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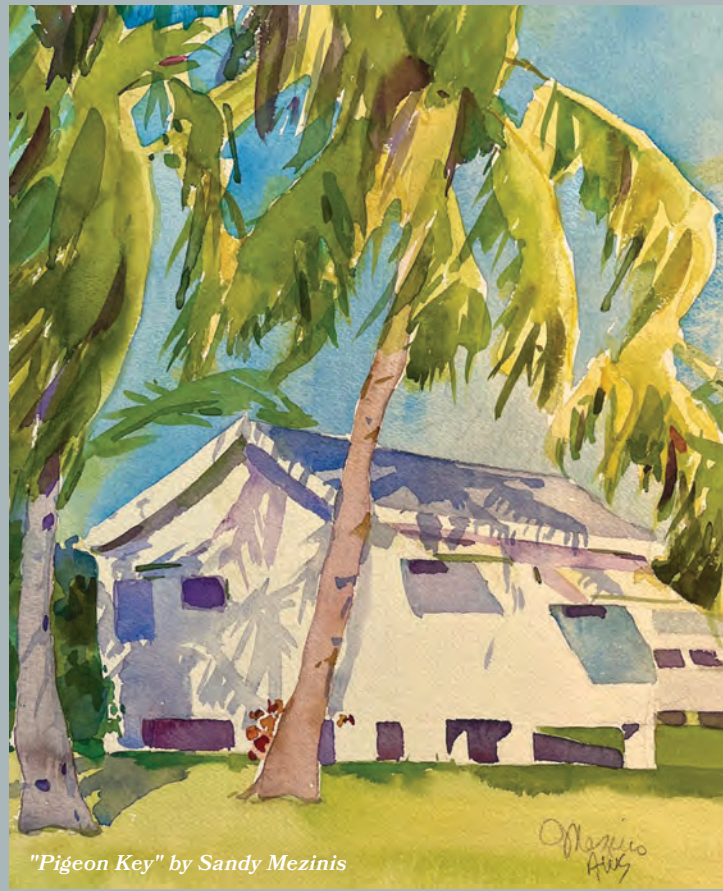
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### welcome to FLORIDA KEYS CULTURE

Welcome to our paradise, which is full of color and culture all around. From our majestic blue waters and colorful marine life to our vibrant arts scene, you will be immersed in beauty and wonder from the second you step off the plane or ride through our islands to your destination. The Fabulous Florida Keys are filled with a rich 200-year history, architecture, and flora and fauna that, at times, will leave you breathless. While visiting, check out the arts calendar to really "live like a local," catch a sunset from the world-famous Old 7 Mile Bridge or Key West's Mallory Square, and enjoy our culinary masterpieces by trying some conch fritters and mahi-mahi from our local restaurants. You will know what it is all about once you live colorfully like the locals. Enjoy your stay.

*Holly*

Holly Merrill Raschein  
Mayor, Monroe County



### about the cover artist: JIM SALEM

Jim Salem is a painter of the natural world. The subjects of his paintings largely concentrate on the Florida Keys and his native Pennsylvania. He studied painting at Penn State University and the Slade School of Fine Art in London, England.

The body of his work ranges from realism to abstraction, all based on his love of nature. Having produced over 35 one-man shows, his work can be found in many private and corporate collections. His paintings are currently shown at Cocco and Salem Gallery in Key West, Florida.

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The women of the The 1953 Key Lime Festival along with a 1964 postcard that reveals the recipe for an authentic Key lime pie using native Key limes. Photos courtesy of Department of Commerce and State Library & Archives of Florida.



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# A TASTE OF Key Lime Pie

Story by David L. Sloan

It's the star of dessert menus around the world and tops culinary bucket lists for visitors to the Florida Keys, but what's so great about Key lime pie? And who really serves the best slice?

Citrus pie may sound unappealing if you've never tried a slice, but one bite of real Key lime pie prepared fresh in the Florida Keys will have you hooked on our native dessert for life.

The filling only requires two simple ingredients; sweetened condensed milk and Key limes. Most recipes include eggs for color and texture, and the pie is completed with a crust and topping of choice.

Key limes are about the size of golf balls. They are more flavorful than the Persian limes you usually see in grocery stores and turn yellow on the tree when ripe. The limes originated in Southeast Asia but traveled the globe and paid a visit to Florida in the early 1800s. The limes who traveled north didn't survive the cold, but the ones who went south were in paradise. The climate of the Florida Keys was ideal for the citrus, and The Keys became the only place in the United States of America where the limes thrived. Valued for their flavor and nutritional attributes, they rapidly became a staple for local

seafarers. But to graduate to pie status, the tart juice of the limes needed some sweetness, and that's where a New York inventor named Gail Borden took center stage.

Gail Borden invented the Lazy Susan. He spent some time as a newspaper editor in Texas and is credited with coining the phrase "Remember the Alamo," but his most significant contributions to the world revolve around dairy. In 1856, Borden patented a technique he developed to condense cow's milk. Before modern refrigeration, if you didn't want to get sick or die drinking milk, you had to live near a cow. Borden saw several children die from malnutrition on a trans-Atlantic voyage. He decided he would do something about it, and got to work.

Borden's condensed milk was preserved with sugar and became hugely popular for its flavor and nutritional value during the American Civil War. After the war, sweetened condensed milk became a staple of the seafaring community, and a beautiful collision occurred in the waters off of Key West when an unknown sponge fisherman decided to mix his vitamin-rich Key lime rations with his nutritious condensed milk and the earliest version of Key lime pie was born.



## KILLER KEY LIME PIES

### Key Largo: FISH HOUSE

Sweet and tart. Graham & Meringue.  
10241 Overseas Highway  
fishhouse.com

### Islamorada: KEY LIME PIE LADY

Her whole pies are available  
at The Trading Post.  
81868 Overseas Highway

### Marathon: PORKY'S BAYSIDE RESTAURANT & MARINA

Deep-fried Key lime pie.  
1400 Overseas Highway  
porkysbaysidebq.com

### Cudjoe Key: SQUARE GROUPER

22658 Overseas Highway  
Squaregrouperbarandgrill.com

### Stock Island: HOGFISH

6810 Front St.  
hogfishbar.com

### Key West: RED SHOE ISLAND BISTRO

411 Petronia St.  
redshoeislandbistro.com

### GREENE STREET HOP

Three of Key West's favorites are  
located on Greene Street. Try them  
all and decide who is best.

