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Quarterly Newsletter

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The President's Greetings

Dear Members and Friends,

I trust this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we enter the final quarter of the year, I am pleased to reflect on the remarkable events and activities that our association has successfully organized and executed in the past months.

Annual Vincy Unity Picnic at Crysler Park: We kicked off the summer with the annual Vincy Unity Picnic held at Crysler Park in Morrisburg, Ontario. There, we gathered with family and friends from Montreal, Ottawa, and parts of the United States for a day of community togetherness. The day was filled with laughter, camaraderie, delicious food, and a strong sense of unity among our fellow Vincentians.

Annual Toronto Harbour Boat Cruise: Our second major event for the summer, held in conjunction with the Toronto SVG Support Group, was the annual Harbour Boat Cruise. The picturesque Toronto skyline served as a backdrop for an unforgettable evening of music, dancing, and a celebration of our rich culture.

Annual Walkathon for Education: In our continued commitment to education, we organized the annual walkathon with the Toronto SVG Support Group. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting the education of deserving students, ensuring that they have the tools they need to succeed.

Upcoming Events:

Let's look ahead to the upcoming events to commemorate the 44th Independence anniversary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. These events will be held under the auspices of the Consulate General of Toronto and promise to be memorable occasions:

Thanksgiving Church Service: We will begin our celebrations with a heartfelt Thanksgiving Church Service, giving thanks for our nation's growth and prosperity. The service will take place at Rosewood

Church of the Nazarene in Toronto on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 4pm.

Flag Raising Ceremonies: The flag-raising ceremonies in Toronto and Brampton will showcase our national pride and unity, reminding us of our journey towards independence.

Inaugural Lighting of Niagara Falls: A spectacular moment awaits us as we witness the inaugural lighting of Niagara Falls in the colors of our beloved flag.

Gala: The highlight of our celebrations will be the grand Gala, a night of elegance where we will honour members of our community and our scholarship winners. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard Robertson, well-known Vincentian geologist. This event will bring us all together to celebrate our heritage.

Panel Discussion: A thoughtful and insightful panel discussion featuring 5 innovative entrepreneurs from our community will provide a platform for meaningful dialogue and reflection on their quest to fulfill their dreams.

Final Project for the Year:

As we approach the holiday season, our association's final project for the year will be the distribution of Christmas food hampers to deserving families in our community. It is our way of giving back and spreading warmth and cheer during this festive time.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to all our dedicated members and volunteers who continue to make these events possible. Your unwavering support and enthusiasm are the driving force behind our success.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events as we celebrate our nation's independence and continue to make a positive impact in our community.

Warm regards,

Cordel Telfer
President

St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

Corporation News

NON-BUSINESS MEMBERS MEETINGS FORMAT A BIG HIT

The experiment to reduce business meetings of the Corporation from monthly and alternating them with community discussions is considered a success as the topics discussed during those sessions have been welcomed by the attendees.

In January 2023 the outgoing board of directors in its annual report indicated that effective from the February meeting, the monthly gathering will alternate between business meetings and community discussions. Since then, topics discussed were Fraud Prevention and Cyber Security in February; Money Management in April; Retirement Living in June; and The Reality of Living With Blended Families in August.

Historically, the October meeting date is used for Independence Anniversary related presentations so this month, there will be a panel discussion held on the topic of entrepreneurship.

November's meeting will be members' business meeting and there will be no meeting in December. The annual general meeting will be held in January and the community discussions will resume in February.

Persons who have topics that they would like to be included in those community discussions are encouraged to contact the secretary or the public relations officer.

Meetings and other presentations are being held virtually on Zoom unless otherwise indicated.

