



# The Village Press

The Village Landlords Newsletter

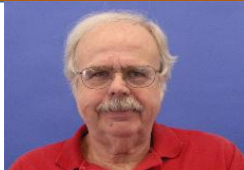


Next Meeting is Sunday, September 25th, 2:15pm  
Champions Hall, 6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

September  
2011

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## News From the President

by: Bob Obenland

Welcome

back! It's hard to believe it's time to get back together and start thinking of putting up your village. We even have our first Open House! Bill & Debbie King have scheduled an Open House for their Halloween display. See their scheduled date below.

This month Jerry has come up with a Make-n-Take that will let you show your ingenuity. He has again put together a set of parts to build a **HALLOWEEN** display that you can finish for the October meeting. There will

be a prize for the best display.

We were given some bad news after our April meeting. Richard Tuck a friend of D56, the NCC and our club died last April. Richard was a serious D56 and other



items collector in San Francisco who lost his battle with cancer. Richard had all the vil-

lage items and opened his house to thousands of people each year. Several of our club members, including Gloria and I and the Fernon's have been through his home. Gatherings all over the country have seen Richard as a interesting and fun speaker. He spoke at both our 2003 and 2005 SRG's and one of our meetings. He also spoke at the NCC Convention in 2008. He will be missed. See the article later in the newsletter. We hope you will be able to make the September meeting, and to have fun with Jerry's Make-n-Take.

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## Kings Halloween Open House

by: Debbie and Bill King

Hi Everyone. We plan on having a Halloween Open

House again this year and would like to invite all of you to help us celebrate. It will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 7pm until the witches come home. Our address is

**6581 NW 33 Way  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
954-971-2769**

**From the WEST:** Go east on McNab Road, turn left (north) on to NW 31st Ave (traffic light). Go one block, turn left on to NW 65th Drive (traffic light). Make immediate right on to NW 31st Way, make immediate left on to NW 66th Street. Go to end of 66th Street to stop sign. Turn left at stop sign on to NW 33rd Way. 2nd house on the right

**From the EAST:** Cypress Creek Road (aka: McNab) west, turn right (north) on to NW 31st Ave (traffic light). Go one block, turn left on to NW 65th Drive (traffic light). Make immediate right onto NW 31st Way, make immediate left on to NW 66th Street. Go to end of 66th Street to stop sign. Turn left at stop sign on to NW 33rd Way. 2nd house on the right, \_grave parking spot in front.)





# Our Next Meeting

by: Jerry Fernon

Hi everyone. It's been a long time since our last meeting . Nancy and I had a great summer and I hope you all did too. The plan was that "pretty petals" would come to the September meeting so that we could all



find some more treasures to add to our villages. Unfortunately the owner is having surgery and cannot be here. So your stuck with me again. I think what I have come up with, you all will enjoy. I will supply you all with what I call "seeds" to awaken the creative cells that I know all of you have. The theme is "Halloween". I have a basic plan that I want you all to embellish and put your signature to.

You will be supplied with 2 pieces of Styrofoam, a paper cutout of a coffin, a pair of skeletons, a piece of fence, some simulated water, some apples and a washtub. With those seeds I want you to construct a vignette that will be judged at the October meeting. Gene Armeno will show you the prize that will be awarded for the best vignette. Debbie King , Bonnie Eicholtz and I have made some examples of what you could do. You may

add or subtract anything you desire to the supplies you are given. What I want is to see some creativity as well as participation. I have supplies for 50 entries. Couples do not have to submit 2 but may do so. My plan is that we will construct the coffin at the September meeting and do some "Q & A". I will also discuss some of the techniques I used in my vignette and I think the ladies may do so too. If you have scissors ,a ruler and a packing knife to bring to the meeting, it would be appreciated. We have some but not enough. A word or two about the supplies: the skeletons are hot glued together and will not stand up to being played with at the meeting. The bag of simulated water with "apples" should not be opened at the meeting. Those little buggers want to escape and will be all over the room. I look forward to your positive response to this **contest** and I think it that you all will enjoy doing it.



Also on Sunday, we will be holding not one, but two special raffles. One will be Halloween pieces, donated by Bonnie, and the other is the special vignette created by Mark Reynolds. It was created using the D56 "Fall Apple Orchard" house and is quite charming. Thanks, Mark!