### Key Lime Pie Bakery

412 Greene St. | keylimepiebakery.com

### Key West Key Lime Pie Co.

511 Greene St. | keylimepieco.com

### Kermit's

200 Elizabeth St.  
(corner of Greene) | keylimeshop.com



5th generation Conch, Sheila Sands-Devendorf prepares pies using her family's recipe in the kitchen where the first Key lime pie was made. Photo courtesy of David L. Sloan.

The sponge fishermen were known as "hookers" because of the long poles they used to harvest sea sponges. They spent days at a time on the water and stocked their boats with supplies that included bread, Key limes, condensed milk, and coffee. But the bread had a short shelf life, so as it went stale, the hookers crumbled it into their coffee cups, softened it with condensed milk, added a wild bird or a turtle egg, and squeezed lime juice on top as you would for ceviche. After a quick stir, they ate it straight from the cup. It was delicious and nutritious, but the hookers weren't submitting recipes to the local paper, and their blue-collar dessert had some evolving to do.

Newspapers credit Aunt Sally with creating the first Key lime pie. They say it happened in the kitchen of William Curry, Florida's first millionaire. Though Sally's identity remained a mystery for more than a century, Aunt Sally is now thought to be Sarah Jane Lowe Curry. Her husband worked at a ship supply store that catered to sponge fishermen, and they lived next door to his millionaire dad. Sarah was "Aunt Sally" to 14 of William Curry's grandchildren, and it is suspected she started a buzz

around town when she served the blue-collar hooker dessert to neighborhood kids as a fast and simple-to-prepare treat.

Keys residents love gossiping, and the Currys were high on the social ladder. Local ladies looking to keep up with the Currys would have mirrored Aunt Sally's recipes and tried to raise the bar. This was when fancy crusts and toppings were added to the mix, and before long Key lime pie was a staple in Conch kitchens across the island.

Today, people argue about which crust and topping contribute to a real Key lime pie, but the truth is that people think the right way is how the pie was first served to them. For natives of the Florida Keys, this usually means a pastry crust and meringue topping. For visitors, this usually means a Graham cracker crust and whipped cream topping. Pastry crust and meringue certainly came first. However, Graham crackers and whipped cream became the standard once the Overseas Highway opened to automobiles because they held up better in restaurants catering to tourists than pastry crusts and meringue.

The evolution of Key lime pie continues today, with hundreds of variations on the classic delivered from innovative chefs up and down the island chain of the Florida Keys. No two pies are alike, and each is delicious in its own right.

Most every establishment will claim they have the best Key lime pie around, but where can you really get the best slice of Key lime pie in the Florida Keys? Key West culinarian Tim Watson said it best, "The best slice of Key lime pie 100% of the time is the one you are about to eat."

It's a Florida Keys experience you won't want to miss.

*Love & Limes*



Juice from tart Key limes is liquid gold in the Florida Keys. Photo courtesy of David L. Sloan.



### about the author: DAVID L. SLOAN

David L. Sloan is an American author and producer in Key West, Florida. He started researching the origins of Key lime pie in 1996 and authored the popular Key West Key Lime Pie Cookbook and Key Lime Pie: The Intriguing History of Key West's Native Dessert.

Sloan co-founded the Key Lime Festival in 2014, holds a record for the largest Key lime pie in the world, and was part of a team that successfully lobbied to make Key lime pie the Official Dessert of Key West and the Florida Keys.

He has appeared as a Key lime pie expert on Good Morning America, CBS Sunday Morning, Southern Living, The Telegraph, NPR, and Gordon Ramsay's Uncharted. Sloan competed in the Food Network's Food Challenge and was a judge and contestant at the National Pie Championships.





Photo courtesy of Su Nubia.



Photo courtesy of George Lancaster.



Photo courtesy of Key West Players.

The Florida Keys are full of history in any avenue you journey. The performing arts are no different. Its roots are buried deep in the history of Key West and the Florida Keys! One theme is common: finding the right home for our local performing arts groups!

**RED BARN THEATER & WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE: A SHARED HISTORY OF THE KEY WEST PLAYERS**

The Key West Players came to life in 1940 when a group of naval officers and civilians conceived the idea. One month later, its first production was performed on the Harris School stage. For the next four years, The Key West Players performed in various locations, including aboard the U.S.S. Howard W. Gilmore, a submarine tender stationed in Key West.

The Players found its first permanent home at the Red Barn Theater in 1944. Originally built as a carriage house in 1829, the automobile made it obsolete, and the “barn” was adopted. The troupe continued to perform there over the next seventeen years, growing from its original twenty members to several hundred by the early 1960’s.

In 1960, with the help of Tennessee Williams, The Players decided to convert a crumbling ice warehouse built in the 1880’s into a theater. It is now its permanent home. Located in historic Mallory Square, the warehouse was transformed into The Waterfront Playhouse--its first production in November 1961.

Today, The Waterfront Playhouse brings together local talent and seasoned professionals from New York. It cultivates new performers through its youth program and provides an environment for everyone to learn from each other. Isn't that what theater is all about!

The Waterfront Playhouse has made its productions accessible to both locals and tourists with classics such as Arsenic and Old Lace, Broadway productions that include Kinky Boots, and cult favorites like The Rocky Horror Show. The Waterfront Playhouse continues to evolve with the ever-changing cultural community of Key West.

Meanwhile, back at the barn...the Red Barn’s theatrical ambitions revived in the 1960’s by Ruth Guttman and her husband Yehuda. They presented wonderful puppet shows in the 1970s, as well as piano concerts by Yehuda.

A transformation began in 1980 when a group of actors and technicians renovated the theater and incorporated it under the name of the Red Barn Actors Studio, Inc. Their mission was to bring professional theater to Key West. With the support of well-known artists like Tennessee Williams, Shel Silverstein, Richard Wilbur, and others, combined with their love and enthusiasm, they provided Key West with another theatrical venue that welcomes both local and internationally proclaimed talent.

The Red Barn provides audiences with a variety of productions that are often relevant and timely. Quarantine for Two, written by local playwright Hy Conrad, made its world premiere at the

Red Barn in 2022. It made the awful COVID quarantine into something all could laugh at. It does not limit itself to just plays and musicals. It has opened its doors to musicians like Vail Johnson and musical performance themed events like Conchs, Cowboys, and Tales of Old Key West.

The variety of productions is what keeps Red Barn alive and a welcome addition to the performing arts of Key West and the Florida Keys!

**MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATER**

The Marathon Community Theater began in 1944 as a traveling troupe called the Marathon Little Theatre. For over 50 years its productions were held at locations throughout the community. “Backstage” consisted of tents and travel trailers set up in parking lots where the actors could get into their makeup and costumes. In the early 1990’s, the community came together and raised the funds needed to purchase a venue. The Marathon Community Theater is now housed in the former Plaza Lounge, The Side Door Lounge, and the Middle Keys only movie theatre--The Marathon Cinema.