SVGAT RESUMES INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET/GALA

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. announces the resumption of its annual activities to commemorate the anniversary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' independence. Activities were curtailed due to COVID but now that things are coming back to normal, a committee headed by Ms. Natalie Watson is organizing this year's activities with the following events under the

theme, "Our Resilience, Our Fortitude, Our People, Our Identity:

Sunday, October 22 - Thanksgiving Church Service at Rosewood Church of the Nazarene, 657 Milner Avenue, Scarborough from 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26 – Flag Raising Ceremony at Toronto City Hall, Toronto @ 12:00 noon

Friday, Oct. 27 – Lighting of Brampton Clock Tower at Brampton City Hall @ Midnight

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Friday, Oct. 27 – Signing of MOU between Kingstown and Brampton @ 2:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27 – Lighting of Niagara Falls with SVG Flag colours @ 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28 - Gala at Estate Banquet & Events Centre, 430 Nugget Avenue, Scarborough

Sunday, Oct. 29 - Community Discussions – BBPA Building, 180 Elm St., Toronto @ 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Richard (Richie) Robertson, the Volcanologist that spearheaded the monitoring of the eruptions of La Soufriere in 2021 and advised the SVG Government on the evacuation of persons out of the danger zones will be the guest speaker at the Gala on Saturday, October 28. Tickets are \$110.00 and can be obtained from several executive members.

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In addition to events for the celebration of the 44th Anniversary of SVG's Independence outlined above, the following activities/events will be coordinated by the Association

Sunday, Nov. 26 - Monthly Members Meeting

December 17 to 23 Christmas Hamper Distribution

AIR CANADA FLIGHTS RESUME
Air Canada Non-stop Flights between
Toronto & St. Vincent and the
Grenadines resume as follows:

Thrice weekly – Monday, Thursday & Friday from October 30, 2023 and Four times weekly including Tuesdays from Dec. 11.

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BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

Current Board of Directors and Officers include:

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Committees to Assist the Board of Directors

In order to effectively provide the services of the Corporation a number of committees are being established and volunteers are required to serve. The following are so far proposed:

Fundraising: D. Jardine-Reckley, G. Exeter
Independence Planning 2023: Natalie Watson
Scholarship Planning: F. Williams, S. Lewis and A. Ashton
Unity Picnic Reps: J. Lewis, C. Garraway, A. Lavia
Unity Picnic Bus Coordinator: C. Telfer
Social Engagement: F. Burke
Seniors Outreach: Needs chair & volunteers
Public Relations: G. Exeter, D. Bucchan, C. Telfer

ADOPT-A-CHILD PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Board of Directors of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. (SVGAT) has agreed to continue the program for the next five-year cycle starting in January 2024 to 2028. A number of persons have so far indicated their interest in sponsoring students and all persons who would like to participate in this hearth warming program to assist less fortunate students in our birth country are asked to contact the Corporation either by email to secretary@vincytoronto.com or by writing to *The Secretary, St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc., P. O. Box 80066 – Don Valley Village P. O., Toronto, ON, M2J 0A1.*

The Adopt-A-Child program launched by the Association in 2008 has as its mantra, *A young mind is a terrible thing to waste.* The program is geared to provide financial assistance to less fortunate children in their early years of primary school in order for them not to fall through the cracks but

rather have a solid foundation so as to complete their primary school education.

Students are sponsored in the program for 5 years starting from Grade 1 or Grade 2 which should see them through primary school. Since the program started, three groups of students have been assisted, 2 in 2008, 2 in 2013 and 6 in 2018. Over the years, the program realized its goal with the sponsored children successfully moving on to secondary schools.

The cost of sponsoring a student through the program will be CDN\$720.00 per year and overall, \$3,600.00 for the five years.



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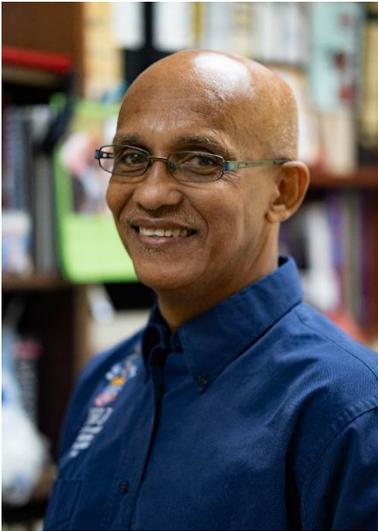
2024 TORONTO HARBOUR BOAT CRUISES

The Board of Directors of the SVGAT has agreed to participate in two (2) Toronto Harbour Boat Cruises in 2024 to raise funds for supporting the activities and programs of the Corporation. The annual popular cruise will be held on Friday, August 9, 2024 jointly with the Toronto SVG Support Group (TorSVGSG).

