

Around The Islands With Anne Sanibel Home First In U.S. To Get New Paint Coating



by Anne Mitchell

The Southwest Florida climate is punishing on exterior paints and costly on homeowners who have to keep shelling out to keep their homes looking clean and fresh.

Now Ron Rooker, of **Ron's Painting**, has found a special ingredient to add to paint that extends its life by up to 15 years. The ingredient is Kynar, a resin that adds a protective coating to the paintwork.

Rooker and his crew are working on the first home in the U.S. to be painted

with this product, said Jerry Petersheim of Philadelphia-based Arkema Inc., maker of Kynar Aquatec. He was at the job site Monday to see how it was progressing.

"This is a fluoropolymer, a cousin to Teflon," said Petersheim. It sheds dirt and mildew. In water-borne form for use in paint, it is relatively new. However, Kynar has been on the market since 1965 for use as baked-on coating often used on roofs. He said he expects the paint to last 15 to 20 years, about three times longer than regular exterior paint.

There's an island connection, as well. Dave Vanarge, who once had a home on Captiva and owns Akron Paint & Varnish (AP&V), made the paint that Rooker is using on the stucco house on Middle Gulf Drive. The Arkema company sells Kynar under license to paint makers. Vanarge is



Ron Rooker sprays on the special paint



William Cesbedes, who works for Ron Rooker painting contractor, removes the masking from the windows of a Sanibel home



Ron Rooker, left, with Jerry Petersheim of Arkema Inc., maker of Kynar Aquatec, a polymer that prolongs the life of paint

supplying the paint for the job and Rooker the labor.

Rooker said, "The owners of this house know Dave... and they asked me to paint their house with this new product. Hopefully this will lead to me doing more

(exterior) painting for other clients. The paint is not on the market yet but Rooker hopes that through AP&V he will be able to offer it to other homeowners.

Rooker has been in the trade for 30 years and has been operating on Sanibel and in Lee County since 1991. He can be reached via www.ronspainting.com.

Bob's Electronics is now open in Tahitian Gardens on Periwinkle Way. Owner Bob Bonnoyer graduated from Riverdale High School and has a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. His background includes work in the high tech industry in the Texas Hill Country where he opened his first electronics store.



Bob Bonnoyer in his newly opened store, Bob's Electronics, in Tahitian Gardens

Bonnoyer lives in Fort Myers and he said he chose Sanibel for his store "because there's no Wal-Mart here." However, he said he plans to keep prices in line with discount electronics retailers.

Bonnoyer carries batteries and accessories for cell phones, cameras, hearing aids and watches. He stocks computer cables and connectors, blank disks, home audio/visual accessories and TV remotes. His inventory continues to expand as new merchandise arrives. In preparation for hurricanes, he also carries plug-in phones and weather radios.

He said he's making a list of the things people are asking for because he wants to be the "go-to guy" for people who need electronic accessories.

Along with all his high tech gear, there is a separate section devoted to pre-loved movies. If there's a movie you would like to have in your library, stop in and browse the back corner with the DVDs - at \$5 each.

Island Grooming by Lisa is moving after almost five years in the Tarpon Bay Center location. Lisa Schuman opened Island Grooming by Lisa right after Hurricane Charley in 2004. Next week, July 13, she opens her doors for business at her new location in The Promenade, 695 Tarpon Bay Road, Suite 1.

The Promenade is directly across from the post office on Tarpon Bay Road, phone 472-7297. Kennedy Construction did the tenant renovation. The Promenade has shade and benches for pet owners and other visitors.

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