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Bob & Pauline Tuttle's Seahorse Shell Shop

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To Our Loyal Patrons and Friends Both Near and Far!

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Peace, love and happiness be yours during the Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

The Open Gate BOUTIQUE

Captiva Civic Association

The Captiva Civic Association opened the Fall season with the November 4 meeting of its Board of Governors. These meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from November through May. On Thursday, November 21, a gala party was held at the Community Center "to greet old friends and make new ones". A grand time was had by all 130 members who attended. Available at the party was the new edition of the Membership Roster, which was printed under Sarah Dennis' able leadership. For those members who were unable to be present, these helpful booklets may be picked up at either Frances Shaver's or Ellie Stevens' home.

The following dates have been set for the coming season:

- January General Meeting--January 23, 1975, 7:30 p.m.
- ABC Sale--March 7.
- Pot Luck Supper--Friday, February 14.
- Annual Meeting--March 20, 7:30 p.m.

It is hoped that the entire membership will be able to be present at all these affairs.

The Association hopes to make some needed improvements on the Community Center during the coming year, and discussions to this end are under way.

The Board of Governors and Committee Chairmen are as follows: Byron Kirby, President; Mike Friedman, Vice-President and ABC Sale Chairman; Paul Everett, Treasurer; Ellie Stevens, Secretary; Harold B. Robinson, Building and Grounds Chairman; W. Burton Ellis; Hudson Holland; Dodi Booth; Michael Reddy; Frances Shaver, Membership Chairman; Marjorie Elting; John Oster, Jr., Nominating Chairman and Erosion Committee Representative; Paul McCulloch, Zoning Chairman; Christine Holland, Pot Luck Supper Chairman; Don Seymour, Special Projects Chairman; Carol Lee Sellars, Librarian; Sarah Dennis, Chairman of the Year Book Committee.



Merry Christmas

Jane Drake
Anne Henderson

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That jolly old fellow is coming and we hope he's bringing lots of gifts your way! The best of holiday greetings to everyone!

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Edith Mugridge
Sanibel Island, Florida

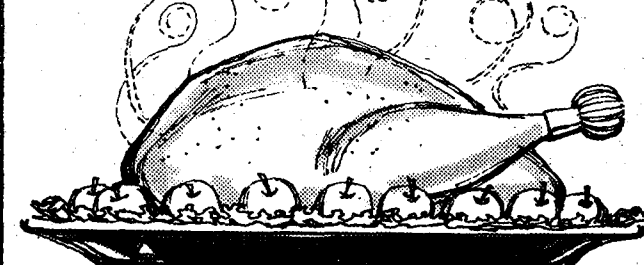
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Holiday Greetings



We're "seasoning" our greetings with good wishes for a happy and hearty Yule! May our friends enjoy the best of everything!

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Audubon Programs

for 1974 - 75 Season

In the belief that many readers will be interested in the recently released schedule of Audubon indoor and outdoor activities during the coming season, we publish it in its entirety, suggesting that it be clipped and kept as a reminder of the dates on which all events will be held.

Except as noted, programs take place on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House, and are open to the public.

Dec. 19 - "THE WOOD STORK -- A BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL" - Slides and commentary by James L. Hansen.

Dec. 26 - "YEAREND SPECIAL" - Yuletide Photo-verse show by Mario F. Hutton.

Jan. 2 - "SHARKS, PORPOISES AND MARINE RESEARCH" - Color film and commentary by Oliver Hewit.

Jan. 9 - "THE LIFE OF THE BALD EAGLE" - Illustrated program with Doris Mager.

Jan. 16 - From 9 a.m. to 12 noon: OPEN HOUSE AT WOODMERE BOTANICAL PRESERVE, dead end of Gulf Drive - Willis and Opal Comb s, hosts.

Jan. 23 - "SOUTHWEST FLORIDA -- TWILIGHT OF AN EDEN?" - Illustrated show with commentary by William Hammond.

