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Mid-century modern in paradise: a case study for UF students

During the spring, you may see young people armed with clipboards and cameras in the neighborhood. These are graduate students from the University of Florida's Historic Preservation Program. This course is part of a new working relationship between the University of Florida's College of Design Construction and Planning, under the direction of Dean Christopher Silver, PhD and Manatee County. As part of their work for the Historic Preservation Practicum class, taught by Linda Stevenson, PhD, the students will be studying the characteristics that make the Bayshore Gardens community such a special place, and will be applying their skills to document and interpret the built environment. Bayshore Gardens provides a wonderful laboratory for this work, as it embodies several important historical themes from the period of the mid-1950s; selling the community as a "paradise" to newcomers, using a modern architectural expression that celebrates the mild Florida climate, and the design of a new, self-contained, automobile-based community, with residential, commercial, educational and institutional uses in close proximity.

An important part of the learning experience is community outreach and the dissemination of the research. Several meetings will be scheduled in the near future, and we welcome any information that the residents may have on historical data, old photographs and recollections of the history of Bayshore Gardens. We are looking forward to working with the community on this project.

Contact Dr. Linda Stevenson at University of Florida by Phone: 941-704-9074 (cell),

Office: ARC H438 or E-mail archtext@ufl.edu

Dr. Stevenson will be a guest of the Neighborhood Association at their next meeting, Thurs, Feb. 13 at 7:00 pm.

This meeting will be a Potluck dinner, so bring your specialty! Anyone interested in hearing more about this Study and who want to participate, please join us (with your dish) and talk with Dr. Stevenson.

Pancake Breakfast with the Board

(Your District BOARD OF TRUSTEES)

Saturday, February 8th, 9:00am

Hosted by Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association to meet the New Board Members

BGNA Members Free
Anyone can attend by JOINING your
BGNA for \$10 Dues

We will be serving Pancakes, sausage, bacon,
coffee, and juice



Friday Morning Dances

Dust off your dancing shoes for our Friday morning ballroom dances

Dancing begins at 10 a.m. at the Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center. Ernie Litz provides live music with a perfect variety of tunes for waltzing, polkas, fox trots, some latin and line dances. Two hours of great exercise and enjoyment for single and couples. \$4.00 and coffee is on the house.

Bayshore Village Flea Market

(Enter off 60th Ave. W.)

Saturday - February 15 - 8 am to 1 pm

See what we have that you might want. Baked goods and coffee will be available.

Our Bayshore Bistro will be serving hot dogs with embellishments as well as sodas.

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Community Notices

Motorcyclists Of Bayshore Gardens

If you would be interested in riding with a group on Sunday mornings or starting a small club, we would like to invite you to join us at Bayshore Gardens Rec. Center on Sunday morning February 2 at 9:00 am.

We will ride out for coffee and brunch, maybe Linger Lodge Restaurant, around 25 to 50 miles and be back in the early afternoon. We try to stay on back roads and keep our speed under 65 MPH. So, if you have a bike or scooter and would like to come along, bring a friend, you do not have to be a Bayshore resident to ride with us, gas it up and be ready to ride.

If you have any questions, give Bill a call @ 447-5806

Master Gardeners

Get Your Gardening Questions Answered

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month

Visit the Master Gardener information table outside the Rocky Bluff Library (6750 US Hwy 301 in Ellenton) for all your gardening questions. For more information, please contact the Master Gardeners on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday at (941) 722-4524. The Master Gardeners will be available from **10:00am - 1:00pm.**

2nd Saturday of each month

Visit the South Manatee Library Master Gardener information table (6081 26 Street W, Bradenton) for all your gardening questions. For more information, please contact the Master Gardeners on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday at (941) 722-4524

We love our Neighbors in Bayshore Gardens!

TRY OUR NEW WEEKEND SLIDER MENU AT THE HALFWAY

FREE MARGARITA BB
With this ad & purchase of entree.
Limit one per customer, per visit.
Valid through 3/31/2014.

Happy Hour Everyday 11AM-5PM & 3PM-6:00PM

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CORTEZ 6696 CORTEZ RD. 941.792.0077
ELLENTON 1525-51ST ST. AVE E. 941.721.7773

www.oysterbar.net

Manatee County's South Manatee Library presents series of classes by author Diane Robertson

Bradenton, FL (January 6, 2014) – The South Manatee Branch Library is pleased to welcome author Diane Robertson for a series of four classes starting on Friday, February 7, 2014.

The classes, which will be held once each month through May 9th, will be on the following topics: (each of the classes runs Fridays, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.)

- Feb 7: "Creating Sensational Stories" Create believable characters & dialog (bring paper/pen)
- March 7: "Making Better Life Choices" Simple ways to make your life run smoother
- April 11: "Write Your Life Story" Different ways to write your memoirs (bring paper/pen)
- May 9: "Goal Setting" Turn your ordinary life into an exciting journey!

Robertson is the author of four books, publisher of hundreds of short stories and magazine articles.

All of the classes are free and seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis. There is no advance registration required. The South Manatee Branch Library is located at 6081 26th Street West in Bradenton, Florida. For more information, please call the library at 941-755-3892.

'Round & About Bayshore Gardens'

A MINUTE WITH THE MANAGER



Sparkling Kleen Pools and Spas will begin the pool renovation the first part of February. This will require draining the pool and should take approximately three weeks to complete. I will be looking for lifeguards for this summer. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard or already have your certificate, please come to the office or call 755-1912 for more information. I am also looking for a volunteer to do water aerobics in the morning three days a week. If you have the knowledge and would like to do this, please call me at 755-1912. In two short months the boat slip renewals will be due. April first is the date. Hope you are having a good winter. Joanne Manse, Manager

BAYSHORE GARDENS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING: January 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District was called to order by Chairman Maynard Boyce at 7:00 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of the meeting was posted in the January Bayshore Banner.

Roll: Steve Watkins, Jeannette Sparrow, Don Gassie, Maynard Boyce, Bob King and Richard Nelson.

A quorum was established.

Present: Frank Young, Marie Young, Lynn Wellborn, Kathy Lokos, Ursula Wing, Lee Korniluk and Linda Stevenson.

Maynard stated at the Trustee election that Alan Davis turned in his letter of resignation due to health problems.

Maynard called for a vote to accept Alan's resignation. Letter was accepted.

Bob made a motion to approve the December Minutes, Steve seconded. Motion Passed.

Bob made a motion to approve the January 2 elections minutes. Steve seconded. Motion Passed

Jeannette made a motion to approve December Financial Statements. Don seconded. Motion Passed.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:

Jeannette Sparrow

Jeannette stated at their last meeting they set up all the dates for parties for the 2014 year. BGNA is planning a potluck on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a pancake breakfast for members of BGNA to meet the new Board of Trustees. This will be February 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

CRIME WATCH: Lynn Wellborn

Lynn stated he was monitoring the radio and heard someone from Crime Watch say there are kids on the 6500 block of 26th street throwing rocks at cars. The sheriff was called and confronted the kids. Maynard stated we have a very good crime watch and if you see anything please call them AT 941-447-7202.

MANAGERS REPORT: Joanne Manse

Joanne reported Maynard had asked her to get information on increases to our utilities. The

phone bill will go up \$2.00 per month; FPL anywhere from 5 to 8% which equals \$67.00 up to \$108.00 per month, cable will go up \$4.00 and no response MCUD. Joanne stated the urinal in the men's bathroom was broken. This is a floor mount urinal and the cost is \$800.00. Bob made a motion to purchase a urinal up to \$1000.00. Jeannette seconded. Motion passed. Joanne reported Sparkling Kleen Pools need a 35% deposit to start the repair on the siding. The cost of this is \$21,000.00.

