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Schooner Bay island house

COMMUNITY LETTER

by ORJAN LINDROTH

Dear Schooner Bay Friends,

After many years of planning and preparation, the civil infrastructure of Schooner Bay harbour village is complete and we can now reflect on what has been realized in our young community. In all phases of development, we strove to create the most robust, functional and sustainable systems possible. We have done so by working with, not against, nature. Our geothermal cooling system, underground water cistern and reverse osmosis plant are all examples of systems that enhance natural processes, allowing us to benefit from nature in a sustainable way. The landscaping program

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Scheerer's house nears completion

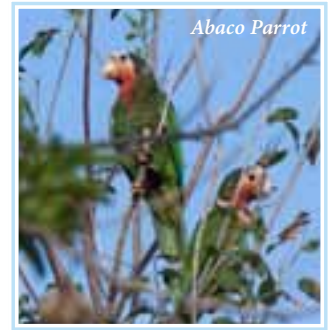
TOM SCHEERER DECORATES SCHOONER BAY

by THE EDITOR

Interior decorator, Tom Scheerer, is no stranger to The Bahamas. He has long been a part of the Harbour Island community, having owned and decorated various houses in and around Dunmore Town over the years. He also recently completed a redesign of the venerable Lyford Cay Club in Nassau, a project that garnered international acclaim and commendation. The recently published book, Tom Scheerer Decorates (The Vendome Press, 2013), is a

240-page retrospective filled with rich images and insightful commentary. The book – part

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Abaco Parrot

SCHOONER BAY SUSTAINABILITY

by LYNN GAPE

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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One of the biggest challenges that Bahamians face is balancing the development and the conservation of important ecosystems. The Bahamas faces considerable challenges as the demand for coastal land for tourism facilities and forested areas for homes continues to grow.

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Visiting Schooner Bay

SCHOONER BAY BY SEA

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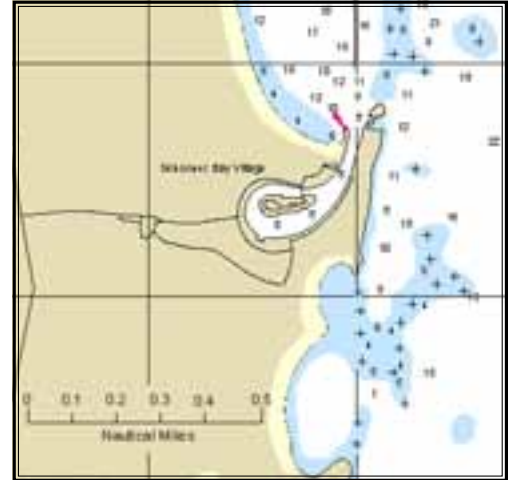
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SCHOONER BAY BY AIR

Commercial

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- 7 daily commercial flights from Nassau to MHH

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COMMUNITY



Overlooking Schooner Bay

COMMUNITY LETTER

by ORJAN LINDROTH

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we have undertaken is of a scale unprecedented in any development in The Bahamas. Most of the approximately 10,000 trees and plants we have put into the ground were propagated on site from seedlings sourced from our coppice or dune system. The community's most productive natural assets – beaches, dunes, coppice and wetlands – have been rehabilitated to ensure ecosystem health and biodiversity. The few dozen houses completed and under construction at Schooner Bay represent the highest international standards of sustainable construction and vernacular design.

The next phase of Schooner Bay – its transition to a vibrant community – is well

underway. Blackfly Bonefish Lodge is an early community leader helping set the tone for the village, and has enjoyed well-deserved success in its first year of operation. The Harbour General Store and upcoming Sandpiper Inn & Restaurant are other amenities that will enrich village life. Lightbourn Farm, Judy Mae's Kitchen, The Red Marlin Restaurant and the Cabana Beach Bar are all important parts of the community and represent Schooner Bay's local, farm-to-table ethic. We also welcome the Integrated Medical Center to Schooner Bay and our Commons business community.

We are pleased to announce the upcoming development of a beach complex and sports center (with tennis, volleyball, basketball, etc...)

being built for the benefit of the Schooner Bay community. Other new development initiatives underway include a community hall, a fitness center, an expanded general store, and a new café on the harbour-front. These represent important steps towards making Schooner Bay a dynamic, active and vibrant community, and more details about these nascent initiatives will follow shortly. We are also happy to welcome Raymond Dames to our team. Raymond is a member of Florida-based Pordes Residential and will be coming on board to lead our sales efforts at Schooner Bay. Raymond has family ties to Abaco and is a licensed broker with extensive experience. He has taken up residence at Schooner as of December 1st.

While no project is without its challenges, we as a community should be proud of what we have achieved at Schooner Bay, as well as the direction we are headed. Our holistic approach to sustainability and commitment to time-tested design principles will serve Schooner Bay well for generations to come. Building for the ages takes time; great cities and towns do not spring up overnight. As ever, I am thankful for your patience and confidence and look forward to growing this community alongside you and your family in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Orjan



THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF SCHOONER BAY

by ANDRES DUANY

I had not been to Schooner Bay for a couple of years, so when I returned last week it was a shock—a very pleasant one. I had hoped that Schooner Bay would grow up to be a very simple place—in a sense, a very pure place—the way that I remember my summers on the Mediterranean island of Formentera. I will never forget how some of the most sophisticated, and indeed wealthiest, Europeans would find pleasure in a simple white room, an oak table, a round loaf of peasant bread, a wedge of cheese, a couple of big tomatoes, olive oil, and a knife. And, of course, good company and wine.

I have tried to explain this kind of romantic island existence to as many people as would listen, but so many of the resorts ultimately became so elaborate that I sometimes ask myself, "Why do these people bother to leave Atlanta?"

I could stay personal and disclose that we designed Schooner Bay for the kind of people that authentic places attract. But, that would give too much credit to the architecture because clearly Orjan and Amanda (who grew up in the Bahamas) know very well what that almost-paradise used to be like. They feel compelled to recover the experience for those who understand. And the experience is complex!

