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SALCEDO MARKET CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY MONTH

By: Mr. Marc Medina

The Salcedo Community Market unveils a month-long series of Saturday events to celebrate its fourth anniversary, including food festivals from Ilocos and Pampanga, a daytime and nighttime art fair, and an evening performance of the Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group.

Barangay Bel-Air's immensely popular Saturday market will open its anniversary month this June with a Mother's Day affair on May 31 hosted by Q-TV, complete with party games and food booths in the tradition of a traditional community fair.

Bel-Air's opening salvo of events at the Jaime Velasquez Park in Salcedo Village will be held a day before the month-long Araw ng Makati celebrations beginning June 1. The anniversary events at Salcedo Park are organized by Barangay Bel-Air and the Women of Bel-Air Foundation, Inc.

"The market has become a highlight of our community, and we would like to celebrate our success," says Constancia Q. Lichauco, Chairperson of the Women of Bel-Air Foundation, Inc., which runs the market.

On June 14, Salcedo will host the market's second regional food and crafts fair from Ilocos Norte organized by the Provincial Tourism Office of Ilocos Norte. The Ilocos Festival will be followed by a Pampanga food festival on June 21.

The culmination of the market's fourth anniversary celebrations will be

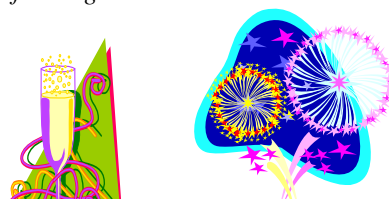
the "Art in the Park" on June 28, a twice-yearly fair of paintings and prints under 20,000 pesos. This year, however, the anniversary celebrations will include evening events with a more sophisticated theme.

From 6:00p.m. to 11:00p.m., the Jaime Velasquez Park will feature an evening exhibit of curated artworks by the Museum Foundation of the Philippines, while the market will have an outdoor evening food bistro with a performance of traditional dances by the Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group.

Highlights of the dances include the *Muslim Singkil*, the *Jota de Manila* and the *Ngilin* from the Cordilleras, where dancers balance clay pots on their heads. Members of the audience will be invited to test their agility with bamboo poles by dancing the *tinikling* at the end of each 20-minute dance suite.

The Ramon Obusan dance performance will begin at 7:30p.m. with the last dance suite at 9:30p.m. In the tradition of the Women of Bel-Air's highly popular "Salcedo Nights Live" series, the evening event will feature selected food vendors from the regular Salcedo Market offering dinner fare especially prepared for the occasion.

"The market was formed to showcase the best of Filipino food," says Barangay Bel-Air Captain Victor T. Gomez, Jr. *"And we would like to take our advocacy one step further by featuring the best of the Philippine performing arts."*



BRGY. BEL-AIR GEARS UP FOR "KABALIKAT SA TAHANAN 2008!"

By: Ms. Des Torres

Brgy. Bel-Air's outreach program "Kabalik sa Tahanan (KST)" Batch 15, will be launched on **June 8, 2008, 2.p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Solar Street, Bel-Air 3.**

KST is a series of seminars geared towards the total development of the house helpers. Value Formation Seminars as well as skills training make up the entire mini course. This free training program will be held every Wednesday starting June 11, 2008 from 2:00 – 5:00p.m. Only the commitment of the respective employers to allow their helpers to complete the 20-week course is kindly requested.

In preparation, the volunteer residents known as Facilitators, have undergone a Personal Development Program conducted by Msgr. Chito Bernardo at the Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City last May 7-8, 2008. In addition, Facilitator's Training sessions have been conducted by Ms. Coret Arrozal and Ms. Baby Aidasani to enhance their skills in facilitating during this 5-month program.

The people behind KST Batch 15 are Punong Barangay Victor T. Gomez, Jr. and Kagawad Malyne F. Lorayes, Chairperson of the Social Services and Cultural Committee, together with Aileen Dionisio, KST Coordinator with Mini Vitug and Annette Gonzalez as Asst. KST Coordinators.