Lynn Wellborn stated the door and frame to the woodchoppers needs to be replaced. Maynard gave approval for maintenance to purchase a new door and frame.

Maynard introduced Linda Stevenson who is a sponsor and architect at the University of South Florida.

Linda announced her focus is on the community of Bayshore Gardens as a case study research as a possible historic district.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Jeannette Sparrow

No meeting. No report. Next meeting February 12, 2014 at 5:30 pm.

BANNER: Don Gassie

Don stated they had a couple of meetings and the February's Banner will look a lot different. The next meeting will be February 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

MARINA: Richard Nelson

Richard reported in talking with maintenance on the parking in the south marina had some good ideas. The parking will be on the south side of the road and not next to the seawall cap. Richard stated the marina needs new stanchions. Richard will be getting prices for new ones to take to the next marina meeting. The next meeting will be February 12 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

HOUSE & GROUNDS: Bob King

Bob stated we have a bid from Green to spray the Laurel for \$575.00. Bob made a motion to accept the bid. Jeannette seconded. Motion passed. Bob stated we have three bids for mangrove trimming around the beach. Bob made a motion to accept the bid from Greens

for \$1950.00. Steve seconded. Motion passed. Next meeting will February 12, 2014 at 5:30 pm

PERSONNEL & SALARY:

Maynard Boyce/Bob King

No meeting. No report.

SELECT COMMITTEE for a 5-year plan Don Gassie

Don had a request to combine the Banner Committee with a Web Design Committee. Maynard asked that this be discussed at the next committees. Maynard stated he would like to bring back the Recreation Committee. Next meeting is February 12 2014 at 5:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Maynard stated he is looking for someone to look at our camera system

NEW BUSINESS: Don made a motion that Joanne is directed to find the date of the initial ad for the Banner and bill Dan at the resident business rate for all ads that were published and also to make the appropriate QuickBooks entries. Jeannette seconded. Motion passed. Don made a motion before Trustees take office they must sign a statement that they understand that they cannot profit financially as a consequence of their office as Trustees. Jeannette seconded. Motion passed. Don made a motion that QuickBooks entries must be completed as fully and as accurately as possible with as much information as possible so that anyone (including non-office personnel) can easily follow a transaction. Jeannette seconded. Motion passed. Don made a motion the office is directed to create a plan to scan, store and backup all future office paper documents. Hardware, software and any needed training should be specified and noted as to whether we already have them or not. The plan is to be sent to Trustees for action by appropriate committees. Jeannette seconded. Motion passed.

Maynard stated we have three vacancies on the Board of Trustees. If anyone is interested please step forward. Kathy Lokos approached the Board and noted her interest. Kathy presented her background to the Board. A vote was taken and she was accepted to the Board.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Jeannette seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next meeting is February 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm



**CONTACT YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION AT
755-1834**

Neighborhood Association

Date: January 13, 2014
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center
 Attendance: Jeannette Sparrow, Cathryn Hooten, Susan Donaldson, Joyce Fisher, Jane King, Marie Young, Rose Woodruff, Kathy Lokos, Lee Korniluk, Suzanna Young and Don Gassie.

Call to Order: Jeannette Sparrow

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary: Minutes for December were published in the Banner and motion to approve by Cathryn, second by Kathy. Approved by all.

Membership: We currently have 23 members.

Treasurer: Joyce Fisher reports the current funds status.

Old Business:

1. Town Hall meeting---good meeting. Sidewalks are being laid, but not currently in our district.

New Business:

1. Pancake Breakfast with the Board---- February 8th, 9am. With BGNA and board of

Trustees. BGNA Members only, but families can join that morning. Volunteers needed--- Kathy, Cathy and Rose.
 2. Fundraiser Ideas----attic sale vs. yard sale. We agreed to have a Christmas Bazaar--in November---either 8th or 15th, based on availability.
 3. Easter----is on April 20th. Plan Easter Hunt on Saturday, April 19th. We will need volunteers!!!!
 4. Pool Parties-----prior Family Pool Parties had good comments. We will need about 3 volunteers for each event and then we can move forward with it.
 5. Halloween----consider Party on Saturday, October 25th. Reserve Hall from October 24-26th.
 6. Kids Christmas Party----December 14th, 1-3pm. Consider hiring Real Rail. Volunteers are needed.
 7. New Year's Eve Party----try to reserve a band now. Joyce talked to members of the band that played at Save the Bay re: possibly playing on New Year's Eve. She will contact them for further details.
 8. Bayshore----project by Linda Stevenson, a Professor out of University of Florida who has a project where she and several graduate students will be assessing the Bayshore Gardens neighborhood. She is an architect, and is doing a study of historic neighborhoods. She was referred to us by John Osborne, of Manatee

County Planning. We will have a pot luck dinner meeting on Thursday February 13, 2014 at 7pm if Linda is able to attend.
 9. March meeting---March 13, 7:30pm, with coffee and donuts or deserts with the Sheriff department and any other interested public service persons.
 10. Lisa Chittaro, Assistant State Attorney--- BGNA will invite her to attend a meeting. We will try to invite her for the meeting on May 8th, 7:30pm.
 11. June 12, 7:30pm, BGNA meeting.
 12. August 14th, 7:30pm, BGNA meeting.
 13. September 11th----7pm----invite veterans and active duty, fire dept, public service---have a pot luck dinner.
 14. October 9, 7:30pm, BGNA meeting.
 15. November 13, 7:30pm, BGNA meeting.
 16. December 11, 7:30pm, BGNA meeting.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting Thursday February 13, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Adjourn at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Donaldson
 BGNA Secretary

Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association Enrollment Form

2014 Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association
 Dues - \$10.00 Annually Per Household

To: Joyce Fisher @ 6919 26th Street W., Bradenton, 34207

Full Name _____
 Spouse/Partner Name _____
 Address _____
 Phones _____
 Email _____
 Children's Names/Ages _____

Will you volunteer for any BGNA functions?
 Y ___ N ___
 Suggestions for BGNA projects / activities:



**BAYSHORE GARDENS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 MINUTES OF ELECTION MEETING
 January 2, 2014**

The election meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District was called to order by Chairman Alan Davis at 5:00 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of the meeting was posted in the January Bayshore Banner.

Roll: Steve Watkins, Don Gassie, Jeannette Sparrow, Maynard Boyce, Alan Davis, Bob King and Richard Nelson.
 A quorum was established.
 Present: John Woodruff

Don Gassie nominated Maynard Boyce as Chairman, Steve Watkins seconded. Motion passed.

Maynard Boyce nominated Bob King as 1st Vice Chairman. Don Gassie seconded. Motion passed.

Richard Nelson nominated Don Gassie as 2nd

Vice Chairman. Steve seconded. Motion Passed

Bob King nominated Jeannette Sparrow as Treasurer. Maynard seconded. Motion passed. Bob King nominated Steve Watkins as Secretary. Don seconded. Motion passed.

Bob King was named House & Grounds Chairman.

Richard Nelson was named Marina Chairman Don Gassie was named Banner Chairman and Five Year Plan Chairman

Alan Davis turned in a letter of resignation to Maynard Boyce. Maynard said he will not accept the letter until the next board of Trustee meeting January 21, 2014

Maynard Boyce and Bob King will both chair Personnel and Salaries.

Maynard adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.



**CONTACT
CRIME WATCH
AT 941-447-7202**

BAYSHORE GARDENS CRIME WATCH
(MEETING -THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:30 P.M.)

Date: January 14, 2014
Place: Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center Board Room
Attendance: Steve Watkins, Harold Donaldson, Don Gassie, Mark Rezendes, Frank Young, Judy Drake, Lynn Wellborn, Jeannette Sparrow and Cathy Hooten.

