

QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER

THE WEST
WIND INN

- Established in 1968
- 500 feet of beach frontage
- 103 units
- On the quiet end of the island
- Guest rooms & kitchenettes
- Meeting space available
- Friendliness & cleanliness

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Sweepstakes Winner

Each quarter we select one entry from our sweepstakes contest on our web site. The lucky winner receives a free one-week stay (off season) at the West Wind Inn. During the last quarter, over 1,300 people entered the sweepstakes.

The winner was Lucy W of Austin, Texas.

Keep those entries coming and you could be a winner as well. Since we started this program in the winter of 2003, twelve people have received a free week at the Inn.



This could be your view (no mountains)

West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we want to welcome our new Sales & Marketing Director, Charlene Station. She joins us from a rather long stint (15 years) at the Edison Ford Estate in Fort Myers, Florida where she was their education associate handling everything from special historical tours, Elderhostel programs, school programs, living history programs, etc.

Charlene has worked and lived in many areas of the country. Born in Oklahoma City, she was educated in Colorado (BS in Business Management from the University of Denver) and before Edison-Ford, she spent several years as a tax accountant with such CPA firms as Peat, Marwick & Mitchell (Chicago), Kipper & Goldberg (Beverly Hills) and Putnam & Conn (Atlanta).

During her free time, she plays piano, plays the hand bells with her local church, loves cooking, and travels to Tuscany whenever the opportunity presents itself — even took a cooking class over there. We're happy to have her on the team!



Spend the holidays
with us and have
time on the beach,
not in the snow & ice

*“Come forth into
the light of
things; let nature
be your teacher”
Wm Wadsworth*



Christmas on the Island

If you don't want to shovel the car out of the driveway (probably twice after the plow comes by) and you would like to get away from scraping the windshield — your fingers turning red and numb — then come on down, as they say, to the sun, the surf and the sand of Sanibel Island. Bring your presents with

you or buy them when here. This retreat would be a present in itself.

The best part of this great idea is the deal you will get at the West Wind Inn. No more peak season rates at Christmas. We have a special Dec 21 — Jan 31 rate in place. Check out our web site for

these and other good deals throughout the year.

Just think, you might even avoid that gaudy tie from XXX or worse yet, the fruit cake from Aunt XXX, much like the one you got last year — now serving you well as a door stop in your garage.

Wildlife Refuge

It is perhaps one of those things we take for granted — only because we live here. But the US Fish & Wildlife's J.N. “Ding” Darling Wildlife Refuge is a real treat and it is located right here on Sanibel Island. Visitors can begin with the new

Visitors Center to learn all about the various species that inhabit the area. Follow that up with a drive through the refuge, stopping at scenic and educational spots where you can see alligators, egrets, rosette spoon-bills, hawks, ospreys and

so forth. This refuge is obviously attracting nature lovers, for it is the 8th most visited federal park/refuge in the United States, with over one million visitors per year. Come see for yourself and you'll be amazed.

But What's There To Do?

Some are of the misconception that all the island has to offer is sun, sand and surf (not that that's a bad thing) but once “fried” or after the sun goes down, there is still plenty to do on the island. For dining, there are several first rate restaurants — some with

music ranging from a solo piano to a duet to a jazz group right out of Chicago. We have a small 2 screen movie theater, and two legitimate theaters with performances from international stars, big bands, classical ensembles and so forth. Want a little

history or education? The Bailey Mathews Shell Museum and the Sanibel Historical Village are musts. For exercise, you can enjoy the 21 miles of bike paths on the island or visit the Sanibel Fitness Center. See, there's a lot more to do here than you thought.

More Bath Upgrades for Buttonwood



Bubble bath crystals are up to the guests

Our on-going project to renovate the bathrooms in the units continues. To date we have renovated the 16 baths in Azalea building, the

16 baths in Croton building and we have just completed the 40 baths in Buttonwood building. Still to go next year will be the 32 baths in Driftwood building. The renovation includes new ceramic or granite tub surrounds, some units con-

verted to walk-in showers, spread faucets, new vanities, quiet fans, lights over the shower, new single unit high-boy toilets, etc. While the bathrooms are still small, we have made them quite pleasant. Most renovated baths also have granite walls to chair rail height and granite vanity tops. You won't want to leave.

“ That which we elect to surround ourselves with becomes the museum of our soul and the archive of our experiences.”
Thos. Jefferson

Ever Ride On A Segway?

Some years ago, a bright chap from New Hampshire (Dean Kamen) saw a fellow in a wheel chair having trouble getting up a curb. He pondered the problem realizing it was not an ineffective wheel chair but a problem of balance. That spurred him

to design the 2 wheel PT (personal transporter) that could be used in a variety of applications. Today, you will see these being used recreationally, in airports by police (our own airport has them), and as tour vehicles around our island. Billy Kirkland

(who also operates our gift shop) operates the Segway franchise on Sanibel. Next time you are here, have Billy take you on an orientation tour. You will be amazed at how quick you can balance on one of these mobile wonders.

Featured Recipe of the Quarter

Each quarter we feature a recipe that we feel our readers might enjoy. Some come from guests (we send them 2 free West Wind Inn T-shirts if we use their recipe) and some come from our own staff. Try out the recipe shown to the right.

Q & E* Clam Chowder:

Ingredients:

1 can Snows NE clam chowder; 2 sm cans minced clams w/juice; 1 can (5 or 6 oz) evap milk; 1 can condensed cream of potato soup (no water); 1 tsp minced onions;

Dash of pepper.

Now let it simmer in a pot (don't boil)

*** Quick & Easy**





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The West Wind Inn has been serving its guests to the island since the doors opened in March of 1969. It is the perfect place to relax, decompress, unwind, chill out or to get reacquainted with your family. Our goal is to make each guest's stay a most pleasant experience.

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Friendliness and Cleanliness

We're on the web!

Let Us Handle Your Next Function

Thinking about a family get-together, a class reunion, a meeting of your antique car club, or a brain storming session of your business associates — away from the office? We can arrange the perfect business or leisure group venue right here. You get service and a “laid back” atmosphere without the intimidation of some of the mega places. True, we are not large enough to handle the annual AMA meeting but we can easily take care of groups of 50 or less. Our Sales & Marketing Director can work with you to ar-

range side venues, tours, set-ups, fishing trips, etc. Our Food & Beverage Manager will put together an F&B package to suit you.

By the same token, the West Wind Inn is the perfect get-



away for the honeymoon couple, the couple celebrating that special anniversary or the couple wanting that wedding on the beach at sun set.

As you can see, we are flexible and we cater to the small groups that some others are not interested in.

Give Charlene (our Sales & Marketing Director) a call on Ext 400 and she can assist you with your needs. Think out of the box and do something a little different for a change.