

# Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc.

## Volunteer Newsletter

February '10

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The following data is for the period October - January 20th. We have been open for 11 weeks, 42 days, and 252 hours:

**Gift Shop Sales:** \$6,236. For the same period last year: \$2604. For the same period from our first year: \$1963.

**Admissions:** \$8092. For the same period last year: \$7709. For the same period from our first year: \$6780.

**Special Tours:** \$905. For the same period last year: \$805. For the same period from our first year: \$785.

**Our Financial Solvency:** CD Reserves \$190,000. For the same period last year: \$130,000. For the same period from our first year: \$0. Gross Income: \$66,253. For the same period last year: \$56,377. For the same period from our first year: \$54,461. Net Income: \$43,888. For the same period last year: \$40786. For the same period from our first year: \$38,956.

Total Assets: \$251,570. For the same period last year: \$159,765. For the same period from our first year: \$58,025.

What does this mean? That you and your Board of Directors are doing a fantastic job running this non-profit Museum. Remember, we are only open 40 weeks a year, 4 days a week, with 27 weeks at 6 hours a day and 13 weeks at 3 hours a day. Most other Museums are open 5-6 days a week, 52 weeks a year, and from 9-5.

Please support your organization. Be a member for only \$25 a year. Volunteer your time as a Docent or participating in another task. But most importantly...have fun volunteering your time. It is greatly appreciated.

*Alex Werner*



Dear Volunteers,

“Season” is in full swing this month as the Museum and Village celebrate 25 years at our present site. We are encouraged by the number of visitors from our opening in November through December 31. Over 1600 people visited during that eight week time period. In fact, the weather was on our side. Inclement weather seemed to bring out the adventurous, and the Village was teeming with people wanting to learn more about Sanibel’s history.

Speaking of weather. . .the Heritage Garden has survived the freezing temperatures of early January. Thanks to the diligence of Karl Rodman, the garden was saved by working manure into the soil and fertilizing. Visitors love the garden, and out my window I observe them snapping pictures of our citrus trees laden with fruit—a nice, peaceful setting.

The Village Development Committee is hard at work, completing the final preparations for our fabulous gala luncheon/style show fundraiser, “Sanibel Then and Now.” **WE ARE SOLD OUT** and anticipate a fun and prosperous afternoon at the Captiva Island Yacht Club.

There are lots of activities to look forward to as we move towards Spring. The Volunteer Luncheon will be held on March 30th at the Sanctuary, and Gayle Pence is planning a new event. . .featuring a “gentlemen’s viewpoint”. . . for March 19th. More about that will be in next month’s newsletter.

And finally, we are going to purchase four walkie-talkies for the Village. It will make communicating between the Rutland House and other areas much easier.

Let’s all keep up our good work and keep the momentum going. Thanks, everyone, for your good cheer and help— you’re the best!

*Carol A. Zell*

Manager, Sanibel Historical Museum and Village



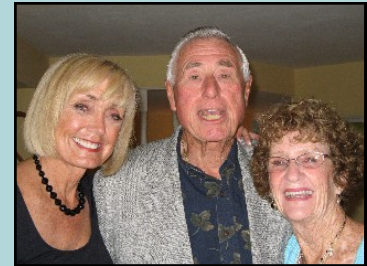
February 23rd  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

— 10 A.M. —

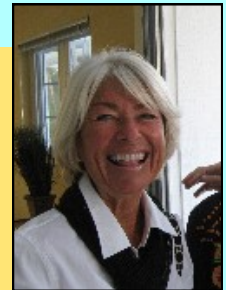
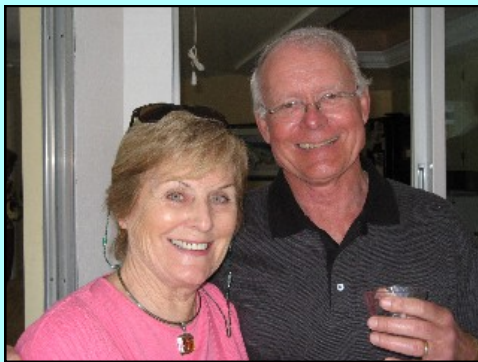
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**Scenes from the  
Volunteer Party—  
Thank you,  
Blair Wyatt!**



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In Gayle's absence, I have the opportunity to welcome back all Village volunteers and especially our newest class. We are so glad you are all here and working.

