

“This is an important event,” confirms Vincent Breton, as representative of the French government. “It concretely marks the first step toward a full-fledged prefecture for the Northern



Colonel Maxime Wintzer and General Lionel Lavergne with the delegated prefect of the Northern Islands, Vincent Berton.



Islands.” General Lavergne details the implications of this change in command: “Firstly, on January 2, the superior hierarchy changed,” explains the four-star officer. “It is now me rather than general Vincent Lamballe. In operational terms, the Com Gend has autonomy in the day-to-day running of its operations. In terms of human resources as well. Gendarmes assigned to the Northern Islands will no longer also be assigned to Guadeloupe. From a budgetary point of view, needs and requests will come directly from the colonel. These are very important changes. They reflect putting the two territories into proper perspective.”

This autonomy should also bring an increase in gendarmes, both in

Colonel Maxime Wintzer and General Lionel Lavergne, during the military ceremony of taking up arms, in St-Martin - 01/13/2024. ©Prefecture of St-Barthélemy and St-Martin

terms of the motorized brigade and judicial police officers, according to General Lavergne, who also insists on the need for increased regional cooperation. “We have three main priorities,” explains deputy prefect Vincent Berton. “Road safety, the fight against drugs, and intentional personal injury. We have noted a sharp increase in this type of crime on Saint Barthélemy, which is a real concern, as it reflects a deterioration in the quality of life.”

This autonomy of the gendarmerie is also an important first step toward the creation of a separate prefecture for the Northern Islands. A commitment made by Gérald Darmanin, Minister of the Interior and Overseas France.

Permit Approved For Grand-Cul-de-Sac Salt Pond Restoration



The Collectivity's executive council voted favorably on November 30, 2023 to approve a permit for the restoration of the small salt pond in Grand-Cul-de-Sac, which had been submitted on September 27. Only Romaric Magras and Alexandra Questel, members of the opposition, Saint-Barth d'Abord, voted against. Several modifications to the initial project were required of group requesting the permit (Société

Civile of Petit Etang and Société Civile of Grand-Cul-de-Sac) to get the executive council's approval. The salt ponds and adjoining land was purchased in 2021 by Dimitri Pilitsis, an American citizen born in Saint Martin. Since 2018, he has participated financially in various studies and analyses on the evolution of the flora, fauna, water, and soil. The initial project, part real estate, has evolved into a restoration of the natural site. The

owner intends to clean up the site, replant and restore the mangroves and beach habitat. He also wants to establish a clean, modern communication link between the two parts of the pond, and restore the natural configuration of the land through the growth of mangroves. Each stage of the project will be closely monitored by the Territorial Environmental Agency.

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APT AMA, MARIGOT

€ 1,600,000



Duplex apartment in residence, kitchen, living room, bathroom, 9 sqm terrace. Upstairs: spacious bedroom (can be divided in 2) + dressing room. Perfect condition. 1 parking space. Loi carrez surface area: 46 sqm + 16 of attic space. Co-ownership comprises 12 lots, no ongoing proceedings.

VILLA PLC, MARIGOT

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VILLA NIG, POINTE MILOU

€ 7,500,000



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VILLA UMA, TOINY

€ 8,480,000



Modern 3-bedroom villa, outstanding privacy, spacious and bright living area. Terrace. Infinity pool. Expansive ocean views. Sunset + sunrise. SPA terrace. Lush garden. Possibility to build a jacuzzi or a gym.

Carnival 2024 in the Starting Blocks !

Less than three weeks before Mardi Gras 2024 and the St Barth Carnival celebration, nine floats are ready to roll through the streets of Gustavia on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Safety is a priority for the huge crowd that attends.

At 2pm on Tuesday, February 13, nine Carnival floats will start their Mardi Gras parade, with Vaval, the Carnival King, leading the way. A parade that promises to be colorful and lively, featuring Latin dancers from Ti Ouana Salsa, Carnival groups Cho Douvan from ASCCO and The Youngz, talented dancers from the Golden Team and the Caribbean Girls, plus Tet Ansanm representing Haitian culture, local musicians from N.I.B (North Islands Band) and, last but not least, the Dreamers. Also present with their float, the dancers from SBH Pineapple Girls, celebrating their 10th anniversary, and presenting a pre-Carnival event on Saturday, February 3. Detailed information about this event can be found on Instagram at [pineapple_girls_sbh](#). One float that will be missed is that of Nikki Beach, which has been popular over the years.