It is committed to providing quality performing arts experiences that reflect the community’s values. Besides four main-stage theatrical productions each season, there are intimate gallery readings, public art shows, concerts, community dance showcases, a variety show fundraiser, a children’s summer theater program with productions like Seussical Jr., and multiple special events like Drag Queen Bingo! The Marathon Community Theater continues to build the Middle Keys’ cultural offerings to locals and visitors alike.

# CENTER STAGE

Story by Julie Cuneo

Photo courtesy of Larry Blackburn



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about the author: **JULIE CUNEO**

Born and raised in Key West, Julie (Moore) Cuneo's family planted its roots in the Keys when her great-great grandfather settled here from Portugal. He was a Seminole Indians trader. His son was born here and began the Conch legacy she is so proud of.

Her family's experiences inspired her interest in local history. As a child, her great grandfather was kidnapped. A Seminole Indian Chief was connected to the rescue and punishment of the kidnapper.

The stories of her grandfather's rumrunner days gave Julie a lot to write about. Her initial piece was published in Key West's Solares Hill Newspaper. Since then, she has turned his story into a 10-minute play for Fringe's Key West Characters. She also presented it as part of the annual Key West Cemetery Stroll.

"Everywhere you turn, history abounds in the Keys! I am so grateful to be able to share it!"



Photo courtesy of Su Nubia.

**THE KEYS PLAYERS—UPPER KEYS**

In 1978, The Key Players was established in the Upper Keys. The troupe originally presented live theater, selecting established playwrights, and bringing musicals, comedies, and dramatic plays produced on Broadway, Off Broadway, and in Regional Theaters around the world. Today it provides opportunities for local playwrights to share their work, and helps local schools bring the performing arts to their students.

Today's Key Players are professionals that produce, direct, and act professionally. They continue to keep community theater alive and thriving in the Upper Keys with a variety of productions like Man of La Mancha and The Great American Trailer-Park Musical, as well as local events.

The troupe continues to perform at venues around the Upper Keys, primarily at the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center. As a non-profit, the all-volunteer organization strives to bring joy to the community through live theater, world-class musicals, murder mysteries, and other performances.

**FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST**

"Expect the Unexpected". In 2009, some theater enthusiasts decided Key West needed a theater "of the people by the people". They called it The People's Theater of Key West and began the journey that led to today's Fringe Theater Key West.

Originally staging its productions in creative places like churches, museums, art galleries, and more—Fringe now boasts an innovative and immersive black box theater style. From original plays like local playwright Ben Harrison's El Ilano 1921; repeat favorites like Key West Characters that gives local talent the opportunity to write, direct and act in a local production; and off-Broadway plays and musicals, Fringe features local talent to bring its productions to life. Its home is now the historic Armory, an intimate, inclusive, and decidedly unexpected venue!

**THE SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

It began in 1997 when Maestra Sebrina María Alfonso, a Key West native, founded the Key West Symphony Orchestra. Since then, it has expanded and now performs in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. Locally it performs at Key West's Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center.

**KEY WEST BURLESQUE**

While performing in Key West for more than seventeen seasons and at numerous venues around town, for the last few years, Key West Theater has been home to the Key West Burlesque. Enjoy the bold and bodacious performances of classic striptease, cheeky parody shows, and vaudeville style entertainment.

And more!

Multiple venues provide locals and tourists with a variety of opportunities to enjoy the performing arts. Live music abounds across the island chain at local bars and restaurants. Venues such as The Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Theater, San Carlos Theater, LaTeDa Cabaret, Key West Theater, Coffee Butler Amphitheater, The Studios of Key West, and Ocean Reef Cultural Center host plays, musicals, cabaret performances, dance troupes, opera, symphony, and other types of performing arts from around the world.

The Keys are not just an archipelago we call home. This community's performing arts continues to evolve over the years and maintains a relevant presence throughout the Keys!



Photo courtesy of Larry Blackburn.



"Silent Stalker" by Cynthia Re Robbins



"Elgin Lane" by David Perez



"Paradise 88" by Dayton Claudio

# calendar OF CULTURAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2024

Events are categorized by genre. Each genre is in date order. Please check the event website for the current information regarding programming or visit the Cultural Calendar at [www.keysarts.com](http://www.keysarts.com).

**FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS**

**Nightly**  
**SUNSET CELEBRATION AT MALLORY SQUARE**  
Two hours before sunset. Performers, Artists, and more! Mallory Square Dock, Key West  
305-396-7046. [sunsetcelebration.org](http://sunsetcelebration.org)

**Sundays (October to April)**  
**KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fine crafts, art and jewelry, music, food and other curiosities. Higgs Beach at the Key West Wildlife Center parking lot, 1801 White St.  
305-731-3385. [kwartisanmarket.com](http://kwartisanmarket.com)

**Thursdays**  
**KEY WEST FARMERS MARKET**  
2 p.m. Weekly market featuring fresh fruit and produce, international food vendors, arts, crafts and more. Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd., (November 9 location: Bayview Park, Key West).  
305-731-3385. [kwartisanmarket.com](http://kwartisanmarket.com)

**October 14**  
**CORTADITO'S HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**  
6 p.m. Presented by Community Arts and Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.  
786-218-6854.  
[communityartsandculture.org](http://communityartsandculture.org)

**October 19 – 22**  
**REEF FEST**  
Event hosted by REEF (Reef Environmental Education Foundation). Ocean-themed seminars, and social

events focused on marine life and conservation. 98300 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.  
305-852-0030. [reef.org](http://reef.org)

**October 20 – 29**  
**FANTASY FEST KEY WEST – UNIFORMS & UNICORNS!**  
Various events, times & locations. Street Fairs, Pet Masquerade, Poster Signing Party, Zombie Bike Ride, Masquerade March and Children's Day.  
305-295-9112. [fantasyfest.com](http://fantasyfest.com)

**October 20 & 21**  
**GOOMBAY STREET FESTIVAL**  
12 p.m. Island arts & crafts, music and food. A Fantasy Fest family-friendly event. Bahama Village, Key West.  
305-295-9112. [fantasyfest.com](http://fantasyfest.com)

**October 26**  
**HEADDRESS BALL 40TH ANNUAL**  
8 p.m. A Fantasy Fest event where merrymakers show off extravagant masks and dazzling headdress regalia. Coffee Butler Amphitheater, Truman Waterfront Park, Key West.  
305-295-7676.  
[gaykeywestfl.com/headdress-ball](http://gaykeywestfl.com/headdress-ball)

