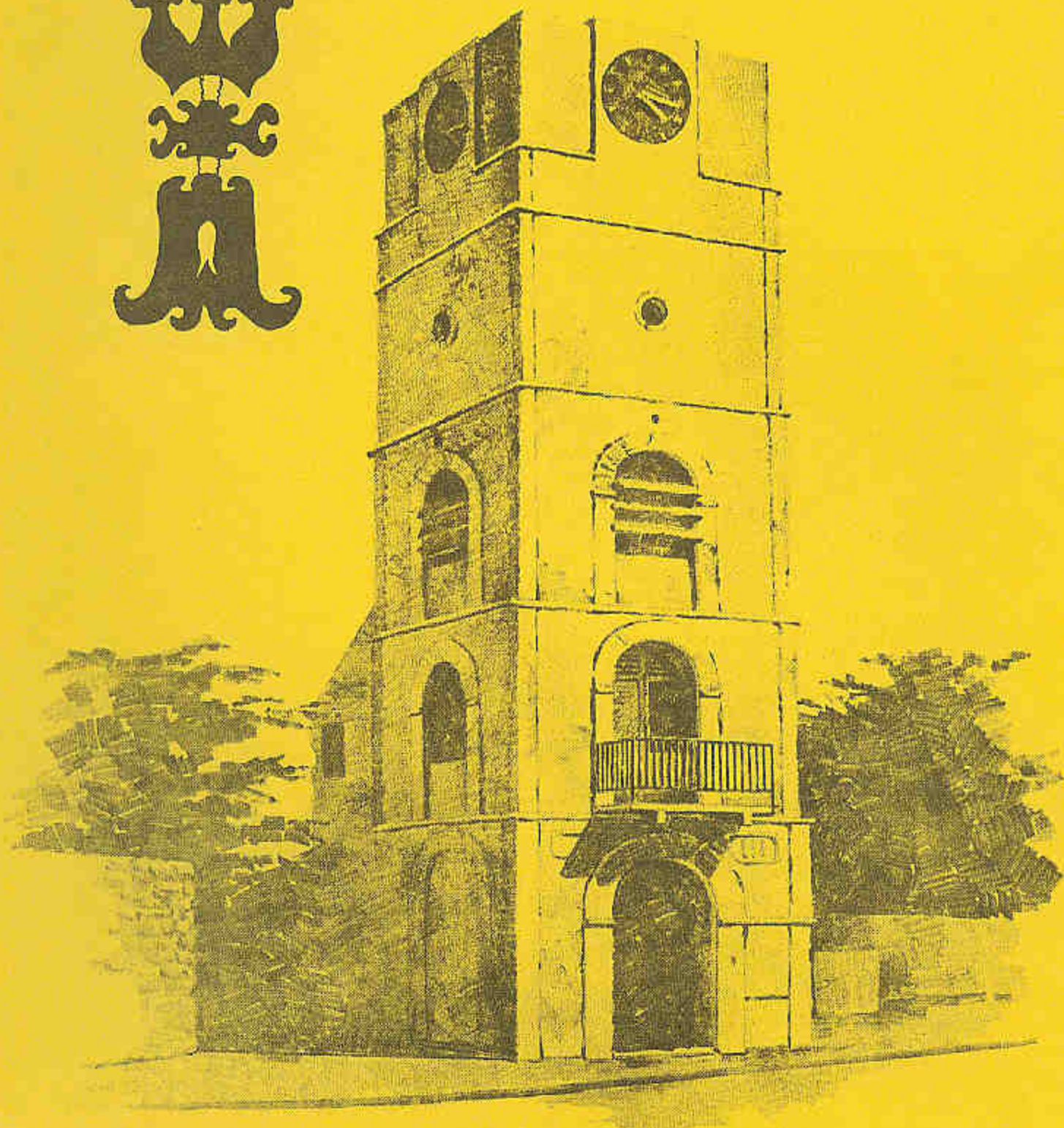


WCA NEWS



FAGERQUIST

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Isabella Yzer, Winnie Wunnink

FROM THE PRESS ROOM

May is the month of Mother's Day, and Bertha from Bertha's Flower Shop has contributed to our issue. Carol Rhydderch does a very interesting article about Fort Zoutman. Our program chairman has an exotic meeting for us. Our thanks to Renee Estrada, Carole Schroth, Judy Quance, Lucille Armbrust, Pamela Hill, Kay Tekker and Marilee Davies for helping this month. Our cover picture this month is one of the prints of the late Harry Fagerquist. His wife Carole very kindly allowed us to use it. These prints may be purchased singly or in sets of four. His interpretations of Aruba include the harbour of Oranjestad, the old gold mine ruins, the old Mill, and the Willem III tower. To order your prints, call Carole Fagerquist at Talk of the Town Resort Hotel at 3380. The cost of the prints is either \$3.00 or fls. 5.40 each. Contrary to our remark in last month's issue that this was the last for this club year, we are happy to correct that there is still one more coming -- the June issue.

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NEWS FROM THE TOP

- * I remind all members that our May meeting will be election meeting. This will be a "free" meeting for all members. No tickets will be on sale. It will be an important meeting as you will have to elect a new board to guide our organization during the coming association year. It will also be a meeting where you have to decide how to distribute our charity funds for which you have worked so hard during the year. So, I expect to see all members at this important May meeting. Oh, only one request, please do not bring guests along because it may add confusion to the elections.
- * Besides the necessity to elect a new board, it is also necessary that we start thinking on our committees for the coming year. Our committees are the veins through which all the activities of our association flow. If we do not have strong and effective committees, our organization will not progress. It is for this reason that I call on all members to give their names for the different committees. We need chairmen and committee members. So, if any one of you wishes to contribute to the growth of our organization and to help our communities, please give me a call.
- * I wish to inform all those members who have signed up for the different hostess groups in connection with the year of tourism that we are working on this project. Soon a meeting will be called with the chairmen of the different hotel groups, and your chairman in turn will keep you informed.
- * Don't forget to fill out the questionnaires prepared by the Program and Study Group Committees. They will be available at the May meeting for those who have not had an opportunity. We want your opinions!