Leaving from the Commercial Dock in Public, the parade follows its traditional route through the streets of Gustavia throughout the afternoon, dancing its way around La Pointe and eventually back to Public. During the parade, five-minute choreographed performances will be seen as the floats stop in front of the pharmacy, the Cours Vendôme, Rue de la République, the Pif Paf kiosk, and close to the La Poste.

All access roads to Gustavia will be closed as of 1pm, with free shuttles running between the parking lot in Saint Jean and the Commercial Dock from 1pm to 9pm. "The crowd for Carnival in Saint Barthélemy gets bigger from year to year. Since our desire is for this



day to remain a festive and fun time for everyone, this year we have better organization, and above all, great support from the Collectivity, the police, and the fire department," emphasizes Jocari Bapin, president of the Carnival Committee. No fewer than twenty security agents will be mobilized for the event, with each float benefiting from a dedicated person in permanent contact with the police and fire department.

As a prelude to Carnival 2024, the little ones will kick off the festivities with the Kid's Carnival parading through the streets of Gustavia on Friday, February 9, starting at 3pm at the Quai du Général de Gaulle. Each school will present a different theme, such as that of environmental protection for Ecole Sainte Marie in Colombier.

The next day, Saturday, February 10, it's time for the Association Bout d'Chou, uniting some of the island's daycare workers, small children, and their parents. The young Carnival revelers will start their circus-themed parade at 4:30pm. The time to meet is 4:15pm on the Quai du Général de

Gaulle, where a bar will provide refreshments before the parade, which will snake along the waterfront, back up the Rue de la Paix, and continue as far as ALMA, before going back to the dock where there will be music and a snack bar until 7pm.

The Lighting Parade is the next event, with island musicians parading on Saturday, February 10 from 7pm to 10pm, leaving Public, with a truck distributing light-up accessories to get everyone into a party mood three days before Mardi Gras.

As is traditional, the burning of Vaval will close the festivities on Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. Throughout the day, the effigy of the Carnival King will be in front of Le Select in Gustavia. A perfect time for selfies!

Then at 7pm, a cortege will leave Le Select in the direction of Shell Beach where, somewhere after 8:30pm, with security barriers in place on the beach, Vaval will be consumed by flames.

Armandine Badey-Bettembourg

St Barth Music Festival: Changing Of The Guard

Smoothly, that's how I'd say the new organizing committee of the St Barth Music Festival, led by its president Corinne Hennequin, and its new artistic committee, handled taking over the reins of a 40-year-old cultural event and making it new while respecting the old. Founded by American violinist Frances DeBroff, who ran the festival for the first 39 years, this year marked its 40th anniversary and a changing of the guard. From extensive pre-publicity, an online ticketing system, and a lovey program book of 50+ pages to a mix of returning and new musicians, two new conductors, an operatic concert version of "Carmen" and a Creole jazz group to close the festival, the event maintained its standards of excellence and musical showmanship. The stellar artistic committee consisted of Jennifer Frautschi, Francis Gouton, Nitzan Haroz, Alecia Lawyer, Brain Lewis, and Jon Manasse (who played clarinet with his talented son Alec), and their input on musical selections and additions to the orchestra were right on point. The two new musicians I met personally are Bernie Scully, French horn, and Amy Taylor, flute, and they both fell in love with the festival and the island. There's nothing like being sur-



rounded by your musical peers coupled with the beauty of the island and the charm of playing in old churches that happen to have wonderful acoustics. The sold-out audiences attest to the success of this 40th anniversary, which concluded with two performances by AKODA, a jazz trio led by singer/keyboard player Valérie Chane Tef, who brings a touch of Creole culture from her native Reunion Island to mix with the Creole culture of the French West Indies in a lively repertory that had the audience clapping their hands, tapping their feet, and even dancing in front of the pews at the Anglican Church as the festival came to a close.

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux



A Colorful Show Of Solidarity



The Handi-Color walk, organized on Sunday, January 14 by the Handi-Relais association, with the support of numerous partners, was a big success. Adults and children took to the road from the stadium in Saint Jean as far as Gustavia, and back to Saint Jean. An early-morning jaunt, made all the more fun with huge clouds of colored powder. “We hope to share additional festive events, full of joy and magic, in order to put an accent on difference, solidarity, and conviviality,” notes the association. Plans are already underway for Handi-Color 2025.