**November TBD**  
**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
9 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM 50.  
305-743-4971. [marathongardenclub.org](http://marathongardenclub.org)

**November 3**  
**DAY OF THE DEAD 2023 WITH AMEYAL**  
6 p.m. Presented by Community Arts and

Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.  
[communityartsandculture.org](http://communityartsandculture.org)

**November 15 – 19**  
**KEY WEST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
Various times & venues. Showcase of films that capture creativity and diversity.  
[keywestff.com](http://keywestff.com)

**November 23**  
**ISLAND ART FESTIVAL**  
9 a.m. Unique island arts & crafts. Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 31020 Overseas Hwy., Big Pine Key.  
305-872-2411. [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com)

**November 28**  
**TABLE TOP TREE & WREATH ANNUAL AUCTION**  
7 p.m. Opal Resort and Marina, 245 Front St., Key West.  
305-294-9526. [marchouse.org](http://marchouse.org)

**December 1**  
**ISLAMORADA 19TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**  
4 p.m. Jewelry and crafts, snow mountain, parade, bazaar, auction and snow-blowing tree. Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada.  
305-664-4503.  
[islamoradachamber.com](http://islamoradachamber.com)

**December 1**  
**LIGHTED BIKE PARADE**  
4 p.m. Spirited event for all ages. Coffee Butler Amphitheater, Truman Waterfront Park, Key West.  
[thekeyweststamp.com](http://thekeyweststamp.com)





"Poor House Lane"  
by Karen Beauprie



"Pelican Party"  
by Christine O'Neill



"Miss Key West"  
by A. Rose



"Lobster Trap Buoys"  
by CJ Groth

December 2  
**CITY OF KEY WEST HOLIDAY PARADE**  
7 p.m. Starts at Truman Ave. and White St.  
[cityofkeywest-fl.gov](http://cityofkeywest-fl.gov)

December 2  
**FALL FESTIVAL**  
9 a.m. Arts, crafts, baked goods, plants, and more. Presented by The Garden Club of the Upper Keys. Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.  
305-451-8137. [gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org)

December 7  
**TASTE OF STOCK ISLAND HOLIDAY TOUR**  
Guests board the trolley for a multi-stop small plate experience on Stock Island.  
[ilovestockisland.org](http://ilovestockisland.org)

December 9  
**KEY LARGO HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**  
7:30 p.m. Blackwater Sound, MM 104.  
305-451-4502. [keylargoboatparade.com](http://keylargoboatparade.com)

December 9  
**KIA COMMUNITY DAY**  
10 a.m. Truman Waterfront Park, Key West.  
[keywestchamber.org](http://keywestchamber.org)

December 9  
**SCHOONER WHARF LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**  
8 p.m. Key West Bight Marina at the Historic Seaport.  
305-292-3302. [schoonerwharf.com](http://schoonerwharf.com)

December 31  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS – KEY WEST**  
Watch the Conch Shell, the Drag Queen, the Key Lime Pie Wedge or the Pirate Wench drop.  
[keywestchamber.org](http://keywestchamber.org)

January TBD  
**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB JANUARY JAMBOREE**  
8:30 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM 50.  
305-743-4971. [marathongardenclub.org](http://marathongardenclub.org)

January 6 & 7  
**FLORIDA KEYS CELTIC ANNUAL FESTIVAL**  
10 a.m. Marathon Community Park, MM 49.  
305-743-6412.  
[flkeyscltcfestival.com](http://flkeyscltcfestival.com), [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)

January 13  
**ART UNDER THE OAKS 40TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL**  
9 a.m. Fine arts & crafts and food. San Pedro

Church, MM 89.5, Tavernier.  
305-852-5372. [artundertheoaks.com](http://artundertheoaks.com)

January 13 & 14  
**FLORIDA KEYS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**  
Saturday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd., Key West.  
305-731-3385.  
[floridakeysseafoodfestival.com](http://floridakeysseafoodfestival.com)

January 23 – 28  
**KEY WEST FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL 15TH ANNUAL**  
Various times & locations. A series of wine- and food-themed events showcasing a diverse range of wines and inventive cuisine, hosted by passionate creators.  
800-474-4319.  
[keywestfoodandwinefestival.com](http://keywestfoodandwinefestival.com)

February 9  
**ANNE MCKEE ARTISTS FUND FINE ART AUCTION**  
5 p.m. Annual fine art auction to benefit artists, writers and performers in the Keys. The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St.  
508-725-1466. [mckeefund.org](http://mckeefund.org)

February 24 & 25  
**THE KEY WEST ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL**  
10 a.m. Paintings, sculpture, jewelry, photography and more. Formerly known as the Key West Craft Show & Old Island Days Festivals. Presented by The Key West Art Center. Truman Waterfront Park, Key West.  
305-304-1988. [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)

March 23 & 24  
**FLORIDA KEYS ISLAND FEST 32ND ANNUAL**  
10 a.m. Arts & crafts show, music, food, antique car show, sand sculptures, homemade boat race and games. Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada.  
305-664-4503. [islamoradachamber.com](http://islamoradachamber.com)

April 6  
**PAPIO KINETIC SCULPTURE PARADE**  
At Sunset. A wacky, fun human-powered sculpture and art bike parade, named after famed Florida Keys artist and metal sculptor Stanley Papio. Presented by the Key West Art & Historical Society. Old Town, Key West.  
305-295-6616.  
[papiokineticparade.com](http://papiokineticparade.com), [kwahs.org](http://kwahs.org)

April 26 – 28  
**AFRO ROOTS FEST 26TH ANNUAL**  
Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.  
786-218-6854.  
[communityartsandculture.org](http://communityartsandculture.org)

May 1 – 6  
**KEY WEST SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL 28TH ANNUAL**  
Various times & locations. The festival brings together music lovers and over 130 music makers to venues across the island.  
305-985-0433. [kwswf.com](http://kwswf.com)

June 5 – 9  
**KEY WEST PRIDE**  
Various times & locations. An annual LGBTQ+ pride festival held in the vibrant and inclusive community of Key West.  
305-294-4603. [gaykeywestfl.com/pride](http://gaykeywestfl.com/pride)

June 12 – 16  
**I LOVE STOCK ISLAND FESTIVAL**  
[ilovestockisland.org](http://ilovestockisland.org)

July  
**HEMINGWAY DAYS FESTIVAL**  
Various events & locations in Key West. A festival that celebrates the life and work of renowned author and Key West resident, Ernest Hemingway.  
[hemingwaydays.net](http://hemingwaydays.net)

