

Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc.

Volunteer Newsletter

November '09

WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Welcome back to another exciting year at the Historical Museum and Village. This will be the Company's third year of operation and the Museum's 25th year of being open to the public. Our Board has hired Ms. Carol Zell as Museum Manager, Ms. Mary Grace (MG) Whitaker as part-time Business Manager, and has retained Mr. Dennis Simon as Scheduler and Docent Coordinator.

Carol will be at the Museum on Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until closing. Dennis will be at the Museum on the same days from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Mary Grace will be working Monday and/or Tuesday. We believe this is a great team to help move us forward.

Financially, we are in good shape with \$174,000 in CDs and over \$46,000 in our bank account. Membership is over 300 people. We have some interesting displays that will be featured this year. Mary McLaughlin and Debbie Gleason are working to put them together. Gayle Pence has some solid programs for us to participate in and enjoy as well as a Fundraiser ("Funraiser") event scheduled for February. Please become members if you are not already and do contact Dennis to schedule your volunteer days.

With the publicity we have been receiving from the Chamber of Commerce, local newspapers and magazine features, we expect a banner year for guest visitations. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me at home: 472-8871.

Alex Werner



Dear Volunteers,

It's a milestone year for the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. This year, the museum is marking its 25th year at the present site.

Part of what makes our museum and village so special to Sanibel residents and visitors alike is the enthusiasm, knowledge and dedication of our volunteers. Over 100 of you give countless hours and share your talents throughout the year. We thank you for your continued commitment!

I am new to the museum and village this year and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. You will find me in the office at the Bailey General Store on Wednesday through Saturday. If I haven't introduced myself, please drop in. It's nice to put a face to a name.

I am anxious to work with the Board of Directors, museum staff and volunteers as we look into the future and the next 25 years. We are directing our sights towards increasing membership and grant monies and, possibly, expanding the city's collection of historical structures. Real progress is made in small, well-thought-out steps.

All of you are important as we go forward, and I know you have many good ideas. Please share them with us! Dennis, Mary Grace and I are always willing to listen and discuss whatever is on your minds. You may e-mail us at calusa1513@embarqmail.com anytime, or call the office at 472-4648 during business hours.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Zell

Manager, Sanibel Historical Museum and Village



VOLUNTEER COFFEE

Tuesday, November 17

Sanibel Public Library

10:00 a.m.

Special Guests: Ralph and Jean Woodring

RSVP to Dennis or Carol 472-4648

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Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting 2009/2010 year at the Village!!! I have so much to celebrate, but most of all, it is each of you, our exemplary volunteers and supporters. Thank you in advance for all that you do!! I want

to welcome our new Museum Manager, Carol Zell and our new Museum Business Manager, MG Whitaker. I also feel most fortunate that Dennis is going to be at the helm with our docent scheduling. What a great staff we have!!!

SAVE THE DATE.... February 16th for our fabulous fundraiser, "Sanibel Then and Now" – a luncheon and fashion gala. Our goal is to raise funds to benefit the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. The funds will provide audio-visual programs that will present an enlightening overview of the history of Sanibel Island. This luncheon style show will focus on vintage and current island styles. "Lily's" will provide a fine jewelry boutique featuring four invited designers along with a live auction of four specially selected jewelry pieces. The Village will receive a percentage of these sales. Vintage fashions will come from our Village collection and "Chico's", "Eileen Fisher" and "Lucky Dog" will provide the contemporary fashions. The date once again is February 16, 2010 at the Captiva Island Yacht Club. The ticket price is \$75.00. **WE'RE STEPPING BACK! STEPPING UP and STEPPING OUT! to benefit the SHM&V!!!** We'll need all volunteer hands on deck for this wonderful fundraiser. So first thing, call your friends and make plans, then call me, Gayle Pence, at 472-0433 to reserve tickets. We can only accommodate 150 guests for this event.

Also, we are looking for sponsors to help underwrite the \$5000 cost for the event. We're halfway there, so if you know an individual or business who would like to help, please call the office at 472-4648.