A new event, a daylight cruise to be held on Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 16, is geared to provide the opportunity for those who prefer not to be on (or are unable to attend) a late-night event. This daylight cruise will be held jointly by the SVGAT, the TorSVGSG and CARI-ON Disaster Preparedness (CARI-ON). More details on these events will be shared in due course.



Profile of Dr. Richard E. A. Robertson, Guest Speaker at Independence Gala



Born in St Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. Robertson's interest in volcanology was inspired by his personal experience in 1979, when he and his family woke to the eruption of the Soufriere volcano, which displaced thousands of Vincentians. He

subsequently studied Geology at UWI, Volcanology at the University of Leeds in the UK (M Phil) and completed his PhD in Geology at Mona, Jamaica. His PhD thesis (The Volcanic Geology of pre-Soufriere Rocks in St Vincent) and his Volcanic Hazards Atlas are benchmarks in the study of volcanology in the Eastern Caribbean.

An experienced field researcher as well as an academic, Dr. Robertson has served as head of the Soufriere Monitoring Unit in St Vincent in 1987-1993, and in 1996 was Chief Scientist at the Montserrat Volcano Observatory. His research interests include volcanic hazards, the evolution of volcanism in St Vincent, and multi-parameter monitoring of volcanic hazards. He is much sought after as a consultant on his area of expertise to, inter alia, UNESCO, the Organisation of American States, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and United Nations Development Fund.

In addition to his professional consultancy work, Dr. Robertson is also active in public education and public service. He has organized several conferences, short training courses and given numerous lectures throughout the region, and in the US, UK, and China. He provides assistance to the National Emergency Organisation of St Vincent, and serves as an advisor to such organizations in Trinidad & Tobago, Grenada, Montserrat, and other islands. He also maintains membership in several

professional societies, including the European and American Geophysical unions, and the Geological Societies of Trinidad & Tobago, London and America.



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Dr. Robertson has been much recognized and awarded for his work. He has received scholarships from the UNDP and Association of Commonwealth Universities for higher education. He has also received grants from the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 and a Commonwealth Professional Fellowship. In collaboration with colleagues at the Seismic Research Centre he has secured project grants from the Caribbean Development Bank, USAID, European Union, CCRIF and the Government of Trinidad & Tobago.

[Prof. Richard Robertson - ANSA Awards Caribbean \(ansacaribbeanawards.com\)](http://ansacaribbeanawards.com)

CORPORATION ADDRESS

The Board of Directors has changed the corporation address to be:

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IMMIGRATION MATTERS

THE ABC'S OF WORK PERMITS

Contributed: Sandra Sutherland, RCIC-IRB

In order to legally work in Canada, most foreign nationals need to obtain a work permit. There are two types of work permits: open work permits and employer-specific work permits. Prospective foreign workers cannot randomly apply for either of these work permits. They must meet specific eligibility criteria before they apply and before the work permit shall be granted.

Open Work Permits

These work permits allow the foreign national to work for any employer except employers who are deemed to be ineligible employers because they failed to comply with conditions or they offer jobs in the sex trade industry. Some open work permits may have restrictions related to the type of job one cannot do unless the worker has passed a medical examination while other work permits may have restrictions related to working in a certain location (i.e.: province or territory).

The more common situations that enable foreign nationals to apply for an open work permit include those whose in-Canada permanent resident (PR) application have received first stage approval, immediate family members of holders of a study or work permit, refugee claimants, protected persons, international students who are eligible for the Post-Graduate Work Permit program (PGWP), destitute students, young workers participating in a world youth program, persons who qualify for a bridging open work permit (BOWP), and holders of a temporary resident permit (TRP). Visit the government of Canada's website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/work-canada/permit/temporary/eligibility.html> or <https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=177&top=17> to determine which foreign nationals can apply for an open work permit and how they can apply.

