

<p>KAYAK CANEEL BAY I & II January 22, Saturday • 10:00am – 1:00pm March 18, Friday • 10:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Enjoy a guided kayak excursion with VI Ecotours along the fabulous turquoise waters of both Scott & Paradise beaches. Enjoy a snorkel on a colorful coral reef teeming with marine life & frequented by sea turtles. Finish with a hike through a picturesque tropical forest at Turtle Pt.</p>	<p>MEET: Caneel Bay parking lot BRING: Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, dry bag, and hiking shoes SEMINAR FEE: \$85 Mem / \$90 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 15</p>
<p>PETROGLYPH HUNT January 21, Friday • 9:00am – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Explore Reef Bay Trail with Park Archeologist Ken Wild, learn about the meaning behind the ancient rock carvings. Help him look for the lost petroglyph, only seen in archive photographs when the Park was first established. Continue down Reef Bay Trail to a boat ride back to town.</p>	<p>MEET: National Park Visitor Center BRING: Notebook, water, and lunch SEMINAR FEE: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 30</p>
<p>FULL MOON HIKE January 19, Wednesday • 6:00pm – 8:30pm</p>	<p>Hike to the top of Kam Head during the full moon while you explore the southernmost point of St. John with Ranger Don Near. On your hike you will learn about the fascinating natural and cultural history that exists in this part of St. John.</p>	<p>MEET: Salt Pond parking lot BRING: Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, and water SEMINAR FEE: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 20</p>
<p>BEACH CAT ADVENTURE SAIL January 15, Saturday • 10:00am – 3:00pm</p>	<p>Enjoy a wet and thrilling ride on a Hobie Adventure Cat with Sail Safaris. Sail to Congo and Lagoon Cays and discover the history and ecology of the area with local nature guide Karl Pythik. (2 boats)</p>	<p>MEET: Cruz Bay Ferry Dock BRING: Snorkel gear, sunscreen, hat, water, and lunch SEMINAR FEE: \$75 Mem / \$80 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 7</p>
<p>MEDICINAL HERBS I & II January 12, Wednesday • 12:30pm – 2:30pm March 22, Tuesday • 12:30pm – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Delroy "Tat" Anthony will tantalize your palate and refresh your soul with an investigation into the natural benefits of native herbs found throughout the Caribbean. Sip on local beverages as you experience the smells and tastes of many of the plants first-hand.</p>	<p>MEET: School of the Arts BRING: Notebook SEMINAR FEE: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 25</p>
<p>PASTELS WORKSHOP I & II January 9, Sunday • 10:00am – 1:00pm February 20, Sunday • 10:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Learn the technique of pastels as you create tropical landscapes at Caneel Bay under the instruction of renowned local artist Livia Hitchcock.</p>	<p>MEET: Caneel Bay parking lot BRING: Drinking water, snack, and wear old clothes SEMINAR FEE: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 5</p>
<p>KAYAK THE MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE I January 8, Saturday • 10:00am – 3:00pm</p>	<p>Kayak with local scientist Barry Devine and Arawak Expeditions through the Coral Reef National Monument, stop along the way to snorkel in the mangroves and sea grass beds. Lunch is included in this trip!</p>	<p>MEET: Skinny Legs Restaurant BRING: Snorkel gear, water, towel, and sunscreen SEMINAR FEE: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 12</p>
<p>REEF ECOSYSTEM EXPLORATION January 5, Wednesday • 9:00am – 3:30pm</p>	<p>Explore coral reef ecosystems with NPS Ranger Jessica Hornbeck. Immerse yourself in the mosaic of habitats found in the Caribbean Sea while you learn about the flora and fauna of seagrass beds, mangroves, sand/algal plains, and coral reefs of St. John.</p>	<p>MEET: National Park Visitor Center BRING: Lunch, sunscreen, and snorkel gear SEMINAR FEE: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem MAX GROUP: 32</p>
JANUARY		
<p>ECO SPA December 28, Tuesday • 2:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Enjoy a spa session guaranteed to rejuvenate your body and mind for the New Year. Bask in the cleansing mud of Salt Pond while learning about its healing mineral properties and those of other local organic spa materials from NPS Ranger Deanna Somerville.</p>	<p>MEET: Salt Pond parking lot BRING: Old swimsuit, towel, water, and snack SEMINAR FEE: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 20</p>
<p>NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS I & II December 22, Wednesday • 12:30pm – 2:30pm & February 15, Tuesday • 12:30pm – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Delroy "Tat" Anthony walks you through the collection and creation of crafts made from materials found right here on St. John. Learn about historical uses of the items that he continues to create in the same way they have been made for generations.</p>	<p>MEET: School of the Arts BRING: Notebook SEMINAR FEE: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem MAX GROUP: 25</p>
<p>CARIBBEAN CREOLE December 20, Monday • 10:00am – 12:00pm</p>	<p>Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, local linguist and retired teacher, takes you on a journey through the origin and use of Caribbean Creole languages; how they relate to one another, how their grammatical structure relates back to the root languages, and his recent research on the last speaker of Dutch Creole.</p>	<p>MEET: School of the Arts BRING: Notebook SEMINAR FEE: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 25</p>
<p>LIONFISH 101 December 18, Saturday • 9:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Join St. John's Lionfish Response Program coordinator Karl Pythik aboard m/v <i>Low Key</i> and search for this invasive species in one of St. John's beautiful bays. Learn about the lionfish and experience first hand what the program is doing to protect our reefs from this voracious predator.</p>	<p>MEET: NPS Visitor Center BRING: Towel, snorkel gear, swimsuit, and lunch SEMINAR FEE: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • MAX GROUP: 23</p>
DECEMBER		