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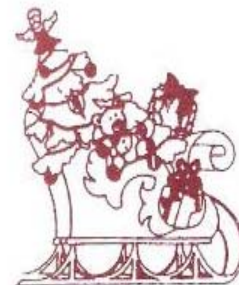
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## April Meeting Highlights

by: **Bonnie Eichholtz**

Jerry Fernon presented the make n' take to the membership. He had all items ready for each member to make their street sign according to the names they previously selected.



Bonnie Eichholtz has been nominated collector of the Year. The information was sent to D56 by the March 31, 2011 deadline date.

Debbie King suggested that the club might want to meet socially over the summer months. Perhaps in July, which would be about in the middle from when we end our meetings until we meet again in September. Membership responded favorably. Bonnie said she would contact Mike, from the city, about location availability.



### Door Prizes

SV Pisa Pizza-**Gisela Suarez**  
Set of Trees-**Joe McPhillips**  
Bright Lights Deer-**Marlene Bretl**  
ED NCC Snowman-**Norm Barrett**  
Set of 2 Lighted Angels-**Gail Reynolds**  
Two Walls and Iron Fences-**Roseanne Abrams**  
Uncle Sam 2003 Event Piece-**Peggy Layton**  
Hard Rock Café Ornament-**Bonnie Eichholtz**  
Snowflake NCC Snow girl-**Marlene Bretl**  
Set of Trees-**Carlos Suarez**  
Village Accessories-**Josephine Armeno**  
Three Cords-**Peggy Layton**  
Grandma's Bakery-**Roseanne Abrams**

### Raffle Prizes

DV Wingham Lane Parrot Sellers-**Gene Armeno**  
Snowbabies Festive Attire-**Rosemary DeJesus**  
Coco-Cola Delivery Truck & Billboard-**Bill Shields**  
Wolves in the Woods-**Debbie King**  
Mystery House  
-Bennington Manor-**Bonnie Eichholtz**  
Special Raffle-  
Miller & Sons Hard-  
ware-Garden Center-  
**Marlene Bretl**



**Fun Fact:** Where can we go to find a 4th of July Parade? Answer: Seasons Bay, which was created in 1998, as a response from collectors who wanted a "snowless village" to display outside of the winter season. However, there were still some accessories that did have snow on their base after all!



## Membership Insider

by: **Gisela Gaspar**

Hope everyone is doing well and had a great summer. Are you getting ready for your open houses? Stay tuned to this space, as I will soon be dishing out all the latest info from our retailers and sponsors as many of them are preparing special events and their own open houses in the months to come.

As a fun thing, I had created a number of D56 themed Word Searches in the last few newsletters. Please let me know if you enjoyed them, as they are fun for me to create, and I hope they are fun for you to do.

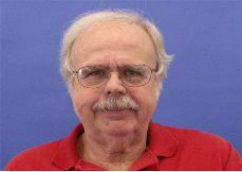
We have 88 paid members. Thanks to all who renewed their 2011 membership.

Are there other things you would like to see published here? Please think about it and look for me at the meeting. I always look forward to your ideas and suggestions.



We have 88 members currently in the club, thanks to a few who sent in their dues during the summer break. We also have a returning couple who rejoined this year, **Larry Davis and Harriet Abo**. They were not with us last year, but have been long standing members from the past— Welcome Back you two!





## Every Collector Has a Story, Richard Tuck Edition

Submitted by: Bob Obenland

It is with great sorrow and joy that I let you know that Richard Tuck, driving force and creator of Playland-Not-at-the-Beach, passed away April 12, at home with his partners Tim (Sauer) and Frank (Biafore) by his side. For those of you who knew Richard, you know how many lives he touched and how incredibly positive and generous he was. It is for that reason I can't help but also look for what joy we can find at this time. I am happy he passed away at home, as he wished, and that Tim and I were able to help him at such a special time.

I am thankful for the good wishes from all of our business associates, clients, candidates and friends. I thank especially those of you from our D56 days, ACE and other amusement park friends, square dancers, people who visited our home "It Must Be Magic" (the precursor to Playland), our CFA and circus friends (especially our dear friends at Circus Chimera) and last but not least our Playland-Not-at-the-Beach family, which truly is a family.

