

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

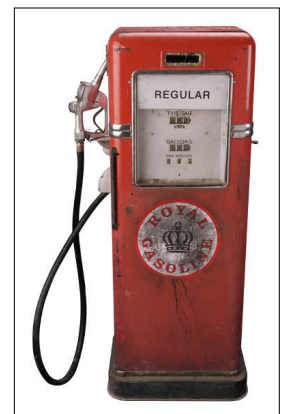
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Sweepstakes Winner

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 700 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Martin G. of Kent, England**. A word to the wise - the GM selects the winners by personally reviewing the submission list. Duplicate entries are **never** selected.

Keep those entries coming and you could be a winner as well. Since we started this program in the winter of 2003, nineteen people from the UK, Germany, Canada, Switzerland and all over the US have received a free week at the Inn. Is it your turn to win?



Everything on our island
is close. Park the car!

West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our Upper Deck Pool Bartender — **Janice Ulrich**. Janice began visiting the island in '83. With a rather stressful career in Paramedicine, she was looking for a more relaxed work atmosphere, therefore in 1995 she made the move to the island and began working for the Sundial Resort in the food & beverage area. After 5 years, she moved to the West Wind Inn and has called this home for over 8 years. Janice's enthusiasm with the property makes some think she is an owner. She just laughs and tells them she likes to think she is. Her pride in her work and in the Inn shows. Her son Joshua was recently married (to Jessica) on the beach in front of the West Wind Inn. There must be something in the air around the Inn for Janice also was recently engaged to a local man (Tom Gray). Perhaps we will have another wedding on the beach in the near future? Janice has a very positive, bubbly personality, which shows in her interaction with the guests. Her many hobbies include shelling, fishing, cooking, camping, movies, dinner parties with friends — and, oh yes, shopping at thrift stores looking for that bargain!



"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece"

John Ruskin

"Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect."

Samuel Johnson



Bargains For This Summer!

Each summer/fall we run some package specials that are kind to you — and to your wallet.

This year in particular, with gas prices going through the roof, and an economy that could use a real shot in the arm, take advantage of the special prices we have for your off-season stays at the

West Wind Inn. The summer packages run from May 1st through December 20th.

Take a look at our web site — click on your PC to (www.westwindinn.com). All the packages are listed there — even a modified Christmas holiday package and a post holiday package for when you are really primed to get away and

relax in the sun.

Whether it's a walk on the beach, a snooze in a cabana, a drink at the pool bar, a bike ride through the "Ding" Darling Refuge, a breakfast of apple cured bacon and eggs at our Normandie Café — or jus an afternoon nap in your room, the West Wind Inn is for you this summer/fall.

Sanibel Island Facts

Sanibel's first inhabitants were the Calusa Indians. When Juan Ponce de Leon came here beginning in 1513 (searching for the fountain of youth) he met his match with the Calusas. It was a Calusa arrow that caused his death in 1521.

The area of our island

is 11,600 acres or 17.5 sq. mi. We have 80.7 miles of roads and 22.6 miles of bike paths. The 24.5 miles of shoreline has 15.5 miles of beaches and 9 miles of mangroves.

Today there are 7,466 dwellings on the

island but conservation land and undeveloped property still account for over 65% of the island.

Yes, it is still a magnet for those seeking the warmth of the sun and the Gulf waters on their toes. Each year between 2.8 and 3.5 million people come across the causeway to Sanibel.

Why Such an Early Easter?

If you are like most of us, when a holiday is way out of synch, it throws you off your routine. Remember how you felt with the earlier than usual daylight savings time change? What hap-

pened to Easter? March 23rd was way too early. It's the earliest Easter you will ever see — the last one that early was in 1913; the next one that early will be 2228. Why? Easter is always

the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the spring equinox (March 20th) and is based on the old Hebrew calendar (used to identify Passover). Therefore it moves around on the Roman Calendar.

