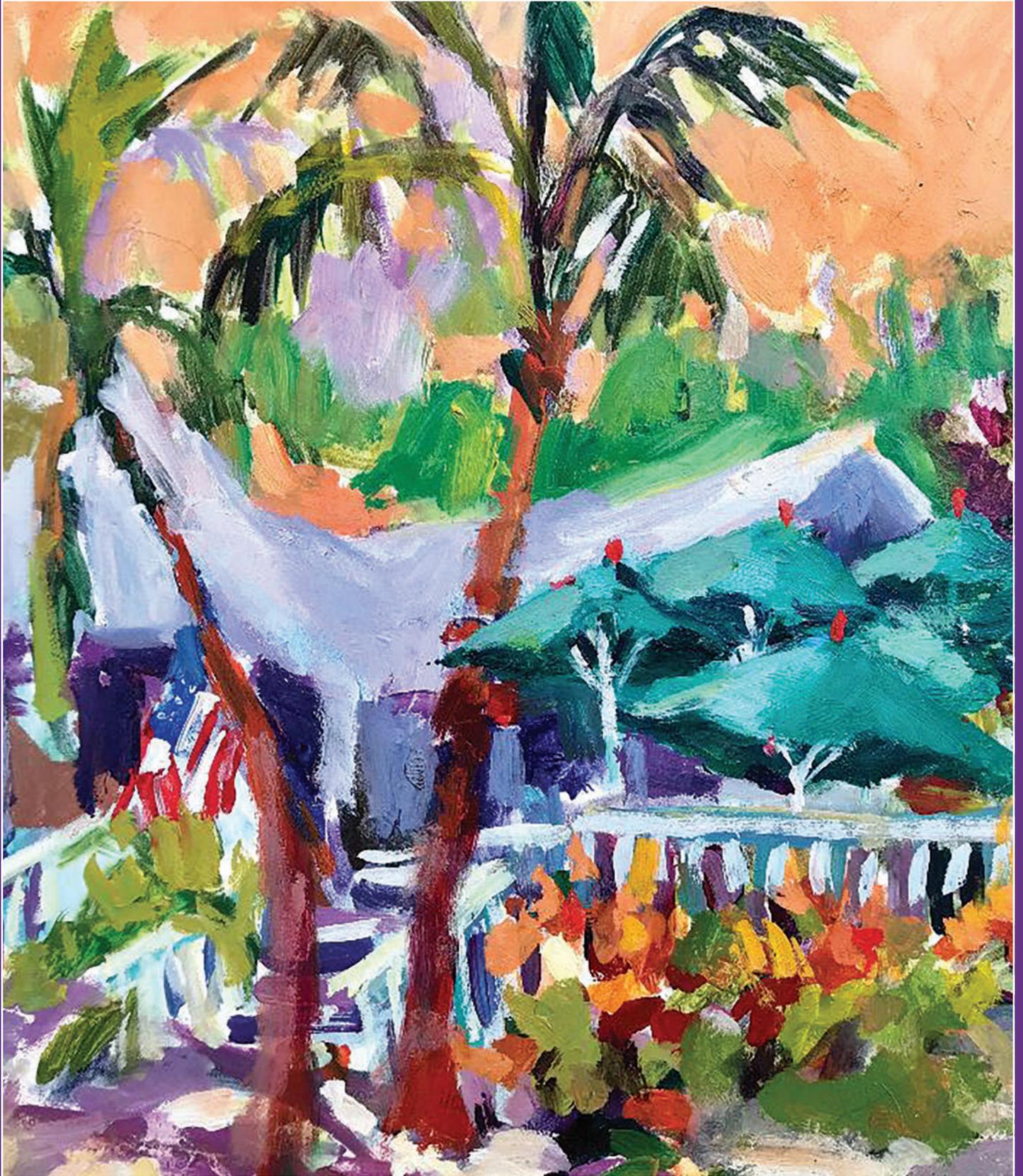
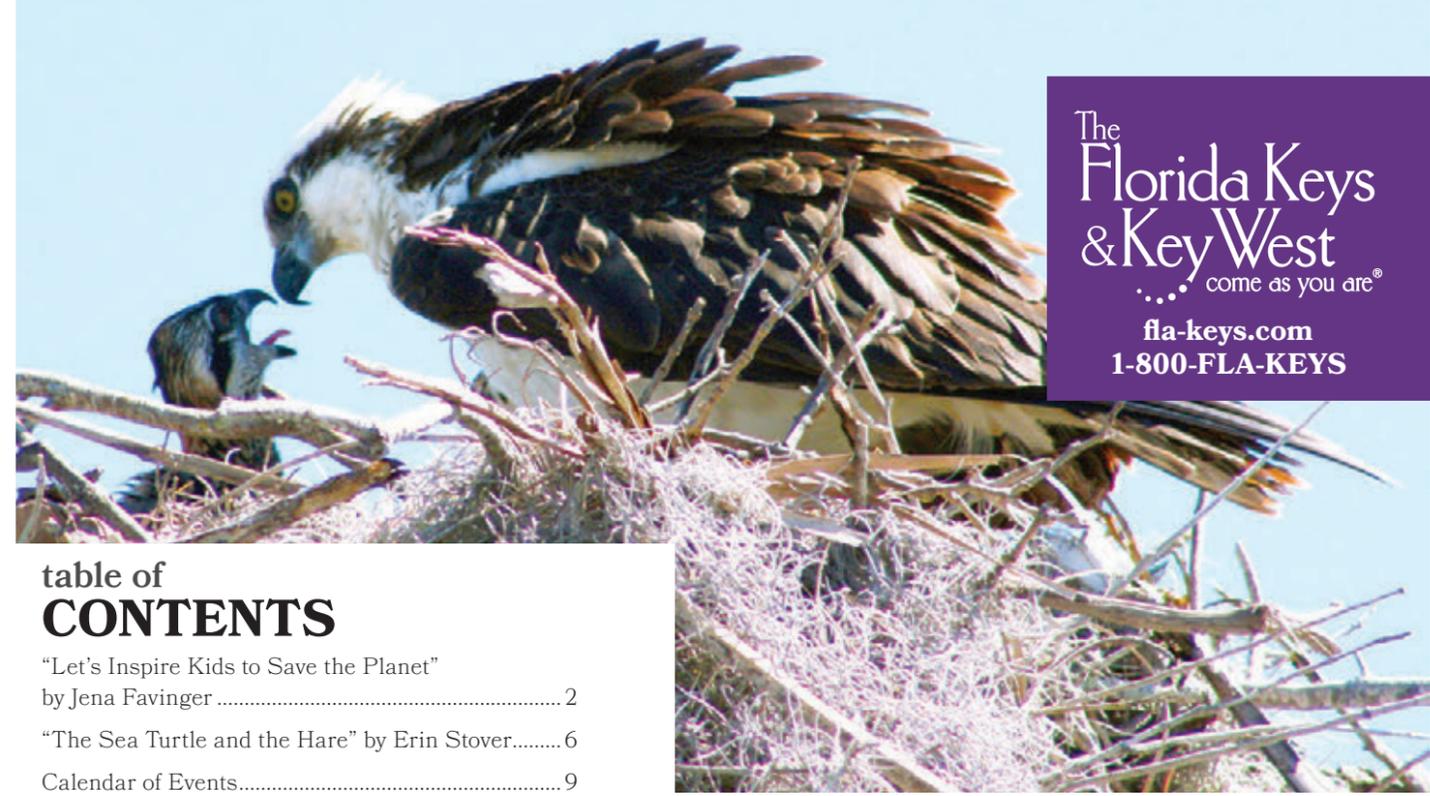