Call to Order: President Steve Watkins at 7:30 pm

Minutes: Steve made a motion to accept the December 2013 minutes as posted in the Banner, Lynn seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report: Given by Lynn. Gas cards were issued to patrollers for the month of December 2013.

Old Business:

1. Crime Watch members identified five badly overgrown yards in the subdivision that needed mowing. Four of the yards were mowed by a local contractor hired by Crime Watch and the fifth by a neighbor.
2. The increase in the amount of the gas cards went into effect as of December 1st.

New Business:

1. Don explained the new format to be implemented for the Banner and how the clubs can benefit from this format. He also discussed the new web site being designed, listing each club activity and how the information can be updated online by the designated club representatives via password access.
2. Marina gate card issues were discussed. One member reported that their card would only open one gate. The card was reprogrammed with no further issues.
3. The new flashlight problem with intermittent light operation was discussed. Steve said to let him know and he will make the necessary repair.
4. Members were asked about the past months crime activity in their area. One member received a report about a large bonfire in a neighbor's back yard. Crime Watch responded to the call but the fire was out when the member arrived on scene.
5. BGNA President Jeannette Sparrow and Vice President Cathy Hooten requested a change date for the October Attic Sale. The

sale date would have to be switched from the fourth Saturday to the third Saturday.

Steve stated that the Crime Watch sale would be competing with the Presbyterian Church sale on the third Saturday and suggested that the decision be tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Elections: Previously scheduled for the December meeting were held this evening. Steve nominated Don for Treasurer. Don declined and Mark volunteered for the position. Don seconded. Frank nominated Lynn for President. Harold seconded. Lynn nominated Harold for Vice President. Frank seconded. Judy volunteered for Secretary. Frank seconded. Steve asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers as stated. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2014, time 7:00 pm at Harold Donaldson's residence.

Adjournment: At 8:40 pm by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Watkins
President, Crime Watch



DOCKMASTER'S REPORT

Dockmaster John Woodruff 941-720-3738

February is here and I hope it is on the whole warmer than January was. Maynard Boyce, the Marina Committee, Chairman has moved into a new position as the Chairman of the Bayshore Gardens Board of Trustees. Thank you Maynard for your work with the Marina Committee and good luck with the new Chairmanship. Welcome to Richard Nelson our new Marina Committee Chairman. The Marina doesn't have a great deal going on at the present but many things are in the planning stages. If all has gone as planned the range light will have been restored by now and new reflectors placed at the entrance to the Bayshore Gardens / Trailer Estates Channel. As of this writing there is one boat up in the North Work Area and two in the South. All should be nearing their return to the water with one more coming out for the South Area. I was thinking that with hopefully warmer weather coming up, I should pull my boat to paint the bottom once again. I was also thinking that with Valentine's Day approaching, I needed an ideal gift for my Special Someone. So, it made sense to combine these two goals. Answer: A gallon of bottom paint with a Red Heart and Ribbons on it. Unfortunately, independently conducted surveys for this idea were not favorable. In fact, they were totally negative, unless, my goal is to wear a gallon of bottom paint. I will need to find something more appropriate for my Sweetheart.

Reminder- Vehicles inside gated areas of the Marina require a Bayshore Gardens numbered

decal. Vehicles with trailers attached and no stickers are at risk of having both towed. No trailers without tow vehicles are permitted. If you have a special circumstance requiring an exception to these conditions let myself or the office know about it.

Improvements – The range light is slated to be reestablished with the new installation allowing for the replacing of the lamp without the use of a cherry picker. Also the new control unit is the same type used by Trailer Estates for their half of the range system. The parking area for the south side of the Marina is to be realigned to the south.

Repairs and Projects Completed – A new light was installed for the fish dock. The fish dock and fish cleaning station have been refurbished. The cipher lock on the center gate was replaced.

Marina Occupation as of 01/21/2014.

Occupied – slips - 101, Vacant – small to medium size slips - 23, Unusable - 1, Total – 125

Waiting list(s) for slips and trailer spaces – Large slips - 8, Small/Medium slips -0, Trailer spaces – 4

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions call me. Thanks to those that have already called.

Club News

Garden Club

By Joyce Fisher

BE OUR VALENTINE

WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST FEBRUARY 14

A special invitation to all Bayshore-ites to join us at our next Bayshore Garden Club's get-together on Monday, February 3rd at 1 p.m. We gather in the Board Room of the Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center.

Rosemarie Woodruff will explore the history, and customs that have made Valentine's Day one of the most interesting days of the year. - proposals, weddings, special gifts, flowers and all those cards from the time most of us were in grade school. Judy Drake will be our Hostess.

At our January meeting held on Jan 6th we had a brief business meeting and added more plans for the coming year. Candace Singletary provided delicious refreshments before we left the Recreation Center to visit the home of James Custiss. James took us on a tour of his container garden with so many vegetables, some ready for harvest while other plants were just starting to produce. His innovative strawberry patch took on a whole new look.

James also shared his way of preparing his containers, thru trial and effort.

It was a very interesting afternoon.

CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

WOODCHOPPERS CLUB *By Gwen Norris*

Our Annual Meeting was Saturday, January 11, 2014. The combination to the Shop has been changed, Officers elected, and 2014 Memberships are being accepted.

Membership dues are \$20. The By Laws must be read, understood, and a Hold Harmless signed, when signing up. Any Adult owner/residents of the Bayshore Gardens District, in good standing with the Recreation Center, may apply for Membership at the Recreation Center Office during their normal business hours. Memberships may also be applied after any scheduled meeting at the Shop. The Shop is available to members 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please remember to utilize normal safety practices and common sense when operating power tools. Wear no loose clothing; always use eye protection; and remember it is alright to bring a buddy. Only members can use the tools.

Business at our January Meeting included the new jointer purchase. The jointer is being assembled by the members. Steve Watkins has volunteered to commutate with Grizzly concerning questions. Please note: When using the jointer the shop vacuum must be attached and operating.

Steve Watkins was appointed as Shop Steward. The Shop Steward's duties are to keep the shop tools fully operational; tagging equipment that needs work; normal maintenance on the air compressor; and post the Quarterly Equipment Report. Also an occasional cleaning of the shop will be done.

Discussion on the purchase of a versa saw will be on the agenda for the March meeting. The door frame replacement and roof gutters for the shop are on the 'to do' list for the Recreation Center crew. These two items will improve the longevity of the door and the building.

The 2014 Woodchopper Club Officers were elected:

President- David (Lynn) Wellborn
Vice President – Steve Watkins
Treasurer – David (Lynn) Wellborn
Secretary – Gwen Norris

We are proud and thankful for those who are willing to contribute to the Club and community. The Club was created in 1967 by the residents of Bayshore Gardens and meets 5 times a year.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Please mark your calendars.

BUNCO

By Joyce Fisher

IT'S ONLY THREE LITTLE DICE THAT KEEP EVERYBODY HAVING A GREAT EVENING

Yes, three dice keep the stories and laughter going, or least that's the way it seems. The game is BUNCO and we play on the fourth Wednesday of each month at our Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center. At 7:30 pm is the time to arrive. If you have never played, we can "learn" you in just about two minutes. No amount of practice or studying the game will help!! Refreshments throughout the evening and prizes at the end of the games.

Our last gathering was our Christmas dinner celebration with a catered dinner from Boston Market. We shortened our game time with only two rounds, followed by our optional gift exchange and dessert. It was a great evening with twenty-five attending.

Please put February 26 at 7:00 pm on your calendar and join us. Cost is \$3.25 per person.



BAYSHORE GARDENS Yacht Club

The last two months have been busy for our club members. In December we celebrated not once, but two times. A group of us went to The Ringling for their annual Toys for Tots open house. The following week, Bill & Becky Wyatt hosted a Christmas open house at their lovely home here in Bayshore. Many members were in attendance enjoying the TWO traditional Christmas turkeys cooked by our now Vice Commodore, Rob McNeal.