Employer-specific Work Permits

As the name suggests, these work permits are issued with a condition that the foreign national must work

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for the stipulated employer or type of employer. In most cases the foreign national should be qualified for the job and have a valid job offer from an employer who is either exempt from, or has a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) approval. The eligibility criteria process for an employer to obtain an LMIA approval is somewhat complex and deters some employers from using this route.

No Work Permit Required

Foreign nationals who are authorized to work in Canada without a work permit include individuals such as business visitors, performing artists, foreign representatives and their family members, performing artists, religious leaders, athletes and their team members, and public speakers. A complete list of personnel can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/work-without-permit.html>.

Foreign nationals should be cognizant of organizations that make promises that they will be granted a work permit upon arrival in Canada. I had a client who came to me crying in despair because she went online and found a company who promised that she would get a work permit upon arrival in Canada.

She quit her good job, sold her house and other assets, packed up her mother and children and moved to Canada. She paid a sizable amount of money to the luring organization and still had no work permit in hand. Having given up everything in her home country, she felt that Canada owed her some sort of status because of the huge sacrifices she made to move here. Being the straightforward representative that I am, I had to honestly inform her that Canada owed her nothing and that she has to meet eligibility criteria to apply for a work permit or for permanent resident status. The old adage that if it sounds too good to be true, it usually isn't, is very valid. Caveat emptor - let the buyer/customer/client beware.

Sandra Sutherland is a competent authorized immigration representative and counsel who can represent clients at all divisions of the Immigration and Refugee Board. She specializes strictly in immigration and refugee matters and is licensed with the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (CICC) as a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant-IRB (RCIC-IRB). She can be reached at (416) 431-2829 or via e-mail at ssutherland@suthernimmigration.com. View her advertisement under Suthern Immigration & Paralegal Services Inc. in this publication for more information.

News From SVG

Duty-Free Concessions On Vehicles For Taxi Drivers In SVG

(Courtesy ANNSVG.COM)

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) is offering an attractive duty-free package "for all taxi drivers" and tour operators, for all types of vehicles, as an incentive to import newer vehicles to boost their service.

According to Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture, Hon. Carlos James, taxi drivers and tour operators seeking to import vehicles up to a year old will receive a 100 % duty-free concession. Additionally, taxi drivers /tour operators will receive a 75% duty-free concession on vehicles that are two to three years old; while a 50% duty-free concession rate would be applied to vehicles that are four to six years old.

Speaking at a press briefing held on October 6th, at the Kingstown Cruise Ship Terminal, the tourism

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minister said the taxi operators' incentive program caters to all classes of vehicles, including those with a minimum seating capacity of five (5) persons.

James said lowering the seating capacity on vehicles for the duty-free concessions would help to facilitate the introduction of a new niche of luxury type concierge vehicle service, to offer an improved guest experience while adding value to the local transportation sector.

According to Minister James, taxi operators who have been in operation for the last three years are eligible for the sweeping concessions. The taxi incentive program is intended to support taxi drivers and other stakeholders vital to the tourism industry. Prior to the new taxi operators' incentive program, duty-free concessions were only afforded to tour operators who imported coaster buses with a larger seating capacity.

Taiwan and St. Vincent And The Grenadines Collaborate To Enhance Social Security In The Future

(Courtesy ANNSVG.COM)

Ambassador Fiona Fan of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, and the Information Technology, Mr. Christopher Benjamin, Assistant Commissioner of Police of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force, attended the Opening Ceremony of the "Enhancing Public Safety with the Intelligent Video Analytics Project for St. Vincent and the Grenadines" at Questelles Police Station on 29th September 2023, and announced a new strategic partnership to bolster public safety and CCTV system capabilities in SVG.