Quita Croes

Educational Committee Report

Although we continue our normal work of advising students as regards further studies, the most important undertaking of these last few months has been our questionnaire to the businessmen of Aruba. We have compiled almost all our data and will be ready for publication by the middle of May.

According to a mathematician of the Colegio Arubano a hundred returned forms would be enough to publish a fairly accurate picture of the labour market. Since we have approximately one hundred at this moment we feel we have been successful. Most businessmen have been very serious about filling out the questionnaire. However, some led us up the garden path by saying "secrets of the trade", "none of your business" or by not filling out the relevant data. Fortunately they are few and far between.

After the Easter holidays the chairman of our committee is going to discuss the result of the questionnaire with a group of school counsellors and after that we will decide at our May meeting how we are going to publish the results.

We thank all our volunteers for the help they have given in handing out the questionnaires and hope they are also satisfied with results so far.

Ans Visser.

TREASURERS REPORT

Savings Account	Fls. 10,229.27	Charity Fund	Fls. 5,034.40
Petty Cash	4.70	Limpí Fund	753.65
Current Account	<u>1,520.86</u>	Club Fund	<u>5,966.78</u>
	Fls. 11,754.83		Fls. 11,754.83
Pins	Fls. 246.21		

Clarita Arends
Treasurer

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP REPORT

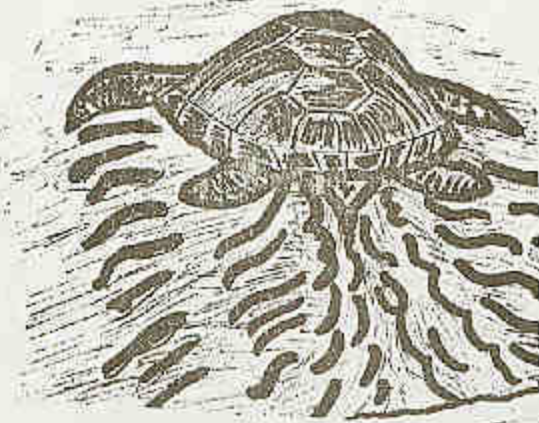
School Programs

On March 17 the distribution of certificates and small prizes for best posters and essays took place in St. Annaschool, Noord. Deputy Daniel Leo and the press enhanced the little ceremony by their presence. Everybody admired the impressive display of the student's art work and recycled items, which abounded with charmingly original and clever ideas. (Believe it or not, we all fell in love with an old beach shoe!)

Thanks to Sandra Vaessen and Mary Ann La Monte, the posters were later displayed in the Oranjestad shop windows, where they can continue to proclaim the message.

Meanwhile another school program started on April 2 for 68 students of Kukwisa School in Pos Chiquito. The program is still continuing at the time this report is written. Next program is scheduled for the week of May 10 in St. Theresia School, San Nicolas.

Plans for a Turtle Campaign



Around July the turtle season will start again in Aruba. For two years during this season the ecology group organized a small campaign to draw attention to the fact that sea turtles, once plentiful throughout the Caribbean, are in serious danger of disappearing from our seas. Many countries have passed laws and are actively protecting the turtle, yet here in Aruba nothing has been done, and the practice of killing the nesting turtles on the beach still persists.

Although the school programs keep us pretty busy, we feel it would be a shame to give up on the turtles, especially since we have plenty of ideas. Tentative plans for a grand turtle campaign in June were presented during the Women's Club luncheon and would be as follows:

1. Ask high school students to make turtle posters for display in shop windows.
2. A T.V. program on turtles.
3. Releasing a number of turtle hatchlings in the sea with the necessary publicity of press and T.V., drawing attention to the fact that turtles are supposed to return to the beach where they hatched.

Cont'd.

4. An appeal to the population to report turtle data to a central place, so we can get a better idea of the turtle situation on Aruba.

These plans can only be realized if we can find the necessary sponsors and sufficient workers willing to help (so far the response and the comments were not too over-whelmingly encouraging). Please call us if you'd like to offer your suggestions and support.

Last but not least, some very good news arrived in the form of a letter received on April 6.



Dear Vera,

In as much as there is a lack of local periodicals in Aruba, part of my reading has included the Women's Club News. It has been through reading this newspaper that I have decided that you women have something to say and are sometimes more impressive than men..

It is for that reason that I have decided to offer my personal assistance as well as the assistance of the corporation of which I am a member in helping to further your fight for the environmental protection of Aruba. As you know I am deeply involved in all kinds of water sports and I have a love and respect for the sea and for the creatures within the sea. It is for that reason that I propose the following:

1. We should strive for legislation to prohibit the removal of plants or animals or the remains of same from the sea.
2. The best way to start on this is by contacting all watersport operators and requesting that they prohibit such actions.

If there is any assistance either myself or my corporation can render to your club on behalf of this cause or in an attempt to educate the young on Environmental Protection, please feel free to contact me.

I might point out that my company already prohibits the removal of any plant or animal life from the sea.