Save the 17th of November for our Volunteer Coffee at the library at 10 o'clock. We are focusing on Sanibel pioneer families at the Village this year. We are so fortunate to have Ralph Woodring as our first guest speaker of the year. He will be sharing many interesting stories about his family and especially about his beloved mother, Esperanza. Ralph and Jean Woodring also wrote a brief family history summary this summer for us, which you will be receiving via Village e-mail. Please include this information in your "Docent Handbook". Once again, please try to attend this meeting. It will be most informative!



Our second annual "Shell Wreath" sale will be held Friday, December 4th in the Bailey Store at the Village. Previews of these exquisite wreaths will again be at "Bank of the Islands" and the Sanibel Library. We want to thank Joan Emilius and Peggy Henward for designing our total inventory this year. Joan made 35 gorgeous wreaths. What a commitment!!! We also want to thank Joan and her husband, Paul for donating all the materials for this project. Our sales will go 100% to the Village. We will have samples of these beautiful wreaths at our November Docent Coffee.

Please help us gather new volunteers. We are having our next "Docent Training" on Thursday, the 19th of November, at 10 o'clock in the 1910 Schoolhouse on the Village grounds. I want to thank Debbie Staley for revising our "Docent Handbook". Debbie and I will be facilitating this first training. Please call Dennis or Carol at 472-4648 to register for the November training. Even old-timers are invited for a brush-up.

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VOLUNTEER COFFEE SET FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT THE SANIBEL PUBLIC LIBRARY Ralph and Jean Woodring will be our Special Guests

GOOD VOLUNTEERS ARE HARD TO FIND! It takes an interest in history, a love for Sanibel, a desire to share information with others or your special talents with the museum, and a caring commitment to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. We are always looking for good volunteers, particularly those who would make good docents.

We're asking our loyal group of volunteers to be on the lookout for prospective candidates. Ask a friend or neighbor, whom you think might be interested, to accompany you to this year's **Volunteer Coffee** at the Sanibel Library. It will be held on Tuesday, November 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This coming year, the museum will showcase the Woodring Family. Ralph and Jean Woodring will be our special guests at the Volunteer Coffee. You will hear some of their family stories and be able to ask them questions afterward.

We hope to see everyone there. Remember—Bring a Friend!

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I am so thrilled to have our new and much improved Museum/Village Store. We can't thank Paula Newton enough for taking charge of our new look and also Judy Yenkole for assisting her. Please read Paula's article to get all the details about the store. I also want to thank Stephanie Rahe and her Quilt Show committee for again facilitating one of the most popular events the Village offers. And kudos to all the folks who are assisting in decorating the Village for the holidays. This year we are not going with a specific theme. We'll use our current collection of decorations and create a simple Sanibel Christmas environment. The more hands the merrier, so if you'd like to help, please give Dennis a call and let him know. And, mark the 19th of January at 4 o'clock on your calendar for our popular annual "Volunteer Gathering". Just bring a simple nibble and come and mingle with all of your Village friends. Thank you, Blair Wyatt, for opening your beautiful home to us for this event.

Once again, it's going to be a memorable year at the Village. It is because of all of you that we're going to have a most successful year sharing the history of the islands.

Gayle Pence

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Exciting news!

We will be back in the Bailey General Store this fall with many new items, including a new Luc Century ornament featuring the Sanibel Lighthouse. Luc has only made 50 ornaments, exclusive to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. The shop will carry some old familiar favorites, plus new toys, books, postcards and craft kits for both children and adults. There will be a case in the back room of the Rutland House with much of our merchandise on display. Museum visitors will be able to see some what is available and volunteers can then direct them to the gift shop in the Bailey store.

Also new for this year. . .we will have a more professional look in our sales receipts and paper bags. The large paper bags will display the logo, "If We Don't Have It, You Don't Need It," along with our website address and telephone number. Our prices will be raised to reflect the sales tax. In the past, for example, on a \$6 item, our profit was smaller by the price of the tax—36 cents less in profit. The other museums on the island add the tax to the \$6. This season, prices will include the sales tax and will be rounded off to the nearest quarter so no other coins will be involved. There will also be a price marked on each item so you will know how much it is.

