



World's Largest Rosary

It has been dubbed the world's largest rosary, yet when it was being laid out, no one was out to win any contest of scale.

Nestled appropriately in Meditation Point, Kawayan Cove's tranquil retreat, the rosary is an elegant installation composed of volcanic rocks as the beads, and a granite bench sculpture in the shape of a cross. The rosary is spread on the grass-covered promontory that overlooks the spectacular South China Sea.

Beating the record set by the 52.9-meter rosary in St. Joseph School in Illinois, USA, the Meditation Point rosary measures 57.3 meters from end to end. The idea to create a big rosary somewhere in Kawayan Cove was the vision of Angelita Razon Garcia, the Canada-based sister of Bingle Puyat. Visiting exotic lands is Angelita's passion and on one such trip, she came across a big rosary that was landscaped into the terrain. Inspired by her stories, nephew Jose Razon Puyat III, president of Kawayan Cove, commissioned architects Leandro Loesin Partners to execute something similar.

"We were excited with the thought of creating this monumental rosary because it adds another dimension to Meditation Point," said Puyat. "The rosary inspires prayer with its imposing size, and its structure allows people to walk their way from one to another instead of just praying with their fingers," he added.

Unlike any other, the rosary achieves what Angelita originally had in mind. Seeing it for the first time last year she said in awe, "Oh my, I didn't realize you created something so huge!" Misty eyed, she added, "I was immediately moved to thank God for his kindness, and to ask him to grant others the same kind of peace I feel here today." Indeed the rosary lies in an oasis of serenity, with only the rustle of trees, the echo of surf and occasional birdsong, piercing the transcendent quietude. ✍





Nature at Center Stage

The Amphitheatre at the Mango Grove

One of the outstanding features of the Mango Grove is the amphitheatre, a future venue for concerts, plays and perhaps even weddings. The dramatic amphitheatre, designed by talented landscape artist Ponce Veridiano, blends flawlessly with the natural terrain.

Based on the classic design of ancient Roman architecture, the unroofed amphitheatre is tiered with concrete-block seats imprinted with leaves indigenous to the Batangas region. A raised circular stage covered with grass sits at the very center.

In this lush setting, audiences can enjoy performances under a canopy of trees. Massive rocks that are native to the landscape enhance the natural ambiance of the area.

The venue can be accessed in two ways. The main entrance from the road above the amphitheatre approaches the venue from the highest point and through the last row at the back. The other entrance is through the Mango Grove, past the Kiddie Pool, and approaches the venue from the stage area. ✍

A Spectacular Start

The Torres-Ortega Wedding

When fashion designer Richie Ortega and businessman Itong Torres first saw Kawayan Cove, it was love at first sight. They found the place "gorgeously lush" and the architectural design "tastefully restrained".

The couple solemnized their wedding vows at a nearby church before heading over to Kawayan Cove where they celebrated their dream reception.

Sunset cocktails were served at Meditation Point. The stunningly hued sky was the perfect backdrop as the new Mr. and Mrs. Torres welcomed ooh-ing and ahh-ing guests to the magnificent venue.

Dinner followed soon after at the Pavilion on Bamboo Beach. Guests got comfortable on oversized cushions down on the sand, and enjoyed a fresh organic Filipino dinner.

It was nightfall and the wedding party had the beach all to themselves.

Fireworks lit up the night sky and dance music intensified the après-dinner festivities. Letting their hair down in the fun, relaxed atmosphere, Richie and Itong gamely doffed their shoes and led their guests to dance barefoot on the sand.

Looking back on their December wedding, Richie happily enthused, "A lot of people said it was one of the best weddings they've ever attended." It will definitely be a hard one to beat. To Itong and Richie, may your life together be as spectacular as the day it started! ✍



Pleasures of the Palate at the Pavilion



The table is set for sumptuous Filipino cuisine to be enjoyed al fresco against the idyllic backdrop of a cerulean sky, pristine white sands and the ultramarine waters of Bamboo Beach.

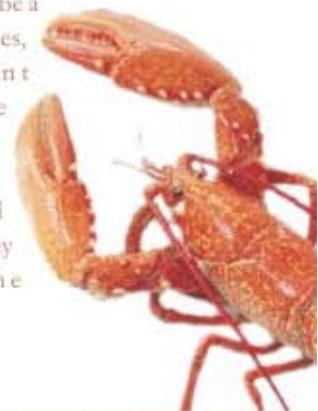
In keeping with Kawayan Cove's thrust to keep things natural and relaxed, the Beach Pavilion is focused on serving dishes that one would expect to have by the seaside. The kind of comfort food that one partakes with abandon, without any formality, and sometimes even without utensils.