Perhaps it can be conceptualized in what the ancient Greek philosophers (who were also fact scientists, as there was no distinction then) who lived in such places

would have thought. For most centuries, before the theory of the atom, scientists thought that life on earth consisted of four primary elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. Both the natural and human worlds were made of these elements. These four elements explain Schooner Bay better than anything else. Perhaps Schooner Bay makes atomic theory unnecessary!

First, Earth: On the land of Schooner Bay, much of the food is grown. That uphill farm is a jewel. What solid virtue emanates from growing your own food! And then the houses, which are solid as rocks (they are poured concrete). There is no squishy insulation or gypsum wallboard to be ruined in case of a wave. This was the original way to deal with storms. Elevate the houses as much as you gracefully can (Schooner Beach has been elevated well above sea level by the fill from the harbor so the houses fit like part of the earth) and then make houses that can get wet without damage.

And where the Earth meets the Water there is that beach. Its great curve is the primeval image of natural forces. But, there is also the man-made water: the harbor, tear-shaped, where the boats leave to fish offshore. I like to think that the fish provide the protein to complement the produce of the uphill farm. Beyond beach and harbor there is other water: beautiful pools will be built. Even if you have a momentary nostalgia for a Miami Beach resort, that can be assuaged with the beauty of a well-designed pool.



Andres Duany (right) and DPZ team at Schooner Bay

Swimming pools are one of the things humanity does well.

After Water, which is everywhere, there is Air. The sea breezes come through the windows (if I build a house it won't have glazing). The breeze, which at night might be too much, is blocked naturally by the houses—the lee of the wind. Then there are the sailboats, which is the air made visible. And staying on transportation (let's not get too low-tech about everything), I am grateful that there are many airlines arriving at Marsh Harbour. Thank you air, for holding up my airplane.

Then Fire: the cooking is already first rate. It is simple, but there is nothing primitive about it. The bonds of community take place around the campfires built by the harbor. I had a wonderful evening with a dozen strangers staring into the fire as so easily I made friends. Fire at the heart of the community—the oldest thing in history. But, I must also bring up the high-tech

fire: solar panels, and the advanced geothermal plant that taps into the temperature of the aquifer—technology, yes, but simple and durable.

So, that is how I want to think about Schooner Bay—mostly in terms of the "old science" of life: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water.

Andres Duany is Co-Founder and Principal of Miami-based architecture and planning firm, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). He was raised in Cuba and New York City and earned architecture and urban planning degrees from Yale and Princeton. A respected thought-leader in his field, Duany is a driving force behind the New Urbanist movement in America and around the world. He is the Co-Founder of the Congress for the New Urbanism and has co-authored two books on urban development. Duany has received numerous design awards and two honorary doctorates and his firm has completed designs for over 300 new and existing developments. DPZ collaborated on the master plan for Schooner Bay and has been involved with the community since its inception.





"Greening" of Schooner Bay



Out for a stroll

THE VILLAGE VOICE

by GLEN KELLY
TOWN MANAGER



A prized Permit

Greetings from the harbour village. Summer rains and long days have done wonders for the landscaping at Schooner Bay. The proliferation of greenery within the village is softening former construction areas and everyone is enjoying the new, lush environment. The "greening" of Schooner Bay will continue to increase as our early, intensive planting and propagation efforts pay off, and we think that those returning after a long absence will be pleasantly surprised at the progress being made.

We are currently ramping up for what is expected to be a busy holiday season. One family in particular will be leading the way again this year in having a large family gathering between Christmas and New Year's. This marks the second year that our friends in the "Unplugged" cottage will be ringing in the New Year at Schooner Bay with their extended family, undoubtedly helping to energize the village holiday season with plenty of merriment and activity.



Dinner at the Blackfly Lodge

To this end, the last few weeks have seen numerous residents and visitors returning to the village after the slow, hot summer months, providing opportunities to catch up with old friends as well as meet some new folks. One recent, memorable event was a weekend-long birthday celebration for one of our residents; rumors abounded of late-night beach bonfires and intense card games accompanied by fine Cuban cigars. Needless to say, a good time was had by all!

Business activity in Schooner Bay is also picking up markedly after the slow summer months. Blackfly Bonefish Lodge has started the season off with a splash, with several anglers landing coveted permit in addition to the usual battles with world-class bonefish. They are even getting occasional opportunities to test out the bluewater fishery on Schooner Bay's east coast during the lulls between seasonal cold fronts that begin moving through the Abacos this time of

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THE VILLAGE VOICE

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year. The evenings are punctuated with the occasional burst of hearty laughter from Blackfly guests enjoying a meal or drink on the porch overlooking the harbour. No one can accuse these guys of not having fun!

Other small businesses are flourishing as well. Lightbourn Family Farms has a full array of delicious produce in season, including beautiful, vine-ripened tomatoes. It also has a number of free-range chickens roaming the grounds, which have proven a great draw for the children in recent months. The Farm is seeing healthy demand for its vegetables and herbs throughout the Abacos, with retail outlets as far away as Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay and Hope Town all carrying Lightbourn's fresh, organic produce. Of course, it is also available directly from the farm and right in the heart of Schooner Bay village at the Harbour General Store. The General Store now features an expanded offering of food and convenience items and visitors will be pleasantly surprised by the array of fresh, local ingredients available to spice up their culinary efforts while in the village.

And for those who prefer that someone else does the cooking, there are now more options than ever for dining out at Schooner Bay. Blackfly Bonefish Lodge is serving imaginative Bahamian fare utilizing simple, honest preparation techniques that let the fresh, local ingredients speak for themselves. The restaurant is open for dinner with advance reservation. Also in the village is The Red Marlin, a stylish harbour-side food-truck operation run by our friends at Trio Catering. These talented chefs are preparing gourmet meals for lunch and dinner on the weekends, including Sunday brunch. They can also cater parties, and the picnic tables and funky red and white striped umbrellas make their patio garden a perfect site for harbour-front entertaining. During the week, Judy Mae's Kitchen has you covered, serving daily lunches Monday-Friday right in the heart of the harbour village. A Crossing Rocks local, Judy Mae has been a staple in Schooner Bay for several years now, keeping all of us

happy and well-fed with casual, delicious Bahamian fare. With these food options now available regularly in the village, the Beach Cabana is now open primarily as a bar service venue providing various refreshments to beachgoers. The Cabana Bar is now open regularly Wednesday through Sunday and can also still be used for catered meals with advance booking.