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Cabaret

• Dinner cabaret show at 9pm @ Ti St Barth

Live Music

► Thursday January 25

- Back to the 90', Orange Vibes with DJ Set, 5pm - 7pm at Christopher Hotel
- Live Music by Soley from 7pm at Arawak, Gustavia
- Live Music with The Shamans Duo from 7:30 pm at restaurant Amis St. Barth
- Night under the stars by Maxime Cheval feat guest DJ from 9pm at Le Toiny Beach Club, Toiny
- Tiphanie Doucet at restaurant Al Mare at Sereno hôtel from 7pm.

► Friday, January 26

Tiphanie Doucet, poly-instrumental musician (harp, piano, guitar) in concert Friday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anglican Church. Entry by donation.

- Orange Vibes with DJ Set, 5 - 7pm at Christopher hotel
- Apero is French with DJ Set Jeremy M. at Arawak café, Gustavia
- Evening Astrologer & Tarot by Eleonor at Épicerie du Gôut, Saint-Jean
- Desiderata in live at Romi restaurant (Tropical Hotel) from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

► Saturday, January 27

- Sarturday Live Music by Kameleon Beats from 7pm at Arawak café,
- Orange Vibes with DJ Set, 5 - 7pm at Christopher hotel
- Chess Hour, 3pm-6pm with Jeff Follner @Arawak café, Gustavia
- Saturday Live from 11am

to 7pm with the tunes of the resident DJ and Saxophonist, at Nikki Beach
- Evening Flasz Tatoo by Karas Tattos & St Barth Ink at Épicerie du Gout, St-Jean
- Musical weekends from 2pm with Jeremy zouk music at Manapany Hotel

► Sunday, January 28

- Orange Vibes with DJ Set, 5 - 7pm at Christopher hotel
- Amazing Sunday. A journey through the rhythm of live music under the sun! 12pm - 7pm @ Nikki Beach
- Musical weekends with Sweet Pan SXM from 2pm at Manapany Hotel
- DJ Set by Laura de Shamans, 1pm - 3pm on the beach, at Amis St. Barth Le Barthélemy
- Live Music with The Shamans Duo from 7:30pm at Amis St. Barth, Le Barthélemy
- Dreamy Pool Party by Dj Set by Luv from 2pm to 5pm at Tropical Hotel
- BBQ with DJ Tommy Glasses at Feet In The Sand, Beach House St. Barth at Guanahani Rosewood, Grand Cul de Sac

► Monday, January 29

- Hora Feliz, come dance Salsa, Bachata, kizomba and other dances cubaines from 7pm @Arawak café
- Orange Vibes with DJ Set, 5 - 7pm at Christopher hotel
- For an Italian Aperitivo, Soley will be entertaining us with lyrics and guitar like. 07.30pm-10.30 pm at Al Mare Ristorante, Sereno
- Beauty Monday Morning from 9am to 12pm @Arawak café, Gustavia

► Tuesday, January 30

- Tacos Tuesday at Peter Mc Cool, Irish pub with live music by Soley from 6pm.
- Orange Vibes with DJ Set, from 5 to 7pm at Christopher St Barth,
- Live Music with The Shamans Duo from 7 :30pm at Amis St. Barth restaurant

► Wednesday, January 31

- Orange Vibes with DJ Set, 5 - 7pm at Christopher hotel
- Live Music with The Shamans Duo from 7 :30pm at Amis St. Barth restaurant

Night Club

@ Modjo St-Jean
@ Casa Night Club

Exhibitions

- Through February 28 : Focus on architect/world traveler Michael Zimmer and "Le Camp" at The Wall House Territorial Museum.
- Something About The Sea by Tony Caramanico at Summum Gallery
- "Magnetic" by Kay Quattrocchi at Almosnino Fine Art, Gustavia
- Preserve the Heritage and History of St-Barthélemy @ Le Brigantin, Gustavia.
- Winter Exhibition featuring major works by Simeti. Takis and Tony Cragg along

with a selection of photography and painting at Space Gallery in Gustavia.
- Group exhibition of painting by Giorgio Pasqualetti, Nadia Fanelli, Victor Matthews and photography by Marco Glaviano and Isabelle Lindbergh at Jacques Zolty boutique & Le Sereno by Space Gallery
- Paintings by Remy De Haenen and photography by Hugh Arnold and Dirk Braun at La Kala by Space Gallery
- Paintings : Alain Le Chatelier, Karoline Arcana, Gery Langlais at Les Artisans

► Art Galleries

- Almosnino Fine Art Gallery
- Antoine Heckly ArtGallery
- Camaruche Gallery
- Clic Gallery, Gustavia
- Eden Fine Art St Barts
- Fergus McCaffrey
- Galerie Asie, Gustavia
- Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Space Gallery St Barth
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