Jan. 30 - "THE URBANIZATION OF THE YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON" - Slides and live commentary by Dr. Andrew J. Meyerriecks.

Feb. 6 - "BIRDS OF MANY A FEATHER" - A review of Sanibel species conducted by Dewitt Jones, Sr.

Feb. 13 - "IROQUOIS -- A REFUGE WITH A PURPOSE" - Illustrated program presented by Richard Beebe.

Feb. 20 - WILDLIFE BIRDING DRIVE - Conducted by Richard Beebe and George Campbell of the Fund for Animals. Meet at 9 a.m. at Sanibel School parking lot on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Feb. 27 - "BIRDS IN EVOLUTION" - Slides and commentary by Mrs. Whitney Eastman.

March 6, 7 & 8 - Visit AUDUBON STAND at Sanibel Shell Fair.

March 13 - "THE J. N. 'DING' DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE" - Illustrated by Glen W. Bond, Refuge Manager.

March 14 & 15 (Friday and Saturday) - GALA BENEFIT for SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Premiere of "SWAN SONG," latest photo-verse creation by Mario F. Hutton.

March 20 - BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION by Dorothy A. Mendinhall, licensed Cooperator, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Meet at 9 a.m., tennis courts of Island Inn, Gulf Drive at Island Inn Road.

March 27 - "BIRDS OF OUR ISLANDS" - Outdoor program conducted by Griffing Bancroft. Meet 4 p.m. at O'Brien Tower in Ding Darling Sanctuary.

April 3 - ANNUAL MEETING, followed by "LORE AND LURE OF OUR ISLANDS" - Photo-verse features by Mario F. Hutton.

ISLAND BIRD IDENTIFICATION COURSE conducted by Charles and Ella Newell from 9 to 10:30 a.m. will be held on the following dates:

Indoor classes (Tuesday) - Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4.

Outdoor field trips (Thursday) - Jan. 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6.

Meeting place is Island Cinema, Sanibel Shopping Center. Registration fee: \$3.00 per person. For information and advance registration call 472-1406.

Sanibel - Captiva Art League

by Dorothy Robinson

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Second Wednesday, 10 a.m., Sanibel Community House.

January 8, 1975, Business meeting followed by guest speaker, Gale Bennett, art critic for the Fort Myers News Press. "The Southwest Florida Art Scene from the Viewpoint of Critic and Judge."

March 12. Business meeting, then by popular demand, a program by Bartlett Tracy, again doing a Critique, as well as conducting a Happening. Bring three pictures. Supplies will be announced.

CLASSES:

Drawing with Ann Winterbotham, Thursdays, 10-12 a.m. Meet at the Sanibel Community House, beginning Jan. 9. \$2. per lesson. Bring newsprint pad, pencils, pen, charcoal.

Watercolor with Jack Wilson, Wednesdays beginning Jan. 15, at the Sanibel Community House. \$5. per

lesson.

Workshop, Captiva Civic Center, beginning Jan. 15. More about this to be announced at the January meeting.

EXHIBITS:


All-member shows at Captiva Exhibit Board the first Monday of each month. Bring paintings to board at 8:30 a.m. where they will be received and hung. Pick up at 4 p.m.

Sanibel Public Library, One-Man and group shows for members of Art League by arrangement with Mada Harrison, 472-2184. Coming shows:

Dec. 16-Jan. 10: Dorothy C. Robinson, Jan. 13-Jan. 24: George Weymouth, Jan. 27-Feb. 7: All Member Show, Feb. 10-Feb. 21: Adelaide Bailey and Ann Winterbotham, Feb. 24-Mar. 7: Jane Bancroft, Marion Faris, Mada Harrison, Mar. 10-Mar. 21: Wilb Snyder and Helene Sparkes, Mar. 23-Apr. 5: Drawing class of Ann Winterbotham.

Shell Fair Art Sale, March 6, 7, 8. Details later.