Pamela Dawn Galloway's "Sanibel Island"



"As I linger daydreaming, my mind takes me back. Warm sunny breezes whispering softly through the palms. Clear blue skies stretching for miles

touching the sea. Gentle waves rolling on white sandy beaches. Such beauty to be had.

Pink and lavender skies at break of dawn. Sun bursting out amongst early clouds... radiating beams of light. Calming days with pure joy nights, never wanting the day to end.

Birds scurrying here and there along the shore, catching their daily meal.

Their feathers blowing in the wind. Handsome beaks of bright orange, my favorite with yellow feet. Nature so amazing when one takes the time to see.

Shells of color dotting the beach. Pinks, yellows, purples and green. Different shapes...curly, spiral, delicate, bold and bright... each different. Excitement for the find, so many to behold. Hoping for the

biggest or the rarest. Never forgetting natures living. Keeping nature in its place.

My heart is yearning to return to that quiet, peaceful place, one of wonder and delight. Where gentle hearts of love entwine to engulf each day to life's fullest."

[Pamela Dawn Galloway is a guest of the West Wind Inn who resides in Massachusetts. This is printed with her kind permission]

How Old Are You, Really?

You can't hide your age if you remember the following:

- Choo Choo Bars
- Drive-Ins
- Candy Cigarettes
- Soft drink machines that dispensed glass bottles
- Coffee shops with tableside juke boxes
- Packards
- Blue flashbulbs
- Newsreels before the movie in the theater
- Telephone party lines
- Home milk delivery in glass bottles (foil stoppers)
- Telephone #'s with 2 letters and 4 numbers
- 78 RPM records
- Metal ice trays w/lever
- Studebakers
- Head light dimmers on the floor
- Pant leg clips for bicycles
- Washing machines with wringers on top
- Ignition switches on the dash
- Daisy Air Rifles

"Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous."
Confucius

Featured Recipe of the Quarter

It's that time of year to crank up the grill. Want a great steak marinade recipe? Try Lee Staton's:

Chimichurri

Here's what you will need:

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup malt vinegar
- 1/3 cup minced parsley
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 2 tsp dry oregano leaves
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper (white)

Mix all ingredients, cover & let stand (room temp) 8 hrs or overnight. Add meat and refrigerate 4 or more hours (turning 3 or 4 times). Works on beef, chicken or pork. Score the meat on thick slices of beef. Enjoy!





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The West Wind Inn has been serving its guests who have been coming 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



The Best Travel Destinations in the World!

While it's hard for us to believe anyone would want to go anywhere but Sanibel Island, we understand that at times they do. Some of the most popular destinations in the world, according to the Trip Advisor's *Traveler's Choice Destination Awards*, released this month are listed below. The top 100 destinations were divided into categories — Europe, the USA, Canada, Asia, Africa and Latin/South America:

- New Zealand took the top 2 honors with Fiordland's Milford Sound followed by Queenstown. Milford Sound is a stunning alpine valley with majestic beauty and awe-inspiring sheer cliffs.
- For Europe, the winners were Rhodes, Greece, followed by Salzburg, Austria and Amalfi, Italy. Rhodes is the largest of the Dodecanes islands in Greece and gets 3,000 hours of sun per year.
- In the USA, Lake Tahoe took top honors followed by Big Sur and San Francisco. California had 60% of the winners for USA.
- In the Asian category, Kyoto, Japan took top billing with Male, Maldives second. Kyoto is very quaint with walks along lanterned lanes, geishas appearing in doorways, and traditional restaurants.
- Canada's winner was Banff (by Lake Louise) followed by Victoria — a charming community in British Columbia.
- For South/Latin America, the top 3 spots went to Machu Picchu, Peru, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Cayo Largo, Cuba.
- Finally, for Africa, the stunning mountain views and gorgeous beaches moved Cape Town to the number one spot.

Now that you know all this, plan your next trip to Sanibel Island — a lot closer with less hassles.