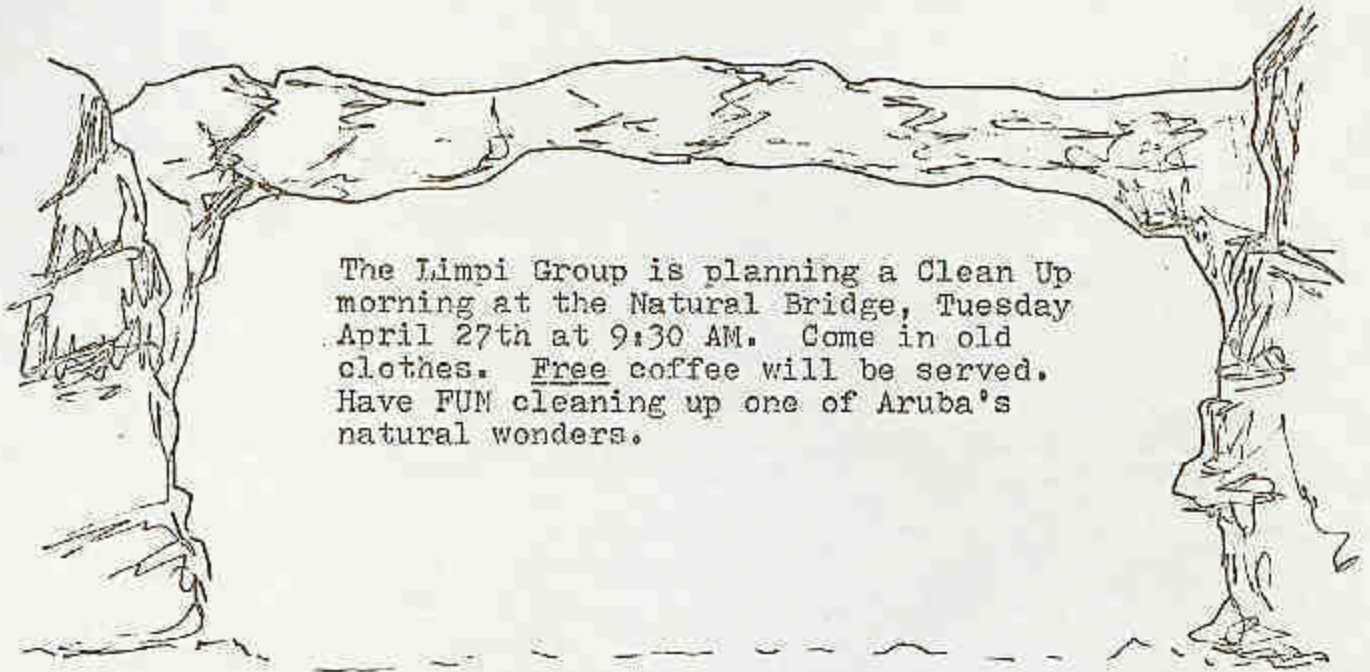
Sincerely,

Ed Shuman Jr.

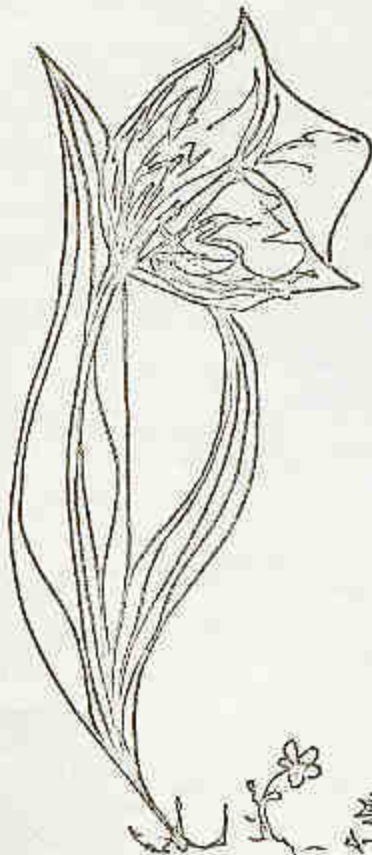
L.L.&S. Sports NV

(Mr. Shuman and Mr. La Monte, whose wives are both active new members in the Club, operate the watersports facilities in Holiday Inn and Americana Hotel.) We are very encouraged by this new source of support, and intend to take full advantage of their willing offer to help.

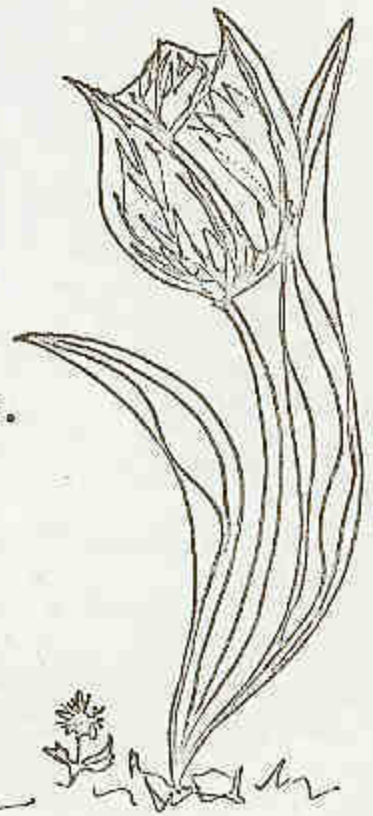
Vera Rooze
Environmental Group Chairman



The Limpi Group is planning a Clean Up morning at the Natural Bridge, Tuesday April 27th at 9:30 AM. Come in old clothes. Free coffee will be served. Have FUN cleaning up one of Aruba's natural wonders.



The fls. 240 raised by the sale of tulips at the March meeting has reverted to the Club, as the young man was unable to take the course he had originally intended. The Education Committee will use the funds at a later date when a similar need arises.



bon bini

Cheryl Croes

If you had to describe Cheryl Croes' life in one word, you would say "industrious". Besides caring for her 20 month old daughter, Malaki, she is secretary for the Aruba Secretarys' Association. Cheryl was born and educated in Aruba (Mulo and Universidad di Aruba). Her husband, Robert, works for Elmar. They are expecting a new baby in July. In her leisure hours she enjoys reading detective stories and science fiction. "Belonging to Women's Club is an honor" says Cheryl. It is an honor to have you.

Mercedes Harms

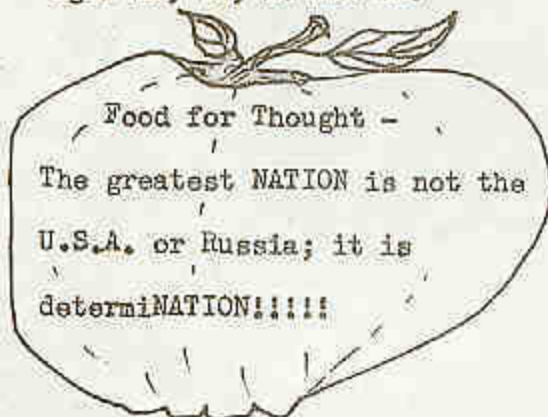
Now that her children are grown, Mercedes has decided to get back into the Women's Club again. She was a member about 18 years ago for a short while. An Aruban by birth, Mercedes has lived here except when the family lived in Panama for a few years and has vacationed in Europe, the U.S.A., and Latin America. Her husband Lionel was born in the U.S.A. and is part owner of Harms Brothers. They have four children, ages 21, 20, 17 and 16.

