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The Village Landlords Newsletter



Next Meeting is October 17th, 2:15pm
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October 2010

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News From the President

by: Bob Obenland



It's time to get your name in for this year's holiday house tours. We have several so far but most of the dates in December and January are open. Here's your chance to have the club members see your village and see

Fresquez, 4650 Twin Lakes Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, 954-491-1345 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm and on October 29th one of our new mem-



bers, Yvonne Hunter, 2560 NE 201St, Miami, 305-992-0277, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Come see how they celebrate the "other" holiday.



other's village and get ideas from your club members. Let Bonnie know the date you would like at the October meeting or contact me at 561-752-0450.

This month will be a demonstration on walls by Jerry Fernon. He will show several wall making techniques for your village.

We will also have a Special Raffle donated by Kathleen Tavernia.



Per our 2010 budget we have \$600 allocated for a donation to charity. The Board voted to give \$300 each to the Ronald McDonald House and SOS Children's Village in Coconut Creek. Since we are well within our 2010 budget, the Board also voted to propose to the membership, at the September meeting, that we give an additional \$200 each to the same two charities. The additional \$400 was presented at the September meeting and approved by the membership.

We hope to see you at the October meeting.



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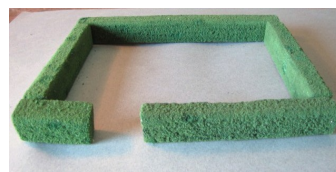
Two of our members have scheduled a Halloween house tour. On October 16th Donna & James

Our Next Meeting

by: Jerry Fernon



We will be having a "make and take" at our next meeting. First, there will be a demonstration on how to make walls out of stone and spackle. You will watch as the wall magically comes together. No need to take notes, directions are on Page 2! Then everyone will be shown how to make a scrub hedge that



you will take with you. It's just painting and coating with the ground cover or foliage by Woodland Scenics. These hedges look really nice around a church or home and can really set your village apart—no clippers needed!



Stonewalls Step by Step

by: Jerry Fernon

Have you ever wanted to have walls around a church or a building that looked like they were designed for that building? Well here's how.

Pick out a feature that has the stonework, usually the foundation. You can duplicate or come close to the

wash your hands often. Then place the stones where you want them pushing them into the spackle. This creates the grout between the stones.

Let this dry for about 2 hours and then do the other side. When that side has dried you then can do the top and ends.



If you want the ends to butt against an adjacent wall don't put stones on that end but color the end with a thin coat of spackle. And viola -- walls.

As an added touch, you may even add a gate. Miniature gates can be found at places like R. C. Hobbies or make your own!

color and shape with the many types of media available at Michael's or even aquarium stores. I found these particular stones at both Michael's and Tuesday Morning.

The grout is spackle (Home Depot) and can be colored with acrylic paint. Just add, as in this case, black until the desired color is achieved. Mix well. I make a batch that is large enough to do all the walls I will make. You can store any you don't use at one sitting provided it's covered well.

The forms I used are pieces of Styrofoam in the shape I want. I cut them with a hot wire then sanded them to the shape I wanted.

I then slathered on about an 1/8" thick coat of the spackle on one side. It gets a little messy but just



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Upcoming Events



- 10/17 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm
- 10/23 — Department 56 Event in Williamsburg, VA
- 11/09 — Village Landlords Board Meeting
- 11/21 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm

December and January Open House. Stay tuned for info

Please Note: All club meetings will continue to be at our existing space for the remainder of this calendar year.

Vendor Event Notice



The *Christmas Palace* will be having a Free Village Demonstration on Saturday, October 16th at their Ft. Lauderdale location (800 N.E. 13th Street, 954.763.1403). They are offering discounts if you bring in their postcard notification you may have received in the mail.



September Meeting Highlights

by: **Chris Barrett**

Bob announced that we would continue to meet the 3rd Sunday of the month at the old meeting room through November. Open houses take the place of December meeting. Meeting dates and location for January through April 2011 will be published in a future newsletter.

Bob announced that D-56 has two new villages – a smaller version of the Disney Village and the Williamsburg Village. The Disney Village will be smaller than North Pole and bigger than Elfland. There will be five buildings and accessories that will sell for \$63 to \$65. Some of the stores where they will be sold are: Terri's Hallmark, Robert's in Clearwater, John Smith Co. in Bradenton, Christmas, Etc. in West Palm Beach, Skip's in Holliday, FL, War-rick's, Christmas Cottage in Melbourne and at Disney stores. Guenther said the Disney Village are the same as what Sear's was selling last year, so they may be at Sear's again this year.

Bob told about the event D-56 is holding in Williamsburg on October 23rd to announce the new Williamsburg Village. About 12 VL members will be attending.

Bob said the Region 4 rep is changed every two years. There is an upcoming election, and he asked for members to think about running. The job entails contacting other clubs in Region 4 by e-mail to keep them updated on the NCC.

Jerry Fernon asked for volunteers for the Ronald McDonald House. Norman Barrett, Gene Armeno, Jerry Fernon and Joe McPhillips will work on it.



Jerry has been working on updating the club photo board and album. He asked if anyone had pictures of "Mustang Mary" who performed at the first Southern Regional Gathering held at the Hilton Hotel in Deerfield Beach to submit a copy.