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park

2011 Seminar Series

December 18 – April 23, 2011

Coming Events!

■ **On-line Auction, Nov. 5–Dec. 5, 2010:** The 2nd Annual Online Auction is coming up just in time for your holiday shopping or your next getaway! A wide array of items from hotel and villa stays to jewelry, artwork and exciting excursions will be up for bid. A link can be found on our home page.

■ **Friends 7th Annual Gala Celebration:** On Saturday, February 5, 2011 we invite you to join Friends of VINP to celebrate our accomplishments and our partnership with VI National Park and to thank you, our donors. The gala will be held at Cheryl & David McDaniel's beautiful new villa, Butterfly Beach. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance and at the event, and prizes will include jewelry, art, excursions, dinners and other exciting items yet to come. Join us for St. John's premier social event of the year!

■ **Folk Life Festival:** Once again, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park and the National Park Service will partner to present the 20th Annual Folk Life Festival in celebration of Black History month. The Festival will be held on February 24–26, 2011 at the Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins. This year's theme is "Cultural Potpourri for All a We". Dance and music will again be a highlight of the festival as the St. Lucia Association and Dominica Association dance troupes, along with Smalls and the Music Makers, take the stage.

■ **Earth Day Environmental Fair & Reef Fest:** April 29, 2011 will mark the 6th annual Earth Day Environmental Fair for local school kids on St. John. Through hands-on teaching methods, story-telling, and environmental demonstrations, the youth of St. John will learn about ways to respect and preserve the world around them. On April 30th St. John youth will participate in a day of learning on the beach during the 2nd Annual Reef Fest at Hawksnest Beach. Participants will enjoy a guided snorkel or kayak, learn how to ID fish, participate in on-land educational exhibits, try their luck in a sandcastle building contest, and much more. In conjunction with the Earth Day/Reef Fest, all individuals and groups who have adopted a beach or trail will also be asked to clean up their locations on Sunday, April 24, 2011.

■ **Beach-to-Beach Power Swim:** Now's the time to begin your training for the 8th Annual Friends Beach-to-Beach Power Swim on May 29, 2011! And, it's time to start thinking about Race for A Reason, our participant fundraising challenge. It's going online this year to make it even easier to get everyone involved! Head to www.friendsvinp.org/swim for all the details about registration, Race for A Reason, and sponsorship. See you in the water!

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2011 Seminar Calendar

— December —

Dec. 18Saturday..... Lionfish 101
Dec. 20Monday..... Caribbean Creole
Dec. 22Wednesday..... Native Arts & Crafts I
Dec. 28Tuesday..... Eco Spa

— January —

Jan. 5Wednesday..... Reef Ecosystem Exploration
Jan. 8Saturday..... Kayak the Mangroves of HH I
Jan. 9Sunday..... Pastels Workshop I
Jan. 12.....Wednesday..... Medicinal Herbs I
Jan. 15.....Saturday..... Beach Cat Adventure Sail
Jan. 19.....Wednesday..... Full Moon Hike
Jan. 21.....Friday..... Petroglyph Hunt
Jan. 22.....Saturday..... Kayak Caneel Bay I
Jan. 23.....Sunday..... Botanical & Historic Hike
Jan. 26.....Wednesday..... Park Critter Crawl
Jan. 28.....Friday..... Sea Turtle Sail I
Jan. 29.....Saturday..... Native Plant & Bird Hike
Jan. 30.....Sunday..... Stories of the Winter Sky