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welcome to FLORIDA KEYS CULTURE

Salutations! Welcome to a tropical paradise where summer never ends and sunsets carry a welcoming energy of good things to come. Embrace the warm sun as you explore captivating islands, hidden beaches, mangrove forests, and notable lighthouses. Revel in rich history showcasing our variety of cultures at our many museums and partake in the arts at one of our noteworthy theaters or art galleries. When it's time for nourishment of the senses, there's a wide array of musical and culinary delights sure to satisfy and quench listeners' ears and tastebuds.

Whether you're looking for adventure, education, relaxation, or a little of all three, The Florida Keys are the perfect destination to create sun-kissed, unforgettable memories.

On behalf of The Board of Monroe County Commissioners, I hope you enjoy your stay!

Jim Scholl
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Mayor, Monroe County



about the cover artist: ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN

Elizabeth Chamberlain was living in San Diego when she first visited Key West on a dive vacation, and never left. She began en plein air painting on the sidewalks of Old Town, Key West, in 1993, with watercolorist Sanford Birdsey. She continues to be inspired by the lushness of The Keys – the historic architecture, brilliant foliage, sparkling waters, and friendly folks. She is a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society, and is an associate member of the American Impressionist Society and Oil Painters of America and paints regularly with the Key West Plein Air Painters. She earned a Master's Degree from National University/San Diego, with an emphasis on marketing and art, and has studied with many nationally known artists. She has participated in various exhibitions in California, Alaska, Oregon, and Florida.

To her, "painting from life, from direct observation, creates a spontaneity and sense of intimacy with the subject matter" which she hopes to convey to viewers.

Currently, Elizabeth's work can be seen at Key West Art Center and Jag Gallery Key West.

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Let's Inspire Kids to Save the Planet

Story by Jena Favinger



6-year-old Destin Clark, sits next to a butterfly at the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory.

Teaching my 6-year-old son about the local environment and ways we can protect it have been cornerstones in my parenting.



Mote's Lower Keys Education Coordinator, Abby Smith, oversees Destin Clark during coral microfragmentation workshop.