For those interested to register their house helpers, please contact Neri Doria at 895-5563/895-4011 local 210 or at mobile phone no. (0918)-2443440.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By: Atty. Wahoo Borromeo

PASINAYA 2008 – “Bel-Air Paraiso”

Seventy Senior Citizens actively participated in the very successful two and a half-day affair of Pasinaya 2008 as dancers and members of various committees of the Barangay, BAVA and Women of Bel-Air (WoBa). The youth and the young adults were so proud to see their parents and even their grandparents dance and work with them during the Pasinaya celebrations. The wholehearted cooperation and enthusiasm of Bel-Air residents regardless of age have made this year's Pasinaya an event to remember and to talk about.

No doubt, it is a “Paraiso” to spend and experience the spring, the summer, the autumn and the winter of one's life in delightful Bel-Air.

LOVE BEL-AIR, IT IS GOOD FOR ALL OF US!

Senior Citizens Lounge Inaugurated

Barangay Chairman Victor (*Jun*) Gomez officially opened the Senior's lounge last May 3. The Rev. Monsignor Emmanuel Sunga blessed the lounge. The event was witnessed by officers of the Bel-Air Village Association (BAVA), Inc. headed by President Antonio Ma. (*Tonette*) Guerrero; the Kagawads of Barangay Bel-Air; the officers of WoBa headed by President Susan Calo Medina; the indefatigable Constanca (*Nene*) Lichauco, Chairperson of Women of Bel-Air and Festival Director for Pasinaya 2008 and a large delegation of Senior Citizens.

The lounge is located at the Capella room, complete with computers, stereo systems, television and water dispenser. Reading

materials will be provided by the Barangay and Senior Citizens members.

To Barangay Bel-Air, BAVA and WoBa, once again, we say “*Maraming Salamat Po!*”

MAKATI PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FEDERATION (MPWDF) LOGO MAKING CONTEST

The Makati Persons with Disabilities Federation (MPWDF) in partnership with the Makati Social Welfare Department will be having a **Logo Making Contest**.

The logo design or emblem should reflect the goal and mission of the MPWDF as the umbrella organization of all PWD (Persons with Disabilities) organizations in Makati, working hand in hand with the City Government. The design should also be suitable for many formats including letterhead, shirts, caps, pens and other promotional materials. Thus, the entrants are encouraged to keep their logo design to be simple.

The contest is only open to bonafide Makati residents. Photocopy of proof of residence such as Voter's ID, PWD ID, Barangay certification, or any ID establishing residence is required.

Deadline: Monday, 16 June 2008.

For more information, please contact **Ms. Laila M. Guce, Program In-charge, PWD Welfare Program** or **Ms. Joanne Bertuldes, Social Worker** at telephone nos. **870-1239** or **899-9046**.

A MAGICAL NIGHT AT BEL-AIR

Some 600 people, most of whom are senior citizens of Makati, have once more experienced a magical night at Bel-Air Village's multi-purpose hall last May 9.

The audience were captivated by the voyage of sound and music as the Filipinas Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Ruggero Barbieri went on to accompany Soprano Jenny Lind Delorino and Tenor Jonathan Badon with their classical rendition of *La Barber of Seville, Nessun Dorma, Funiculli, Funiculla, Traviata* and Filipino compositions such as *Hatinggabi, Madaling Araw, Sa Kabukiran*, among others.

The concert was sponsored by the City of Makati through the initiative of Dra. Elenita Binay and Barangay Bel-Air as part of the month-long celebration of the Araw ng Makati on June 1.

“BEL-AIR ... PARAIISO” WARMLY APPLAUDED

The recently-concluded Pasinaya 2008 was a tremendous success.

The audience cheered and whistled their delight at the yuppies who showed their vitality and vigor in their performance of Filipino dances. They also marveled at the dance presentation which featured the children together with their parents and grandparents, doing an array of Filipino folk dances, dances and songs popularized in the 1950s up to the present. What was specially touching was the VTR about Bel-Air and the residents' sentiments on why they consider Bel-Air as a paradise.

Pictures of the Pasinaya activities could be seen on pages 3 and 4.