

We invite you to join us on November 13 (Note: this is not the third Monday of Nov.)
from 8:30-8:30 when we glide on down to Siesta Key,
the home of the World's finest, whitest sand.

Its smooth texture has been compared to confectioner sugar or talcum powder. Also, because the sand is 99% quartz, it retains no heat. You could lay naked on it during Florida's hottest month without any discomfort, *but let's not prove that point.*

As you may recall, this outing is one of our club's favorite outings as each November they host the Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sand Sculpting Festival.

The competition is modeled after other master competitions that are held yearly in Texas, Virginia, Washington and Ft. Myers. But the Crystal Classic has become a favorite of the professional sand sculptors who have competed here. Citing the beauty and cleanliness of the pristine white sand, sculptors have remarked that their sculptures look almost as if they were "carved in marble."

In only 24 sculpting hours, (spanning the four-day event), the master sculptors create sand masterpieces, some over ten feet tall, and transform the always beautiful Siesta Beach into an outdoor art gallery.

You can view the sculptures from outside the fenced perimeter for free, or pay \$8 in advance (or \$10 at the entrance gate) to get up close to these works of art. Once confirmed for this trip, you can purchase the \$8 advance price admission by visiting:

<https://www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com/event-info/purchase-tickets/>

Our club does not collect this fee.

Note that Siesta Key is a deep beach. But because we have about 4 hours there, there will be no need to quickly rush all the way to the water. You may want to stroll half way there then take a break by resting in your chair for a little while before moving further along. We could hold our club's second-ever "We're Half-Way There" party at that spot. If everyone came prepared to tell one of their favorite jokes, we could make this a fun brief stop.

We are pleased to report that there are lifeguards at this beach year round.

We also negotiated with the concession staff to reduce their rental price for two lounge chairs and an umbrella from \$37 to \$25. At this deep beach, that may be well worth considering. Sign up below and pay us in advance for these chairs, if interested.

Or, if you'd like to have lunch before setting out on that trek, you will pass the below modern food concession. The second floor has a nice restaurant with a chef offering an expanded menu.

We think you could feel comfortable leaving your beach equipment nearby while you're having lunch. Take advantage of the new restrooms in this area too.

In the late afternoon, we'll escape the sun and journey again a little more than half-way home to the Westfield Brandon Town Center where our group last year primarily selected between the adjacent Bahama Breeze and the Italian Cheesecake Factory. However, other restaurants can be seen at:

www.westfield.com/brandon/entertainment/dining

To join us on this trip, print the reservation form (click on green button below) and mail it along with your check (made out to the BBC) for **\$28** per person to the address below. On November 3rd, we will conduct our lottery and you will be notified shortly thereafter of your seat confirmation or waitlist status.

Barefoot Beachcombers Club ('BBC' will also suffice)
333 Colony Blvd. #110
The Villages, FL 32162

You could instead hand it to a person at the counter at Safe Ship in Colony Plaza, saving you the stamp.

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I/we would like to go to Siesta Key with the BBC on Nov. 13th. Enclosed is my **\$28 check** (pp).

Print your name(s): _____

I/we wish to be on the bus with these friends _____

I/we still have a credit with the BBC and I would like to use that credit. _____

Yes, I wish to reserve two lounge chairs and an umbrellas. I have enclosed an additional for \$25 for this service. _____ (please initial here if renting beach equipment)

