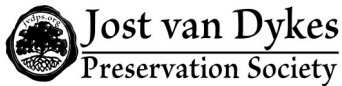


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Chronicling the JVDPS' project "Jost van Dyke's Community-based Programme Advancing Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development"



A Jost van Dykes Preservation Society (JVDPS) Publication



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JVD Community invited to comment on Environmental Profile

La Comunidad de JVD te Invita a que hagas comentarios acerca del Studio Ambiental

The Jost van Dykes Preservation Society is inviting all residents of Jost van Dyke to make their comments on the draft Environmental Profile for the island.

The Jost van Dyke Environmental Profile will be the only available document which provides current information on the history, culture and natural environment of Jost van Dyke in one place. It is expected that the Environmental Profile, once completed, will be heavily utilized by students, government agencies, researchers and members of the public.

It is therefore imperative that the document is accurate, easy to read, and comprehensive.

Special assistance is required in order to ensure that the chapter on the historical and cultural heritage of Jost van Dyke fully reflects the cultural traditions of Jost van Dyke, especially those traditions which are quickly being lost or forgotten.

Residents of Jost van Dyke also have a unique opportunity to make recommendations as to how the natural environment and historical heritage of Jost van Dyke should be managed. Any recommendations made will be considered for inclusion in the final document.

Persons who are interested in reviewing the Draft Environmental Profile should request

a copy from the Jost van Dykes Preservation Society.

The Preservation Society would prefer to receive feedback on the Environmental Profile by May 25th, if possible, but no later than May 30th. All comments on the draft Environmental Profile will be sent to the Island Resources Foundation for their consideration.

Staff of the Preservation Society will be available to discuss the Profile with residents on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month on May 2009.

For further information, kindly contact Susan or Rosemary at (284) 540-0861.



Sights around JVD- like this Night Heron walking along the shore (left) or this Prickly Pear Cactus (right) might be commonplace or 'ordinary' to residents, but many of these aspects of our natural environment are rare or uncommon throughout the world. The Environmental Profile emphasizes some of the unique features of the island.



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“To Preserve, Maintain and Protect the Land, the Environment, and the Culture of Jost van Dyke, British Virgin Islands”



Above: Jost van Dyke residents participate in the April 29th, 2009 Community Meeting which was held in order to get community feedback on the draft Environmental Profile.



Above: Children playing an educational board game, one of the many resources available in our Environmental Information Centre, housed in the Society’s office on Great Harbour.

The Jost Van Dykes Preservation Society, a BVI non-profit organisation, is dedicated to the preservation of the island of Jost van Dyke—its land, the surrounding sea, its living creatures and its culture through conservation, cultivation, education and research. The Society endeavours to protect key elements of the islands culture and environment for the future generations of all peoples to see, feel, and to understand. In addition to this OTEP-funded project, the Society works to implement other environmental, historical and cultural projects. The Society’s largest and most well-recognised project is a maritime heritage programme that involves the building of Endeavour II, a ‘tradition-inspired’ island sloop (constructed primarily by local high school students.) Once launched, she will be used for sail training, marine sciences education and cultural demonstrations.

Junior Volunteer Programme started

El Programa de los Jovenes Voluntarios ha empezado

The Jost van Dyke Preservation Society has launched its Junior Volunteer Programme. This programme caters to students at the primary level who have an interest in science and/or environmental management.

Students who participate in this programme will engage in an approximately 12 week period of study and fun activities. The curriculum for the students will be based on the contents of the draft environmental pro-

file for Jost van Dyke. By the end of the programme, the students should be a lot more knowledgeable about the history, culture and natural environment of Jost van Dyke.

In addition to the above, students will be assisted in developing their computer skills, and will learn skills such as how to prepare a newsletter. There will also be an art and craft component to the programme.

It is hoped that this this programme will help students to play a more active and successful role in taking care of the natural environment and that students will be better equipped to develop environmental projects of their own.

The coal pot, the conch shell and the fishing net are all symbols of Jost van Dykes rich cultural heritage. Can you think of others?



Reading Programme started

El Programa de Lectura ha Empezado

In order to encourage use of the newly developed Environmental Information Centre, the Jost van Dyke Preservation Society will be offering a 45minute reading programme to students of the Jost van Dyke Primary School on Tuesdays from 12 noon until 12:45pm.

During this time, interested

students may visit the office of the Jost van Dyke Preservation Society to read (or have read to them) books which have an environmental theme. This programme will be held during the months of May and June 2009.

It is also hoped that in the future community elders will

volunteer their time to share some traditional Jost van Dyke stories with the children.

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