We were fortunate enough to know this was coming too soon down the road, though we also were surprised at how quickly he passed once he realized he could let go, that he needed to think of himself rather than the rest of us. It was his wish that there be no immediate memorial service. The last thing he wanted was to have people gathered in his name, downcast and speaking words like "sympathy," "sorry" and the like while referring to him.

It was his wish that everyone be able to process the news at their own pace, and then when the time was right to have a joyous occasion to celebrate his life —

so that is what will take place.

We have had many visitors become volunteers and volunteers become friends. Many people we see only once or twice; others we see very frequently. We have seen some people move from the area or leave us unexpectedly. We have had guests and volunteers whom we have seen grow and mature before our eyes.



When we were creating Playland, we anticipated many people would be touched by the memory of Playland and the artifacts we collected. We never anticipated that Playland-Not-at-the-Beach would evolve into such a unique entity or that we would be so touched by the

lives of our many Playland relations. We have had the privilege of getting to know well many of our volunteers and guests, and we look forward to seeing you all again.

As for the future of Playland. it is our intention to keep Playland open and operating. Our Advisory Board is meeting next month to talk about Richard's vision of what Playland is and what it should become. As you can imagine, we have had an incredible outpouring of love and support. I can tell you I have a renewed passion for not only keeping Playland open, but having it continue to be a tribute to the passion for celebrating all things fun.

*Editor's note: This article about the future of Playland-Not-at-the-Beach and its late founder, Richard Tuck, was issued by Frank Biafore III, Tuck's partner and the "Fabulous Fun Facilitator" at Playland.*

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## Upcoming Events



- 09/25 — Village Landlords General Meeting (NEW Location)
- 09/29 — "Happy Trails to Arizona" Litchfield Park, AZ.  
Website: [www.HappyTrailsAZ.com](http://www.HappyTrailsAZ.com)
- 10/11 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 10/23 — Village Landlords General Meeting (NEW Location)
- 11/08 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 11/20 — Village Landlords General Meeting (OLD Location)

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## The Treasury Report

by: Peggy Mead

### Treasurers Report for April—August

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,954.50
<u>Deposits</u>	
Membership	\$ 120.00
Raffle Tickets	\$ 100.00
Special Raffle	\$ 104.00
<u>Total Deposits</u>	<u>\$324.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Meeting	\$ 23.00
Picnic	\$ 188.89
Refreshments	\$ 12.05
PO Box	\$ 62.00
Raffle Prizes	\$ 280.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 565.94</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,712.56
Raffle Bank	\$ 50.00
	\$ 3762.56



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## Hospitality Helpers

by: Peggy Layton and Nancy Fernon

Hello Landlords,

I hope you had a nice summer and did not put on too many pounds, because we are all getting back together on Sunday, and are looking forward to good friends and good food. Your Board of Directors will be bringing in the snacks for this meeting, and **Joe McPhillips** will be brining the drinks and ice—Thanks Joe!

**Nancy Fernon** will be making a special treat and she wanted to share her recipe. Nancy wrote:

Hi Everyone, I thought I would share a recipe I make every fall for my family and they love it. I am bringing it to the Sept. meeting for everyone to taste. it!



