

Subject: Committee of the Islands (COTI) Invitation

You're Invited to

Celebrate Sanibel!

A Week of Community Festivities to Commorate our Island's Past, Showcase the Present, and Envision the Future

Sunday Nov 2nd thru Saturday Nov 8th

November 2 - 8, 2008

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Dear Tom,

Next week, Sanibel will host a week-long celebration marking an occasion of momentous importance for the City - one that incorporates a birthday, an anniversary, and many milestones, achievements and accomplishments.

The purpose behind "Celebrate Sanibel" is to commemorate the Island's past, showcase the present, and envision the future. The concept of gathering islanders together in a time of positive reflection and celebration originated last spring when Porter Goss spoke at the Committee of the Islands (COTI) annual meeting. His talk generated such enthusiasm and energy about the history and uniqueness of the island that several members of the audience decided to develop a "happening" in 2008.

Representatives of COTI, the Sanibel Library, and Sanibel Historical Museum and Village spearheaded the concept and selected the week of November 2 which marks the anniversary date of the incorporation of Sanibel. The group grew to include representatives from service clubs, cultural organizations, city government, museums, the Community Center, the business community and Chamber of Commerce. Through concentrated teamwork, the committee designed a full week in which every day holds special events sponsored

<p>Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Circle of Community Leadership</p> <p>Community Housing Resources/Community Land Trust</p> <p>Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife</p> <p>"Ding" Darling Refuge</p> <p>Tarpon Bay Explorers</p> <p>Friends In Service Here</p> <p>Island Sun</p> <p>Kiwanis</p> <p>Lions</p> <p>Optimist Club</p> <p>Rotary</p> <p>Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation</p> <p>Zebis</p> <p>ZONTA</p>	<p>by participating organizations. All programs will spotlight the unique quality of life Sanibel supports.</p> <p>The Celebrate Sanibel Kickoff Event will be held at the Sanibel Community House on Sunday November 2 from 1-3 p.m. Betty Anholt, noted Sanibel historian and author, will regale us with "Stories from Sanibel's Past" and Mayor Mick Denham will reflect on "Sanibel's Present and Future". Refreshments will be served.</p> <p>A schedule of all events for the entire week November 2-8 is available by clicking on the link below. Each event has been planned specially for the occasion. We hope that you will be able to attend as many as possible.</p> <p>Click for Event Calendar</p>
	<p>John Harries, President Committee of the Islands (COTI)</p>

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