— February —

Feb. 7Monday..... Batik Class
Feb. 9Wednesday..... Cinnamon Bay Historic Tour
Feb. 12.....Saturday..... Kayak the Mangroves of HH II
Feb. 13.....Sunday..... Marine Biology Boat Trip
Feb. 15.....Tuesday..... Native Arts & Crafts II
Feb. 19.....Saturday..... Coastal Ecology
Feb. 20.....Sunday..... Pastel Workshop II
Feb. 23.....Wednesday..... Birds of the Park
Feb. 26.....Saturday..... Hassel Island Tour I
Feb. 28.....Monday..... A Glimpse into St. John's Past

— March —

Mar. 2Wednesday..... Treasures of the Virgin Islands
Mar. 5Saturday..... Underwater Photography
Mar. 7Monday..... Pepper Sauce Making
Mar. 9Wednesday..... Fish Identification Sail
Mar. 12Saturday..... Hassel Island Tour II
Mar. 18Friday..... Kayak Caneel II
Mar. 19Saturday..... Tropical Garden Tour I
Mar. 22Tuesday..... Medicinal Herbs II
Mar. 23Wednesday..... Archeology Boat Trip
Mar. 26Saturday..... Tropical Light Photography

— April —

Apr. 2Saturday..... Tropical Garden Tour II
Apr. 3Sunday..... Snorkeling Mangrove Adventure
Apr. 7Thursday..... VINP Archive Tour & Slideshow
Apr. 8Friday..... Sea Turtle Sail II
Apr. 14Thursday..... Spirit Doll Workshop
Apr. 16Saturday..... Taino Pottery Making
Apr. 17Sunday..... Tropical Gardening
Apr. 23Saturday..... Build Green

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JANUARY (continued from outside)

BOTANICAL AND HISTORIC HIKE January 23, Sunday • 9:00am – 2:30pm	Local botanist Eleanor Gibney will lead you on a botany hike through the highly diverse native vegetation of the L'Esperance trail to Sieben and Mollendal Estates. See various habitats from moist gut forests and dry upland and the historic Bay Rum grove at Mollendal. Note: Long hike	Meet: Park at the entrance of L'Esperance Trail Bring: Sunscreen, hat, lunch, plenty of water, & hiking shoes Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem Max Group: 25
PARK CRITTER CRAWL  January 26, Wednesday 10:00am – 2:00pm	Take a trip down the Reef Bay Trail with reptile expert Dr. Renata Plattenberg from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. She will help you to find and identify the hidden creatures and critters that are all around you if you just take the time to look.	Meet: National Park Visitor Center Bring: Notebook, water, and lunch Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 30
SEA TURTLE SAIL I & II January 28, Friday • 1:00pm – 4:30pm April 8, Friday • 12:30pm – 4:00pm	Sail the <i>Castaway Girl II</i> to Buck Island, St. Thomas with a National Park guide and swim with the many green and hawksbill turtles that make Buck Island their home year round.	Meet: Charlotte Amalie waterfront, St. Thomas Bring: Sunscreen, hat, snack, snorkel gear, and swimsuit Seminar Fee: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • Max Group: 30
NATIVE PLANT & BIRD HIKE January 29, Saturday • 9:00am – 1:00pm	Dr. Gary Ray, botanist and plant ecologist, leads a short but naturally rich excursion from Lameshur to Europa Bay. This walk features a pristine salt pond at Europa and one of the finest natural woodland communities found on St. John's south shore.	Meet: VIERS Camp Bring: Sunscreen, hat, plenty of water, lunch, and binoculars Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 25
STORIES OF THE WINTER SKY January 30, Sunday • 7:30pm – 9:00pm	Relax and lie back as mythologist Dr. Kelley Hunter and amateur astronomer Rich Greengold share a blend of astronomy and mythology as they take you on a journey through the winter sky exploring stories of different cultures.	Meet: Annaberg Plantation Ruins Bring: Blanket, flashlight, pillow, & binoculars Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 35