Elsewhere around town, the roadwork is now complete and Schooner Bay is fully operating as a car-free village, with residents on foot, bike and golf cart enjoying the pace and tranquility of pedestrian life. Around the harbour, we have added a number of new docks on the island as the corresponding island homes are finished, and we look forward to seeing folks relaxing and enjoying the water. Dockmaster Albert has welcomed his first significant vessel – MAT'R of D'BAIT – after the slow summer hurricane season and we anticipate visits from a number of transient vessels as the winter season brings cruisers and fishermen alike to The Abacos.

We also welcome the Integrated Medical Center at Schooner Bay to our business and services community. The Medical Center will provide vital medical services to Schooner Bay residents and visitors and we look forward to a fruitful, long-term relationship with this independent business in The Commons. To learn more about what is going on at Schooner Bay or to share your thoughts and observations, please join me for my weekly "Coffee with the Town Manager" sessions. Blackfly has graciously made their verandah available to us on Friday mornings and I am now holding open meetings for those wishing to share ideas about ways to improve and enhance village life. Also to better improve communications, I will be sending out a hybrid of this article in weekly emails to update our owners about activities, schedules and contact information that should prove helpful both when planning trips from afar and keeping informed when you are here.

I look forward to seeing you soon!



*Fresh produce from
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Dinner at the Red Marlin



Drinks at the Cabana Beach Bar



Fun in the harbour



SCHOONER BAY PROFILE: PAUL PINDER

Blackfly Bonefish Lodge's Head of Fishing Operations explains how he got into the business of bonefishing and shares some thoughts about what makes Blackfly, Schooner Bay, and indeed all of South Abaco, so special.

I was born in Sandy Point, Abaco in 1965 to Edward and Isadora Pinder. I left Sandy Point in 1980 to complete high school in Nassau, returning home in 1986. Sandy Point is a small Bahamian fishing village. The people here are hardworking, friendly and caring.

Sandy Point has changed over the years. As a kid growing up in Sandy Point, I spent many days on the bay fishing and exploring. The young people today don't share that same enthusiasm; they prefer to be texting or on their computers. But, my love for fishing developed at a young age. I spent a lot of time fishing on the beach as a boy and have always enjoyed being on the water, hunting for fish.

Becoming a fishing guide added a new level of appreciation, and today I get a great deal of satisfaction from watching people enjoy themselves on the water, catching bonefish and the elusive tarpon and permit. However, I have not always been a fishing guide. When I came back home in 1986, I fished commercially with my father. One day, some people from a fly-fishing booking agency came to Sandy Point in search of a new sport-fishing destination. They found that Sandy Point had good fly-fishing and thus, looked for persons interested in guiding. There were eight of us who attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of becoming bonefish guides. Thus, my bonefishing career began.

I was contacted by Clint Kemp some five years ago about an idea he had for a bonefish lodge at Schooner Bay. At that time I was having conversations with some other people about opening a lodge here in Sandy Point, so I was unable to commit to working with Clint initially. But, the plans for Sandy Point ultimately fell through, so I contacted Clint and we



decided to work together. I am now the Head Bonefish Guide at Blackfly.

I think Blackfly is special for what it offers to clients: a family-style atmosphere. We cater to smaller groups. The lodge only has eight rooms and runs four-to-five boats at any given time, so the experience is intimate and comfortable. The accommodations are very nice, the food is excellent and we are a part of a larger community in Schooner Bay and South Abaco. Blackfly is a unique operation and I am proud to be a part of it. We have a team of guides who are hardworking, skillful and knowledgeable, and who make sure that the anglers have a great fishing experience. At Blackfly, we fish six different zones in order not to put too much pressure on one area. This also allows us to fish in most weather conditions.

You can fish for bonefish year round in The Abacos. Weather is the main challenge. Other challenges we encounter are first time fly-fishermen who are not accustomed to the windy conditions that we sometimes experience. Even experienced fishermen can sometimes face challenges on the flats. For example,

trout fishermen have a different fishing technique than bonefishermen. They set their hooks by raising the tip of their rods, whereas with bonefish we use a strip set. Part of my job is making sure clients of all experience levels have a good time, so there is a big instructional aspect to guiding.

Because of this, we founded a Guide School Program at Blackfly Lodge. As part of this program, we go into communities in South Abaco and teach the art of guiding to the younger generation with hopes of finding future guides. This too has been a rewarding experience and is one example of how Blackfly is helping our community by creating jobs and teaching people marketable skills. We have many ocean resources in South Abaco, and Blackfly is committed to helping show the community how these resources can create more opportunities for hardworking and dedicated persons. Schooner Bay has also had a very positive impact on our community by creating jobs in South Abaco and by allowing Bahamians and visitors alike to experience family island lifestyle.

I hope that the readers of this newspaper will come pay us a visit at Blackfly. The fishing is excellent and we'd also be happy to show anyone around the facilities or even prepare a meal with advanced notice. This is a very special place and we are excited when new people have a chance to experience it. And the memories go both ways; I have a great time meeting new people and being a part of their fishing experience. Oftentimes I end up learning a lot from my clients. For example, I recently took Flip Pallot (host of the Abaco-based ESPN fishing show *Walker's Cay Chronicles*) to Moore's Island. We had a great time and it was definitely a highlight of my guiding career thus far. Whether you're a world-famous fisherman or a first time fly-angler, I'm sure the experience will be mutually enjoyable!



INKEEPER'S DIARY

Construction Commences on New Inn & Restaurant

by JAMES MALCOLM

Hospitality Notes from Schooner Bay

We are pleased to announce the groundbreaking of *The Sandpiper Harbour Inn & Restaurant*, a new landmark situated on Bay Street along the Schooner Bay waterfront. *The Sandpiper* will be Schooner Bay's first full-service inn and restaurant serving the general public and is set for a soft opening in late 2014. Designed by renowned Urbanist architect, Bill Harris of Allison Ramsey Design in South Carolina, In part inspired by the lovely architectural patterns one sees in both Harbour Island and Charleston, *The Sandpiper* will be a lovely two-and-half storey traditional Bahamian verandah house accompanied by four tidy one-bedroom cottages.

