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# Island Green Living hosts fourth annual Earth Month Raffle

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Island Green Living is hosting its annual Earth Month raffle to raise funds to support its environmental programs on St. John.

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Raffle entrants are vying for a seven-night stay at Gallows Point Resort on St. John, valued at \$11,000. A single ticket costs \$50, \$250 buys six, \$1,000 buys 25. Entries will be accepted through midnight April 30.

The seven-night “Love City Vacation for Two” includes accommodations for two, air travel voucher, Jeep rental, dining at some of the area's most popular restaurants, boat charter, shopping, voluntourism and more.

“We are so thankful for our participating sponsors who have donated items for the ‘Love City Vacation for Two’ — we couldn't do it without them — and to all who enter for a chance to

win,” Wickrema said.

All raffle entries will be treated as donations to Island Green Living Association. To purchase a ticket, visit [bit.ly/LoveCityVacation](http://bit.ly/LoveCityVacation).

The raffle drawing will be held live

## Raffle entrants vying for array of prizes

### Accommodations

- Seven-night stay at Gallows Point Resort for two in a spacious Ocean View Suite with access to resort amenities including pool, Jacuzzi, dining, etc.
- Airfare voucher up to \$1,000, sponsored by the V.I. Department of Tourism
- One Week Jeep Rental compliments of Seashell Vacations
- Full Day “Pirate's Booty” USVI Boat Charter compliments of Flyaway Charters.

### Dining:

- \$200 at Dave and Jerry's Island Steakhouse, offers the best dry-aged meat, fish, and vegetables.
- \$100 at The Easterly (Red Hook, St. Thomas), which offers innovative craft cocktails and wood-fired cuisine.
- \$100 at St. John Provisions, a one-stop coffee shop popular for breakfast and lunch items made fresh daily. Grab N Go Style.
- \$100 at Northshore Deli offers fresh, made-to-order options for breakfast and lunch.

- \$75 at The Terrace featuring French-influenced fine dining.
- \$75 at Skinny Legs, a favorite Coral Bay hangout.
- \$50 at Joe's Rum Hut, a popular beach bar and restaurant on St. John.

### Artwork and Shopping:

- Local artist Katia Moltisanti has donated “Seagrapes View,” a 12 x 12 inch limited edition giclee on canvas. Valued at \$255.
- \$100 to spend at Mumbo Jumbo, an eclectic gift shop in Coral Bay that offers a variety of items, including distinctive souvenirs.
- \$50 to spend at Just Beach, offering clothing and accessories in addition to snorkel gear and beach chair rentals, located in Cruz Bay.

### Extras:

- Supply of Caribbean Sol, a coral-safe mineral sunscreen
- Voluntourism opportunity and private tour at Island Green Living's ReSource Depot.

70,000 pounds of ocean-bound plastics, and more than 3 million aluminum cans.

The organization also runs the Resource Depot, which has saved nearly 1,000,000 pounds of building materials, furnishings, and clothing from the landfill.

“We'd also love to see more volunteers — we can always use an extra pair of hands to help with sorting and crushing, as well as in our ReSource Depot reuse store,” Wickrema said.

He also noted that this year the organization's Earth Day theme is “PLANET vs. PLASTICS” and they plan to host a seminar on April 22 at Giff Hill School.

Wickrema said recycling drop off points are available at the Resource Depot behind VITEMA on Giff Hill Road, and at specially marked bins at these locations:

- Cruz Bay: Main VIWMA site across from EC Gas Station & Alfredo's Landscaping
- Giff Hill Road: VIWMA site just past Giff Hill School
- Coral Bay: Main VIWMA site across from Love City Mini Mart
- Bin at Caneel Bay Fuel Dock in Cruz Bay

on Island Green Living's Facebook page at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4.

Island Green Living is a nonprofit that operates St. John's only aluminum and ocean-bound plastic recycling programs.

“Our goal for the recycling program is to increase awareness and participation by the community, both residents and those visiting,” Wickrema said.

Since its inception in February 2022, the recycling program has collected