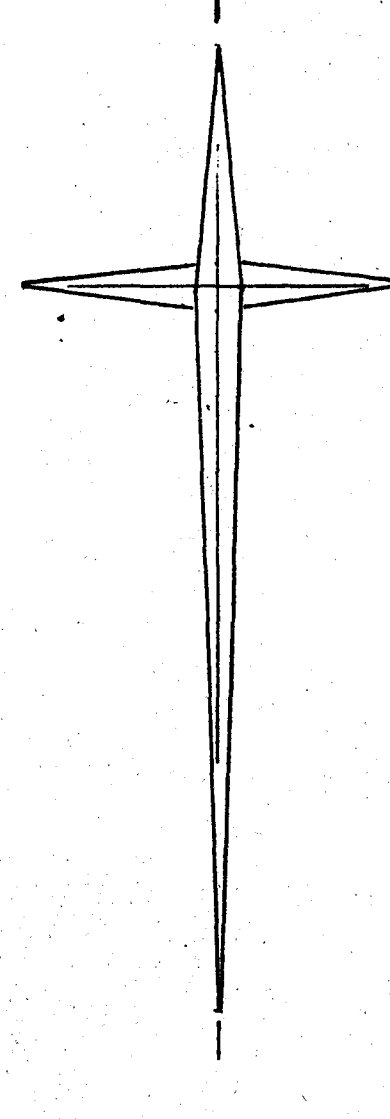
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GREETINGS

of the season from
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Sanibel Island



Merry Christmas

In the spirit of the season, may you greet friends old and new, wishing them all the blessings that the Yuletide brings. May you be surrounded by your loved ones as you enjoy the gifts piled high around your tree. In other words, may your Christmas be truly merry!

Elsie Malone

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Sanibel - Captiva

Chamber of Commerce

In the year 1973, we had 126 members. We lost 15. In 1974 we had a very substantial gain of 61 new members, giving us 172 members.

In 1974, the Chamber had a great deal to do with providing transportation on the island for visitors and residents alike. The sign ordinance which was so long in the making finally was passed and the new signs put up which are acceptable to most everyone. Certainly the sign committee had a very difficult job and they handled it extremely well. The Chamber of Commerce in the person of the members of the Action Committee spent considerable time and effort and money in researching the possible effects of the incorporation program.

For everyone's information, the Chamber is indeed fortunate to have a hard working and dedicated president in the person of Charles Holland who

possesses two estimable characteristics (1) the ability to work himself and (2) the ability to get everyone to work with him.

We were fortunate during the past year to have had Jacqueline Purdy and still with us Mickey Wood who handle countless inquiries of all kinds

under the guidance of Frances Roberts. Some few weeks ago, Mrs. Roberts decided that she wanted to retire and she gave the Chamber her notice and was gracious enough to stay on a reasonable time at least until we could find someone to take her place. We certainly are sorry to lose such an excellent Executive Secretary, but we can appreciate the fact that she wants to quit work. Certainly she is due a vote of

thanks from everyone in the Chamber and everyone on the Island.

At the present time, the Building Committee is looking into the possibility of revamping the exterior of the Chamber building to make it more compatible with the new Island atmosphere and hopefully with the help of two of our local architects who have volunteered their help, we will have a new building in the coming year.

Thanks to everyone.