On January 11, we had our annual and very formal Change of Watch. A traditional ceremony where flags are exchanged between the outgoing and incoming Yacht Club officers.

New officers are: Marie McLean Horn, Commodore.
Rob McNeal, Vice Commodore
Bill Mueller, Rear Commodore
Terry Zimmerly, Treasurer
Winnie Denny-Smith, Secretary
Suzanna Young, Director
Cindy Raymer, Director

I am honored to be this great club's Commodore in it's 58th year here in Bayshore Gardens.

All residents of Bayshore Gardens community are invited to become members. We are a social club with water ties. You do not have to own a boat to be a member! We meet the third Thursday of most months and have guest speakers, a pot luck, and try to get in some fun too. The dues are minimal (\$20 for a single membership and \$30 family). Come join us, if only to check us out on February 20, 6:30 pm.

Yacht Club Ramblings

On February 20, at our monthly meeting, we will entertain speaker Ron McCarty of the John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art. Ron has been the Keeper of the House (Mansion) for over 25 years. He will speak on John & Mable's love of and impact on Sarasota and its culture and, in particular (because we are a water based institution) their adventures on the land and sea! This is a must attend gathering.

Since this is the month of Valentines and love, our potluck theme is food that you just love to eat. Our monthly (member provided) silent auction items for February is jewelry or something from the heart, so... dig in that stash hidden in your bureau drawer and bring it for someone else to love! Also, there will be a interesting mind-wringer in connecting names of people to their photos. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED. Our calling committee members will take home a prize too for the person who gets the most members to the meeting and at their table. Bring your friends and neighbors for this must attend gathering. We'll meet at the Bayshore Recreation Center at 6:30 pm. Pot luck at 7:00 and Ron's presentation thereafter. !!! The door prize will be two passes to The Ringling!

The February meeting sounds like it will be a lot of fun and many members and Ringling Mansion lovers may well turn out in force for this lively evening.

Note: Dues are due. \$20 for single and \$30 family membership. Bring your checkbook and join us for boating fun and great camaraderie.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS * FEBRUARY 2014

February 1 Groundhog day bonfire @ Community Center 6:00 pm
February 3 BGYC Board Meeting. Host: Terry Zimmerly
February 15 Dinner out @ Bearded Clam. By boat or car. 6:00 pm
February 20 Yacht Club Monthly Meeting. Rec. Center 6:30 pm
March 3 BGYC Board Meeting. Host: Winny Denny-Smith

We also participate in our Sister Yacht club's regattas and functions. If you wish to join our organization or be provided with information or a roster of their events, please speak to our Commodore at the next scheduled meeting or you may call Commodore Horn at 201-6642.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN THE BAYSHORE AREA

Manatee County Agriculture & Extension Service Calendar of Events

February 16 9-11am

Extension Master Gardener Plant ID Tour – Robinson Preserve

Stroll through the Robinson Preserve's salt marshes to learn more about Florida's native plants and inhabitants of a coastal habitat. Suitable for all ages. Tour begins in parking area by main entrance at 1704 99th Street Northwest, Bradenton. Call the Extension Master Gardeners to register.

February 8 9-11am

Bromeliad Basics

Come join David Johnson, Master Gardener 1994, and Lisa Hickey, Extension Agent, as they open your eyes to the beauty of bromeliads. The workshop will offer an overview of the most popular species and their care. There will be an array of bromeliads for sale during the workshop break. Register online or call the Extension Master Gardeners.

February 22 9am-Noon

Lowdown on Lawn Irrigation

This class satisfies the irrigation education portion of the Manatee County Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate Program and the Braden River/Lakewood Ranch Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Program. Tune up your sprinkler system, learn how to adjust the timer and sprinklers, improve uniformity, eliminate water waste, and cut costs. Register online or call Joann.

February 22 9am-Noon

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Combo – Compost & Rain Barrel

Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard waste into useful soil amendments with details on how to set up a home compost bin. Leave with a bin to start creating your own compost. Fee for compost bin. Learn how to install, paint, and maintain a functional rain barrel. Bring your truck or car with a large trunk and leave with your own rain barrel. Start conserving today. Fee for rain barrel. Register online or call the Extension Master Gardeners. Class to be held in the Horticulture Learning Center at the Extension Office.

Mobile Irrigation Lab

Conserve irrigation water and **save money!** The Manatee County Mobile Irrigation Lab is a FREE service for citizens to take action to reduce outdoor water waste. The lab will come to your residence or business to evaluate your irrigation system and make specific recommendations to curtail water waste and improve your landscape. Rebates may be available for qualifying Manatee County Utility customers who implement recommended improvements. To schedule an appointment, please call (941) 722-4524.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS – Unless otherwise noted, all classes are free and are held at the Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Office, 1303 17th Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221. All class sizes are limited; minimum class size is required. Register in advance online at <http://manatee.ifas.ufl.edu> (click on Calendar of Events) or call (941) 722-4524.

Manatee County announces Health Insurance Information Programs

Bradenton, FL (January 3, 2014) – The South Manatee Branch Library is pleased to announce a series of programs targeted to those who have questions or concerns about acquiring health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, (also known as ObamaCare).

A trained representative will be at the library on three separate dates to help you find the insurance that fits your budget and meets your needs. If you have any questions about the Affordable Care Act and the Insurance Marketplace, bring them to the library on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 from 5-7 pm
Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 5-7 pm
Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 5-7pm

The sessions are free and everyone is welcome to attend. There is no advance registration required; seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

The South Manatee Branch Library is located at 6081 26th Street West in Bradenton, Florida. For more information, please call the library at 941-755-3892.

Annual Valentine Artwalk For Sweethearts Of All Ages.

Friday, Feb 7, 2014 6:00pm at the Village of the Arts

Treat your favorite sweetie to a lovers stroll through our quaint 1920's village of art galleries, 5 star restaurants, and unique shops. Discover special treats and surprises along the way including a photo Valentine Table for Two in the Garden at Divine Excess Folk Art Gallery; A Lovers big red photo Heart in the tree at Dancing Crane Gallery; Valentine cupcakes honoring famous romantic... Show more lovers from the past at Retrobaked and special Valentine treats and sweets at Bonni Bakes. At Divine Excess Gallery, you can express your love on a free cut out lace heart and hang it on the Sweethearts Valentine Roses Tree for all to see. The Village Mystic will feature a Free Rose Quartz Heart with a purchase of \$50.00 worth of merchandise within the store and special Sweetheart Raffles. Come and enjoy all this and more in the Gulf Coast's Largest Art Community. A fun loving event for Sweethearts of all ages!!

SCF *Coming to the College Near You*

For great, affordable and sometimes free entertainment, check out State College of Florida at 5840 26th Street W., Bradenton, for Art shows, Concerts, Lectures and Entertainment events at Neel Auditorium. Check out "Studio 84", your local play-ers theatre which runs many entertaining productions at a very reasonable admission.