Natalie Reynolds

Natalie Reynolds has been in Aruba since January, 1976. She and her family came here from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area where they own an 80 acre farm and raise Angus cattle. She is originally from Houston, Texas, and worked for Leon Jaworski's law firm, Fulbright & Jaworski for 5 years. Before coming here she worked for Colt Industries, Crucible Steel Division. Three of her five children are here in Aruba with her, Roger 16, Polly 14, and Amy 11. Two girls are in college in the States. She and her husband Roger who works for Mc Kee Co., love the sea, sand and sun of Aruba. In addition, she makes most of her own clothes and is currently taking Spanish lessons.

Celia Brandt

Born in Holland, she came here when she was 2 years old. For her study as a hairdresser she went back to Rotterdam, Holland. Looking after her husband Theo and two daughters, Soeleika 9 years old, and Danielle 4 years, takes most of her time. You can find the whole family often at the beach. Celia's hobbies are reading and cosmetics. She enjoys experimenting with new beauty products on her friends, since she is presently not employed professionally.



WOMAN IN THE NEWS.

For her two years here, Joan Alexander is very well known to all of us in the Women's Club and to many others here on the island. She is the godmother of the club's W.C.A. News, which will be two years old with the next issue, and she has done an excellent job.

Joan was born and educated in England, specializing in speech training, English, and drama. She has lived all her married life overseas following her husband, Guy, with the children to wherever his job took him. They have lived in such places as Benghazi, Libya, Peru, Colombia, India, Argentina, and now Aruba. Their home is decorated with many interesting art pieces which they have collected in their travels.

Wherever she went, Joan became active in community affairs and has contributed vastly to whatever she became involved in. She was always active in women's club work, and amongst other jobs, was president in Peru and Argentina. Her greatest contribution to the organization has been in the area of journalism both here in Aruba and abroad.

She is very interested in drama and art and has been teaching an art appreciation class at the Seroe Colorado School for the past year. When time permits, she paints and does ink sketches. Among her other activities are playing a good game of tennis and occasionally doing travelogues on many of her overseas adventures.

The Alexanders have four children. One son is married and lives in Spain, another son attends a university in England, and a son and daughter live and attend school here.



PRESERVING THE PAST FOR ARUBA'S FUTURE

Women's Club members who took advantage of the House Tour were pleasantly surprised to find a stop at the Fort Zoutman restoration had been arranged by our program committee. We were very encouraged to see what is now being accomplished there, when every year more and more of Aruba's tangible links with the past disappear and no one seems to very much care.

Fortunately for our Island, in 1965, a group from the Cultural Centre and Aruba Nostra dedicated themselves to saving perhaps our most historic landmark. Original plans for the Fort were found in the Archives of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The

Fort was built in 1796 when Louis Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, had been appointed first king of the Republic of Holland, which at that time included the Netherlands and Belgium. The principal settlement was at Savaneta. If an attack did come, it would come by sea, so Governor Lauffer decided to build a fort at Paardenbaai, to be manned by a military detachment of ten or twelve men. The sea nearly lapped the walls of the fort, and all the land that now exists between the fort and the present beach was under water, including that on which Dr. Hartog's home now stands. The cannon, originally from Holland, were brought from Curacao and placed in position to fire at the hulls of invading vessels. Muskets were also brought from Curacao to arm the defenders.

The tower with its flag pole was added in 1867. Commerce was increasing, and a kerosene lamp served as a beacon to the increasing number of ships in Aruba's waters. Harbour signals were posted to assist water traffic, and a lookout was also maintained by a detachment of police who were now responsible for the maintenance of the Fort. Cannon were fired to announce the New Year and to salute the King's Birthday. A bell sounded the hours, and it wasn't until 1938-39 that the present clock was installed. In 1939 Issac Waggemaker ordered the tower repaired. Old wooden floors in the tower were replaced by ones of steel reinforced concrete - an unfortunate choice that is delaying the restoration a year, and is costing an additional 85,000 to 90,000 guilders. The salt in the mortar corroded and expanded the metal, which caused severe cracking and threatened to collapse the structure. It was first suggested to demolish the tower and rebuild a replica, but the Restoration Bureau in Holland would not approve as it was felt that this would be no "restoration".



Steel straps will be used to support the tower while the concrete floors are being out out and replaced with termite-proof wood. Further permanent support will be given the tower by earthquake rods, which I'm sure many of you have seen elsewhere. Mr. J. Schouten of Gouda, Holland's foremost museum authority, is supervising the restoration. Display cases and furnishings have been ordered from Holland, and he will oversee their placement. The grey tiles on the roof are the same type as the original. A plaster composed of special lime and salt free sand covers the walls, and will be painted. Original methods were used in the building and installation of windows, doors and roofing. Great care has been taken to ensure an accurate and faithful restoration.

During the Year of The Tourist, it is hoped that both local art and folkloric shows will be presented in the Fort's courtyard for both the tourist and Island residents. We hope Aruba's people will donate furnishings and artifacts to the museum, where they will help show our children how their grandparents and great grandparents lived. So much is thrown out every year . . . an easy, immediate solution for a householder, that costs us our Island's history and a tie to a past way of life.

We cannot appeal strongly enough to our people to think about preserving what little we have left. Time is running out. Everyone can help. Be interested. Be aware.