FEBRUARY

BATIK CLASS  February 7, Monday 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Learn the technique of using wax-resist and dye to create layered designs on recycled cloth, from Maho Bay Textile Artist, Annalisa Jensen. Take your recycled creations home with you!	Meet: Maho Bay Camps Art Center Wear: Close-toed shoes and an apron or old clothing Seminar Fee: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • Max Group: 6
CINNAMON BAY HISTORIC TOUR  February 9, Wednesday • 9:00am – 12:00pm	Explore Cinnamon Bay ruins & campground with local historian Chuck Pishko. This estate played a major role in St. John history from Amerindian occupation through the successive development of family plantations to early agribusiness. Participants will get to vote on which areas will be emphasized.	Meet: Cinnamon Bay Archeology Lab Seminar Fee: \$30 Mem / \$35 Non Mem Max Group: 25
KAYAK THE MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE II February 12, Saturday • 12:00pm – 4:45pm	Kayak with Hidden Reef Eco Tours and local scientist Barry Devine through the Coral Reef National Monument and South Haulover on the East End of St. John, while stopping to snorkel in the mangroves and sea grass beds teeming with marine life.	Meet: Skinny Legs Restaurant Bring: Snack, water, snorkel gear, sunscreen, and towel Seminar Fee: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem Max Group: 12
MARINE BIOLOGY BOAT TRIP February 13, Sunday • 9:00am – 3:00pm	Enjoy a guided boat trip aboard the <i>s/v Kekoa</i> and snorkel through the underwater treasures of St. John's reefs with NPS marine biologist Jeff Miller. Possible Destinations: Waterlemon Cay, Congo/Lovango, Honeymoon Bay	Meet: National Park Visitor Center Dock Bring: Snorkel gear, lunch, water, towel, and sunscreen Seminar Fee: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • Max Group: 30
COASTAL ECOLOGY February 19, Saturday • 9:30am – 3:00pm	Circumnavigate St. John aboard the <i>m/v Low Key</i> with VINP's Chief of Natural Resource Management Rafe Boulon, and learn about the mangroves, sea grass beds, and coral reefs that fringe our island's coastlines.	Meet: National Park Visitor Center Bring: Lunch, water, sunscreen, and snorkel gear Seminar Fee: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • Max Group: 23
BIRDS OF THE PARK February 23, Wednesday • 9:00am – 1:00pm	Tour the North Shore by safari, stopping along the way to view native and seasonal birds in their natural habitat. NPS Ranger Laurel Brannick will teach you about bird calls, mating seasons, and the seasonal patterns of the birds you find.	Meet: National Park Visitor Center Bring: Binoculars, water, and a notebook Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 20
HASSEL ISLAND TOUR I & II February 26, Saturday • 10:00am – 2:00pm March 12, Saturday • 10:00am – 2:00pm	Kayak from Frenchtown to historic Hassel Island with VI Ecotours on a historical trip past Danish and British colonial ruins and Careening Cove. Hike past Fort Willoughby, a British fort from the Napoleonic era, and visit the Garrison House, the Creque Marine Railway, and Fort Shipley or Fort Cowell. Trip includes lunch and drinks.	Meet: Frenchtown, St. Thomas Bring: Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, dry bag, and hiking shoes Seminar Fee: \$85 Mem / \$90 Non Mem Max Group: 12
A GLIMPSE INTO ST. JOHN'S PAST February 28, Monday • 9:30am – 11:30am	Travel back in time with Guy Benjamin, our honored island scholar, and some of his childhood friends as they share memories of their youth in the early 1900s, when only a couple hundred homes existed on St. John and donkeys were still the mode of transportation.	Meet: Estate Concordia Pavilion Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$30 Non Mem Max Group: 30

