

Gather 'Round 2024

A Culture Series...

We are thrilled to announce the 2024 series. Our focus is to share with you, our valued members, the amazing projects that we fund and support. Thanks to your generosity, these four **Art Builds Community Grantees** are building audiences by emphasizing access to the arts through new collaborations. **Gather 'Round**, learn and be inspired by these projects that aim to spark conversations, spur social change and make our community stronger. Each session is designed for participation and conversation. Join us! **RSVP to director@keysarts.com (current membership required).**



FLORIDA BAY FOREVER 81224 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada, noon

Come along for a guided tour with Florida Bay Forever through the Green Turtle Hammock Nature Preserve followed by mentored classes in art and writing techniques. With our professional local scientists, enjoy a naturalist experience that increases connection with nature and promotes happy and healthy living through creativity. Learn over lunch about our efforts to expand our reach with our partner, College of the Florida Keys.



Thursday
**Feb. 8
2024**

"KW Characters:
True Stories"

FRINGE THEATER 600 White St., Key West, 1:00 p.m.

The folks at Fringe Theater and Williams Hall are partnering to create a theatrical celebration of Key West's rich and diverse cultural heritage. An island favorite with local talent, the show is a collection of short plays directed by a collection of (mostly) emerging directors. Join Rebecca Tomlinson and Michael Marrero for this sneak peek at some of the famous (and infamous) characters in this year's show and learn about the behind-the-scenes process of staging historical narratives. Lunch too!

FRIENDS OF THE KEY LARGO LIBRARY Tradewinds Shopping Plaza, Key Largo, 3:00 p.m.

The Friends, along with grant partner, Art Guild of the Purple Isles, invite you to the library for an afternoon with our instructors and other arts organizations. See an art exhibit created by participants of six community art classes. We will enjoy refreshments and conversation on the highlights and outcomes of our collaboration to present concerts and art classes in the upper Keys. Meet staff and visit the Key Largo Branch Library - the hub of the community and of this grant program.



Thursday
**April 4
2024**

"Children's
Outreach"

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE 5901 College Rd, Key West, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a backstage tour of the theater Tennessee Williams built. Learn about its history and how it became the premier cultural center it is today. TWT's Executive Director, Matthew Rawls, will be our guide as we discuss the challenges and joy of bringing Broadway National Tours and performing artists to our island. TWT has partnered with the Monroe County School District to offer students the opportunity to experience live theater through this ABC grant. We will share the details over lunch.

The Arts Council is committed to making our events accessible to everyone. If you require an accommodation or service to fully participate, please contact Elizabeth Young at director@keysarts.com at least 3 days prior to the event.

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