Jerry and Bob did a wonderful job on their Waterfalls project. Check the website for lots of pictures. A really fun project with lots of participation!

Door Prizes:

Christmas Trash Cans – **Kathy Tavernia**
 Four Car Ornaments – **Charlotte Wolfe**
 Brite Lights Candy Canes – **Joe McPhillips**
 Set of 5 Trees – **Rosemary Abrams**
 Two Jack O Lantern Candles –
Nancy Fernon
 Village Phone Booth – **Gisela Suarez**
 Globe Street Lights – **Chris Barrett**
 Ice Crystal Walls – **Joe McPhillips**
 Twinkling Lit Shrubs – **Bill Shields**
 Large Tree – **Chris Barrett**
 Village D-Lite Magazine – **Jackie Cramer**
 Waterfall (from Make N Take) –
Norman Barrett and Peggy Layton
 D-56 Water Bottle –
Linda Failla and Genevieve Alt

Halloween Haunted Outhouse – **Yvonne Hunter**
 Autumn Maple and Birch Trees – **Gisela Gaspar**



SV Finklelea's Finery and Costume House –
Charlotte Wolfe
 Fiber Optic Haunted House –
George Fells
 Mystery House –
Ivy Palmer

Raffle:

NP Moving Day – **Peggy Layton**
 SV What a Great Find – **Barbie Long**

Special Raffle:

A Halloween vignette using the Haunted Barn, donated by Norm Barrett, was won by Michael Abrams. The display was ghoulishly crafted by the queen of scream, Ms. Bonnie Eichholtz



The Treasury Report

by: Peggy Mead

	September, 2010
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,196.27
Income	
Membership	\$ 90.00
Special Raffle	\$ 154.00
Donations	\$ 75.00
Raffle	\$ 154.00
total income	\$ 473.00
Expenses	
Copies	\$ -
Donations	\$ 1,000.00
meeting	\$ 34.23
PO Box	\$ 60.00
raffle prizes	\$ 300.00
Shirts	\$ (20.00)
total expenses	\$ 1,374.23
Ending Balance	\$ 3,295.04
raffle bank	\$ 50.00
	\$ 3,345.04



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Hospitality Helpers

by: Peggy Layton

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments for the October meeting.

Joe McPhillips
Bill Shields
Debbie King
Donna Fresquez
Carlos & Gisela Suarez
Barbie Long
Roseann Abrams
Tom Shetler

Thanks to all the Board Members who brought "goodies" to our September meeting.

October is our birthday month, so in addition to the fabulous items we are getting from the listed members, we will also be celebrating with a birthday cake! Happy 19th Birthday Village Landlords!



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Membership Insider

by: Gisela Gaspar

95 Members thanks to new sign ups last month!

A PRESS RELEASE has been sent out to all the local publications announcing our club and its upcoming meetings. We hope to be published in the newspapers serviced by our areas and believe that this notice will increase our already strong membership.

We also count on you to get the word out. Let your family, friends and neighbors know about our meetings and invite them to come on Sunday. It is free to visit and we

look forward to sharing our joy of collecting with others.

Moving or Email Changes? Be sure to send any updated information to **Peggy Mead** at peggoo@aol.com or you can mail the updated information to our club PO Box.

Below is a 2010 NORTH POLE SERIES INTRODUCTIONS word hunt. Look for the words in the yellow box to the right. Good luck finding them all!

THE REINDEER STABLES
COMET
INSTANT SNOWMAN KIT FACTORY
BETTER WATCH OUT COAL MINE
ICE BREAKERS LOUNGE
BASKETS & BOWS
ZENBOLTS HANDYMAN SHOP
BEST DRESSED SNOWMAN
NAUGHTY STOCKING STUFFERS
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
BASKET WEAVING 101
FIXING FROZEN PIPES
CUPID





Every Collector has a Story

by: Larry Treadwell

Living in South Florida I really never get to see the fall colors, so every year I like to take a trip to my favorite small

town to reconnect with the seasons. I'm on my way to Hauntsville, U.S.A. Care to come along?

It is October, the leaves are turning, a chilly nip is in the air, crops are being harvested and in Hauntsville some things never seem to change.

We drive up Highway 66 along Coldwater Creek. But wait----where is our signage?



there seems to be two guys replacing the old sign with a new one.

Upon arriving in town, it is always best to check the town bulletin board to see what is going on. "An old fashioned hay ride."

Sounds like fun.



Hauntsville has some unique architecture. The old mortuary features a sort of Gothic style which has always made it a bit on the creepy side.

Let's head up Main Street and into town. Heloise is known far and wide for her creative pumpkin carvings. She gets at least one wagon load each day. Her stand is always in a choice location, right at the town entrance.



Mr. Higgins, the pumpkin grower says business is quite brisk this year and he

has had to take on a new guy to help out. He says the guy works hard and doesn't even need a lunch break.

The old church has stood in the town center for nearly 100 years.

My favorite stop on the plaza is the old book store. The shop is quite well known for its collection of

original American manuscripts and first editions. It also has a fine display of old fashioned pop-up books. It is always fun to spend a few hours sitting on the floor upstairs in the classic section reading the old volumes.



People say we should stay out of the old section of town this year---Visit if you like, but beware. . . [ed: The adventure continues at <http://thecaveonline.com/>]



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