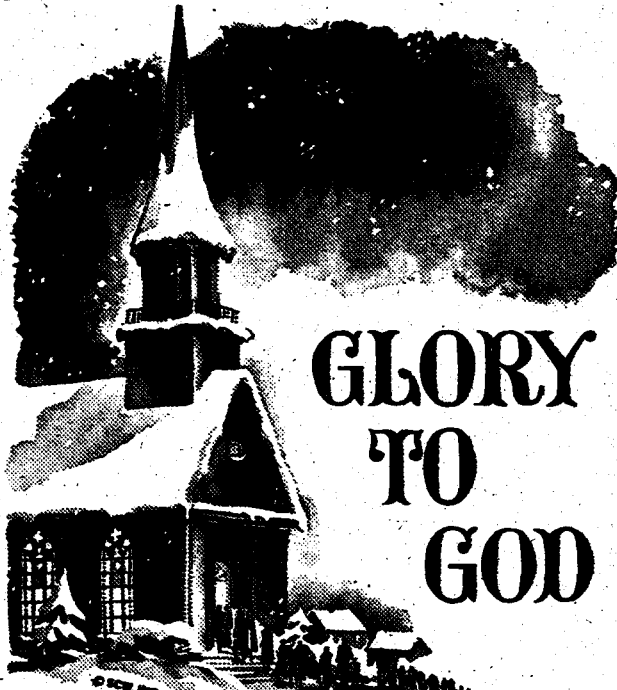


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GLORY TO GOD

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Good Tidings



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Christmas Message from St. Isabel's

The Reverend Gerard Beaugard has announced that a solemn midnight Mass of celebration will be offered at St. Isabel's Roman Catholic Church, Sanibel-Captiva Road, on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24.

On Christmas morning, three Masses will be offered at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. The 5:30 p.m. Mass of obligation, formerly offered on Saturday evenings, and on evenings prior to holy days, will be cancelled on Christmas Eve.

The four Masses will climax the month-long preparatory observance of

the holy Season of Advent begun the first week in December with the lighting of the first of four candles adorning the Advent wreath which will remain on the altar until Christmas Eve.

To prepare parishioners for the Christmas Mass, Father Beaugard will conduct a Penitential Rite on Saturday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m., followed by the regular Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Following the Christmas Masses, a seasonal and expanded schedule will be in effect until after Easter: Saturdays, Mass of obligation at 5:30 p.m., Sunday

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF SANIBEL:

We are living in a historic time. In the beginning of this first year of Sanibel City and the end of the first year of St. Isabel Parish of Sanibel and Captiva, what else can be my Christmas Greeting


to you but to ask God to give us all the grace to fulfill the desires of the Holy Father. May the new born Jesus and His Blessed Mother help you in your daily endeavors, in bringing you and your family to true reconciliation with God and all fellow human beings. I humbly offer you my prayers, in union with all of those who desire to serve God according to their own gifts. And with St. Luke 2:14, I say "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests." **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Rev. Gerard Beaugard



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BEST**

**SANIBEL -
CAPTIVA
ISLANDS
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**



Greetings

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Merry Christmas

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NEXT TO SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE

Sanibel Community Association

The Sanibel Community Association has two regular meetings monthly: a social dinner gathering on the first Tuesday, and a regular business meeting of the directors on the third Tuesday. Both meetings are open to the general membership which numbers nearly 700 people. Officers of the Association are Dr. John Willard, Pres., Don Nusbaum, V. Pres., Frank Herndon, Treas., and Judy Workman, Sec.

One of the highlights of the dinner meetings was a fascinating slide presentation by Dewitt Jones entitled "Birds—Nature's Finest Advertiser". Other programs have included a shell talk by the Sanibel Shell Club, a Bank of the Islands progress report by Haynie and Jim Hermes, Caretta Research report by Charles LeBuff, and a Hurricane Information program. The members look forward to the annual Christmas program on Dec. 17, an evening of song and dance presented by the Duggers.


The Community Association has played an active role in the political affairs of the new city of Sanibel, sponsoring a forum for the sixteen council candidates prior to the Dec. 3 election, and serving as the host organization for Lee County commissioners when they visit Sanibel.

