



Official Programme

Visit of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix St. Maarten, November 3, 2011

Theme: Public Health, Environment & Education

*Official Welcome of
Her Majesty Queen Beatrix,
His Royal Highness Crown
Prince Willem Alexander,
Princess Máxima and
entourage*

10:30 hours

*Princess Juliana
International
Airport*

*Inauguration and
Presentation of the new
Mental Health Facilities*

15.10 hours

Cay Hill

*Presentation by
Environmental and
Nature Organizations*

15.45 hours

*Emílio Wilson
Estate*

*Presentation of the Culinary
Arts Division at the
Sundial School*

16.40 hours

Sundial School

*National Manifestation
entitled:
"Embracing St. Maarten's
Tradition"*

20.00 hours

*Clem Labega
Square*



Synopsis of the Public events

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

*St. Maarten recognizes and acknowledges that an important part of health care is providing adequate care for persons suffering with mental health. It is estimated that 1 out of every 4 persons is affected by mental disorder and Sint Maarten is no exception. With the above mentioned in mind the Mental Health foundation was established with the following mission: **“To make available quality psychiatric care, based on agreed budgets and tariffs, by providing guidance and therapy to individuals and groups. The foundation will also work to prevent acute and unsafe situations for patients and families by recommending alternative lifestyles to individuals and families and monitoring their progress.”** Through the assistance of the Island Government, the MHF board, the MHF Staff, volunteers and partners, the foundation has moved from its humble beginnings to a full-fledged psychiatric care system offering care to other neighbouring islands like St. Eustatius, Saba, Anguilla and others. The Management and staff are dedicated to providing the best psychiatric care the island of St Maarten can access.*

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURE FOUNDATIONS

Worldwide there are various environmental organizations that seek to protect, analyze or monitor the environment against misuse or degradation and in doing this ensuring a better future for generations to come. On Sint Maarten there are several organizations and foundations that actively work towards protecting and preserving our Environment. Four Foundations, EPIC, Pride Foundation, Nature Foundation and the Sint Maarten Archaeological Center (SIMARC) , have been selected to present some current projects in this area as well as showcase and display their activities. With all environmental challenges in the world, St. Maarten as a whole, public and private, takes an active position in ensuring that particular areas are well protected and that regular cleanup campaigns occur exhibiting pride in our country. It is a joint effort between the older and younger generation.

CULINARY ARTS DIVISION SUNDIAL SCHOOL

Sundial School recently extended their kitchen making it the only school restaurant on the island with such a sizeable kitchen. Through funds from the Netherlands (“Stichting Ontwikkeling Nederlandse Antillen”) the expansion became a reality. Sundial is a school where students learn the practice of cooking, health care and serving. Children who dropped out of high school are provided with the opportunity to learn a trade and prepare them for a professional career.

NATIONAL MANIFESTATION “EMBRACING ST. MAARTEN’S TRADITION”

The National Manifestation aims to provide Her Majesty and the Royal Party with the opportunity to present a taste of St. Maarten’s Tradition by both our older and younger generations, with the emphasis being placed on Nation building. “Nation building” is the conscious and focused application of our people’s collective resources, energies, and knowledge. It involves the development of behaviors, values, language, institutions, and physical structures that elucidate our history and culture, concretize and protect the present, and insure the future identity of the nation.
