

# Grants Awarded: Special Projects/ Key West Writers Guild/SFCC

**\$4,500+** in Direct Arts Funding in 2020-2021: The Arts Council is committed to advancing the creative development and promotion of the arts in our cultural community.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS:

### Palm Tree Pencil Restoration:

Working with sculptor Craig Gray, The Studios completed the restoration of Jon McIntosh's "Palm Tree Pencil," which had been abandoned and fallen into disrepair. McIntosh was a beloved local artist and arts leader who died suddenly in March 2018. Standing about 10 feet tall and made of wood and steel, the sculpture is just as the title says - a giant pencil with palm fronds, or a palm tree with a pencil tip, depending on your perspective.

The restored sculpture is now installed in the Studio's new Margaret Street Creative Annex at 1211 Margaret Street.



Artists Jimmy Wray (left) and Craig Gray work to restore "Palm Tree Pencil"

Sunset Celebration Outreach: The Sunset Celebration Outreach Project is a part of a long and ongoing effort to re-shape public opinion in town about artist participation in the Sunset Celebration and to recruit new artists to participate in our nightly event.



For many years, the prevailing opinion was that it is difficult to get in, and that there are no spots available. New banners have been prominently displayed at the Higgs Beach Dog Park, the end of Fleming Street on White Street, the baseball diamond on Kennedy Drive and one at Mallory Square proper. The original project goal was to both recruit and retain new participants at the Sunset Celebration. We have achieved that goal, and the efforts stemming from the grant project will keep paying off into the near future.

## KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD AWARD

In 2021, **C.J. Geotis** of Marathon received the \$2,000 award for his manuscript "Double-Edged Sword". The purpose of the award is to enable a talented writer who is a resident of Monroe County to continue work on a novel or a non-fiction work in progress.



C.J. Geotis

## SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM 2021 AWARDEE

The SFCC Fellowship Program offers the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the USA, awarding \$15,000 and \$7,500 fellowships to resident visual and media artists from Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties. The Monroe County 2021 winner of \$15,000 was **Sally Binard**.



Sally Binard