The Association's Building and Planning Committee has recently announced plans for a new Community Center complex. Over a period of the next ten years, the Committee anticipates realization of plans for a 900 capacity auditorium and office building, a permanent Shell Museum, and recreational facility including swimming pool, tennis courts and shuffleboard. Proceeds from the annual Shell Fair, held in March of each year, will largely finance the new center. Other proposed fund raisers for the center include a slide program sponsored by the Audubon Society's Mario Hutton, and a theatrical

presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hunter of the Pirate Playhouse. On display now at Prather's is an elaborate hand-crafted doll house to be raffled off before Christmas to some lucky individual. Tickets are available for \$1.00 from Priscilla Murphy Realty in the Island Shopping Center.

During the past year the Sanibel Community Association formed a Youth Committee whose purpose it is to work with and sponsor programs for Sanibel's young people. Summer recreational and sports activities were provided through this committee last summer and will be continued with the dismissal of school in the spring. Weekly Saturday night high school socials have been sponsored throughout the school year, as well as planned programs for the Middle School students including a Halloween Party and the upcoming carolling party to be held Dec. 22.

Inquiries about membership in the Association should be addressed to Membership chairman Barbara Rusch, c/o Sanibel Community Association, P.O. Box 90, Sanibel, Florida.

A Happy Year to All!!

from Dean, Wanda, Peep, Paula & Julie

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Happy Holiday

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Baptist Church of Sanibel

This has been a year of blessing and some rebuilding for the First Baptist Church of Sanibel. Arriving to work on the field the first Sunday in January was the Pastor Gerald V. Frost. Pastor Frost is available and residing in the Church Pastorium located in the rear section of the church structure. His availability while primarily being for the help of church members and visitors is not limited to these. We welcome the opportunity to be of service to the entire community of Sanibel-Captiva Islands and visitors. One of the primary additions to the church program has to do with the Sunday school department. It is the adding of a Sunday School Class especially for young adults. This class is for those single adults and married couples ages 18-35, and is taught by Mrs. Virginia Whitman during the winter months and Pastor Frost the other months.

Another addition to the church program this year is the Singspiration Service held the last Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. after a program of gospel singing and testimonies refreshments are served in the pastorium or the fellowship building allowing a time of fellowship and getting better acquainted.

Beginning last February the sanctuary has been open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for personal prayer, meditation, or pastoral aid, if desired. We invite everyone to avail themselves of this service.

God has blessed us by sending new members to join with us this year. We are glad that they have come our way and look forward to working with them and others that He will add to us this year. As we see our winter members and guests arriving we thank God for allowing us to work with and for them at least a part of the year. We plan some new programs and additions to others this coming year and will notify the Island's community as the changes take place. We are happy to be here as part of this lovely area and trust God that we may add to the community in a very positive way as we try to do God's work and also work for you.

We invite everyone to meet with us at any and all of our services and to call on us at anytime we can be of help to you. Services are: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Remember everyone is welcome.

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BRUSH WITH A BODY	SUNDAY	December 22
BRUSH WITH A BODY	THURSDAY	December 26
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	SUNDAY	December 29
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	SUNDAY	January 5
BRUSH WITH A BODY	SATURDAY	January 11
THE GIRLS IN 509	SUNDAY	January 19
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	SATURDAY	January 25
BRUSH WITH A BODY	SUNDAY	February 2
THE GIRLS IN 509	SATURDAY	February 8
THE GIRLS IN 509	SUNDAY	February 9
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	FRIDAY	February 14
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	SUNDAY	February 16
BRUSH WITH A BODY	SATURDAY	February 22
BRUSH WITH A BODY	SUNDAY	February 23
THE GIRLS IN 509	SATURDAY	March 1
THE GIRLS IN 509	SUNDAY	March 2
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	SATURDAY	March 8
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	SUNDAY	March 9
BRUSH WITH A BODY	FRIDAY	March 14
BRUSH WITH A BODY	SUNDAY	March 16
THE GIRLS IN 509	SATURDAY	March 22
THE GIRLS IN 509	SUNDAY	March 23
SILAS THE CHORE BOY	MONDAY	March 31
THE GIRLS IN 509	SATURDAY	April 6

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and
far
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Managers