July 3 – 7  
**KEY LIME FESTIVAL**  
Various times and locations in Key West. Pie eating contest, Key Lime Stroll and more.  
305-295-9112. [keylimefestival.com](http://keylimefestival.com)

July 4 – 7  
**MERMAID FESTIVAL**  
Various times & locations in Key West. A splashing family-friendly festival!  
305-204-4266.  
[keywestmermaidfestival.com](http://keywestmermaidfestival.com)

September 4 – 8  
**KEY WEST WOMENFEST**  
Various times & locations. This festival offers a wide range of activities for those who want to socialize and feel comfortable being themselves.  
305-294-4603.  
[gaykeywestfl.com/womenfest](http://gaykeywestfl.com/womenfest)

**MUSIC**  
December 10  
**KEYS CHORAL ARTS EATON STREET CHRISTMAS STROLL**  
3:30 p.m. Eaton St., Key West.  
305-296-5142. [keyschoralarts.org](http://keyschoralarts.org)

December 19  
**KEYS CHORAL ARTS WINTER CONCERT**  
7 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West.  
305-296-5142. [keyschoralarts.org](http://keyschoralarts.org)

March 19  
**KEYS CHORAL ARTS SPRING CONCERT**  
Time TBA. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West.  
[keyschoralarts.com](http://keyschoralarts.com)

July 12 & 13  
**UNDERWATER MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
10 a.m. One-of-a-kind underwater concert aimed to highlight reef protection. Hosted by 104.1 FM Radio. Looe Key Reef Resort, 27340 Overseas Hwy., Ramrod Key.  
305-872-2411. [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com)

**COFFEE BUTLER AMPHITHEATER**  
See our website for full concert schedule and times.  
Truman Waterfront Park, 35 E. Quay Rd., Key West.  
October 19: The Black Crows  
January 17 – 20: RokIsland Fest  
January 23 – 27: Mile 0 Fest  
March 16: The Marshall Tucker Band  
March 22, 23 & 24: Old Dominion  
305-985-0433. [thekeywestamp.com](http://thekeywestamp.com)

**FLORIDA KEYS CONCERT ASSOCIATION**  
Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.  
Marathon High School Performing Arts Center, 350 Sombrero Beach Rd., Marathon.  
January 16: Glenn Miller Orchestra  
January 15: Delirium Musicum  
January 22: Zlatomir Fung, Cellist  
January 29: Shelest Piano Duo  
February 12: Balourdet String Quartet  
February 19: Trio Con Brio Copenhagen  
February 26: Rising Star Concert

Coral Shores High School Performing Art Center, 89901 Old Hwy., Tavernier.  
January 17: Glenn Miller Orchestra  
January 16: Delirium Musicum  
January 23: Zlatomir Fung, Cellist  
January 30: Shelest Piano Duo  
February 13: Balourdet String Quartet  
February 20: Trio Con Brio Copenhagen  
February 27: Rising Star Concert  
800-324-6982. [floridakeysconcerts.com](http://floridakeysconcerts.com)

**IMPROMPTU CLASSICAL CONCERTS OF KEY WEST**  
Performances begin at 4 p.m.  
St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West.  
January 8: Calodore String Quartet  
January 22: Lysander Trio



"90 Miles to Cuba"  
by Peter Vey



"Key West Orchids"  
by Annamarie Giordano



"Porch View"  
by Nancy Adams

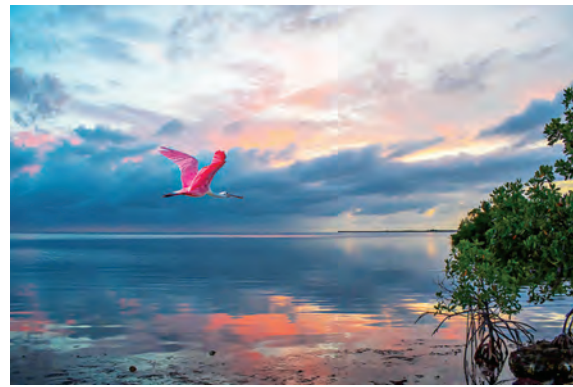


"Paradise Found"  
by Gloria Avner





"Wild Keys Flamingo"  
by Valerie Preziosi



"Spoonbill Over Paradise"  
by Jack Loudon



"Ghostly Night Basil"  
by Katlin Spain



"Serenity Now"  
by Shannon Wiley



"Firefly Moon"  
by Fran Decker



"Friends"  
by David O'Neill

February 12: Zoltan Fejervari  
February 26: Aizuri String Quarter  
March 12: American Brass  
March 26: Calefax Winds

[keywestimpromptu.org](http://keywestimpromptu.org)

### KEY WEST THEATER CONCERT SERIES

Performances begin at 8 p.m. See our website for full concert schedule and times.

October 19: The Wailers  
November 3: John Hiatt  
November 4 & 5: Graham Nash  
November 18 & 19: Garcia Project  
January 20: The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band  
February 11: The Man in Black – A Tribute to Johnny Cash

305-985-0433. [thekeywesttheater.com](http://thekeywesttheater.com)

### POPS IN THE PARK

#### KEYS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Performances begin at 4 p.m.

Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada.

November 26: Strike Up the Band!  
December 10: Joy to the World  
(At Murray Nelson Center Peace Park)  
February 18: Who Let the Dogs Out?!  
March 18: Festival of Music  
April 22: What a Wonderful World

Murray Nelson Center Peace Park, MM 102, Key Largo.

January 21: Sailing Away to Key Largo

305-451-4530. [keyscommunityconcertband.org](http://keyscommunityconcertband.org)

### SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.  
Tennessee Williams Theatre, 5901 College Rd, Key West.

January 20: Bach, Brahms, Montgomery & Price

March 1: Beethoven Nine

March 29: Stravinsky, Ravel, Bernstein & Zwilich

954-522-8445.

[southfloridasymphony.org](http://southfloridasymphony.org), [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. See our website for full concert schedule and times.

5901 College Rd., Key West.

January 21: Paradise Big Band – Treasures I

January 24: The Midtown Men – Stars from the Original Broadway Cast of Jersey Boys

February 16: Drum Tao

February 25 & 26: Bobby in the Lobby

March 20: Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock n' Roll, Part 4

March 24: Paradise Big Band – Treasures II

May 12: One Night of Queen

305-295-7676. [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)

### THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

Presenting live music, theater and events.

