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The beauty of the Virgin Islands isn't only seen on our beautiful beaches or palm-lined rolling hills. Every day the skies of the Virgin Islands provide a kaleidoscope of colors, clouds, sunsets, waterspouts and breathtaking rainbows.

The VI Lottery is showcasing the beauty of the Virgin Islands' skies on their September 1st, Traditional Lottery ticket. The "Celestial Beauty" ticket features the photography of local photographers Don Hebert and Jason Wright. Sunsets, sunrises, fireworks displays, the moon and stars and so many other remarkable images make this ticket a very worthy collector's item.

To launch the "Celestial Beauty" ticket, the Virgin Islands Lottery is holding a Gallery Night on Friday, August 26th from 5:30 - 8:30pm at Mango Tango Gallery on Raphune Hill. Enjoy complimentary "celestial cocktails", door prizes and music by the Youth Jazz Ensemble. Framed and matted prints of the spectacular Virgin Islands skies featured on the ticket will be available for purchase with proceeds going to My Brothers Workshop. After the event, neighboring Randy's Bistro will be offering dinner specials for \$12.

Professional photographer Don Hebert has been a St Thomas resident since 1980. Don's portfolio of work and experience span the Caribbean and numerous countries throughout the world. His images grace the covers and pages of Travel & Leisure, Caribbean Travel and Life, National Geographic, Islands, American Airlines magazine and many others. www.donhebert.com

Photography has always been a hobby for Jason Wright. "I am happy to spend an afternoon on the beach taking in the beauty of the Virgin Islands, waiting for the exact moment when the lighting is right to catch a perfect shot. My dream is to do this full-time and become a travel photographer."

The "Celestial Beauty" ticket goes on sale Thursday, August 18th and draws on September 1st. Tickets will be available on Friday at the Mango Tango Gallery event or at any VI Lottery office, Anna's Market, Udder Delight, Caribana, MoneyGram locations and other dealers.

This ticket celebrating Virgin Islands "Celestial Beauty" is a continuation of the Lottery's History and Heritage series of tickets featuring images of life in the Virgin Islands.

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