We were off to a great start: The Village looked better than ever; we were seeing more visitors; great events were in the works; Twilight Talks were hot tickets; the shop was thriving; volunteer training sessions were full to capacity; and docents were sharing every fascinating nugget of Sanibel’s history. We even had a super-successful fundraising Gala.

That was before. Then came the realization that the coronavirus was no longer confined to countries halfway around the world; the threat was at our doorstep. On March 17, 2020, we shut our doors and canceled all events, programs, and tours.

Although Sanibel and Captiva have their share of cases, fortunately it’s a relatively small share. Our sanctuary islands have been something of a haven. We’re ready to move forward.

Prior to opening our doors for the season on October 20, we put in place a long list of measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. While we’re planning some great events, others are on the sidelines...for now.

We’re incredibly grateful to our loyal, enthusiastic supporters and volunteers—both before and after. Thank you.
DEAR FRIENDS,

As a long-time member and docent and, most recently president of the board, I’ve been immersed in every aspect of our wonderful Historical Village for many years. It’s been quite an adventure!

The experience has taught me more than I could ever recount about Sanibel’s fascinating history. My involvement has also allowed me the opportunity to meet the dedicated volunteers, supporters, and staff members who make this organization unique. Working with the board to plan the Village’s future has been a great honor. Leading many hundreds of tours has given me an appreciation for our visitors, as I see our treasures through fresh eyes.

While my term on the board is ending, I’m not going anywhere. I’ll continue to attend events and lead tours when we return to normal operation, and I’ll always take a keen interest in all that’s happening at the Village.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Bill Bachman, President

BY THE NUMBERS

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*August 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

5,078 ADULTS
394 CHILDREN
241 MEMBERS
55 NARM†
71 LIBRARY PASS
377 GROUP TOURS
6,216 TOTAL

A 20% increase over the same time period last year!

† We participate in the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) association of more than 1,000 cultural institutions. Join the Historical Village at the $150 level or above to take advantage of free admission and/or discounts at other member organizations.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020
DEAR MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS,

The Sanibel Historical Village was having a very good season last year—a record number of visitors, a successful Twilight Talk season, and a wonderful Gala event—until March 17, when we had to close our doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Like so many others, we suffered serious revenue losses as the spring and summer progressed.

Things still look very different as we head into the 2020-2021 season. Twilight Talks are being planned but have not yet been finalized, and we have canceled plans to hold our annual Gala. We are taking all necessary steps to make our village as safe as possible during this trying time. These measures are detailed to the left. These steps have also resulted in substantial expenses for the museum.

We have some exciting plans for this upcoming year, including building a pavilion with an exhibit about The Sanibel Plan. The pavilion will also serve as a starting point for tours and an educational place for visitors to rest.

We are still planning to have our Volunteer Updates. These are casual, relaxed talks by a wide variety of island icons originally held for the benefit of our volunteers and expanded now to include members at the $150 level and above.

In addition, your $150-and-above membership entitles you to NARM reciprocal museum privileges, allowing you free admission to museum and historical venues throughout the U.S., Canada, and beyond.

At this time, we ask you to support the Village through both your membership and a pledge to mitigate the effects of our canceled Gala.

We know many are suffering during the time. We hope you will be able to help the Historical Village in this unusual year, when the need is so great. We thank you for your past support and hope to hear from you this coming season.

With our thanks,

Emilie Alfino, Executive Director

Caution is Key as Village Reopens

Even before the museum closed on March 17 in response to COVID-19, board and staff members sought to find ways to keep everyone healthy and to reassure visitors, volunteers, and staff. After extensive research and study, we’ve initiated substantive changes and guidelines to take us forward. Here’s an overview:

Docents are stationed outside, rather than in the buildings. They offer information, direct traffic flow around the Village, and remind visitors about masks and social distancing. Signs ask people to let others leave the buildings before they enter.

Plexiglass shields, touchless credit-card processing, sanitizing even more than usual, and other measures are in place. We’ve added such details as offering gloves to anyone who wants to thumb through the old newspapers in Bailey’s and antibacterial wipes to use on chairs in the video room.

After watching the video from widely separated seats, guests will exit through that room’s back door.

The Gift Shop’s hours have been reduced, and a screen blocks off the door when the shop is closed. Other doors in the village are propped open to allow air circulation, and HEPA filters improve air quality. Each building contains a hand-sanitizer station.

Capacity is limited to 50 percent. While we aren’t offering daily tours, guests can arrange for private tours for from 6 to 10 people. The audio recordings in each building remain a valuable source of information, and visitors will use a pencil to activate them, rather than touching the buttons.

Everyone is required to wear a mask. Volunteers and staff are asked to take their temperature before coming in. Water bottle filling stations have been added to drinking fountains. Hands-free fixtures and automatic towel and soap dispensers and lighting are now in all bathrooms.

We’re confident that we’re doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. Rest assured that we’ll make adjustments wherever and whenever advisable.
It’s remarkable how much we accomplished in a season that came to a full stop in mid-March, just when we would have been most active. For example:

Through Volunteer Updates, we were treated to first-hand accounts by longtime Sanibel residents who have played an important part in the history of our island and the Historical Village.

“It Takes a Village,” the annual Gala held at The Community House on February 18, raised $135,000—the best result ever!

For the first time, donors at the $150 level or above were invited to attend all Volunteer Updates. And these same donors can participate in the North American Reciprocal Museum program, which provides free admission and other perks at a wide variety of great destinations.