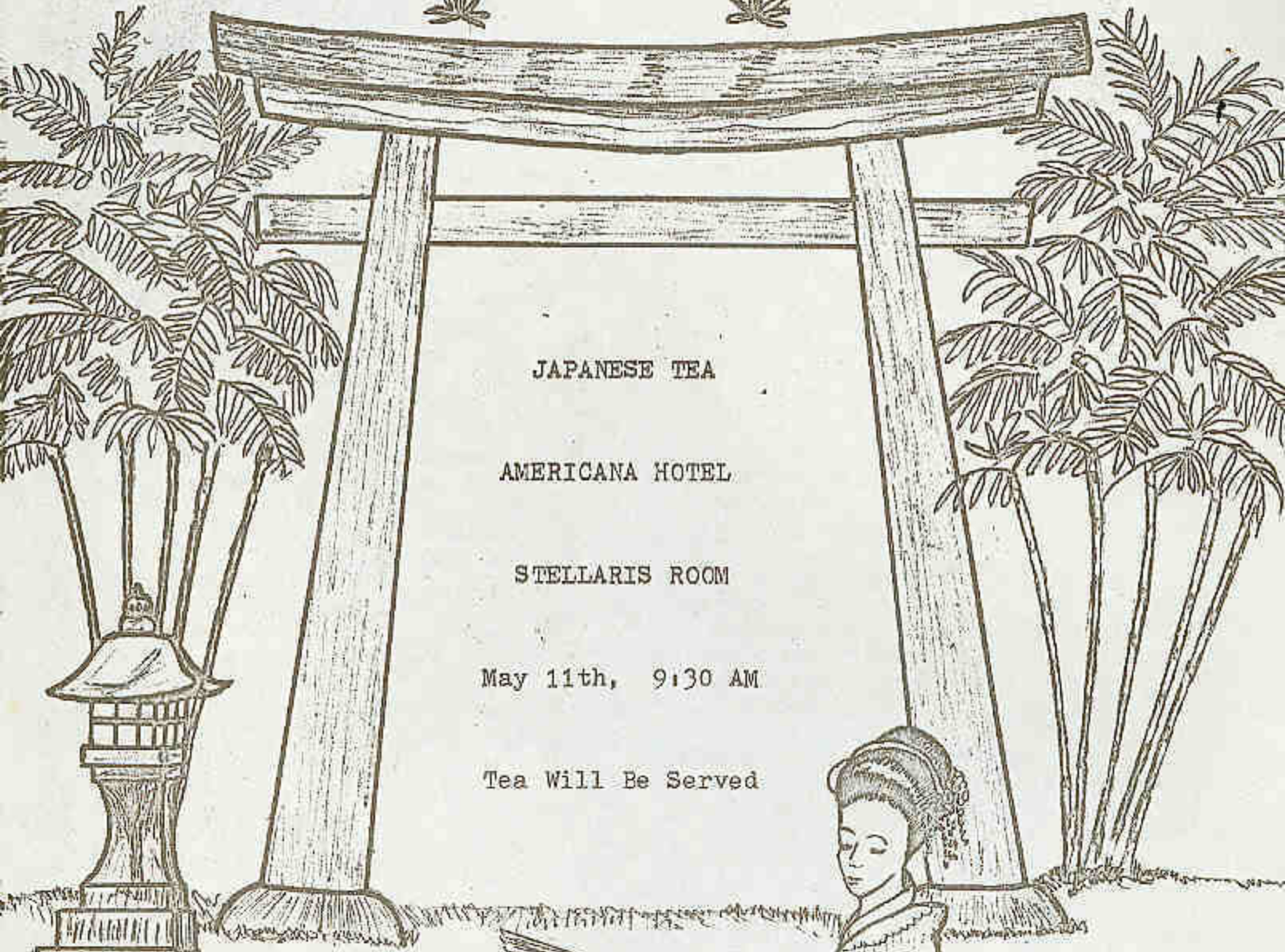
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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Many thanks to Sally Goldberg who served so well on the W.C.A. News. She came to us with previous editing experience, and from her we learned so much. Sally, Paul and Cynthia Lynn (three months) are moving to Miami, Florida. Sally is quiet, efficient and industrious. It will be difficult to replace her talents. While she lived in Seroc Colorado she taught first grade for two years, took Spanish lessons, and played bridge and tennis. Good Luck Sally.

MAY PROGRAM



JAPANESE TEA

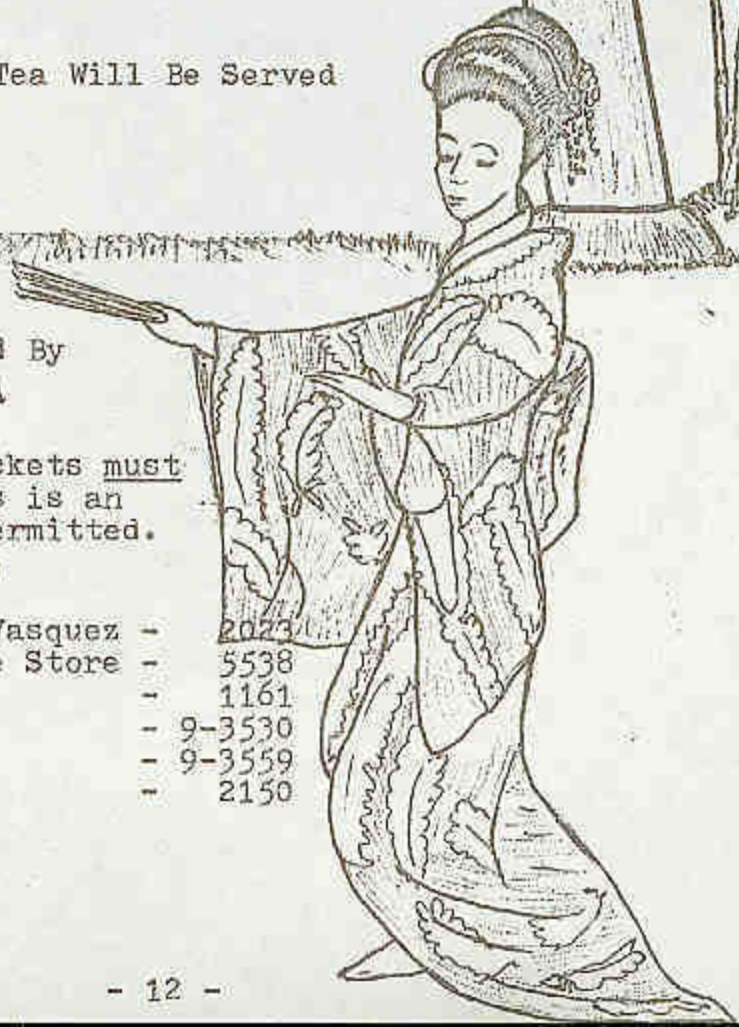
AMERICANA HOTEL

STELLARIS ROOM

May 11th, 9:30 AM

Tea Will Be Served

Tea Ceremony
Will Be Performed By
SACHIKO CAMARA



This is a free meeting but tickets must be reserved by May 8. As this is an election, no guests will be permitted. For reservations, please call:

