

Stop the Presses!

Late-breaking news from around the Caribbean that's just too good to leave out. *By Matt Phenix*

MASTER CLASS Jamaica's acclaimed artist **Judy Ann MacMillan**, whose gorgeous book of paintings, *My Jamaica*, merited mention in this space in the March issue, has begun offering weeklong art retreats at her historic estate, Rockfield, in the hills of the island's parish of St. Ann. The getaways — which can accommodate as many as six artists of any skill level — include daily one-on-one guidance from Judy, with work in still-life, portraiture, seascape and landscape painting taking place on the beach and on the grounds of her home, 1,900 feet above sea level. Of course, the retreat includes transfers to and from Montego Bay airport, six nights' lodging and three meals daily, and a celebratory dinner at Evita's restaurant (*evitasjamaica.com*), in Ocho Rios. Cost is \$2,500; check Judy's website for dates. *judyannmacmillan.com*

BEACH, BEGONE

I'm always happy to give a little ink to travel goodies that cross my desk, particularly when they're genuinely good at what they claim to do. Say hello to **Sand-Off**, a terry-cloth mitt that wipes away sand from sticky skin, no water required. Some of our favorite beaches — Anse du Gouverneur, on St. Barts, comes to mind — offer no facilities of any sort, so a tool with the ability to de-sand your bod before you get back in your rental car is a genuine boon. The soft mitt is infused with a powdery blend of cornstarch and sodium bicarbonate. It's all-natural, scent-free and kid-safe. The company claims each \$8 Sand-Off mitt is good for 30 or 40 uses. *sandoff.com*



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