Not only did we remain open during April-to-January construction of a new building by our next-door neighbor, BIG ARTS, the Village’s attendance numbers for the 2019–2020 season (before we shut our doors due to the pandemic) were significantly higher than for the same period the previous year.

On December 1, 2019, our volunteer-run Gift Shop successfully participated in the global Museum Store Sunday event.

Vintage toys were the focus of a delightful Village-wide holiday exhibit, and volunteers added festive decorations.

During a day of plein-air painting last December, Sanibel Captiva Art League members once again immortalized our buildings and landscapes in their artwork. For the first time, some of their paintings were used in Village advertisements throughout the island and also were offered for sale in our Gift Shop.

Twilight Talk speakers gave us a proud in-depth look at CHR as our local Community Housing & Resources organization celebrated its 40th anniversary.

We thoroughly enjoyed a volunteer gathering in Jan and Ty Symroski’s fabulous tropical garden.

Our executive director, Emilie Alfino, kept the Village in the public eye through numerous newspaper articles about our buildings and Sanibel history. Continuing a series, she wrote profiles of volunteers including Mary Jean Green, John Barbieri, Mickey and Phil Mergener, Heidi Hazzard, and Alan and Edina Lessack. Emilie also introduced readers to new board members Ginny Darby, Annette Hendrick, and Tracey Tenney.

Unfortunately, the pandemic led to cancellation of many exciting and entertaining programs and events: a quilt show, some Twilight Talks and Volunteer Updates, and the volunteer luncheon. We appreciate everyone who supports the Village and urge you to look forward with us to better times ahead. Check out our calendar on the next page to learn more.
Museum Store Sunday, a worldwide celebration, was a success for the Village. Volunteer Karen Roberts was on hand for the event last December.

**TWILIGHT TALKS**

**FEBRUARY 2** (February 3 rain date)
“Fishy Stories”
4:30 p.m. Village Grounds

**FEBRUARY 17** (February 18 rain date)
“Fishy Stories”
4:30 p.m. Village Grounds

**MARCH 10**
Lighthouse Video
Community House TBD

**APRIL 7**
Lighthouse Video
Community House TBD

Ralph R. Ferguson atop the Sanibel Lighthouse when it was a U.S. Coast Guard facility. This picture, taken around 1943, is one of a large collection of photos the Ferguson family donated and which we’re organizing.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**
Museum Store Sunday
(Gift Shop ONLY)

**DECEMBER 4-11**
Luminary Week
Toy Show through holidays,
10% off books

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
Annual Meeting
10 a.m. at Shore Haven.

Please note: There is no Gala planned for spring of 2021.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

**Updates**
Noon at Shore Haven (except 3/1)

**DECEMBER 7**
“The Matthews”
with Dorothy Donaldson

**JANUARY 11**
“Shelling and Its Sanibel History”
with Betty Anholt and Charles LeBuff

**FEBRUARY 1**
Black History Month
Topic TBD

**MARCH 1**
Trip to White Heron House
Hosts Mary Woodard and daughter

**TRAININGS**

1 p.m. at Shore Haven

**JANUARY 18**
**JANUARY 25**

Gayle Pence and Blair Wyatt

Volunteers hard at work

Volunteers felt the warmth, in spite of the cool temps, during a volunteer gathering in Jan and Ty Symroski’s multiple garden “rooms.”
OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Catherine Anderson
Bill Bachman
Gail Bachman
Bill Badgley
John Barbieri
Sheila Barboza
Laura Beckenbaugh
Dennis Berry
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Raf Frankel
Barbara Freeman
Gail Garlinghouse
Kenneth Gerson
Carol Gertsen
Deb Gleason
Ken Gnazzo
Clivie Goodwin
Ron Gould
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Susan Greenberg
Steve Greenstein
Buzz Griffin

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Pete Halliday
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Heidi Hazzard
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Terry Jacob
Jewel Jensen
Shirley Jewell
Terry Jewett
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Carol Kaplan
Cathy Kebbekus
Gary Kebbekus
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Monte-Sano
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Left: Board members
Sherry Halleran (left) and
Ginny Darby
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* Lists cover the period from August 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. If your name should be on these lists but has been omitted, or if the information is incorrect, we apologize. Please let us know at info@sanibelmuseum.org or 239-472-4648.
HISTORICAL VILLAGE
ANNUAL REPORT
A GLANCE AT THE PAST
YEAR AND A GLIMPSE
INTO THE FUTURE

Welcome, Susan Ruberry, Our New Finance Assistant

Our new Finance Assistant, Susan Ruberry, hails from Washington, D.C. She and her husband purchased a home on Sanibel in 2017 and have been full-time residents since February of 2019. They have two children and three dogs.

After working as a managing director for a human-resources consulting firm since 2014, and as a self-employed finance and accounting consultant before that, Susan was ready for a change when she moved to Sanibel. “I wanted to do something that would be useful and rewarding and also get me involved in the community,” she said.

Among her responsibilities at the Historical Village are paying bills, processing payroll, overseeing the donor database, and filing regularly scheduled reports, including quarterly City of Sanibel reports and IRS filings.

“Susan’s skills are an excellent match with our needs,” said Executive Director Emilie Alfino. “We’re so pleased she was willing to join our small team, and I look forward to a long and happy collaboration.”