

Guana News



Dear Guanaphiles,

It has been a year of growth and new beginnings here on Guana Island. After welcoming so many of you back to our Island's shores and trails this year, we have been working to create a higher standard of hospitality than ever before on our natural paradise.

Fortunately for us, Guana has escaped the cutbacks of resorts elsewhere in the British Virgin Islands. The quality of the Island is underscored by Trip Advisor's rankings, which list Guana as the #1 resort in the BVI. This is a testament to our loyal staff, which has continued to tend Guana's landscape and accommodations in anticipation of the return of our old friends.

Guana mainstay Dr. Liao and his aides continue to cultivate the Island's trees, flowers, plants and trails under the direction of our long-time architect, advisor and friend Howard Watson. The gardens continue to supply our tables with a wide variety of fruits including mango, papaya, breadfruit and six varieties of banana.

Kathleen, Candia and the newest member of the pantry, Diane, provide charming and dedicated dining room service, while Corinne and her staff in Housekeeping keep everything sparkling. Captains Michael and Val continue to greet new and return visitors at the airport, while Lynford, John, and Hammah and their teams remain dedicated to maintaining smooth operations back on the Island.

On May 30 we celebrated the marriage of Jason Goldberg, our manager of more than three years, to the lovely Nicole. Together, they moved back to Washington, D.C., to embark on married life.

Another married couple, Frits and Jenny Hannenberg, have taken over the managerial reins on the Island. After running Denis and Frigate islands in the Seychelles, as well as resorts in Borneo, Aruba and St. Lucia, Frits and Jenny's love of the BVI drew them to Guana, and their enthusiasm is felt.

Another exciting development has occurred in the kitchen, with our new executive chef Matt Webb at the helm. Matt comes to Guana from Sugar Mill Restaurant in Tortola, where he earned top awards from Conde Nast, Bon Appetit and Caribbean Travel & Leisure. His expertise is evident in every dish, from taste to presentation. We think you'll find Matt's tantalizing creations as delicious as they are healthy and fresh.

Our cuisine was brought into focus at the BVI's first Winemakers Dinner. The sell-out event in July paired delectable fare from renowned local chefs with wines from around the globe, and all proceeds from the seven-course gourmet event benefitted BVI charities. For information, visit <http://winemakersdinners.com>.



While welcoming new arrivals on Guana, we have sadly had to say goodbye to some old friends as well. In August, the wonderful and dedicated Christine Matthias lost her eight-year battle with cancer.

Christine's presence in the pantry is sorely missed by us and we know her absence will be felt by all of you as well. We will always remember her appearance in the Living Room each night to announce, "Dinner is ready to be served."

We will also greatly miss our former manager Roger Miller, who succumbed to cancer earlier this year. After a memorial service in July, Roger's ashes were scattered over the Island he loved so well.

We will not soon forget Roger's sharp wit and his love for Guana. Both helped to make the Island the special place it is today.

Following a summertime of recuperation, restoration and renovation, Guana is now ready for the next season of visitors. We are eager to welcome new and returning guests for reunions and birthdays, weddings and private getaways, and are available to help you plan unforgettable events.

With an increasing number of full-island rentals in recent years, we anticipate the continuation of Guana's popularity among discerning pleasure-seekers. We hope you will be among them.



Call us and we will ensure that your next Guana experience is one to treasure for a lifetime.



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