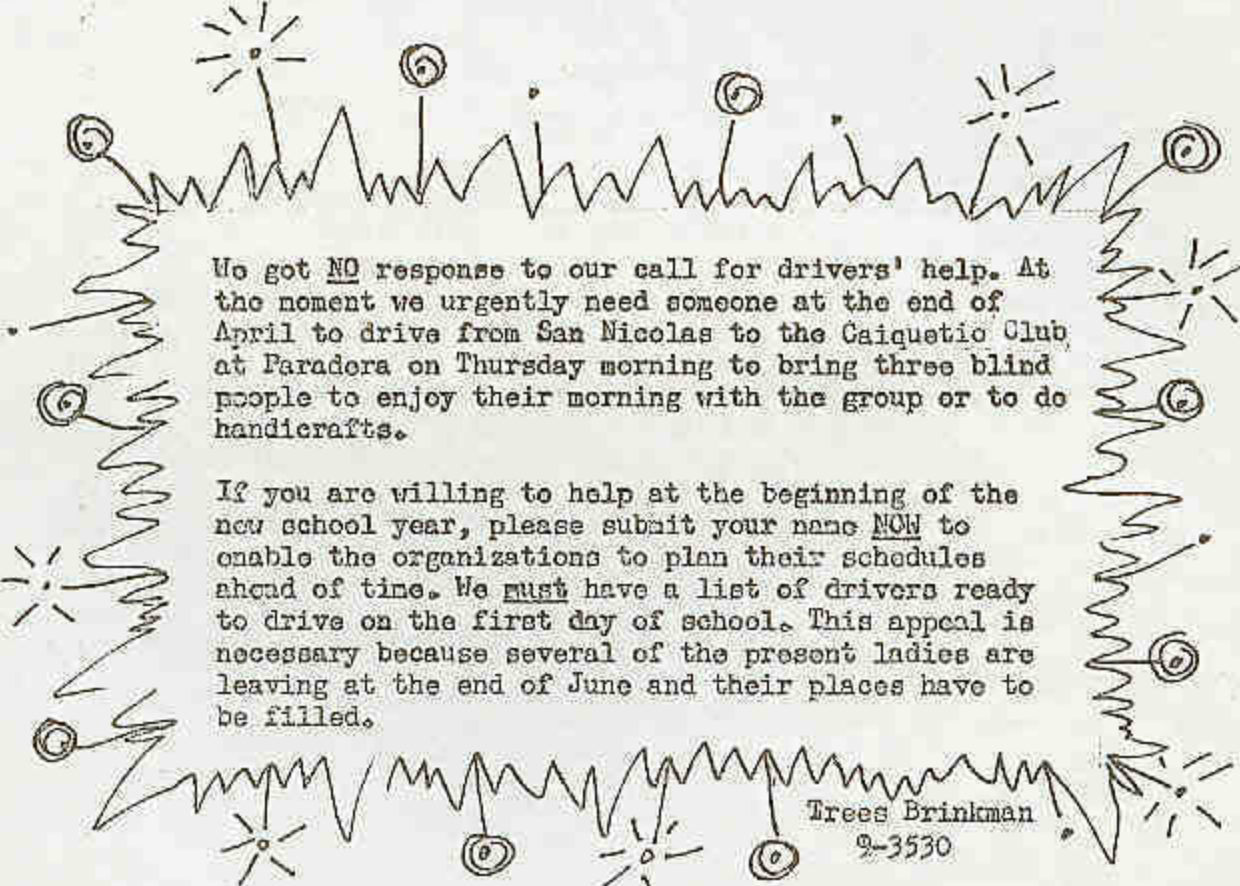
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Quita Croes	- Bata Shoe Store -	5538
Aura's Beauty Shop	-	1161
Trees Brinkman	-	9-3530
Gerda Salas	-	9-3559
Palmira Ponson	-	2150

VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers of Maris Stella want to thank everyone who responded so nicely on the general meeting of April 6. They found a well-filled basket at the door which enables them to make the winners of the Bingo happy.

Also to the ladies who donated their raffle-prize a special "Thank you". These nicely filled hats will be a special prize at Easter time.

Maca Whitfield
Chairman Volunteers
Maris Stella



We got NO response to our call for drivers' help. At the moment we urgently need someone at the end of April to drive from San Nicolas to the Caglietic Club at Paradera on Thursday morning to bring three blind people to enjoy their morning with the group or to do handicrafts.

If you are willing to help at the beginning of the new school year, please submit your name NOW to enable the organizations to plan their schedules ahead of time. We must have a list of drivers ready to drive on the first day of school. This appeal is necessary because several of the present ladies are leaving at the end of June and their places have to be filled.

Trees Brinkman
9-3530

Limpi Report



At the general W.C.A. meeting in the Caribbean Hotel a model of the new trash can was displayed. It is hoped that the attractive wooden containers can be placed on the streets soon. There will be approximately 100 for Oranjestad and 50 for San Nicolas and some on the walkway near the hotels. They will cost about Fls.17,50 each and be made by the "vakopleiding", a department of the government.

The Limpi Committee thanks all the ladies who worked hard on this project.