Ambassador Fan highlighted the significant role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Internet of Things (IoT) in modern society. She pointed out that these technologies have the potential to greatly assist in the management and safety of cities. Furthermore, Ambassador Fan announced Taiwan's commitment to supporting in SVG by introducing license plate recognition systems, which will further enhance the safety and security maintained by SVG police force. In the

future, Taiwan will donate 130-megapixel cameras, 30 pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras, and 30 police body cameras to SVG. Taiwan will also work with SVG to expand the size of its operation center establish a disaster recovery system for data, and provide 9 training courses on topics such as image recognition and analysis, and equipment maintenance.

Minister Gonsalves said in his remarks that several years ago, the option for the government to deal with social security issues on a certain hotspot was to deploy a streetlight, now it could deploy a high-resolution camera and through the operation of the monitoring center, social security in SVG had been greatly improved. He expressed his gratitude to the government and people of Taiwan and great anticipation for the introduction of new technologies.

Assistant Commissioner Benjamin discussed the positive impact of the previous information project between Taiwan and SVG in maintaining law and order in SVG. He emphasized how this collaboration had provided the SVG police force with a valuable tool in their fight against crime. Benjamin expressed hope that this project will continue to be successful, fostering even greater cooperation between the two nations in their ongoing efforts to combat crime.

Ms. Fan, Minister Gonsalves and Assistant Commissioner Benjamin later heard the briefing of the quality and application of the cameras and visited the 24-hour real-time monitoring center. They commended the outcome and pledged to provide full support to the Project.

Amended Law Offers SVG Citizenship to 'Second Generation Vincentians'

(Courtesy Searchlight Newspaper, SVG)

Lawmakers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) have amended the citizenship law to allow for "second-generation Vincentians" born overseas to be considered for citizenship. Currently, under the Constitution, a person is automatically a Vincentian at birth — regardless of where they are born — if the person has at least one parent who was born in SVG.

The new law, which was passed with bipartisan support, makes it possible for grandchildren of people born in SVG to be considered for citizenship on application, if that grandchild is born outside of SVG. In presenting the bill to Parliament, Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves rejected the view that the change in the law would result in a flood of people coming to SVG to live. “We do not see that as something which is a realistic one,” said Gonsalves, who has ministerial responsibility for citizenship matters.

The amendment to the 1984 Citizenship Act says that the applicant must not be qualified for registration as a citizen otherwise than under the amended section and must be of good character.

The applicant must have a grandparent, who at the time of the applicant’s birth was a citizen of SVG, and the applicant must not be entitled to be registered as a citizen under the Constitution or any other law in force in SVG.

The amended law also provides for a certificate of citizenship to be provided to a person born outside of SVG to an eligible Vincentian parent, constituting a valid record of the automatic right, “That is to say, a seven-year period or in certain circumstances, five years,” the prime minister said.

He said he has received many letters from “ordinary Vincentians” and people involved in sports in SVG, the UK and US who may wish to represent SVG at regional and international sporting gatherings.

Meanwhile, Opposition Leader Godwin Friday expressed his support and that of opposition lawmakers for the amendments. Friday, a lawyer, said it would be easier to explain to people that they do not have to go through a lengthy process if they became citizens by other means.

He said opposition lawmakers understand the implication of the law and would want to see it as a way as well for enhancing ties and commitment among people in the diaspora who may look at SVG as not just a country of their parents or grandparents but also as their country.

Enville Williams Appointed Acting Commissioner of Police in SVG

(Courtesy NBCSVG.COM)

Former Assistant Commissioner of Police, Enville Williams has been named St. Vincent and the Grenadines’ (SVG) Acting Commissioner of Police. Williams began his duties on October 1.

Former Commissioner, Colin John, who was given early retirement, was replaced by Williams.

Mr. Williams has thirty years of service and has played an important part in the nation’s security services. He has worked in the Western, South Central, and Eastern divisions, as well as various outstations, throughout the years. Williams is now in charge of a contingent of about 1300 officers.

Williams was once in charge of security in the Grenadines, served in the Special Services Unit (SSU) and Narcotics Unit. Williams, a Seventh-day Adventist, is the organization’s first member to hold the position of Acting Commissioner of Police. He is also the second resident of Spring Village in North Leeward to be appointed to that position.