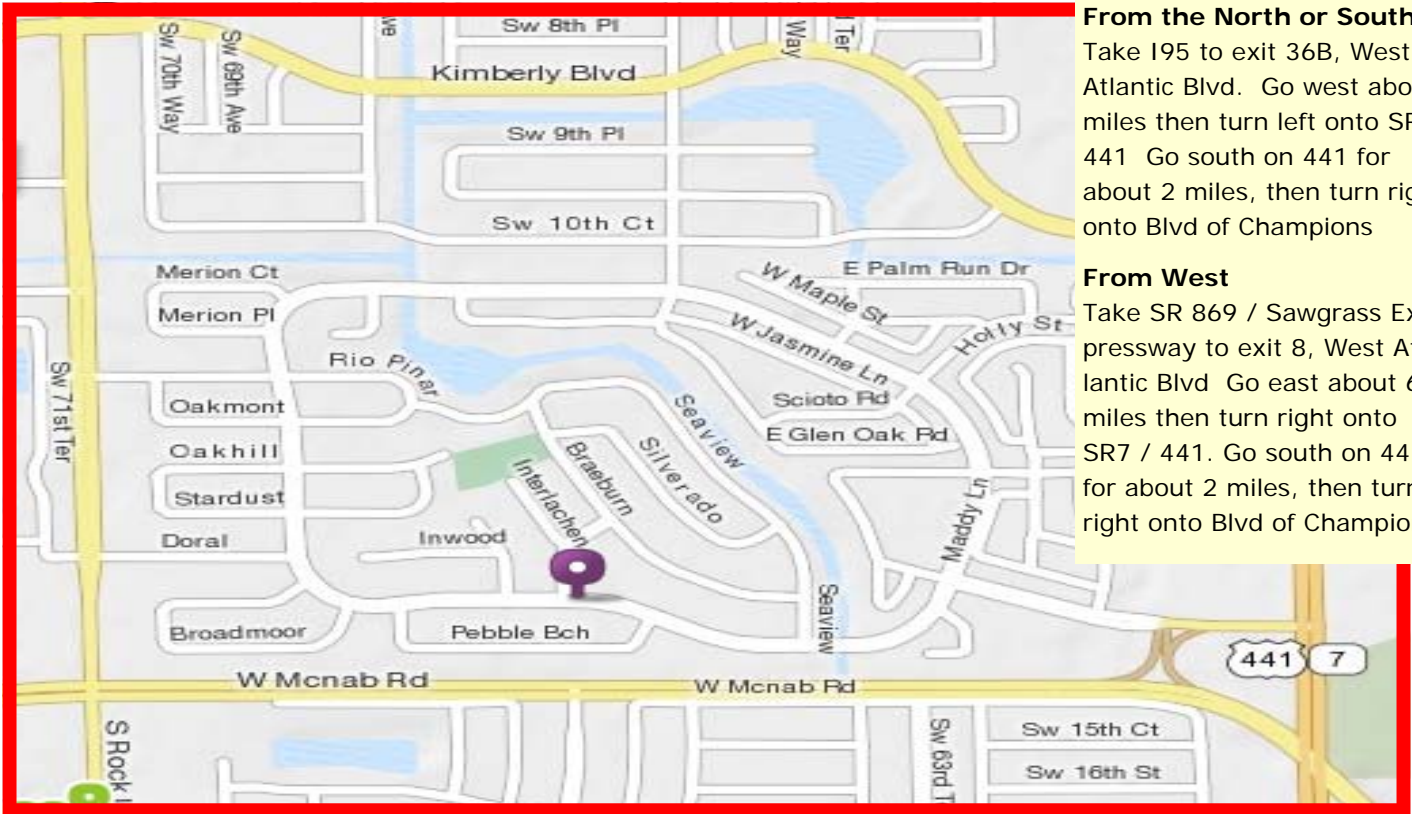
## Pumpkin Bread

- 1 cup oil
- 1 15oz can pumpkin (not pie filling)
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

Place ingredients in a bowl in order listed. Mix until blended. Grease 3 disposable 8 x 4 loaf pans. Bake on 325 about 1 hour , eat and enjoy!

[Map to the NEW site for the Village Landlords Meeting Location](#)

**New Meeting Location: Champion's Hall  
6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068**



**From the North or South**  
Take I95 to exit 36B, West Atlantic Blvd. Go west about 4 miles then turn left onto SR7 / 441 Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

**From West**  
Take SR 869 / Sawgrass Expressway to exit 8, West Atlantic Blvd Go east about 6 miles then turn right onto SR7 / 441. Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

**VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

Membership year is from January 1st—December 31. All information is confidential and used for club purposes only. Please fill out application and return along with the membership fee of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Make checks payable to **The Village Landlords, P. O. Box 670093 Coral Springs, FL 33067**

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What year did you start collecting? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in hosting a Christmas House Tour in December or January?

Yes  No  Possibly  Need more information

What activities would you be interested in seeing at the meetings?

Display Techniques  Guest Speakers  Social Events  Workshops

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you collect?**

- Dickens' Village
- Christmas in the City
- New England Village
- Snow Village
- North Pole
- Alpine Village
- Snowbabies
- Snowbunnies
- Winter Silhouette
- Little Town of Bethlehem
- Seasons Bay

Other \_\_\_\_\_