With its restaurant, bar, other inn services and central location, we expect *The Sandpiper* will become a popular meeting place in the heart of Schooner Bay. The inn will offer seven rooms (three in the main building and four, one-room cottages in the back garden) and the restaurant will seat approximately 26-32 in the air-conditioned indoor dining room and 16-20 outside on the wraparound verandah. The culinary experience for *The Sandpiper* is being created by Cordon Bleu and Swiss-trained master chef, Keenan Carroll - incorporating many of the locally grown and regionally caught products

available at Schooner Bay and South Abaco.

The inn will offer a variety of different rates and packages such as B&B, European Plan and modified American plans to allow flexibility in catering to a diverse clientele. *The Sandpiper's* ambiance will evoke the old Bahamas

– elegant, but simple – and will complement in scale and design the eclectic mix of vernacular styles found along Schooner Bay's Bay Street corridor. Interiors by acclaimed designer, Amanda Lindroth, will complete the effect of “understated sophistication”, helping to make *The Sandpiper*

Harbour Inn & Restaurant a charming, inviting staple of the Schooner Bay waterfront. For more information and advance bookings, please contact James Malcolm at james.malcolm@schoonerbaybahamas.com, 1-242-376-9858, or visit www.sandpiperabaco.com

The Sandpiper Harbour Inn & Restaurant



BAHAMAS TAX BENEFITS

The Bahamas offers residents more than just sun, sand and sea; individuals and companies domiciled in the islands also stand to benefit from a number of attractive tax advantages. The government of The Bahamas levies no taxes on personal income, capital gains, inheritance, sales, gifts, dividends, withholding, profit remittance, royalties, payroll or interest. These tax freedoms are available to resident corporations, partnerships, individuals and trusts.

While the situation differs from country to country, most sovereigns exempt foreign-earned income from domestic taxation. In Canada, for example, residence remains the foundation of direct taxation for individuals. Therefore, Canadians legally residing

in The Bahamas can become exempted from taxation on any income earned abroad.

The United States is a notable exception, and levies taxes on worldwide income on the basis of citizenship. However, significant tax benefits also exist in The Bahamas for U.S. citizens who qualify for the foreign-earned income exclusion. By establishing residency and earning income in The Bahamas, U.S. citizens can exclude up to \$97,600 (as of 2013) of income per annum from taxation. U.S. citizens qualifying for the exemption can also exclude or deduct certain foreign housing amounts.

The Bahamas Investor's Resource Guide is a good source for comprehensive tax information and investment incentives in The Bahamas and can be accessed online at: www.thebahamasinvestor.com/2013/2012-bahamas-investors-resource-guide/



Nurse Siren and Doctor Charite

PLANS FINALIZED FOR INTEGRATED MEDICAL CENTER

by GLEN KELLY
TOWN MANAGER

We are pleased to update the community on the significant progress that has been achieved with the development of the medical facility in the Commons at Schooner Bay. The Schooner Bay Clinic has transitioned to the Integrated Medical Center at Schooner Bay under the leadership of Dr. George Charite. Dr. Charite is a wound-care and hyperbaric medicine specialist known to many locally from his clinic in Marsh Harbour. By partnering with Schooner Bay, Dr. Charite can bring his expertise to his many clients in South Abaco who formerly had to travel to Marsh Harbour to seek medical attention.

The Integrated Medical Center at Schooner Bay has access to the resources of Doctor Charite's Marsh Harbour Clinic and its

team of five doctors. The Schooner Bay facility will have the capabilities and basic equipment of a private doctor's office and be sufficient for emergency triage and routine medical care. Nurse Siren Davis has joined the Integrated Medical Center Team and will hold regular clinic hours and also be available "on-call" when away from the facility.

The medical clinic has many exciting possibilities on the horizon including specialty treatment options and potential collaborative research opportunities with the Schooner Bay Institute. The Integrated Medical Team will be reaching out to all of our residents to establish relationships and promote prompt and efficient medical care for all.

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CULTURE

TOM SCHEERER DECORATES
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design primer, part storybook, part objet d'art – is a captivating study of Tom's smart style and marks his emergence as a major talent in his field. Tom owns a house at Schooner Bay and was kind enough to share with us some thoughts about our community, his profession and the essence of Bahamian design.

How did you learn about Schooner Bay?

I've been involved at Schooner from the very beginning through my friendship with Amanda and Orjan Lindroth. The initial design charrette was on Harbour Island, where I've owned and designed several houses over the past 20 years. I made gumbo for the planning team that Orjan had assembled!

What attracts you to this place, both as a decorator and as an individual?

So many of the attributes that originally attracted me to Harbour Island have been factored into the Schooner Bay plan. Village life, pedestrian scale, easy access to open beaches and locally-grown produce are a few of the draws.

Describe your house at Schooner Bay. What did you want to achieve both architecturally and from an interior design standpoint?

I've been drawing various versions of this house for over 40 years! The basic concept is pavilions around a courtyard. My 50' x100' lot presented some challenges, but I managed a design that I think is both stately and cozy. At 1800 square feet with four bedrooms and four baths, it has economy of form, but

Tom
Scheerer

also a bit of grandeur. The living room is 16'x32' with four tall French windows facing the beach and an almost open wall facing the courtyard.

The book highlights that you respect the integrity and character of old houses and try not to "impose your will on every square inch the house". To this end, how is decorating a new house different than decorating an old house?

I'm keeping this house very spare, airy and low maintenance. As I'm building from scratch, I've been able to think through a lot of issues that I might usually have to approach decoratively. A well-designed house requires a lot less decorating.

Schooner Bay has worked hard to popularize vernacular Bahamian architecture and further its evolution. When it comes to interiors, is there a vernacular Bahamian design?