The Republic of Benin and SVG Establish Diplomatic Relations

(Courtesy St. Vincenttimes.com)

On October 3, 2023, the Republic of Benin and the



Governments of St. Vincent and the Grenadines established diplomatic ties in accordance with the rules of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic ties. The Joint Communiqué was signed in New York City.

Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King, Ambassador of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations, signed the Joint Communiqué on behalf of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

His Excellency Marc Hermanne Araba, Ambassador of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations, signed the Joint Communiqué on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Benin. The governments want to promote amicable relations and develop mutually beneficial cooperation in a variety of fields.

Mayreau



Mayreau is the smallest inhabited island of the Grenadines, with an area of about 0.46 sq. miles and a population of about 271. The population is centered in an unnamed village, located on Station Hill, a hilltop in the south-west of the island. It is an isolated community, accessible only by boat. Electricity was only recently (2002) provided by a central generator located on Saline Bay. There is a single-lane concrete road leading from the wharf on Saline Bay

Saltwhistle Bay, Mayreau

through the village to Saltwhistle Bay. The top of the island is crested with the small elementary school; the telecommunications building; the brick and stone Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, christened on May 12, 1930, and a Pentecostal church. From the crest of the hill behind the Catholic Church, there is an over look of the Tobago Cays, Canouan and Union Island.

The island gets much of its water from three catchments set on the east side of the island. One serves the resort at Saltwhistle Bay and two serve the village. Saline Bay is named for the salt pond just east of the sandy beach. Salt was harvested and exported in times past but is now harvested only for local use. The island is populated

mostly by fishermen and supported by tourism. The school has about 50 students from kindergarten to Grade 6. Upon completing their primary/elementary education, students attend secondary schools on neighbouring Union Island or the main island, St. Vincent. Mayreau also has a small resort area on Saltwhistle Bay, a very popular spot for anchoring yachts.

The Grenadines mail boat calls at Mayreau, but boarding can be difficult, as the vessel remains in deeper waters, with passengers being required to embark and leave through the use of smaller craft, which land on the nearby beach.

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Happenings in St. Vincent and the Grenadines for Remainder of 2023

Courtesy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism

October:

44th Anniversary of Independence Celebrations

Various shows, rallies and other celebrations occur across the country.

Youlou Arts Foundation - Sun. 8th Sip & Paint 3-6pm

The "Blue Show" continues. For more info call: (784) 457-4493 or email: voulouartcentre@gmail.com

Independence Cycling competition (SVG) - Visit discoversvg.com

Miss St. Vincent & The Grenadines Pageant

Invest SVG - Everything Vincy Expo

Union Island Model Boat Regatta

November:

National Tourism Month

Youlou Arts Foundation

The "Blue Show" continues - dates to be announced.

For more info call (784) 457-1493 or email youlouartcentre@gmail.com

Theatre Arts Festival - 3rd to 26th - This is an opportunity for community groups and schools to present dramatic work within a festival programme.

Contact the Ministry of Culture at Tel: (784) 451-2180 or email culturesvg@gmail.com

December:

National Christmas Festival Launch - 1st Youlou Arts Foundation

The "Blue Show" continues - dates to be announced. For more info call (784) 457-4493 or email youlouartcentre@gmail.com

Steel Expressions - Steel Expressions features some of St. Vincent and the Grenadine's top entertainers along with some young upcoming performers.

Nine Nights of Lights at the Botanical Gardens - 15th to 23rd

National Nine Mornings Festival - 16th to 24th - A unique Vincentian tradition celebrated annually during the nine mornings before Christmas. Vincentians awake in the early hours and take part in various activities including concerts, dances, bicycle riding and sea baths. In the rural areas, the final morning usually ends with a steel band jump-up'.

Contact the Ministry of Culture at Tel: (784) 451-2180 or email culturesvg@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Celebrations - Sun. 31st - Midnight fireworks display over the Harbour in Port Elizabeth, Bequia and Britannia Bay, Mustique.



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