Annemieke Kock
Chairman

PAR 4 LIMPI

Thanks to the generosity of Bonnie Schuman and Mary Ann La Monte, Limpi Fund is Fls. 50 richer. Their husbands own the waterfront sports at the Holiday Inn. Members of Women's Club were invited to try their luck at their miniature golf course on March 31. All proceeds went towards making Aruba cleaner. Twenty-five women came, and your eye witness reporter, who scored two holes-in-one, can testify that it was an enjoyable way to raise money. First prize was won by Aida Briezen with a score of 51. Bonnie Auble (55) and Bonnie Schuman (58) were not far behind. Prizes were donated by the Drop Shot Boutique at the Holiday Inn and Ritz Ice Cream. Last place prize was captured by Bobbi Scott. She gets a round trip ride with Joann Innes from Oranjestad to Seroe Colorado in a Maverick with seven children. The new miniature golf course with its clever theme of scenes of Aruba is well kept and a good place to take the family. Masha danki Bonnie and Mary Ann.

MAY STUDY GROUP CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - Second Wednesday of month, 9:00 a.m.

DIVERSIFIED ARTS & CRAFTS

Surfside

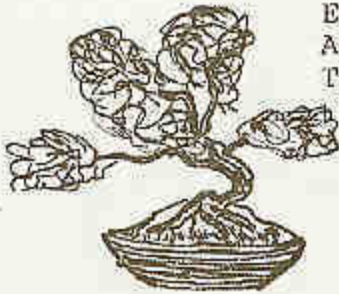
Topic: "An Art Presentation" by Regina Romondt.
Regina will talk about art and will display
several of her works of art.

MONDAY, MAY 17 - Third Monday night of the
month, 7:30 p.m.

EVENING STUDY GROUP

At the home of Pat Arends - Madurostr. 6

Topic: "Demonstration on Japanese
Tempura" by Sachiko Camara. You
must call 4725 for food to be
purchased by May 10. (Limited
to 12)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 - Third Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL GOURMET

Surfside

Topic: "Gum Paste" demonstration for cakes of all
occasions by Delia Hasham. Delia will have
a display of her cakes. Don't miss this show!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 - Fourth Wednesday of the
month, 9:00 a.m.

GARDENING

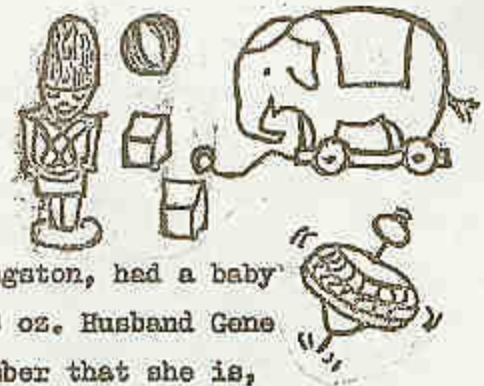
Surfside

Topic: Rita Every will demonstrate a
palm planter out of palm leaves.
Don't forget your plant to swap
with a fellow Gardening Friend.

This ends the study groups for this year. Thanks for all
your help and attendance. We need new programs for next
year and people to help teach them. Please call 4725 to
help set up our programs for next year. Thank you.

Marianne Tucker
Chairman

STORK CLUB



The mother of "Mothers' Corner", Kit Livingston, had a baby boy on April 1. Brian Matthew weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. Husband Gene and little Karen are delighted. Loyal staff member that she is, Kit still had time to write her column for this issue. Thank you from all of us, Livingstons, for another beautiful baby and for all your help on the W.C.A. News.

Andrea and Werner Hein in Islamorada, Florida, have a new baby girl, Alexandra. When she arrived on February 25, she weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. Andrea is a past board member of W.C.A. Congratulations to all three!

MOTHERS' CORNER

If your children have been artistic this year, by now you may have a large collection of paintings, drawings, etc..... Here are some suggestions for painless and happy disposal:

- ...use for gift wrapping with yarn or bright string for the ribbon or...
- make paper hats for play at children's parties, or...
- use as place mats at family meals or on picnics,
- and give to doting grandparents for all occasions.



Bertha and Mother's Day ***

Exactly 11 years ago, Bertha Janga opened her flower shop in San Nicolas. May 6, 1965, was one week before Mother's Day. This is the busiest and most profitable time for florists, so her opening was well planned. Being a florist in Aruba has its own peculiar problems.

One is the necessity of transporting flowers from Bogota and Miami. Four years ago, the flowers didn't arrive on the island until two days after Mother's Day. Try explaining that to customers.

