

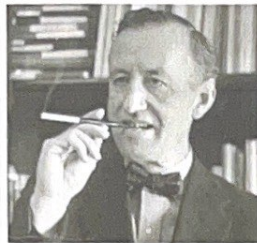
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

JAMAICA ON MY MIND



I am posting a one year **blog** started January 2012 and ends January 2013. This is a light, fun filled history blog that spans about 20 years from 1948 to 1968. When the tropical island of Jamaica, WI was still a british colony and played host to royalty, celebrities, the rich and the literary world. Each month will be devoted to one segment of that period-example: food, people, style.

I want to show readers that Jamaica was once a speical and magical place that attracted the best the world had to offer. The powerful people that were captived by the essence of this island, which clearly enchanted their creative minds. Case in point-Ian Fleming's James Bond novels.



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I am also doing this blog for the love of my ancestral homeland. The same love my great grandfather had when he came from Scotland and fell in love with the island and the people and settled in the mountains of Jamaica and never left.

I want my readers to picture themselves back in 1952 Jamaica, with a martini in hand-mingling with Ian Fleming and Elizabeth Taylor by the piano, in Noel Coward's cottage by the sea.
ENJOY!




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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

WHO'S WHO

There was a staging number of well known personalities that descended onto Jamaica during it's "High Life." Jamaica became an escape, a refuge when life became too frustrating. Jamaica was the "PARADISE OF THE CARIBBEAN." Life in Jamaica was a party where you could socialize and forget your worries. A place to create and be free.



The list of characters: QUEEN ELIZABETH, PRINCESS MARGARET, LAURENCE OLIVIER, DAVID NIVEN, MARLENE DIETRICH, ERROL FLYNN, FRANK SINATRA, SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, JOHN F. KENNEDY, TRUMAN CAPOTE, OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN, CECIL BEATON, AND BABE PALEY. (JUST TO NAME A FEW).

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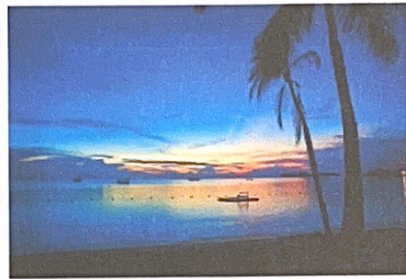
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

WHAT'S ON THE MENU



Jamaican cuisine is a mixture of cooking techniques, flavors and spices from different cultures that inhabited the tropical island. Only by reading Noel Coward's journal "The Noel Coward Diaries", which recorded his time spent in 1940's and 1950's Jamaica did I get a glimpse into what the "in" crowd enjoyed eating at their dinner parties. These are some of the tasty options that they had:

Rice and peas
Curry
Sweet potatoes
Parrot fish
Soup
Black crab
Octopus

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2012

FAREWELL



This is the last entry for my one year blog. I would first like to state that it was such a positive experience creating and posting Paradise Past Jamaica. I learned so much information researching the high life of Jamaica W.I. from 1948 to 1964.

I enjoyed learning about Ian Fleming the most because he as the creator and inspiration for 007-James Bond. I also enjoyed researching Sir Noel Coward because he truly had such a kind heart and deeply loved the people of Jamaica. I loved searching through photos to bring to my viewers the best pictures and images possible for this blog. Sometimes I got so swept up in the stories I researched that I wished I had a time machine to go back to 1958 Jamaica, to the magical evenings spent sipping martinis and watching the sun go down from their villas on the beach.

I was absolutely delighted and surprised that my blog was viewed by an audience of people from all over the globe, in such places like: France, Sweden, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Mexico, Spain, Great Britain, Canada, and even Saudi Arabia. I hoped my readers enjoyed Paradise Past Jamaica as much as I did. I hoped they felt the pure joy I had creating this blog. I am so honored and grateful that I had the opportunity to share my hereditary with others. I am also so grateful that I listened to the advice of my nephew and brother, who gave me the courage to pursue my dreams and showcase a special time in our history that had interested me since childhood. I hope my blog has encouraged others to pursue their own dreams and goals.

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Some of the best Youtube videos that show a glimpse of Jamaica's Elite past from 1940's to 1960's:

Ian Flemings, GoldenEye, Jamaica

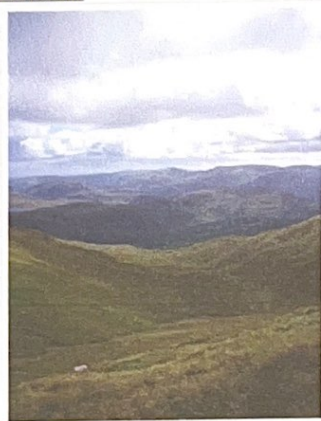
Joanna Lumley on Ian Fleming at Goldeneye, Jamaica

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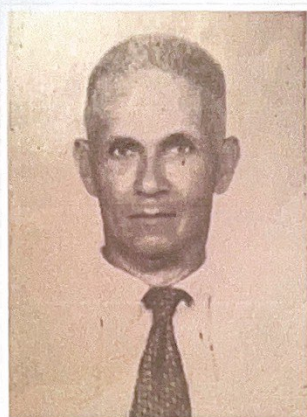
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