A true Bahamian vernacular would ask for simplicity. A comfortable place to sit in the shade and in the breeze, high ceilings to keep things cool, sturdy, easy-to-use shutters in case of a storm, and so on. These are the primary and essential elements of the decorating as well as the architecture. Decorating in The Bahamas doesn't have to mean palm trees embroidered on the pillows! My house will be all white with brown shutters and trim, and this will be carried through as a theme to the inside spaces with the addition of blues, aquas and greens as accents. The outdoor living spaces are tantamount and will be furnished like the indoor ones. The indoor/outdoor furnishing will be durable, but comfortable!

Schooner Bay has focused on resource and community sustainability in its approach to building and development. How do you apply these principles to your work in The Bahamas and elsewhere?

A major component of sustainability is minimizing waste. I'm very conscious of this in my life. You won't find any bottled water at my house! The locally-grown, low-carbon footprint food that was always a part of the Schooner Bay master plan was a huge factor in my decision to build here. The geothermal systems will be fantastic from an energy standpoint, but also for quality of life in a village setting. No visual or aural pollution. I'm looking forward to walking and biking and not owning a car.

When you approach a house, what are your over-arching goals? What do you try to accomplish with your decorating?

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TOM SCHEERER DECORATES SCHOONER BAY

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"Achieve the most with the least" is my credo. As I've mentioned, I managed to get a lot into 1800 square feet at my Schooner house. I try to strike a balance between practicality and economy on the one hand and comfort and chic on the other. One of the ways I do this is by having the outdoor living spaces tell the real story of the house.

You have proven particularly deft at handling contradictions (in color, texture, pattern, etc.) so that the opposing influences actually enhance a room instead of detract from it. How do you manage to pull it off in a way that creates harmony instead of discord?

By keeping it simple. By only trying to tell one or two stories per room and then by making sure that every move contributes in a clear, if not subliminal, way to the chosen theme.

What influences did you bring to your house at Schooner Bay?

For this house I was influenced in part by the simple whitewashed houses and the life in the Greek islands.

Can you give any advice to those starting out in decorating as a profession?

It's all about relationships - with clients, vendors and employees. The design part is, sadly, only a very small component.

How about advice for those who may be going at it alone? Any tips for helping someone

develop their own style or approach?

Without a rational furniture plan a room will never work. The scale of the furniture and the interplay between the various furniture forms are far more important than the fabrics or the things on the wall.

Given the success of your career thus far and now the publication of your book, it is safe to say you have entered the upper echelon of your profession. From a professional standpoint, what are the benefits, but also the challenges, that come along with such acclaim?

I would hope the book gives me more authority. People often hire decorators and then not heed as much advice as they should. Decorating, when done properly and well, is a holistic discipline that cannot be "cherry-picked" for individual ideas. This all being said, it's always great when you have the full trust of a client to create a complete atmosphere without too many constraints. I try to be reasonable and if necessary can put the brakes on an idea only as I would for myself!

What's next for Tom Scheerer?

Getting into my house at Schooner and enjoying the life there!



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ART INITIATIVES PROMOTE COMMUNITY BUILDING

by BARBARA KENNERLY

The artistic process is about more than creating beautiful objects; it is also a catalyst for the development of the individual, and of communities. The richest art, in my opinion, is art that is immersed in specific experiences and specific environments. Art takes form as an individual response, but not without connection to the greater community.

I have spent most of my adult life involved in community service projects and have seen first-hand the positive impacts of civic participation. There is no doubt in my mind that every individual has talents and abilities that can contribute to the strengthening of communities. In fact, I have found that most folks are willing to share their talents and knowledge with others if given the chance. So, a critical concern for any town becomes the creation of initiatives and projects that allow individuals to contribute their time and talent to enhancing their communities.

Schooner Bay has embraced the arts since its founding, and this unique environment offers many opportunities to help strengthen and develop the community through participation in artistic endeavors. As an artist and a mother, I feel strongly about the developmental benefits that children derive from artistic expression. Children have so much impressed

upon them as they absorb information in a classroom or at home; allowing them to express their ideas through the arts can establish balance and create an outlet for their energies and talents.

The creation of something completely unique where nothing before existed is a foundational life experience that should be encouraged. It is an experience that helps children develop a greater sense of themselves, building self-awareness and self-confidence. And when children create art, they are also engaging the community. Artistic creation develops relational qualities by exploring what we all have in common. A painting of a stormy sea or a sculpture of a turtle or a poem about a walk through the woods can shape the way others experience these occurrences. In enriching or deepening another's experience of the world, the artist has created something original and valuable. Indeed, the layering of original artistic interpretation helps create the fabric of a community in a tangible way. The development of Schooner Bay itself is an example of this process of creation.

This is particularly important as we live in a world of mass-production and standardization, which have their place, but make the need for self-expression all the more important. Creating



Bahama Street, 2013, Acrylic on paper, 30"X 20".

art helps children develop this invaluable skill. It also engages them in nature, especially at a place like Schooner Bay. The ability of a child to move around and immerse herself in nature can foster a sense of freedom and develop a love for discovery and even adventure. As children experience their environment through exploration and expression, they strengthen their physical and emotional bonds to the place.

I believe Schooner Bay is the perfect setting for community involvement in the arts. I am a big believer in the idea of learning through doing, and I think that Schooner Bay offers countless opportunities for children to do just that. **I envision the establishment of an extracurricular art program hosted in Schooner Bay for children of our community and greater South Abaco.** We live in a place where the influence of nature is ever-present

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ART INITIATIVES PROMOTE COMMUNITY BUILDING

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and profound. Nature is the source of many of our neighbors' livelihoods, and Bahamian culture has developed a resourcefulness over hundreds of years that offers excellent lessons to our children in sustainability and self-sufficiency.

Many of our community members – fishermen, farmers, boat-builders, chefs, artists, craftspeople, conservationists, park employees, tour guides – have a profound relationship with nature and a deep appreciation for the value of the natural world. These are people with the skills and experience to extract that value in a sustainable way. I would like to encourage members of the community to think about their own skills and experience and how they might be able to help children cultivate creativity and self-expression in this unique Bahamian environment.

