



NEWS FROM DATURA VILLA SPRING, 2009

The history of Datura dates back to 1927 when nine acres of land were purchased by the editor of the New Yorker Magazine for a winter retreat. Montego Bay was just a sleepy village surrounded by fields of sugar cane, but it soon became the winter destination for the rich and famous. 2009 marks the thirtieth year that Datura has served as a guest house and, while much has changed, it still serves as a welcoming, restorative retreat for group and families to enjoy with all the amenities of a fine hotel.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

In 2005, a major capital improvement program was undertaken. It started with the paving of the one-half mile driveway and a new front gate. From there, the entire plumbing system was replaced and solar panels added which results in much better water pressure and hot water delivery. Bathrooms have been upgraded. Bedrooms now have mahogany, four poster beds with larger mattresses. All bedroom doors and windows were replaced. Rooms were painted and floors throughout the house were refinished. The kitchen was refurbished with granite countertops and new sinks and commercial appliances. All chairs and couch upholstery were replaced throughout. High speed wireless internet was added. The hot-tub was resurfaced and the Fitness Center was completed in 2008. For more photographs of all of the exciting changes, please visit our expanded web site at: www.daturavilla.com.

In October of 2008, the new Fitness Center was completed. The room now offers Life Fitness equipment as found in many gyms. The equipment includes a Treadmill, Elliptical Cross-Trainer, Concept 2 Indoor Rower and a Keyes Home Total Gym. There are also free-weights and yoga mats. This room is large with generous space between machines and it offers excellent light, air, a terrace, and panoramic views of Montego Bay below. In 2009, we will be adding cable TV as well as Nintendo Wii™ with Fit™ for those of you who like aerobics with video. Cable TV connection will also provide big screen viewing for all available sporting events.

FITNESS CENTER NOW OPEN



WI-FI ZONE

While we have offered DSL internet for several years, service is greatly improved. The ISP switch is now closer and so the connection is both faster and more reliable. Additionally, we have expanded the wireless range so that all bedrooms now receive Wi-Fi. Hopefully this double-edged sword will not take you away from the more important tasks of the day such as doing absolutely nothing.

At night, the new, large, eight foot screen draws down and the Fitness Center turns into your own private, high definition, projection screening room with 5.1 digital surround sound.

MADGE IS ALL SMILES WITH HER NEW KITCHEN



A TASTE OF DATURA MADGE'S MANGO COBBLER

- Prep. Time:** 10 minutes
Cook Time: 45 minutes
Servings: 8
Ingredients:
- ♦ 1/2 cup butter melted
 - ♦ 3/4 cup flour
 - ♦ 2 tsp. baking powder
 - ♦ dash salt
 - ♦ 1 egg
 - ♦ 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - ♦ 3/4 cup milk
 - ♦ 2 cups ripe sliced mango (or substitute another fruit)
 - ♦ 1/2 cup white sugar



Directions: Place melted butter in a 8 or 9 inch square baking pan. Make a batter from the flour, baking powder, salt, egg, sugar and milk and pour over melted butter. **DO NOT STIR.** Mix the mangoes with the 2 sugars and place evenly over the batter. Bake in a 350F oven 45 to 60 minutes OR until golden and tested done. Serve warm or room temp with whipped cream or ice cream.



And after a fun-filled, day of your favorite activities, there is always time for a quiet moment under the almond tree or in the pool or on the terrace with a cool drink in hand and a taste of something savory before dinner.

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