The sheet of prices will only include the price to the customer. A separate sheet will show docent and museum member prices.

We want your input—what sells, what doesn't, customer comments, ideas for additional items, display ideas, etc. Many volunteers have worked on the shop update. Our thanks go out to Gayle Pence, Deb Gleason, Mary McLaughlin, Gail Weiss, Alex Werner, Kay Wightman, Sam Bailey and the office staff.

Volunteers will be needed to work at the gift shop for all shifts, since there will be a cash box there. It will be an opportunity to talk with visitors about the Bailey store and show off our new gift items. Please let Dennis Simon know of your interest so he can schedule you as a gift shop volunteer.

**Paula Newton and
Judy Yenkole,
Co-Chairmen**

Needed for Photo

Library: Good digital photographs of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. I'm looking for scenic shots of the Village grounds and buildings, as well as interior photos of exhibits, docents with visitors, special events, etc.

If you are willing to share some of your special photos, please send them as JPEG image files to CZelli7012@aol.com. Or, if you would prefer, I can borrow your photos, scan them, and return them right away.

Thanks for your help!
Carol Zell

Docent Schedule

November '09

Date Time 4	WEDNESDAY	Date Time 5	THURSDAY	Date Time 6	FRIDAY	Date Time 7	SATURDAY
<u>A.M.</u>	E. Hall I. Rasi M. Kaufman W. Byrum		A. Werner H. Theiss W. Byrum B. Stull		L. Magnus		B. Cox G. Garlinghouse
<u>P.M.</u>	P. Newton S. Rahe G. Meier		A. Rodman G. Ponce B. Wyatt		M. Kaplan R. Buck		M. Strobel A. Heymann K. O'Donnell
11 <u>A.M.</u>	C. Kaplan I. Rasi M. Alteri M. Alteri M. Kaufman	12	S. Hoch A. Werner	13	R. Buck J. Halliday M. Leslie	14	D. Von Haase A. Cantalupo
<u>P.M.</u>	K. Rodman K. O'Donnell D. Miller		J. Armstrong D. Donaldson B. Wyatt A. Rodman		B. Bachman T. Hoesel B. Broadhurst		S. Schmidt A. Heymann
18 <u>A.M.</u>	J. Wolf W. Byrum I. Rasi M. Kaufman E. Hall	19	H. Theiss A. Werner W. Byrum B. Stull	20	M. Leslie M. White	21	B. Cox G. Garlinghouse R. Puschel
<u>P.M.</u>	P. Newton S. Schmidt G. Meier		S. Hoch G. Ponce		M. Kaplan R. Buck M. Leslie		M. Strobel R. Puschel K. O'Donnell A. Heymann
25 <u>A.M.</u>	M. Alteri M. Alteri I. Rasi M. Kaufman	26	Thanksgiving Village Closed	27	T. Hoesel K. Lear B. Broadhurst	28	A. Cantalupo
<u>P.M.</u>	T. Hoesel K. Rodman D. Miller		Village Closed		M. Saegbarth B. Wyatt		P. Henward

Thank you Very Much for Your Hard Work and Support!

Volunteer Committees 2009 - 2010

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

Village Growth and Development Committee

2009 - 2010

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

**THE VILLAGE GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WILL MEET ON**

TUESDAY, November 10th - 2:00 P.M

BANK OF THE ISLANDS

Calendar of Events through January, 2010

November 4	Opening of Historical Museum and Village
November 12	Showing of "Sandbars", Big Arts, 7:00 p.m., Museum will be open from 6 - 7 p.m.
November 17	Volunteer Coffee, Sanibel Library, 10 a.m., Special guests, Ralph and Jean Woodring
November 19	Docent Training, Village Schoolhouse, 10 a.m.
December 2	Holiday Decorations put up at the Village
December 4	Holiday Shell Wreath go on sale at the Village, Bailey Store
January 4	Holiday Decorations taken down at the Village
January 19	Volunteer Gathering at the home of Blair Wyatt, 4 p.m.