One of the wonderful realities of community service, particularly with children, is that participants need not be authorities or experts on any particular subject. The simple presence and positive encouragement of supervising adults makes a meaningful contribution, and can help kids develop relationships and make connections within their larger communities.

We have yet to establish a formal youth organization dedicated to the arts and environment, but are actively exploring ideas about how best to develop such a program. Schooner Bay's

resources are not limited to its environment. We have the Bahamas National Trust on site, an organic farm and an Institute that is dedicated to promoting scientific and artistic research. And of course we have our greatest resource: members of this community. I encourage anyone who is interested in participating in this nascent initiative on any level to please reach out to discuss thoughts and ideas. I can be contacted via email at barbarakennerly@gmail.com. I am certain we can find fun, meaningful and rewarding ways to help our children and neighbors experience the arts and environment at Schooner Bay!

The author is a Schooner Bay resident and artist. After dedicating many years to raising her family and serving her community in North Florida, Barbara returned to school as an adult to earn a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree. She is a landscape and abstract painter working mostly in acrylic. Her work has been included in numerous museum and gallery exhibitions, and hangs in many private and corporate collections.

Says Kennerly: I have attached a photo of a recent painting titled, "Bahama Street". I feel it expresses the beauty and uniqueness particular to the Bahamas, and thought it might be reinforcing to have an image included in this article that is representative of the text.



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REFLECTIONS *of a* SCHOONER BAY ARCHITECT

by JULIA STARR SANFORD

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On three recent trips to Schooner this summer I had the privilege of touring and staying in several of the houses I designed there. Not only did James and Destination Schooner Bay provide outstanding service and accommodations, but it was my sincere privilege to experience first-hand how the homes *lived*. I can say without reservation that the quality of construction at Schooner exceeds any I have ever experienced. The homes are world-class, built to stand the test of time, and will outlive everything else built in this century. From the fine woodwork to the

solid foundations to the steel framed roofs, the island cottages are models of quality.

I can't express my gratitude enough to Orjan for his vision and patronage in building these models, or to Trevor Wallace for his exceptional attention to quality and detail, or to Amanda Lindroth for her amazingly chic style. Carter Redd adds exceptional attention to detail to complete the picture. I am proud and honored to be a part of the Schooner team and will continue to strive to ensure the homes at Schooner will be as beautifully designed as they are excellently built.



In our various coastal projects in other parts of the world - Australia, Costa Rica, Belize, Panama and Florida - there has never been the realization of an ideal as Lindroth has achieved at Schooner. From the organic farm to the geothermal plant to the construction of the

harbor, Orjan has defined himself as a true visionary. It is my dream to one day live full-time at Schooner, along with my family, many friends and colleagues, where we may gather together and celebrate the bounty and beauty that abounds here in true sustainability.

SCHOONER BAY TOWN PLANNERS AWARDED MIZNER MEDAL

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday the 19th of October, town planners and architects to Schooner Bay Village in South Abaco, Bahamas, (DPZ & Co) were honored in Palm Beach with an Addison Mizner Medal for their excellence in Urbanism through their works in classical and traditional architecture. This award bestowed by the Florida chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, is one of the most prestigious awards in architecture that can be earned.

In naming DPZ & Co as the recipient, the ICAA

noted "for their dedication to principles of Urbanism, enlightened expertise, the vision applied to Schooner Bay Village over the past 7 years and in the achievement of excellence in Classical and Traditional Design in Architecture, we are honored to present this medal to DPZ & Co in recognition of their fine work at Schooner Bay, located on Great Abaco Island in The Bahamas. Schooner Bay Village is the creation of and has been developed by community builder and long-time Bahamian resident Orjan Lindroth, President of Lindroth Development Company Ltd., (recipient



of the 2012 Mizner Patron award)."

Presented by the Florida Chapter of the ICAA, the Addison Mizner Medal recognizes excellence in the creation of 21st-century classical and traditional architecture and related fields. The awards are open to projects completed in the

past ten years by Florida Chapter members regardless of location, and all ICAA members who have completed projects in Florida and the Caribbean in the same period of time. For more information of Florida chapter of ICAA, please visit <http://www.flclassicist.org/>



SCHOONER BAY FEATURED IN BAHAMAS SKETCHBOOK

by JAMES MALCOLM

Several paintings of Schooner Bay have been featured in the recently-published architectural study, *The Bahamas Sketchbook*. Authored by Larry Smith, *The Bahamas Sketchbook* is the latest in the portfolio of urban watercolour studies completed by English artist and graphic designer, Graham Byfield. Byfield sets out to capture the unique forms and styles that create the canon of classical Bahamian architecture. His

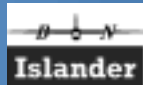



charming paintings of iconic civic structures – as well as a handful of private residences and gardens – result in an evocative, representative collection of significant Bahamian buildings.

Byfield includes several watercolours of Schooner Bay village, which he introduces as follows:

“Schooner Bay is a new harbour village built in the timeless tradition of Bahamian seaside settlements. Life centers around the harbour and its island and the neighborhoods that extend inland. As the only harbour on the busy south coast of Atlantic Abaco, it is an important stop for passing vessels.”

Byfield and Smith’s work represents an important contribution to Bahamian art and architecture and should be considered a compulsory addition to any Bahamian library. Copies are available online at Amazon.





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by LYNN GAPE

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Little Bridge Beach through the sea oats

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Coastal sand dunes serve a more important purpose than beauty, acting as flexible barriers to ocean storm surges and waves, and protecting low-lying backshore areas. They also provide a habitat for many animals, including migratory birds. With proper planning and management, their functions may be enhanced.

Removal of invasive plant species is one of the major ways that coastal sand dunes can be restored. Two of the most offensive invaders are *Scaevola taccada* and *Casuarina equisetifolia*. They are fast growers, quickly

displacing native shoreline species. These hardy plants are salt- and drought-tolerant, fast-growing and reproduce at an accelerated rate. This enables them to become quickly established, replacing the slow growing Bahamian native flora. The *Casuarina* covers the surrounding soil with mats of brown “needles” (modified stems), which further inhibit the growth of other plants. It is also thought that the roots of the *Casuarina* produce a type of natural herbicide known as allelopathic toxins, again further reducing the competition from other plants. These properties make these plants aggressive invaders and once established

they are extremely hard to remove.