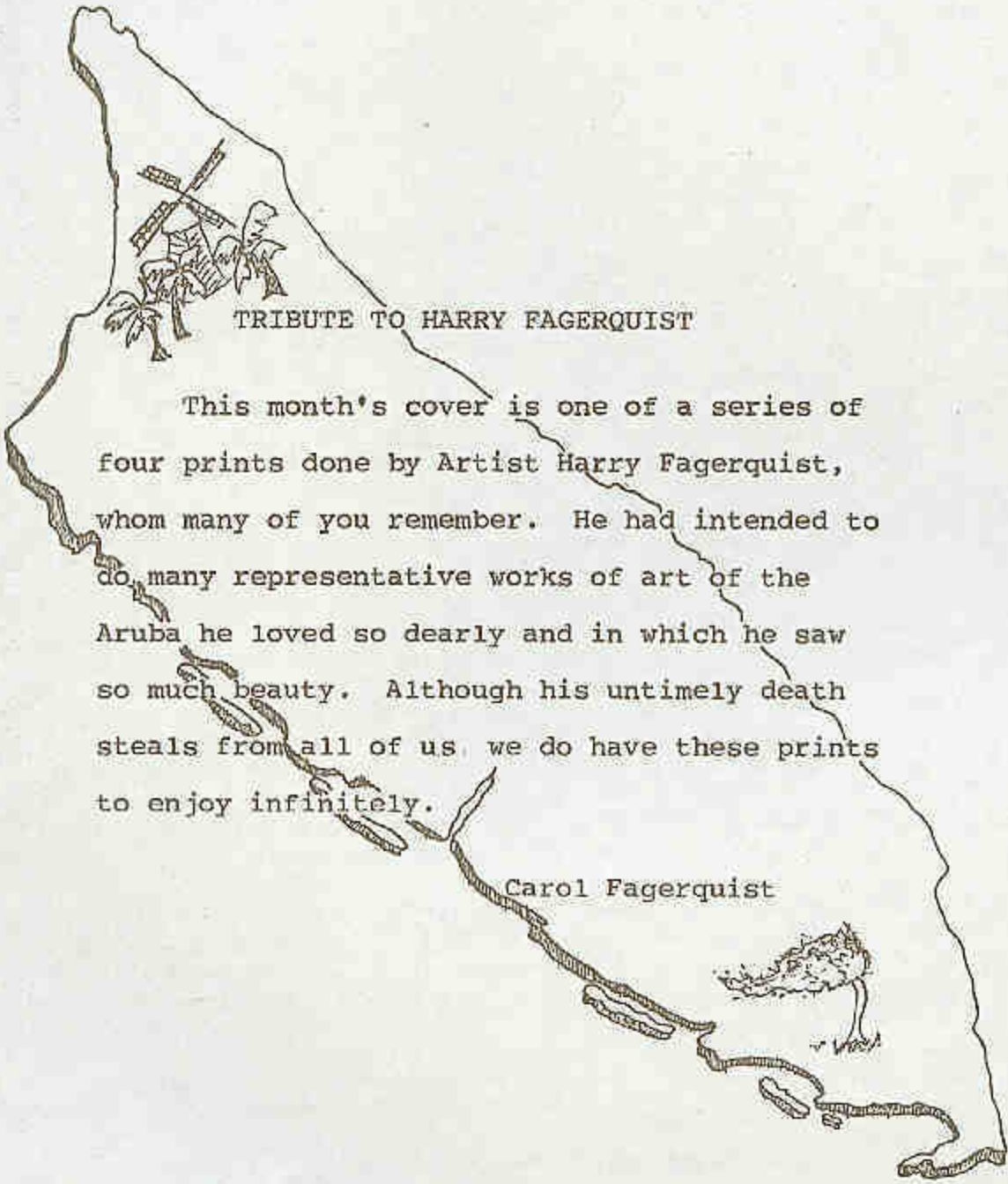
Mother's Day flowers present several more problems. The importers drastically raise the prices. All arrangements must be assembled in two days. Bertha has trained her own helpers, and they have a well organized system for this busy time. Only a limited number of orders are accepted. The arrangements are begun on Friday morning and by Saturday evening, all are delivered. She takes great pride in selling fresh, well designed arrangements. One hint to customers is to place your order early.

Carnations are the traditional floral gift for mothers in Aruba. White carnations mean the woman's mother is deceased and red means her mother is alive. She would like to sell more corsages because she thinks it makes a mother look attractive and feel proud.

Bertha worked with flowers for four years, then was trained in Puerto Rico for three months before opening her shop. Her first memory of Mother's Day occurred in the late 1940's. Relatives sent cards to her mother from America. She remembers making a card for her mother in school. Since then, the day has become a special event in Aruba. If possible, all children and their families go to see Mother. There is visiting, special baking and big dinners. Social clubs and churches have Mother's Day programs.

This very special flower lady would like to see flowers and plants in every home in Aruba. "Even flowers from a field or your own garden can fill and brighten your rooms. Flowers are for people with good taste, showing a warm, friendly person who cares."

Joy Huggins



TRIBUTE TO HARRY FAGERQUIST

This month's cover is one of a series of four prints done by Artist Harry Fagerquist, whom many of you remember. He had intended to do many representative works of art of the Aruba he loved so dearly and in which he saw so much beauty. Although his untimely death steals from all of us we do have these prints to enjoy infinitely.

Carol Fagerquist

April 1976.

Dear member,

In the general meeting of May 1976 we will vote on the following proposals for donations and hope they will meet your approval.

DIABETICS FOUNDATION OF ARUBA

This foundation began their work in August 1975 to help all diabetics on Aruba with information, to grant aid and support their members.

f. 600,--

FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND.

f. 600,--

FOUNDATION FOR THE DEAF.

They need big toys for the playground, i.e. big balls, a swing, see-saw, etc.

f. 450,--

Received already for materials " 100,--

f. 550,--

HANDICAPED SAVANETA.

This is a group of abt. 20 handicapped adults meeting every Tuesday morning to learn handicrafts and work together. For this they need crafts materials.

f. 350,--

STUDENT-AID.

We propose to form a student-fund in charge of our Education-Committee

f. 400,--

Y.M.C.A. For their Summerprogram

f. 350,--

MEALS ON WHEELS.

This organization provides weekly a hot meal to elderly people in San Nicolas.

f. 500,--

CANCER FUND.

This Fund is working to get special apparatuses to prevent or detect cancer.

f. 200,--

CASA CUNA. To buy toys (Fisher Price)

f. 300,--

CENTRO DI BARIO NOORD.

This Centro takes care of small children who have no opportunity to play at home and are too young for kindergarden. They are in need for small tables and chairs and wooden toys.

f. 375,--

TE AWORO.

This Day Care Center is taking care of babies and small children of working mothers.

f. 250,--

received already for screens " 125,--

total

f. 375,--

Respectfully submitted,

Trees Brinkman
Welfare Chairman.

April 1976

Dear Ladies:

The following is a list of women that have graciously accepted to serve as officers for the 1976-1977 year. The nominating committee is pleased that these ladies have accepted the leadership of the club for next year. Please come to the May meeting and vote on the slate and if you wish to nominate any other woman feel free to do so.

Annemiek Kock	President
Linda Snog	Vice President
Liz Thuis	Recording Secretary
Gerda Salas	Corresponding Secretary
Celia Brandt	Treasurer
Ingeborg Engelbrecht	Welfare
Marietta Oduber	Ways and Means
Bonnie Auble	Program
Ria Bosch	Study Groups

Members-at-Large

Sharon Arrendell

Edith Henriquez

Ann Connolly