533 Eaton St.

305-296-0458. [tskw.org](http://tskw.org)

### THEATER, CABARET & COMEDY

October – May

#### CHRISTOPHER PETERSON'S EYECONS

Performances begin at 9 p.m. Master of impersonations, both visually and vocally.  
La Te Da, 1125 Duval St., Key West.

305-296-6706. [lateda.com/cabaret](http://lateda.com/cabaret)

October – July

#### RANDY ROBERTS LIVE! CABARET

Performances begin at 9 p.m. Live vocal and visual impersonations of famous ladies of showbiz: Cher, Bette and some originals. La Te Da, 1125 Duval St., Key West.

305-296-6706. [lateda.com/cabaret](http://lateda.com/cabaret)

### COMEDY KEY WEST

Live stand-up comedy, films and special events. 218 Whitehead St.

305-985-7370. [comedykeywest.com](http://comedykeywest.com)

### FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST

Key West Armory, 600 White St.

November 7 – 11: Art

December 12 – 16: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

December 27 – 31: An Evening with Lilian Baxter

January 10 – 20: Five Lesbians Eating A Quiche

February 22 & 23: Key West Characters

March 13 – 23: Last Five Years

April 17 – 27: Death & Maiden

305-731-0581. [keywestfringe.org](http://keywestfringe.org)

### KEY WEST BURLESQUE

Performances begin at 8 p.m.

Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St.

October 23 – 27: Pirates of the Conch Republic: A Burlesque Parody

December 15 & 16: A Stripmas Carol: Holiday Show Spectacular

February 9 & 10: Oh My Gods and Goddesses: A Heavenly Show"

April 13: The Big Bawdy Burlesque Show

305-619-2862. [keywestburlesque.show](http://keywestburlesque.show)

### KEY WEST THEATER

See our website for full concert schedule and times.

October 12: Trey Kennedy – Grow Up

December 7: Colin Quinn – Small Talk

305-985-0433. [thekeywesttheater.com](http://thekeywesttheater.com)

### MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATRE

Performances Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday Matinees at 3 p.m.

MM 49.5, 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon.

October 5 – 21: The Rocky Horror Show

December 8 & 9: MCT Annual Holiday Show

January 1 – 27: Barefoot in the Park

February 8 – 10: One Weekend Only

March 14 – 30: Disenchanted!

May 2 – 19: The Mousetrap

305-743-0994. [marathontheater.org](http://marathontheater.org)

### RED BARN THEATRE

319 Duval St. #2, Key West.

December 19 – January 13:

A Tuna Christmas

January 30 – February 24 &

March 5 – 30: POTUS: Or Behind

Every Great Dumbass are Seven

Women Trying to Keep Him Alive

March 5 – 30: The Thanksgiving Play

April 9 – May 4: The Lifespan of a Fact

305-296-9911. [redbarntheatre.com](http://redbarntheatre.com)

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. See website for full concert schedule and times.

5901 College Rd., Key West.

December 7: The Book of Mormon

January 26: Puppy Pals, Live

February 24: Mike Super, Illusionist

March 5: Little Women

April 2: Dinosaur World, Live

305-295-7676. [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)

### THE KEY PLAYERS

Murray Nelson Government Center, 102050 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo.

November 2 – 4, 9 – 12: The Play

That Goes Wrong

March 14 – 16, 21 – 24: The Addams

Family - The Musical

305-942-4339. [thekeyplayers.org](http://thekeyplayers.org)

### THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

Music, theater and events. 533 Eaton St.

305-296-0458. [tskw.org](http://tskw.org)

### WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE

#### 85TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

407 Wall St., Key West.

October 18 – 27: Richard O'Brien

Rocky Horror Show

November 29 – December 16:

Little Shop of Horrors

January 4 – 6: Joe Posa as Joan Rivers

January 24 – February 17: Singing in the Rain

March 13 – April 6: Murder on the Orient Express

March 17: Ten Block on the Camino Real

March 31: Trunk Material 5

April 24 – May 11: Lost in Yonkers

305-294-5015. [waterfrontplayhouse.org](http://waterfrontplayhouse.org)

### VISUAL ARTS

#### Third Thursdays

#### WALK ON WHITE

6 p.m. Open artist studios, demos, events and complimentary libations at galleries, studios and art-loving businesses on White Street in Key West.

305-767-3769. [walkonwhitekeywest.com](http://walkonwhitekeywest.com)

#### Second & Fourth Fridays

#### UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

#### GALLERY MICHAEL & SUZANNE LOMBARD

Opening Receptions, 5 - 8 p.m. Featuring marine life and photography techniques.

22627 LaFitte Dr., Cudjoe Key.

305-699-3896. [lombarduwphoto.com](http://lombarduwphoto.com)

#### Through November 30

#### SCARECROWS IN THE FOREST EXHIBIT & CONTEST

10 a.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.

815-298-9399. [Keywest.garden](http://Keywest.garden)

#### Through April 17

#### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES DIVE INTO ART: CORAL CREATIONS SHOW

Presenting a variety of coral and all the life it supports... fishermen, divers, birds, all sea life (urchins, snails, lobsters, crab etc.). History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.

305- 451-1414. [agpi.us](http://agpi.us), [keylargo-chamber.org](http://keylargo-chamber.org)

November 1 & 3

#### FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL OF THE ARTS MEMBERSHIP SHOW

305-296-4369. [keysarts.com](http://keysarts.com)

January 14 – March 14

#### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES ANNUAL MEMBERS' JUDGED ART SHOW

10 a.m. Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.

305-451-1414. [agpi.us](http://agpi.us), [keylargo-chamber.org](http://keylargo-chamber.org)

February 1 – 28

#### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Key Largo Public Library, 101485 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.

305-451-1414. [agpi.us](http://agpi.us), [keylargo-chamber.org](http://keylargo-chamber.org)

February 17

#### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES BOTANICAL ART SHOW AT GARDEN WALK

9 a.m. Garden Club of the Upper Keys, Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.

305-451-1414. [agpi.us](http://agpi.us), [keylargo-chamber.org](http://keylargo-chamber.org)

February 17

#### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES WILDLIFE OF THE KEYS SHOW

10 a.m. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Our Place in Paradise, 88711 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.

agpi.us, [gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org)

March 4 – 23

#### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES WILDLIFE OF THE KEYS SHOW

10 a.m. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Our Place in Paradise, 88711 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.

agpi.us, [gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org)

March 9

#### PLEIN AIR KEY WEST COMPETITION

8:30 a.m. with the show reception and sale at 5 p.m. Key West Art Center, 301 Front St.