"People can get any type of cuisine in the restaurants in Manila. But my memory of growing up by the seaside is always about fresh uncomplicated food like grilled fish and roast pig", says Bingle Puyat, director of Kawayan Cove, and one who personally oversees what goes on in the Pavilion when there is an event that needs to be catered.

Always in demand, as expected, are steamed prawns and shrimp, grilled fresh tanguingue and squid, green mango salad, and an unusual dish of

kangkang stalks simmered in coconut milk. Popular comfort food like *adobo*, *kare-kare*, crisp beef ribs and roast chicken are also available. Occasionally they will serve a whole *lechon* or calf, roasted right on the spot and expertly carved at the buffet table.

There will always be a variety of dishes, and different cuisines in the future. But freshness, abundance and Filipino are the key words of the season!



A View to a Thrill

For Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, it wasn't Kawayan Cove's legendary white beach that caught their attention, but the dazzling view from the highest point on which they built their weekend retreat.

"We're not really beach people" says Mrs. Lee. "Our idea is to look out into the sea all day without having to touch the sand, and what a spectacular view we have from up here!"

The newly finished Asian modern house is in sync with Kawayan Cove's architectural motif. With its clean, bold lines, the abode is stately without being

intimidating, unassuming yet elegant.

"So many people and things inspired us," Mrs. Lee continues. "We liked the open bathrooms down at the beach pavilion, so we asked our architect for semi-open bathrooms also for our own home."

A German lighting expert was enlisted to create "an artwork of lights" throughout the house. Indeed their house is dramatic against the dark night sky, and the warm golden glow of the interior creates a lived-in homey feeling.

Kawayan Cove itself is a haven they treasure. They like the way that the entire place is ideal for contemplation. "Take for example Meditation Point," Mrs. Lee says, "the place commands such a fantastic view of the entire cove. Had it been for sale, we would have bought it! But it is thoughtfully preserved for everyone to enjoy."



Originally, they planned to go to Kawayan Cove only on certain times of the year. But these days they find themselves en route to their house on the hill almost every week.

"Our most memorable experience in Kawayan Cove happened in a span of 24 hours," Mrs. Lee shares. "We stood at the edge of our newly landscaped garden to watch the sun go down, just like they do in the movies. The sky glowed from yellow to orange, then to purple, until finally the sky and sea became one. By morning, we happily awoke to the sound of birds and of waves (yes, we can hear the surf from up here!) and to a 'painting' before us of sky, of sea, and a coastline of coves..."

But then she pauses and changes her mind. "No, the most memorable experience wasn't that...it was actually the realization that right here in our house on the hill, we can live that beautiful day over and over again."



FAQs Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the operating hours of the Bamboo Beach Club?

The Club is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm. For now, breakfast and lunch are available upon advance reservation. Please let us know at least 24 hours in advance at Tel. No. 843-9136 to 38.

2. Can we bring our own food and drinks into the Bamboo Beach Club?

Food and drinks may not be brought into the Bamboo Beach Club. However the Beach Club has a restaurant and Juice Bar. Please support your club by ordering from either the Beach Pavilion or the Bamboo Bar.

Thank you for supporting the Bamboo Beach Club.

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Keeping Kawayan Cove Clean, Green and Blue

Waste makes haste. Whenever we pollute our environment we speed up its deterioration. Thus it is wise to follow the ethics of ecological preservation.

In keeping with Kawayan Cove's adherence to protecting our environment, we will be sharing with you our Comprehensive Waste Management program. This complies with Republic Act 9003, also known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

The main points of the act are:

1. Prohibition against the use of open dump site for disposal of solid waste.
2. Mandatory solid waste diversion from waste disposal facilities through re-use, recycling and composting at source.
3. Mandatory segregation of solid waste.

Expect to receive detailed and helpful information on handling of household waste, which includes bathroom, kitchen and garden waste. Let's all work together to make our village environment friendly and contribute to the preservation of our surroundings.



Bamboo Shoots

Those Were The Days.

This photo, taken in the 1960's, shows (left to right)

Don Andres Soriano, Enrique Brias and Don Eduardo Roxas, enjoying the sun and surf of Bamboo Beach. Don Eduardo maintained a cozy native style house (which still stands today) on Bamboo Beach. Although the Roxas family owned thousands of hectares in Nasugbu, Don Eduardo chose to build his beach house in Bamboo Beach.



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