Fine Art Gallery Exhibit

"This Miserable Kingdom" Steven Katzman, Photo-Journalist

Jan. 31 through April 2 10:00 – 3:00 pm Gallery Hours, Monday - Friday

For more info: 941-752-5224, Joe Loccisano

Neel Auditorium Performing Arts Center Box Office 941-752-5252

February 4 8:00 pm Mike Markovitch Trio with Jazz selections by Gershwin, Ellington, Jobim and others. On Piano, bass, drums, vocals
Admission: \$10 Students: \$5 941-752-5351
Online: scf.edu/Musicwwwfacebook.com/SCFMusicProgram

February 12 1:00 pm Mary Wilson Master Class, with SCF voice students, A soprano who is described as an exciting young artist singing chamber music, oratorio, operatic repertoire Plus an accomplished pianist! Admin: \$5 Students free
Info: 752-5351

February 18 8:00 pm "More Mozart Please", Symphony Orchestra in Concert
Included: "Symphony No. 40 to the Overture to Cosi Fan Tutte"

February 27 8:00 pm "All Roads Lead to Rome" Symphonic Band in Concert

Included: Respighi's "Pines of Rome", and works of Berlioz, Percy Grainger. Robyn Bell, Director

Studio 84

February 15 -17, 21-22 8:00 pm "The Uninvited" STUDIO 84 – David S. &
February 16 2:00n pm Ann Howard Studio Theatre
Admission: \$12 Students \$10

Manatee County Library South Manatee Branch Calendar of Events to Enrich Your Life

Saturday, Saturday, February 1

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meet the Artist Day

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Prime Time Family Reading Time

Wednesday, February 5

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Acupuncture

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Pre-School Storytime

Thursday, February 6

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Health Insurance Marketplace

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

ManaTween Book Club Ages 8-12;

Registration required

Friday, February 7

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Creating Sensational Stories pres. by

Diane Robertson

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21

12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m.

Forty Carrots Partners at Play for pre-

school

Registration required

Saturday, February 8

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Talk to your Master Gardener

Tuesday, February 11

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Travel Film: Caribbean Sponsored by

the Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 12

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's Memory Screenings

Registration required

Thursday, February 13

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club: Author John Green

Registration required

Thursdays, February 13, 27

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Using the Library: 13th: Downloading

eBooks (Nook); 27th: Downloading

eBooks (iPad)

Friday, February 14

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Suncoast Mobile Career Center Bus

Saturday, February 15

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Retro Video Game Design for Teens

Ages 7-18; Registration required

Tuesdays, February 18, 25

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

The Bible On Trial (series) presented by

Rev. Todd Kuehn. 18th: Archaeology &

the Bible; 25th: Eye Witness Accounts?

Thursday, February 20

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Health & Wellness: Keep Your

Resolutions!

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Trivia Night for ALL ages

Registration required

Saturday, February 22

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Knitting Clinic

Wednesday, February 26

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Foster Care

Thursday, February 27

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Mana-Tweens Craft Night Ages 8-12;

Registration required

Friday, February 28

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Friends Author Discussion Group:

Elmore Leonard

Bayshore Gardens Events & Photo Gallery

Bayshore Gardens Bay Life Preservers Hold Rally

Long Bar Pointe RALLY

Sunday, Jan. 5 was not a protest rally, but a social gathering of unity and perpetuating solidarity among the people who work hard to preserve our remaining natural shorelines and waters of Sarasota Bay and other local areas in danger of being seriously altered or the ecology destroyed

Beautiful weather enhanced our day in the sunshine and the potluck picnic dinner on the Rec Center's Back Porch. This event was organized and hosted by Terri Wonder and Suzanna Young. A steady crowd strolled in throughout the afternoon among whom were people from Manasota 88, Save Our Bays, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, Save Our Shoreline and many more.

The ever-changing buffet table was full of delicious assortments in cuisine. Conversation never lagged and we all enjoyed The Steve Norris Band, who played great selections of oldies up to popular music of today, and our "weather window" stayed open.

We heard short talks by Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, who dropped by, former Commissioner, Jane VonHahmann and Terri Wonder, co-organizer of Bay Life Preservers.

As you know, Terri, a Bayshore resident, has begun her campaign for Commissioner-at-Large in the coming 2014 elections next fall. She has remained a strong player in the ongoing issues of defending our natural resources as well as preserving the integrity and character of our communities and neighborhoods.



If you remember, citizens and environmental groups--some being our guests--came together in a huge united front last September in opposition of (the then) massive proposals for Long Bar Pointe development that would disturb, or alter forever, the remaining natural

estuary of Sarasota Bay, and asked that the

Commissioners keep Manatee's Comprehensive Plan intact. They produced a signed petition of 6,300 names (and still counting) and brought such attention to the Commissioner's meeting that it had to be held at the Manatee Convention Center to hold a resulting attendance of over 1,000 people.

Focus is certain to be maintained on any future action of the proposed high density development that is going in near the natural marine habitat; the waters and shoreline running north of Long Bar Point.

If you want to catch up on the latest information on the Long Bar Pointe issue visit www.facebook.com/BayLifePreservers which Terri has loaded with empirical data surrounding LBP development as well other controversial developments in fragile environments throughout the County.

Anyone is most certainly welcome to join Bay Life Preservers. We do welcome more participation from our community as the LBP development will effect all of us.

Call: 753-7433 or 751-1480

Holiday Splendor

by Suzanna Young

It Was "Holiday Splendor" at the Ringling, a Great Evening for the Family

On a balmy Florida night, December 5, just down the road from here, an enjoyable Holiday event took place: For an unwrapped toy or \$10, you could be treated to an elegant evening of Christmas festivity, music and art. Joining "ringleaders" Bill and Becky Wyatt, several members of Bayshore Gdns. Yacht Club made the scene.

Ringling Museum, Ca d'Zan and the Circus



Museum set in beautiful old world architecture and gardens, were at your pleasure. We strolled around (the ground floor) of Ca' d'Zan mansion, taking in in the ambiance of Christmas in a by-gone era, admiring elegant rooms trimmed in holiday splendor and live Christmas music and/or singers drifting throughout the mansion.

Out on the patio along the bay, we enjoyed a (very nice!) wine, watched the sun set followed by a lovely afterglow, all the while listening to the sweet voices of a children's choirs singing Christmas songs. A treat for the senses!



Other presentations occurred throughout the evening at different locations--the Museum of Art Courtyard, Campiello, Tibbals Learning Center and the Ca' d'Zan mansion. These were: vocals, choirs, violin groups, jazz groups, piano, and chamber music. All performers were by students from local elementary schools and high schools. At the mansion, early in the evening, we were entertained by a female vocalist from Bon Jovi's group.

In the Museum courtyard, for instance, you could sit and take in the scenery while being treated to excerpts of popular musicals. Very courteous Volunteers were on duty everywhere; assisting in directions, serving refreshments, or offering historical tidbits

about John and Mable Ringling; their lifestyle, their home and how they developed the circus. Trams facilitated in getting around.

The museum itself was also open, offering Ringling's vast collection of classic to modern art. We especially enjoyed a current show of fabulous and fascinating art of glass work. (worth a return trip). There was also an exhibition of high fashion couture through the years and descriptions of the famous people who wore them.

Ringling's Celebration of the Holidays is in its 11th year and collects "Toys for Tots" in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Reserve's "Toys for Tots" drive. Approximately 1,300 toys are collected each year.

If you missed it this year, do not miss this experience next year; put it on your calendar Now for next December. It's truly an affair to remember. And folks, it is just down the road.



Bayshore Gardens Events & Photo Gallery

BGYC Change of Watch Ceremony: January 11, 2014



Long Bar Pointe Rally: January 5, 2014



New Year's Eve Party



Lantana – Naughty or Nice?

by Norma Kisida, Master Gardener 2012

I was aware a common species of lantana (*Lantana camara*) was invasive and should not be planted, but little did I know how complex and confusing it could be to sort out native species and cultivars which were desirable to plant.

L. camara, the old butter-and-eggs lantana, originated in the West Indies and has been promoted for ornamental cultivation since the early 18th century. However, this species has hybridized extensively in natural areas resulting in altered habitats and threatening populations of native plants and animals, becoming the dominant understory in open forests and forming thickets in open sunny areas.

L. camara is a significant weed of which there are some 650 varieties in over sixty countries. It is herbicide resistant and it can tolerate fire by regenerating from basal shoots. It is a Category 1 on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) 2011 List of Invasive Plant Species and is legally prohibited. It flowers year-round and the seeds are dispersed widely by songbirds. It is a perennial shrub with spiny square stems and toothed simple opposite leaves which are fragrant when crushed and can reach a height of six feet or more.