305-304-1013. [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)



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- "A must see"

CULTURE BUILDS FLORIDA  
The Florida Keys & Key West

April – July 31  
**KEY WEST ART IN THE GARDEN**  
10 a.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.  
305-296-1504. [keywest.garden](http://keywest.garden)

**ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES**  
Year-round exhibits featured at the following locations.

Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Foyer, MM 106.0 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.

Tassell Medical Arts Building, 2nd Floor, (Mariner's Hospital) MM 91.5 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.

305- 451-1414. [agpi.us](http://agpi.us), [keylargochamber.org](http://keylargochamber.org)

**CUSTOM HOUSE EXHIBITS**

Other permanent and online exhibitions are offered.  
Key West Art & Historical Society, 281 Front St.

October 12 – January 1: Key West  
Shutter Stories by Elizabeth Devries

November 10 - December 3:  
Key West Headdress Ball -  
An Exhibition Celebrating 40 Years  
of Creativity

December 15 – February 11:  
Our Working Waterfront

January 13 – March 3:  
Life - Christine Fifer

February 23 – April 28: Shadow &  
Light - A Juried Art Exhibition

305-295-6616. [kwahs.org](http://kwahs.org)

**CVS WINDOW EXHIBIT**

Rotating exhibit featuring Keys artists. Sponsored by the Arts Council. 500 Duval St., Key West.

**MORADA WAY ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICT ART WALK**

6 p.m. Original art, hand-crafted jewelry, sculptures, music, performance artists and more in the heart of Islamorada. 305-664-2471. [moradawayarts.org](http://moradawayarts.org)

**THE SHOPS AT MALLORY SQUARE**

Open daily. From beautifully handcrafted goods to world-renowned brand names, Mallory Square offers something for everyone in one vibrant and majestic setting. Whitehead and Front Streets, Key West. [Mallorysquare.com](http://Mallorysquare.com)

**THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST**

Presenting 3-4 new exhibitions each month including the Annual Members'

Exhibition in December. Openings the First Thursday of every month. Visit [tskw.org](http://tskw.org) for details. 533 Eaton St., Key West. 305-296-0458. [tskw.org](http://tskw.org)

**DANCE**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**LEARN TO DANCE WITH LUCY & FRIENDS - SWING & MORE**  
4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 6 p.m. Thursdays.  
Swing, Latin & Ballroom dancing.  
Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St., Key West.  
305-745-5578. [williamshall.org](http://williamshall.org)

**Wednesdays**  
**LINE DANCING WITH MARVIN**  
6:30 p.m. The Backyard Bar Key West, 618 Duval St. See us on Facebook.  
305-395-0213.

**Fridays**  
**LEARN TO DANCE WITH LUCY & FRIENDS - SALSA & MORE**  
7:00 p.m. Salsa, and maybe a little Salsa Rueda too! CoffeeMill Annex Dance Studio, 804 White St., Key West.  
305-745-5578. [williamshall.org](http://williamshall.org)

**June 1 & 2**  
**TAH-DANCE 15TH ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE**  
Marathon Community Theatre, 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon.  
305-743-0994. [marathontheater.org](http://marathontheater.org)

**COFFEEMILL DANCE & YOGA STUDIO**  
804 White St., and 3340 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West.  
305-296-9982. [coffeemilldance.com](http://coffeemilldance.com)

**ISLAND GROOVE DANCE & FITNESS**  
Hip-Hop, Acro Dance, ballet classes and more. 31109 Avenue A, Unit 5, Big Pine Key.  
305-509-3115.

**ON YOUR TOES DANCE STUDIO**  
Ballet, jazz, contemporary, tap, and more. 92451 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.  
305-852-3818. [oytdancestudio.com](http://oytdancestudio.com)

**TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE**  
All shows are at 8 p.m.  
5901 College Rd., Key West.  
November 17 – 18: The Dance Project  
January 5: Stars of the New York City Ballet  
January 29: Anne Frank, Words from

the Shadows (imPerfect Dance Co.)  
April 25: Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo  
305-295-7676.  
[twstages.com](http://twstages.com), [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)

**FILM**

Third Mondays (November – April)  
**M3M MOVIES ON THE 3RD MONDAY**  
7:30 p.m. Congregation B'nai Zion, 750 United St., Key West.  
[bnaizionkw.com/upcoming-events](http://bnaizionkw.com/upcoming-events)

November 15 – 19  
**KEY WEST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
Showcase of films that capture creativity and diversity. Various venues throughout Key West.  
[keywestff.com](http://keywestff.com)

March 10  
**THE OSCARS IN KEY WEST GALA**  
7 p.m. Live telecast and red carpet evening. Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St., Key West.  
877-761-3456. [tropiccinema.com](http://tropiccinema.com)

**MARATHON COMMUNITY CINEMA**  
Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays. MM 49.5 Oceanside. 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon.  
305-743-0288.  
[marathoncinema.com](http://marathoncinema.com)

**TROPIC CINEMA**  
Indie, Independent, Foreign, Documentaries & and 1st run movies. 416 Eaton St., Key West.  
877-761-3456. [tropiccinema.com](http://tropiccinema.com)

**MUSEUMS, HISTORY & NATURE**

Wednesdays (October – May)  
**FLORIDA KEYS HISTORY & DISCOVERY CENTER LECTURE SERIES**  
Presentations begin at 6 p.m. 82100 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.  
305-922-2237.  
[keysdiscovery.com](http://keysdiscovery.com)

Third Wednesdays (October – May)  
**HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM IMMERSE YOURSELF PRESENTATION SERIES**  
Presentations begin at 7 p.m. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.  
305-664-9737. [divingmuseum.org](http://divingmuseum.org)

First Thursdays (October – April)  
**KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES**  
1:30 p.m. 1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
305-294-3210. [keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)

Third Saturday (December – June)  
**KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES**  
5210 College Rd., Key West.  
305-296-1504. [keys.garden](http://keys.garden)

October 28  
**KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN SCREAMING GREEN HALLOWEEN**  
10 a.m. 5210 College Rd., Key West.  
305-296-1504. [keys.garden](http://keys.garden)

November 17 & 18  
**KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB FALL PLANT SALE & ARTIST MARKET**  
10 a.m. 1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
305-294-3210. [keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)

December 29 & 30  
**KEY WEST HOME TOURS WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION**  
1 p.m. 322 Duval St., Key West.  
305-294-9501. [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

January 12 & 13  
**KEY WEST HOME TOURS WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION**  
1 p.m. 322 Duval St., Key West.  
305-294-9501. [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

