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April 2009 NEWSLETTER

April Monthly Meeting & Social **Wednesday, April 1st, 6:00-7:30pm**

Cathy & Craig Mehdahl's yard
681 Magnolia Street

The Village Association will provide wine, beer and sparkling water. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share during our Social. Cheers!!

AGENDA

Business Meeting

Election of 2009-10 officers; thank you to our out-going officers; reports from special interest groups; announcements.

Program

Presentation by Mike Miller, a resident of Anna Maria Island, and an advocate for indigenous landscapes. Models of his philosophy can be seen on LBK at Joan Durante Park; on Anna Maria Island at the area between Island Players Theatre and Anna Maria City Hall. Visit his website for a preview: www.perfectisland.us

Social

Meet and greet, eat and enjoy!



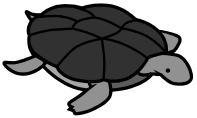
Check out our Village Website (www.longbeachvillage.com) for new pictures from 2009 - Monthly meetings, Lipizanner Trip, Garage Sale, Book Club, etc

The Spring Season may be winding down, but there is plenty of Village FUN to be had in the FALL. Remember to pay your 2009 Dues!

Reminder: Dues \$15 Individual; \$25 Family; payable at the April 1st meeting or send to the LBVA address above.

Village Clean Up Day

Saturday April 4th Meet at the Art Center parking lot at 9:00AM bring gloves, tools, and energy! Let's make our home beautiful.



Turtle watch season starts soon.

Many of your Village neighbors walk the beach throughout this season, want to join them? This is an opportunity to learn about our other seasonal neighbors, these great sea creatures. It is lots of fun, not to mention great exercise. **Interested?** Website: www.lbkturtlewatch.com

Neighbor to Neighbor

Congratulations to Gene Jaleski for winning a seat on the Town Commission. The Village now has one of their own to represent north end interests in Town Hall.

Phoebe Shaw has returned from her trip to India. Welcome home!

More on our therapy dogs: Terri Noyes and Pam Coleman took their dogs to visit at a nursing home in Bradenton.....lots of hugs and tail wagging!!

House for rent:

Posting by Oksana Bashuk Hepburn
Annual \$1200/Season \$2900; Desirable Historic Village. Spacious and charming 2B/1.5 bath/LR/DR/Ianai. Tropical furniture. Equipped. Steps to Gulf/Bay. Call 941-387-8538.

Sarasota Bay Watch

www.sarasotabaywatch.org

LBVA member Rusty Chinnis would like to introduce the Village to this 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to preserving & restoring Sarasota Bay's ecosystem through community education & citizen participation. The organization works with community members & partners with organizations like the Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program, Audubon, Save Our Sea Birds and Mote Marine. Come and hear about Sarasota Bay Watch on April 2, 2009 when Harry's Continental Kitchens will sponsor a Wine Tasting at Harry's Deli from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

ACTION your thing? On May 2, 2009, Sarasota Bay Watch will be conducting a monofilament clean-up of Whale Key. For more information or to partner and help call Rusty at 383-2900.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

Longboat Key Center for the Arts

Thursday, April 2nd, 5:00-7:00PM

Special Invitation to the Village Association

ALL Media Juried MEMBERS' Exhibition Preview Reception

Village Association Members will be recognized at this event.

RSVP to 941-353-2345

Catered by the Longboat Key Club

Upcoming Village Association Events

Dutch and Pat Arends Bench Dedication

April 8, 2009

11:00 A.M.

in the Village, by the Town Dock

Refreshments donated by Ed Chiles, of the MarVista, BeachHouse, & Sandbar Restaurants to honor the Arends, and in support of the Village Association.

Rain date the next day, April 9, same time.

Village Garage Sale a HUGE success!

Our Garage sale on Saturday March 21st was a terrific success with lots of laughs along the way.

Special thanks to Linda Lasota for chairing this gala event.

And many thanks to her committee, Peggy Walker, Joan Spalding, Sharon Oper, Pam Copeland, and Penny Pollock. Bob Kromar did a great job at the cash table. Our "Heavy Lifters" and a truck, included Dan LaFleur and Tony Roberts, and Ed Diem brought those tables we have come to depend on.

Location, location, location was crucial to the success of this event, and for this a huge thank you to Dawn and Andrew for the use of their parking lot.

Most of all, thanks to all you wonderful Village folks for your generous contributions from rose bushes to exercise equipment to French cookies.

Hugs of gratitude all around.

Activities Update:

Village Painters: Members spent a creative morning at Bay Preserve in Osprey. The Preserve is being restored by the Sarasota Conservation Foundation. At this point, it is open only to artists and by pre-arrangement. We were delighted to be shown the interior of the mansion by the director! Georgia Walters gave them a copy of her charming pen and ink sketch of the boathouse.

The Village Painters will end their year with a celebration of creativity at Georgia Walter's house on Sunday, April 19. Call Penny Pollock at 387-0004 with questions.

Historical Fiction Book Club: For our April meeting we will discuss *The Secret Book of Grazia dei Rossi* by Jacqueline Park. We are meeting Wed. April 22nd at 7:00PM at Joan's at 600 Broadway. Books for '09-10 are: *A Land Remembered* (Patrick Smith) in Nov., *Sea of Poppies* (Amitav Ghosh) in Dec., *Book Thief* (Markus Zusak) in Jan., *Someone Knows My Name* (Leonard Hill) in Feb., *Madonnas of Leningrad* (Debra Dean) in Mar. Any questions contact: Mary Mazza at 941-383-2982.

Conversational French with Chantal Diem: Thursday afternoons at 5pm. Call Chantal for more information, 383-9083.

Fieldtrip Group (The Explorers? Travelers? Constantly Curious?):

On Thursday February 26th a group of Villagers went to see the Lipizzaner horses at their winter training site in Myakka City. It was a wonderful day, the crowd applauded as the horses soared. See the Village website for pictures of this trip. A trip to the Dali Museum in St. Petes has been proposed for '09-10. Interested?