The flowers are small and tubular and may be white, pink, or yellow, changing to orange or red as they mature, while the fruit is initially green, changing to bluish black when ripe.

There are three species of lantana that are native to Florida. The one typically sold as native is *Lantana depressa*, a low growing shrub with yellow flowers. It is endemic only to southern Miami-Dade County and is an endangered species. Unfortunately the gene pool of all varieties of *L. depressa* has been contaminated by *L. camara* and many plants sold as native are actually hybrids of *L. camara*. *Lantana canescens* is a rare, bushy shrub with very small heads of yellow-centered flowers and occurs only along hammock margins of Miami-Dade County. *Lantana involucrata*, the native that is common in central and south Florida, is known as wild sage and is a bushy upright shrub with yellow centered flowers.

Many of the low growing lantanas with yellow flowers sold widely are hybrids of *L. camara*. Fortunately this hybridization often results in sterility and although they flower well they do not escape cultivation. Gold Mound, New Gold, Alba, and Patriot are cultivars not known to produce viable seed. *Lantana montevidensis* is a trailing lantana with soft purple flowers and is also considered safe.

Although lantanas are drought and salt tolerant, low maintenance, and have brightly colored flowers that attract butterflies, use caution in selecting them for ecological reasons. Homeowners can help prevent the spread of invasive lantanas by careful selection, removing invasive varieties from existing landscape and removal of flower heads prior to seeding.

Another caution with lantana is **that all varieties of lantana are highly toxic to grazing animals and the berries have caused death in children and pets when eaten.** Skin irritation or allergic reactions may result from handling the plant.

Sources for this article and more information:

The Lantana Mess - A Critical Look at the Genus in Florida

Lantana – Gardening in a Minute University of Florida Extension



DID YOU KNOW?

You can watch National and Olympic champion ice skating pairs practice Monday thru Fridays, 10:20 to 11:20 am and 1:10 to 2:10 pm, at the Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex, 5309 29 Street E., Ellenton.

Exit 224 off I-75. Phone: 941-723-3663

There is a Farmer's Market on the SCF Campus near The Neel Auditorium every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Enter from 60th Street W. is best.



TIDE TABLES - 2014					
EASTERN STANDARD TIME					
First Qtr.	FEB A11	HIGH A.M.	HIGH P.M.	LOW A.M.	LOW P.M.
6th	1 Sat	12:33	2:03	8:21	7:57
	2 Sun	1:25	2:29	8:54	8:56
	3 Mon	2:19	2:59	9:25	9:58
	4 Tue	3:17	3:33	9:55	11:07
	5 Wed	4:28	4:12	10:25	-----
Full Moon	6 Thu	6:09	4:59	12:25	10:55a
	7 Fri	8:31	5:56	1:47	11:31a
	8 Sat	-----	7:04	3:04	-----
14th	9 Sun	11:17	8:13	4:07	2:15
	10 Mon	11:47	9:13	4:57	3:36
	11 Tue	12:11p	10:03	5:38	4:35
	12 Wed	12:30p	10:45	6:13	5:20
	13 Thu	12:44p	11:22	6:42	6:00
Last Qtr.	14 Fri	12:56p	11:57	7:08	6:36
	15 Sat	-----	1:08	7:32	7:13
	16 Sun	12:33	1:23	7:54	7:51
	17 Mon	1:10	1:43	8:18	8:33
	18 Tue	1:51	2:09	8:42	9:20
22nd	19 Wed	2:38	2:40	9:09	10:15
	20 Thu	3:34	3:17	9:37	11:20
	21 Fri	4:50	4:02	10:07	-----
	22 Sat	6:47	4:57	12:39	10:37a
	23 Sun	-----	6:07	2:04	-----
24 Mon	-----	7:28	3:22	-----	
25 Tue	11:15	8:47	4:25	3:04	
26 Wed	11:39	9:55	5:17*	4:20	
27 Thu	12:02p	10:55	6:01*	5:22	
28 Fri	12:23p	11:48	6:39	6:16	

* - Strong Tides; a - A.M.; p - P.M.

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February 2014

Reflections Special Day Observances in February

Astrology:

Aquarius/Pisces

Birthstone:

Amethyst

Flower:

Iris

<i>Robinson Crusoe Day</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Groundhog Day</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>The Day The Music Died</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Pay A Compliment Day</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Laugh and Get Rich Day</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Blame Someone Else Day</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>National Gum Drop Day</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>My Way Day</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Iwo Jima Day</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>National Margarita Day</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>International Pancake Day</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>National Chili Day</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Floral Design Day</i>	<i>28th</i>

History of Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it remains a working day in most of them.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Modern romantic connotations were added several centuries later by poets. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies. One story states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. Another story says that, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. Another story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6th and July 30th, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni). In Brazil, the Dia de São Valentim is recognized on June 12.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



Knitting Clinic

South Manatee Branch Library offers Knitting Clinic

The South Manatee Branch Library is pleased to announce the continuation of their monthly "Knitting Clinic" to be held at the library on the fourth Saturday each month from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. The Knitting Clinic dates for 2014 are as follows:

February 22; March 22; April 26; May 24; June 28; September 27; October 25; December 27. There will be no program in July, August, or November.

Targeted toward those who already know the basics of knitting, this monthly program will help anyone who may be stuck on a project, needs a little bit of coaching, or has set aside their needles and yarn because they've run out of ideas. Attendees are asked to bring their own needles and yarn. The Knitting Clinic is free and open to everyone. Seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis and no prior registration is required.

The South Manatee Branch Library is located at 6081 26th Street West in Bradenton, Florida. 941-755-3892.

Valentine's Day Statistics

Average annual Valentine's Day spending	\$13.19 Billion
Number of Valentine's Day cards exchanged annually	180 Million
Average number of roses produced for Valentine's Day	196 million
Percent of Valentine's Day cards bought by women	85%
Percent of flowers bought by men	73%
Percent of women who send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day	14%
Amount the average consumer spends on Valentine's Day	\$116.21
Percent of consumers who celebrate Valentine's Day	61.8 %
Percent of women who would end their relationship if they didn't get something for Valentines day.	53 %
Average number of children conceived on Valentine's day	11,000

Gifts Most Often Given on Valentines Day

(Allowing for multiple gifts given)

Candy 47.5 %, Flowers 34.3 %, Cards 52.1 %, Jewelry 17.3 %, Dining / Eating Out 34.6 %, Clothing 14.4 %, Gift Cards 12.6 %, Other Gifts 11.2 %

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Easy and Quick Slow Cooker Recipes

Slow Cooker Chicken Chili

1 red onion, chopped, 1 8-oz can tomato sauce
1 16-oz can black beans
1 16-oz can kidney beans
10 oz package frozen corn kernels
2 14.5-oz cans diced tomatoes w/chilies (check the spice level- I used mild)
1 packet taco seasoning
Salt and Pepper to taste
4-5 boneless skinless chicken breasts

1. Combine beans, onion, tomatoes, corn, tomato sauce, chili powder, and taco seasoning.
2. Place chicken on top and cover with a thin layer of the sauce and beans.
3. Cook on high for 6 hours.
4. About a half an hour before serving, remove chicken and shred in a separate bowl.
5. Place shredded chicken into the slow cooker and stir in to combine with beans etc.
6. Cover and place slow cooker on "warm" setting for 30 minutes to allow chicken to soak in the chili flavor

This chili makes a lot, so freeze it in 1 cup servings to be enjoyed for later. Serve over brown rice, steamed broccoli, with chips, or on tortillas

Slow Cooker Coq Au Vin

8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
3 tbsp all-purpose flour, 1 1/2 cup red wine
4 slices bacon, roughly chopped
3 tsbp unsalted butter, divided
1 (12-ounce) package white or baby bella mushrooms, quartered
2 carrots, chopped, Salt and pepper to taste
1 med yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
2 large sprigs fresh thyme

Arrange chicken on a large sheet of waxed paper. Season both sides with salt and pepper. Lightly coat chicken all over with flour and set aside. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add bacon and cook until golden and just crisp, 3 minutes. Drain bacon on paper towels and set aside. Discard drippings and wipe out skillet. Melt 2 tablespoons butter (or heat oil, if using) in same skillet over medium high heat. Add chicken and cook until lightly browned all over, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a large plate as done and

set aside. Melt remaining 1 tablespoon butter or oil in same skillet. Add mushrooms and cook until edges begin to brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Add carrots, onions, garlic and salt and cook until vegetables just begin to soften. Transfer vegetables and broth to crock pot. Arrange chicken on top. Sprinkle bacon over chicken. Add wine and thyme sprigs. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Season with salt and pepper, then serve.