February 16 & 17  
**KEY WEST HOME TOURS WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION**  
1 p.m. 322 Duval St., Key West.  
305-294-9501. [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

February 17  
**GARDEN WALK 2024**  
10 a.m. Presented by the Garden Club of the Upper Keys. Francis Tracy Garden Center, MM 94, Key Largo.  
305-451-8137.  
[gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org)

February 23 & 24  
**KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOURS**  
See website for more information. 1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
305-294-3210.  
[keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)

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APRIL 26-28  
[AFORROOTSFEST.COM](http://AFORROOTSFEST.COM)

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**Key West Garden Club**  
WEST MARTELLO

EDUCATIONAL LECTURES  
First Thursday of the month November through April

PLANT SALE & ART MARKET  
Nov 17 & 18, 2023

GARDEN TOURS  
Feb 23 & 24, 2024



**FLORIDA KEYS Celtic Festival**

**MARATHON COMMUNITY PARK**  
JAN 11-12, 2025

**LIVE MUSIC & ALL THINGS CELTIC**



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March TBD  
**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR**  
10 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM50.  
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

March 1 – 3  
**KEY WEST ORCHID FAIR**  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Locally-grown orchids, vendor sales, supplies, food and more. The Key West Garden Club, 1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
305-619-8304, keywestorchidsociety.org

March 9  
**CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION**  
Noon. 322 Duval St., Key West.  
305-294-9501. oirf.org

March 15 & 16  
**KEY WEST HOME TOURS WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION**  
1 p.m. 322 Duval St., Key West.  
305-294-9501. oirf.org

May 4  
**ARTS & SCIENCE FESTIVAL WITH REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
10 a.m. Hands-on activities, interactive displays, take-home arts and much more!  
98300 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.  
305-852-0030. reef.org

**AUDUBON HOUSE & TROPICAL GARDENS**  
Gallery features antique original lithographs and engravings by John James Audubon. 205 Whitehead St., Key West.  
305-294-2116. audubonhouse.org

**CRANE POINT MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER**  
A 63-acre tropical oasis of hardwoods, nature trails and educational displays.  
5550 Overseas Hwy., Marathon.  
305-743-9100. cranepoint.net

**FLORIDA KEYS HISTORY & DISCOVERY CENTER**  
Permanent and rotating exhibits.  
82100 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.  
305-922-2237. keysdiscovery.com

**HARRY S. TRUMAN LITTLE WHITE HOUSE**  
Daily tours, concerts, Paella Cook-Off, Presidential Families Weekend, Truman Legacy Symposium, Fruit Festival and Lecture Series. 111 Front St., Key West.  
305-294-9911.  
trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

**HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Special events, exhibits and store.  
82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.  
October – December:  
Aquanauts to Astronauts  
January – April: Dive into Art - Coral Creations  
May – December: Salvaging the Deep  
305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

**KEY WEST ART & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Four culturally distinct museums – Key West Museum of Art & History, the Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters, Fort East Martello and the Tennessee Williams Museum. Exhibitions Year-round. Distinguished Speaker Thursdays at 6 p.m. Tennessee Williams Birthday Celebration, March – April.  
305-295-6616. kwahs.org

**KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB**  
1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

**KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN**  
5210 College Rd., Key West.  
Through November 30: Scarecrows in the Forest  
December 17: Children's Winter Concert  
February 13: Nature is Art Plein Air Workshop  
February 17: Nature is Art Photography Workshop  
March 2: GardenFest  
March 12: Nature is Art Plein Air Workshop  
March 23: Migration Mania  
April 9: Nature is Art Plein Air Workshop  
April 15 – 30: Nature is Art Gallery Exhibit  
April 15 – July 1: Key West Art in the Garden  
September 23 & 24: Lower Keys Fall Migration Mania Birding & Wildlife Adventure  
305-296-1504. keys.garden

**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB**  
5270 Overseas Hwy., Marathon.  
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

**MEL FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM**  
Exhibitions, lectures and other events.  
200 Greene St., Key West.  
305-294-2633. melfisher.org

**OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION - THE OLDEST HOUSE**  
322 Duval St., Key West.  
305-294-9501. oirf.org

**REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (REEF)**  
Monthly seminars (January – August).  
98300 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.  
305-852-0030. reef.org

**LITERARY**  
First Sundays  
**KEY WEST POETRY GUILD MEETING**  
7 p.m. Open to all interested in poetry. Visit us on Facebook.

Mondays (January – March)  
**FRIENDS OF THE KEY WEST LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES**  
6 p.m. Notable special guests.  
friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org

Last Wednesdays  
**LATITUDE 25 WRITERS GROUP MEETING**  
5 p.m. Key Largo Library,  
101485 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.  
305-304-9436.

Second & Fourth Saturdays  
**KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD**  
10 a.m. We educate, promote and encourage literary excellence. La Brisa pool house, 1901 S. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West.  
484-889-6182. keywestwritersguild.com

January 7 – 11  
**KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR WRITER'S WORKSHOP**  
Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd.  
305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

January 11 – 14  
**KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR: FLORIDA: THE STATE WE'RE IN**  
Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd.  
305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

**KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR – LITERARY WALKING TOURS**  
Tour start times and dates vary. Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd.  
305-293-9291. kwls.org

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**  
TUESDAYS  
**LIFE DRAWING CLASSES WITH ANNAMARIE GIORDANO**  
11 a.m. Key West.  
609-884-3474.

February 8  
**ELIZABETH BISHOP BIRTHDAY POETRY READING**  
5p.m. Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela St., Key West.  
305-293-9291. kwls.org

**ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES**  
92600 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.  
agpi.us

**ARTISTS IN PARADISE**  
Winn-Dixie Plaza, Big Pine Key.  
305-872-1828. artistsinparadise.com

**KEY WEST ART CENTER**  
301 Front St.  
305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com

**KEY WEST COLLECTIVE**  
720 Caroline St., Key West.  
305-783-5180. keywestcollective.com

**MORADA WAY ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICT**  
81549 Old Hwy., Islamorada.  
305-664-9100. moradawayarts.org

**SACRED SPACE KEY WEST**  
5700 4th St., Key West.  
sacredspacekeywest.com

**STONE SOUP GALLERY & FRAME SHOP**  
802 White St., Key West.  
305-296-2080. stonessoupgallery.com

**THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST**  
533 Eaton St.  
305-296-0458. tskw.org

**OUR PLACE IN PARADISE**  
88711 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.  
305-916-5828. ourplaceinparadise.com

**WILLIAMS HALL**  
729 Fleming St., Key West.  
williamshall.org

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