Casuarina and *Scaevola* are major contributors to biodiversity loss in the Bahamas, causing deterioration of sand dunes throughout the archipelago. Removal of the invasives and replanting of the coastal dune area is one of the ways to restore coastal dunes. Plants that can be used in beach restoration are Sea Lavender, Railroad Vine, Sea Oats, Bay Bean, Cocoplum and Sea Grape. Schooner Bay has been proactive about dune management, and their restored coastal dune area provides sea turtle nesting habitat for both green turtles and the endangered

Leatherback Turtles. The removal of *Casuarina* and invasive *Scaevola* has also restored habitat for endangered shorebirds.

Removal of *Casuarina* from the coasts of The Bahamas may be one of the most important actions that can be taken to protect the wintering habitat of the Piping Plover, one of the most endangered shorebirds in North America. Researchers estimate that over 5% of the total Piping Plover population winter in The Northern Bahamas.

Tropical hardwood forests, or coppice, as it is called in

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Piping Plovers



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The Bahamas, provide food, water, shelter and space for a variety of wildlife. Many animals take advantage of the relatively cool interior and slightly higher elevation provided by these forests. Many birds make use of this tropical ecosystem and the trees that occur in the coppice forest produce food for resident and migratory birds. In particular, these areas provide critical habitat where migratory birds can stop, eat and rest before they continue their migration. Some of the native trees that can be found on Abaco are Gumelemi, Mahogany, Saffron, Pigeon Plum, Poisonwood and Cinnecord. On Abaco, the coppice forest is an essential feeding habitat for the threatened Bahama Parrot.

Schooner Bay has worked with architects, planners and designers to create a sustainable residential community that leaves corridors of coppice forest, providing essential feeding habitat for the endangered Bahama Parrot and other native bird species such as the Loggerhead Kingbird, Bahama Yellowthroat, and Western Spindalis (Stripe headed Tananger). During development, Schooner Bay carefully managed the impact on the coppice forest. These important habitats were carefully undercut, providing intact foraging habitat for the parrot and other Bahamian biodiversity in the heart of this sustainably designed development.



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Land Crabs at Schooner Bay

by GLEN KELLY

Land crabs are a matter of passing interest to many, but a cultural and economic reality to the communities that surround us. In fact, anecdotal information suggests the harvesting of crabs has provided the sole means for more than one Bahamian family to send their fortunate children off to college for a four-year degree. At Schooner Bay, we predominantly see two types of land crab: the Giant White Land Crab (*Cardisoma guanhumi*) and the Black Crab (*Gecarcinus lateralis*). Both of these crabs are well-represented throughout The Bahamas and their close cousin, the “Purple tipped hermit crab” (*Coenobita clypeatus*)—affectionately known locally as a “Soldier Crab”—is worth mentioning.

The White Crab is very seasonal, although always

present in the coppice at Schooner Bay as evidenced by large burrows at the base of the trees. Fresh sand and the occasional pile of seeds are usually the only clues that a burrow has an occupant, unless one ventures out under the cover of night when these nocturnal animals are most active. In early summer after the first heavy rains and continuing throughout the summer months, the crabs are driven out of their burrows in the coppice and pine forests by rising water levels. This also signals the time for egg-bearing females to head for the ocean to release their eggs. After a few weeks at sea and various larval transformation stages, they return to land to complete their life cycle.

The Black Crabs (ours include a variation of reds, yellows and black) tend to have a shorter journey, living in the

dune coppice interface close to the water. The “Beach Road” behind Schooner Dune is an excellent place to spot these precocious residents. With claws raised in the air they will challenge any golf cart coming their way before scuttling back to the vegetation for safety!

The Hermit or Soldier Crab is a very gregarious Schooner and South Abaco resident. This species is also most active at night and their social nature can lead to quite a scare when feeding in dry leaves in the coppice. Soldier crabs are very opportunistic and will swarm to a food source, they get along well almost all the time, except when molting and looking for a new and larger shell. Be mindful of shell collecting and leave a few for your friendly hermit crab to have a place to move in and

expand its opportunities! Local fisherman will tell you there are few baits as good as “Soldier crabs” for fishing off the rocks and in the mangroves.

The White Crab (which may appear in shades of blue, red and brown) is probably best known for its unwilling participation in a variety of local delicacies. Crab and Rice and Stuffed Crab are both culinary delights that should be enjoyed at least once during your stay at Schooner!

Please follow the attached link for more information on land crabs in Abaco: <http://absci.fiu.edu/2013/11/new-land-crab-poster/>

NOTES FROM THE FARM

by LIGHTBOURN FAMILY FARM



Finally, tomatoes are back on the menu! Technically a fruit (because their seeds are contained inside), tomatoes are fantastic for the health. Eating them regularly is thought to protect against different forms of cancer, reduce the risk of heart disease, and promote eye health. Getting fresh, vine-ripened tomatoes straight from the farm or the Harbour General Store when they are in season is the way to go. They deliver far more taste and nutrients than imported

tomatoes that have been picked early for transport and ripened en-route. On the farm we also use organic pest management practices, so all produce is pesticide-free. For maximum flavor, health and sustainability benefits, its best to buy from local suppliers whenever you can.

Tomatoes are super-nutritious whether they are raw, roasted, grilled, tinned, dried or juiced. This is because cooking and processing actually boosts some of the beneficial

properties of tomatoes by increasing the antioxidant content that can be absorbed by the body. The opposite is true for many other fruits and vegetables. Tomatoes are super-rich in phytonutrients including flavonoids (rutin, quercetin) and carotenoids (beta carotene, lycopene, lutein and zeaxanthin). They are also the biggest dietary source of the red carotene lycopene, which acts like an antioxidant, as well as a good source of vitamins C, A (as beta carotene), K, B3, B5 and B6, folic acid, biotin and potassium.