MARCH

TREASURES OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  March 2, Wednesday • 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Immerse yourself in the wonders of gemology and jewelry making at the Rare Earth Studio. Learn about the unique treasures that can be found all around our islands.	Meet: Charlotte Amalie Waterfront at R&J Latte's Bring: Notebook Seminar Fee: \$50 Mem / \$60 Non Mem Max Group: 14
UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY OF PROJECT TEKTITE II March 5, Saturday • 11:30am – 4:00pm	Practice the techniques of underwater photography with Jamie Irving, a noted underwater photographer. Enjoy lunch at VIERS and tour the newly constructed Tektite museum; learn more about the mission of project Tektite 2 which utilized underwater photography in Great Lameshur Bay.	Meet: VIERS Camp Bring: Underwater camera, snorkel gear, sunscreen, notepad, and water bottle. Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$50 Non Mem • Max Group: 25
PEPPER SAUCE MAKING March 7, Monday • 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Learn the art of making your own hot sauce with popular pepper man Trinidad Charlie. He'll teach you the process from pepper collection to seasoning your sauce.	Meet: Bethany Moravian Church parking lot Bring: Notebook Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 10
FISH IDENTIFICATION SAIL March 9, Wednesday • 10:00am – 3:00pm	Become a citizen scientist on board the <i>s/v Calypso</i> learning how to identify fish with NPS Ranger Laurel Brannick. Join the REEF fish count and keep your REEF kit and continue to help the REEF fish ID program.	Meet: Margarita Phil's Restaurant Bring: Snorkel gear, lunch, water, towel, and sunscreen Seminar Fee: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • Max Group: 30
TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR I & II March 19, Saturday • 10:00am – 3:00pm April 2, Saturday • 10:00am – 3:00pm	Tour 4 very different island gardens with local gardening enthusiast Irene Patton. Learn how to incorporate tropical garden design, integrate native plants and how to conserve water and soil in your own garden. Tour includes professionally-designed and homeowner-designed gardens.	Meet: Friends of the Park Store to carpool Bring: Lunch, water, hat and notebook Seminar Fee: \$30 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 20
ARCHEOLOGY BOAT TRIP March 23, Wednesday • 10:00am – 3:00pm	View St. John's coastline, aboard the <i>m/v Sadie Sea</i> while traveling through a presentation of the island's pre-history with NPS Archeologist Ken Wild.	Meet: National Park Visitor Center Dock Bring: Snorkel gear, lunch, water, towel, and sunscreen Seminar Fee: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • Max Group: 30
TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY  March 26, Saturday • 8:00am – 12:00pm	Travel through the Park with renowned photographer, Steve Simonsen, as he shows you how to creatively capture the awe-inspiring beauty of the Park. Highlighting the rich features common with today's digital cameras.	Meet: Friends of the Park Store to carpool Bring: Camera, manual, batteries, memory cards, water, & notebook Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$50 Non Mem • Max Group: 20

APRIL

SNORKELING ADVENTURE IN THE MANGROVES  April 3, Sunday • 9:30am – 3:00pm	Visit Otter Creek & Water Creek in Hurricane Hole, in the VI Coral Reef National Monument, on board the <i>m/v Low Key</i> with marine ecologist Dr. Caroline Rogers. Caroline will guide you through the exceptional diversity of corals, fish, anemones & sponges, all growing in the mangroves. A stop at Booby Rock is possible, depending on the weather.	Meet: National Park Visitor Center Bring: Snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, and snack Seminar Fee: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem Max Group: 23
VINP ARCHIVE TOUR April 7, Thursday • 10:00am – 12:30pm	NPS museum curator Milagros Flores will take you on a private tour through the newly organized Bally Building, and enjoy a sideshow of rarely/never before seen historic images.	Meet: Friends of the Park Store Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 25
SPIRIT DOLL WORKSHOP April 14, Thursday • 9:00am – 12:00pm	Experience the magic of creating a Spirit Doll while learning from artist Annie Caswell. Learn about different traditions of the Taino and Carib Indians as you celebrate your own spiritual sense of wonder by reflecting and incorporating your ideas into a meaningful sculpture.	Meet: Skinny Legs Restaurant Bring: Ideas or found items and a snack Seminar Fee: \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • Max Group: 5
TAINO POTTERY MAKING  April 16, Saturday • 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Gail Van de Bogurt, local artist and owner of Maho Bay Clay Works, walks you through the steps of making your own Taino style pottery. Your class will end with a Zemi firing demonstration.	Meet: Maho Bay Camps Art Center Wear: Close-toed shoes and an apron or old clothing Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 8 (4 min.)
TROPICAL GARDENING April 17, Sunday • 9:00am – 12:00pm	Start your spring garden with Irene Patton! Take part in a hands-on gardening class emphasizing water conservation, organic pest control, garden design, and composting.	Meet: Friends of the Park Store to carpool Bring: Hat, sturdy shoes, ideas & experiences & lunch Seminar Fee: \$30 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 15
BUILD GREEN April 23, Saturday • 10:00am – 4:00pm	Learn about all the green building and landscaping techniques available in the VI. Spend a day learning how to make your existing home more efficient or how to make your future home a sustainable and environmentally-sensitive masterpiece.	Meet: Friends of the Park Store to carpool Bring: Notebook, building plans, and ideas Seminar Fee: \$30 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 50