



The Garden is Open again!

The Botanical Garden of The Virgin Islands at St George Village is open once again after Hurricane Irma. Lots of thanks to the hard working grounds crew, Mike and Danny, for all their efforts getting our Garden cleaned up and safe for visitors.

We invite all first responders, military, displaced survivors of Hurricane Irma to come find peace, quiet, and beauty in our beloved garden in the aftermath of Irma as our guests.

The SGVBG has had boots on ground in rescue, recovery, and relief on St. Thomas and St. John. Our Garden family members David Johnson and Jackie Goodyear brought assistance with their boat and crew of Turn and Burn. Warren Mosler and Elizabeth O'Toole have provided use of the QE IV ferry for relief and recovery.

Many Garden members have donated and collected items to stock emergency shelters here and to send supplies to our sister islands.

Like many of our Garden members and friends, I have been blessed to aid displaced residents of St Thomas and St John, listening to their stories and giving a much-needed hug. Getting them

the resources they need. A group of Medical Support Staff doctors, nurses, and PAs are coming from my home in Upstate New York to volunteer.

Dewey and I have reached out and continue to reach out to our Garden friends on St. Thomas and St. John.

Wedding planners who had weddings scheduled on other islands have already contacted us, and I will do my best to accommodate their requests for weddings at SGVBG.

We are working with VI Tourism and the group STX Blessed to get the word out: St. Croix USVI is OPEN, so please come visit. Plan your vacation here in St Croix. Our Garden, beautiful beaches, hotels, restaurants, golf courses, massage therapists, dive shops, stores are all OPEN and waiting to provide you with the Caribbean experience you desire.

Please spread the word wherever you are. St. Croix is not only the backbone in rescue relief recovery for our sister Islands, but also we are open for you. Please let your local news media know and ask them to put information out for us.

As always if you have any questions feel free to ask. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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