

animals

Animal matters Kim Aranha

The Bahamian Project

It was a great honour for me and for the Bahamas Humane Society when I received an e-mail a few months back asking me if I would be part of this year's Bahamian Project. Seldom are animal advocates or animal rescuers chosen for recognition. My personal theory is that we are not glamorous enough. Of late my and the BHS' cup runneth over as I was first chosen to be a Red Dress Soirée lady and now one of the Bahamian Project faces.

The Bahamian Project is brainchild of Duke and Ana Lisa Wells. Their first exhibition was all in black and white, and took place in 2013 at the National Art Gallery. The idea behind it is to document for prosperity notable and worthy Bahamians for the generations to come. There is a brief bio with each photograph that, I understand, will be expanded when they get to print the long awaited coffee table book.

It is such a great idea to have a visual in this day and age, where frequently reading has gone by the wayside. Young people can see the faces and link them to the deeds or events.

I asked Duke why he started the Bahamian Project with only black and white photographs, but now has moved on to colour photos. Mine is in colour. Here is what Duke told me: "My photographic style is usually classic black and white studio portraiture. Since I photographed all the original images, they were all in black and white. When I invited other photographers to join the Project we thought it best to allow each photographer the opportunity to create images in their own style. Many have chosen to shoot in colour and on location. This adds variety to the image collection."

I was photographed by Duke's dynamic wife Ana Lisa Wells, and we had a wonderful time with lots of puppies running all around the place at the shelter. We had several volunteer

kids to help us as there was always one naughty puppy who would take off in the opposite direction. I was so happy that they chose to display the photo of me shown here, starring two very sweet and young Potcake puppies who were awaiting adoption. I hope their new families see this photograph and appreciate that their pup is a superstar.

In addition to the big exhibition in 2013 at the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas (Villa Doyle) and the exhibition currently at the Central Bank, they have had several smaller exhibitions. They intend to have smaller shows that can be moved around the islands and also to Bahamian Embassy's and High Commissions over the next few years. Bring the Bahamian people face-to-face with other nations, so to speak. There will be another major exhibition in 2018, but its location is still to be determined.

Popopstudios were the original collaborator of the Bahamian Project, as was the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas. For nine years, Duke and Ana Lisa were managing directors of the Popopstudios, but back in September they resigned the position to be able to focus solely on the Bahamian Project and their own personal artwork. They both still maintain separate studios at Popop.

This is certainly a very exciting and interesting exhibition. The quality of the artwork is impressive. So many

Show love for a senior dog

By The Bahamas Humane Society

Many people, when they're considering adoption, focus on the puppies, but older dogs have special charm, too. Maddock is a lovely senior Chow who came to the Bahamas Humane Society with her brother Riley. Both are looking for homes that will allow them to live out their senior years in style. Maddock is about 10 years old and would make a good guard dog, keeping your home safe from undesirables. She's not that fond of children as she finds them unpredictable, and she'd love to stay with her brother, but that's not a deal-breaker. Do you have a soft spot in your heart for a senior dog? If so, come in and meet Maddock or call 323-5138 for more information. Adoption hours are 11am to 4pm,

different Bahamian photographers have been chosen to photograph a very varied and diverse group of people. Each photo stands out on its own merit. Each photograph has in one way or another captured the essence of the person featured in the picture.

I strongly recommend paying a visit



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Monday to Friday, and 10am to 4pm on Saturday. Don't forget to ask about the adult dog \$5 special!

• **Mark your calendars. The next BHS Thrift Shop 'Dogs Days of Summer' (and cats, too) jewellery sale is set for Saturday, July 29, from 10am to 2pm. There is a large selection and you're bound to find something to suit your budget. All proceeds go to the Bahamas Humane Society.**

to the Central Bank to have a look. Not just to support the fact that the Bahamas Humane Society has been recognised through me, but also because it is a well put together display of awesome photos by talented photographers of interesting people. There is absolutely nothing not to like!



Kim Aranha's portrait for the Bahamian Project



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