Slow Cooker Lasagna

1 pound lean ground beef
1 onion, chopped, 12 oz cottage cheese
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1 (29 ounce) can tomato sauce
1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1 tsp dried oregano
1 (12 ounce) package lasagna noodles
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
16 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese

In a large skillet over medium heat cook the ground beef, onion, and garlic until brown. Add the tomato sauce, tomato paste, salt, and oregano and stir until well incorporated. Cook until heated through. In a large bowl mix together the cottage cheese, grated Parmesan cheese, and shredded mozzarella cheese. Spoon a layer of the meat mixture onto the bottom of the slow cooker. Add a double layer of the uncooked lasagna noodles. Break to fit noodles into slow cooker. Top noodles with a portion of the cheese mixture. Repeat the layering of sauce, noodles, and cheese until all the ingredients are used. Cover, and cook on LOW setting for 4 to 6 hours.

Sausage and Cheese Tortellini Soup

1 lb Pork Sausage, cooked and drained
1 (19 oz.) Package Frozen Cheese Tortellini
1 (10 oz.) Bag Frozen Spinach,
2 (14.5 oz.) Cans Diced Tomatoes
2 (15 oz.) Cans Chicken Broth
1 (8 oz.) Cream Cheese, Cubed
Add all the ingredients to the crock-pot.
Cook on low for 5 hours, stirring at least twice.
Serve.

Notes: Don't overcook this soup. Anything over the 6 hours called for in the recipe will yield mushy pasta

Apple Cranberry Oatmeal

6 cups water
3 cups old-fashioned oats
2 apples, peeled, chopped
1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries or raisins
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
Spray 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In slow cooker, mix all ingredients. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 6 to 8 hours. Serve porridge with brown sugar and milk or cream, as desired.

Slow Cooker Beef Goulash

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 slice bacon, chopped
2 pounds Laura's Lean Beef flank steak cut into 1-inch cubes
2 cups chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon caraway seed
4 tablespoons paprika
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 cup crushed, canned tomatoes (drained)
2 tablespoons tomato paste
6 cups beef stock
2 strips lemon peel
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
1/2 cup chopped parsley

In a large cast-iron skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add bacon and cook until browned and crispy. Add beef cubes and brown, turning to brown all sides. Stir in onions and cook about five minutes until onions start to soften. Add garlic and cook another minute. Stir in caraway and paprika, making sure to coat all the meat and onions well. Deglaze the skillet with the vinegar, scraping up any browned bits from the skillet. Add the tomatoes, the tomato paste and the beef stock. Bring all to boil and place in slow cooker. Add lemon peel. Cover and cook on low 6 to 8 hours.

When ready to serve, remove beef and vegetables (onions may have melted into the sauce—this is a good thing!) from cooker and keep warm in a serving bowl. Turn heat off cooker and, if possible, remove insert from heating element. Whisk sour cream and parsley into sauce. Pour over beef and serve

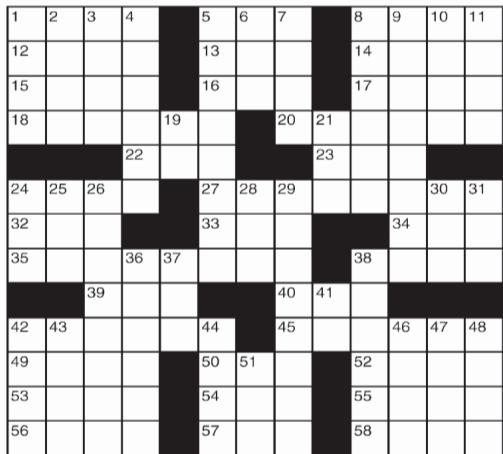


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Persian bigwig
- 5 Corn core
- 8 Donahue or Collins
- 12 Little, in La Scala
- 13 Regret
- 14 Logical
- 15 Deserve
- 16 Table scrap
- 17 Differently
- 18 Guiding principles
- 20 Grown-ups
- 22 "Help!"
- 23 Tokyo's old name
- 24 Crazy
- 27 Roared
- 32 Id counterpart
- 33 Acapulco gold
- 34 Geological period
- 35 Delighted (in)
- 38 Nervous
- 39 Writer
- 40 Fellow
- 42 Catchphrase
- 45 Expectorant drug
- 49 "The Music Man" locale
- 50 Personal
- 52 Gospel writer
- 53 Help a hood



- 54 Periodical, for short
- 55 Eye part
- 56 Fashion
- 57 Type
- 58 Fender bender
- 7 Next after alpha
- 8 Fake
- 9 Consecrated
- 10 "Meet Me — Louis"
- 11 Dregs
- 19 Accomplish
- 21 First st.
- 24 Morning moisture
- 25 Khan title
- 26 Ensued
- 28 Preceding
- 29 Inn offerings
- 30 Work unit
- 31 Rotation
- 36 Official emissary
- 37 — budget
- 38 There may be a shadow on it
- 41 Movie with a balloon-borne house
- 42 "The King and I" locale
- 43 Timber wolf
- 44 Iditarod terminus
- 46 Remedy
- 47 Similar
- 48 "— la vie"
- 51 Hardly ruddy

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 E S T E E R I N G W H E E L I
 G S D B Z L L A B D N A H O B
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 O M K O I G E C P D A Y N T N
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 B C A D L O H D N A H G H A O
 Y P A O S R A B E L D N A H O
 X V U S Q P S G N U R N K M D
 K J H F E C B Z Y X V U E T R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Bar soap
- Baton
- Doorknob
- Gear knob
- Grip
- Hand tool
- Handball
- Handhold
- Handlebar
- Handrail
- Handshake
- Rungs
- Steering wheel
- Tiller
- Writing

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals Y

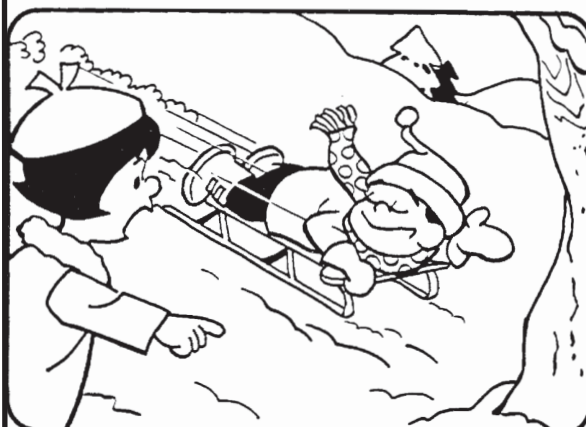
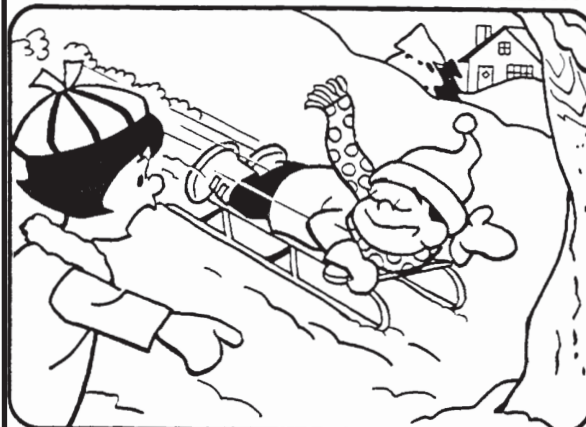
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	-		x		15
x	+			x	
	+		+		22
	÷		x		-
	+		x		35
12		27		33	

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 8

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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 15

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	1		8		3	4		
	7	9			1			5
4				6				8
	9		7					4
		5		4		1		
6	8				2			9
	5		9					3
3				1		5		
		1			4		6	7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

BUG OFF! Let's see if you can solve these "pun"-derous insect riddles, answers to which, natch, require a play on words. Chances are you will be stung by their audacity.