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Schooner Bay water cistern during construction

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURE: **SCHOONER BAY CISTERN**

by GLEN KELLY

Visitors to Schooner Bay encounter one of the most breathtaking views in all of The Bahamas as they ascend the ridge that overlooks the village, harbour, beaches and sea. To the naked eye, this summit appears to be little more than a coconut grove with a view; yet, the wind-swept plateau offers more than a dramatic vantage point. Buried beneath the ridge-top is a massive cistern capable of storing in excess of one million gallons of fresh, naturally-provided rainwater for the benefit of the Schooner Bay community.

Schooner Bay's cistern was created by cutting a 1.3 acre box out of the limestone hill-top to a uniform depth of 12'. The box was then lined with a waterproofing barrier, outfitted with PVC laterals and backfilled with sand, which acts as a natural

filter. The surface was planted with grass and coconut palms and restored as a natural ridge and overlook dotted with indigenous flora.

Schooner Bay's water cistern is exemplary of our approach to sustainable development. This is a simple, effective, invisible, biological solution to resource management that utilizes natural processes and requires virtually no maintenance. There are no moving parts in the entire system save for a single valve, and there are no metal parts to maintain against rust or corrosion. The rainwater is filled from the lee of the hill to protect against saltwater contamination and then gravity-fed into the village from the ridge elevation of 40'. Once mature, the coconut grove will provide shading for the cistern, allowing less evaporation and increased



Town Manager, Glen Kelly, checks the water level in the cistern

percolation into the tank for storage. This water source will exist as a community resource for landscape and fire prevention and an emergency backup supply

for the village. It is one of the many simple, sustainable infrastructure solutions designed to benefit the Schooner Bay community for generations to come.



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QUOTES

In a few decades, the relationship between the environment, resources and conflict may seem almost as obvious as the connection we see today between human rights, democracy and peace.

- **Wangari Maathai (1940 - 2011), environmental activist, first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004**

The way to healthy living is to shift from quantitative economic growth to quality of life, food, water and air - to shift from craving to contentment and from greed to gratitude.

- **Satish Kumar, ecological campaigner (2008)**

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.

- **Robert Swan (first person to walk to both Poles)**

If there are to be problems, may they come during my life-time so that I can resolve them and give my children the chance of a good life.

- **Kenyan proverb**

We live at a time when emotions and feelings count more than truth, and there is a vast ignorance of science.

- **James Lovelock**

The future will be green, or not at all.

- **Jonathon Porritt**

The strategist who is unconcerned by sustainability is akin to an architect who cares not whether their building stands or falls.

- **James Mackenzie, NHS Sustainable Development Unit (2010)**

BOOKS

TOM SCHEERER DECORATES

Text by Mimi Reed & Photographs by Francesco Lagnese

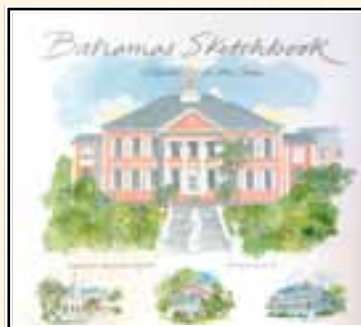


In an age when houses exhibiting unchecked exuberance, high drama, or conspicuous luxury get all the attention, leading interior designer and Schooner Bay resident, Tom Scheerer, has cultivated a more restrained brand of chic. It's a look he modestly describes as "cheerful" and "no nonsense," but it's so much more. In Manhattan apartments, Brooklyn brownstones, Bahamian seaside cottages, and Maine country houses, Scheerer creates rooms that are crisp, confident, classic, and unfailingly correct, but also visually enthralling. His sophistication is extreme, but it is accessible, relaxed and a touch "underbaked," as Scheerer says, because

he thinks the smartest rooms are always a little under-decorated. Exquisitely photographed, this is the long-awaited first book of Scheerer's work, and it's a must for all lovers of interior design.

THE BAHAMAS SKETCHBOOK

Text by Larry Smith & Watercolours by Graham Byfield



Published by Singapore-based Editions Didier Millet, this 72-page book captures the vernacular architecture of the islands in a series of graceful illustrations by acclaimed painter, Graham Byfield, with accompanying historical text by Bahamian journalist, Larry Smith. *Bahamas Sketchbook* is a celebration of the built environment on several Bahamian islands, portraying classic scenes and architectural details on New Providence, Abaco, Eleuthera, Long Island and Cat Island.

This beautiful volume will transport readers to a tranquil and captivating place where classic architecture is found alongside palm-fringed beaches.

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MEDIA



TINHORN CREEK VINEYARDS SUSTAINABLE COMPOSTING PROGRAM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTwfpJbbbtI>

Tinhorn Creek Vineyard is a sustainable vineyard and restaurant in British Columbia that is owned by **Schooner Bay** residents. The vineyard operates an innovative composting program and was recently selected as a finalist for the British Columbia Real Estate Foundation Land Use Awards. This promotional video features the Tinhorn Creek project and may be of interest as an example of how members of the **Schooner Bay** community are promoting sustainable practices in other regions of the world.



TED TALK: STEVE HOWARD-LET'S GO ALL-IN ON SELLING SUSTAINABILITY

http://www.ted.com/talks/steve_howard_let_s_go_all_in_on_selling_sustainability.html

More than 690 million people visited an Ikea store in 2012; the company sold €27 billion worth of low-priced sofas, lamps, bookshelves and other goods (including €1.3 billion just in food) from more than 1,000 suppliers. Steve Howard, Ikea's Chief Sustainability Officer, is charged with making that supply chain, and the company's 298 stores and almost 3,000 products, live more lightly upon the earth. Coming to Ikea from the nonprofit consultancy, Climate Group, Howard has embraced the challenge of working with a single big company, and the improvements he's made so far include helping farmers grow more sustainable cotton around the world, remaking classic products to use fewer parts, and investing €1.5 billion through 2015 in renewable energy sources, notably wind and solar. Telling the story of sustainability is key, Howard believes, as companies like his become agents of transformative change. As he says: "I don't think we've fully realized the extent to which sustainability is going to shape society and the business landscape over the next couple of decades."



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