The Village has been very busy this month, perhaps our cool weather has contributed to this, but our history has great appeal, and we are proud to show it.

February brings some exciting events. Our "Stepping Back, Stepping Up, Stepping Out" fundraiser/luncheon/style show is sold out for the 16th. So many of you have gone above and beyond to make this happen and proper "Thank you's" will come later, but at the moment Elise Hall is arranging 150 people at tables. Thank you, Elise.

The Quilt Show opens on February 10 with Stephanie Rahe and her committee setting up days in advance. This is always a treat for us and our visitors, some who come only for this show.

Then on February 23, 10:00 am, the annual meeting of the membership of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc. will be held at the Sanibel Library. Election of four board members will be held at this time along with other business.

Remember, you make the Village happen...without you, our volunteers, it is only nine buildings with no life. Thank you for all you do!

Jan Halliday, Docent Liaison

### ARTISTS PAINT "THE VILLAGE" DURING FEBRUARY

Artists from the Sanibel-Captiva Art League will paint the Village and showcase their art on Wednesdays during the month of February. The "Artists in Residence" program will allow each artist to display his or her artwork on an easel or in a bin during a painting session. 10 % of sales will go to the Village.



## GIFT SHOP NEWS

Museum shop sales through January have been very successful, thanks to the work of both those docents who work in the store and those of you who tell our visitors and friends about it. If you have not yet docented in the store and would like to, please tell Carol. We need to keep the store staffed so people can buy—if there is no one to take the money, there is no income.

We have 2 new and exciting items for our customers—pine needle baskets by Gisela Damandl, and mini sailors' valentine boxes by Jim and Rose. These, along with Luc Century's lighthouse ornament, are exclusive to the Museum Shop. Stop by and see these creations crafted by award-winning artisans just for us. As a February promotion the first 36 customers who buy one of these items will receive a special heart-decorated gift bag.



Also, in February, to promote the quilt show, we are offering a choice of quilt posters for \$2.00. each. The posters feature the "Grandmother's Fan" or a "Patch of Blue" design with a Sanibel Island "notation."

More toys, both new and old favorites, are coming along with more variety in both coloring books and paper dolls. There will be more stock geared to girls of all ages also.

People still say to me, "The Museum has a gift shop?" With your help we can be known as a place to find quality memorabilia with a historic appeal. See you there!

Paula Newton

## *Volunteer Committees 2009 - 2010*

### CHAIRPERSONS

<b>Docent Liaison:</b>	Jan Halliday
<b>Development Committee:</b>	Blair Wyatt
<b>Publicity:</b>	Ray Buck
<b>Docent Training:</b>	Debbie Staley and Bill Bachman
<b>Village Store:</b>	Paula Newton and Judy Yenkole
<b>Hospitality/Recognition:</b>	Sally Duffy, Kitty Moore and Connie Bukowick
<b>Shell Wreath Fundraiser:</b>	Joan Emilius
<b>Communications:</b>	Isabella Rasi (Telephone, "Getting to Know You Book")
<b>Display:</b>	Deb Gleason and Mary McLaughlin
<b>Quilt Show:</b>	Stephanie Rahe
<b>Archives:</b>	Mary McLaughlin
<b>Holiday Decorations:</b>	Betsy Cox, Barbara Babcock, Susan Schmidt, Paula Newton, Marilee Kaufman, Christel Heidecker, Isabella Rasi, Blair Wyatt, Debbie Staley, Gayle Pence and Sylvia Longaker
<b>February Fundraiser:</b>	Gayle Pence

## *Village Growth and Development Committee 2009 - 2010*

Blair Wyatt	Jan Halliday	Gerry Verblaauw	Judy Yenkole
Jean Turney	Marianne Jardine	Roberta Puschel	Gail Garlinghouse
Elise Hall	Dottie Miller	Debbie Staley	Barbara Jones
Adrienne Cross	Joan Emilius	Nancy McNeill	Gayle Pence
Nanette Laurion	Deb Gleason	Carol Zell	

## *Calendar of Events through March, 2010*

<b>February 10</b>	<b>QUILT SHOW OPENS</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>"SANIBEL THEN AND NOW" GALA FUNDRAISER</b>
<b>February 23</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 10 A.M. - SANIBEL LIBRARY</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>QUILT SHOW ENDS</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON - The Sanctuary</b>



Ray Buck's Poetry Reading in the Schoolhouse and "South of Providence" Book-Signing/Reception in Miss Charlotta's Tea Room