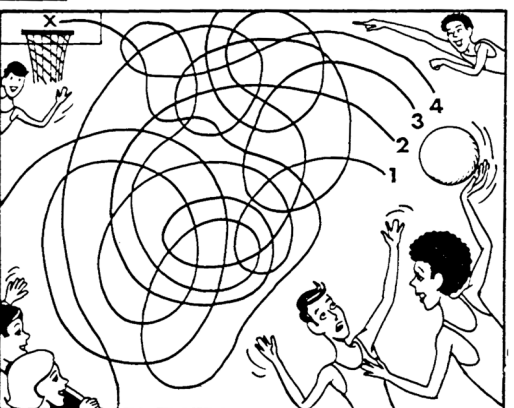
BY SUNDIAL
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 DLS
 UAB
 DLS
 NNUU
 YLLY
 SSSSS

SIMPLY TREASURE THESE WORDS

Where is the treasure buried? Answer is stated tersely in the diagram above: BY SUNDIAL. And, acting on this clue, a treasure hunter is at work at the site.

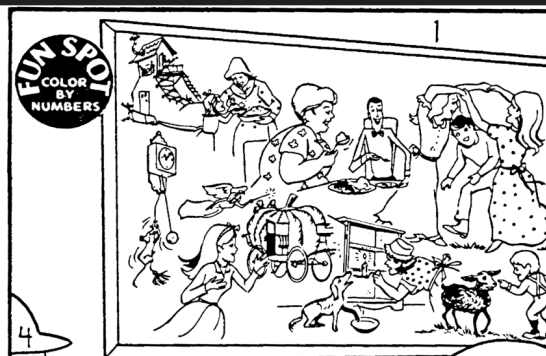
Coincidentally, there is another significance to the words BY SUNDIAL. Number the letters 1-9 from left to right in order, as shown, and it is possible to restore the missing digits of the multiplication problem at hand.

That is to say, simply substitute number for letters—1 for B, 2 for Y, 3 for S, etc. See how quickly you can make the changeover.



SURE SHOT! One of four throws is sure to reach the basket. Which one? Pick a line and then see if you are on target.

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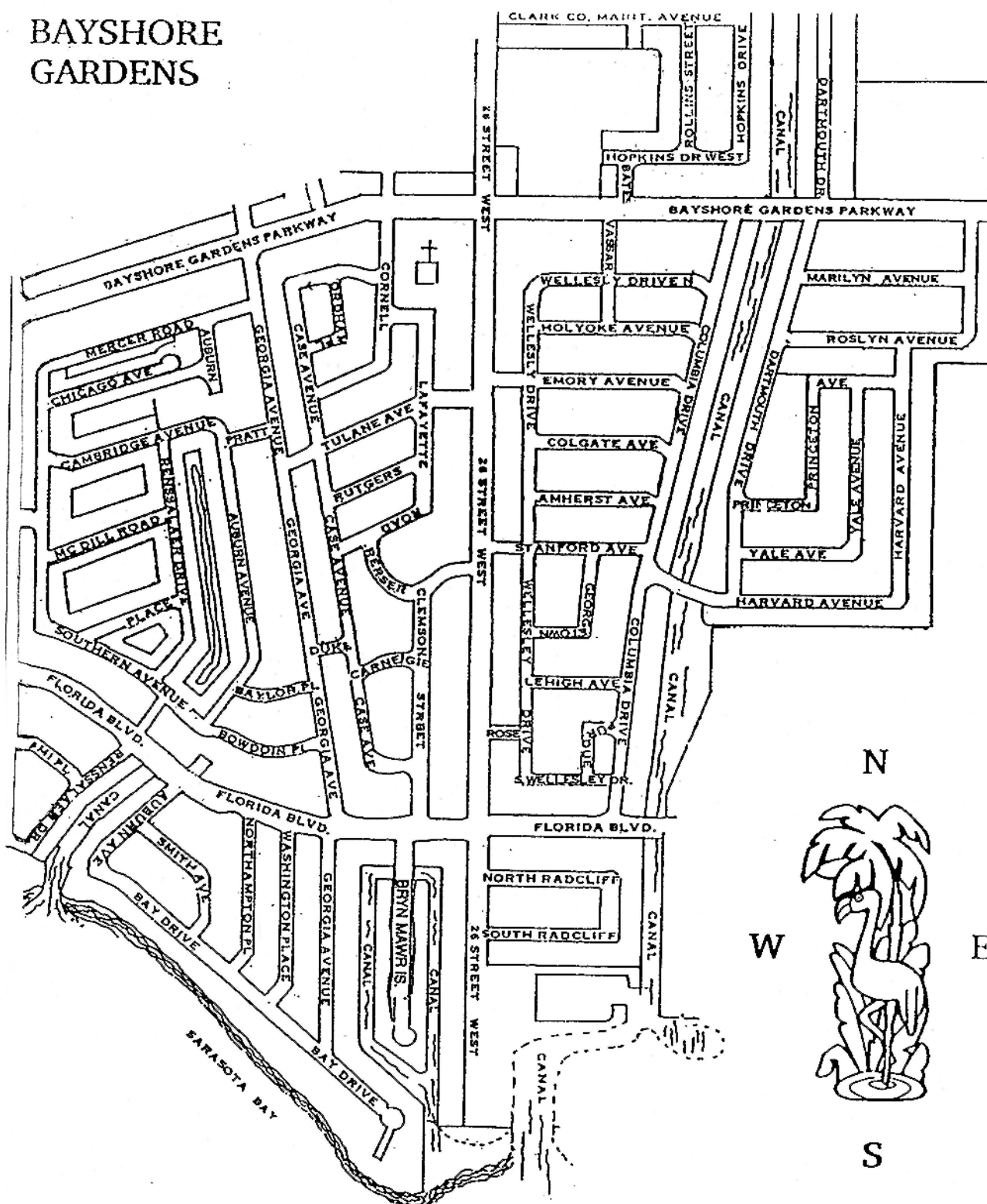
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A	B	E	T	M	A	G	I	R	I	S	
M	O	D	E	E	N	S	D	E	N	T	

Go Figure!
answers

4	-	1	x	5	15
x		+		x	
6	+	8	+	8	22
÷		x		-	
2	+	3	x	7	35
12		27		33	

MAGIC MAZE

CryptoQuip
answer
If actor Feldman cooked an Indian meal, do you think he would pour on a lot of Corey powder?

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

5	1	6	8	9	3	4	7	2
8	7	9	4	2	1	6	3	5
4	2	3	5	6	7	9	8	1
1	9	2	7	8	5	3	4	6
7	3	5	6	4	9	1	2	8
6	4	8	1	3	2	7	5	9
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