Teaching my 6-year-old son about the local environment and ways we can protect it have been cornerstones in my parenting. The belief that nature provides direct benefits to our well-being and that our connectedness to it is fundamental in our motivation to protect it were established from my own experience with it, but is also backed by science. One study states: "The positive relationship between connection to nature and conservation behavior suggests that increasing the level of connection in the population, particularly in children, could encourage more conservation behavior, the desired outcome for conservation success."

As a community all too aware of the current climate challenges, the Florida Keys offers opportunities aplenty to nurture visiting children's bond with nature and set the tone for a more environmentally conscious future. Whether it's educational programs provided by the islands most impactful conservation organizations or the curated gardens and nature conservatories perfect for inspiring a sense of wonder and exploration, visiting these local spots are sure to color your child's vacation with positive memories of nature. Recently, my son and I traveled down Overseas Highway to experience some of them first-hand.

Our first stop in Key Largo was at MarineLab for Family Day, which occurs the second Sunday of every month. These events offer the unique opportunity for families to learn about the environment together and have fun while they're at it. During our visit, we contributed to a 30-year ongoing study of marine invertebrates in Largo Sound. In the lab, we identified a variety of tiny invertebrates on a live rock and then headed outside to the lagoon for snorkeling. The lagoon is home to marine life like fish and lobsters as well as the famous, Jules Undersea Lodge.



Destin Clark, invites a butterfly to his palm at the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory.

Part of MarineLab's mission is to foster environmental awareness and stewardship so I was curious about their views on how children fit into the world of conservation. MarineLab's Outreach Coordinator shared her thoughts: "I think that children are central to the conservation community...And it would be a disservice not to include them in the conversation. At MarineLab, my goal is to open up the conversation and to welcome the thoughts and ideas of our students. I want them to know that their thoughts are valid and important. Because they are!"

In addition to MarineLab, there are many options to visit outdoor spaces that educate in the Upper Keys such as the Key Largo Coral Nursery and the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center. Both organizations offer up close interactions with local ecosystems and wildlife. For those that want to give back on their vacation, these locations also have opportunities for adults and teens alike to get involved via Voluntourism.

Next, we arrived in Marathon where we opted for a family-friendly activity with one of the Florida Keys most lovable residents, sea turtles. At the Turtle Hospital we learned about the five sea turtle species found in Florida and the common threats they face. During the tour of the facility, we saw the surgical room, met the patients, and learned their names and histories. At the end, we all got a chance to feed them.

Marathon has a variety of opportunities to interact with wildlife. For example, Crane Point Hammock Museum and Nature Center hosts the Marathon Wild Bird Center, four butterfly gardens, and a tidal pool where the whole family can giggle while receiving a "fish pedicure".

Off the tip of Marathon underneath the Old 7 Mile Bridge is Historic Landmark, Pigeon Key, which boasts "The Ultimate Family Island Experience". A tour of this small island paradise is filled with fascinating history that will take you back in time as well as outdoor fun like snorkeling, fishing, and enjoying an oceanside picnic. As an adventure that starts with a train ride and ends with a shark feeding, you can expect unforgettable memories for all ages.

If passing through Big Pine Key, a must-see is the National Key Deer Refuge. Within the refuge lives the Keys exclusive, Key deer, smallest of the white-tailed deer species. Traverse one of four trails or visit popular viewing point, Blue Hole Observation Platform, to catch a sight.

Also in Big Pine Key, Grimal Grove is a one-of-a-kind experience for foodies and children with a taste for adventure. This tropical fruit oasis and the only breadfruit farm in the U.S. offers a guided tour that teaches about sustainable farming and includes interactive experiences like picking and tasting rare tropical fruits and making sugar cane juice.

We made our way farther south to Summerland Key for a tour of Mote's Elizabeth Moore International Center for Coral Reef Research & Restoration. Here, we learned about the process of coral micro-fragmentation and met the scientists behind Mote's research on water quality and coral growth and spawning. After the tour, we all participated in a micro-fragmenting workshop.

I asked our guide who is also Mote's Lower Keys Education Coordinator, her insight on how educational programs help

foster the bond between children and nature: "The future of our planet and our oceans are in the hands of the youngest generation. I believe that we must educate our youth about the importance of conserving our planet in order to save it. Conservation starts with education! As I teach, I have witnessed the moment students are inspired and want to make change! That is really special to be a part of. As students participate in Mote's education programming, they are eager to learn/participate more and more!"

Our last stop was the southernmost point, Key West, and on the agenda was a visit to the Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory. Like a reduced sauce that brings out more flavor, this relatively small facility is packed with enchanting wildlife encounters. Butterflies, flamingoes, turtles, and birds whose feathers were as vibrant and colorful as Key West itself were plentiful in all directions, stimulating our senses in the most satisfying way.

As a matter of fact, there is no limit to inspiring a child's sense of wonder in Key West. Its outdoor spaces are no exception. The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, for example, on top of being a fantastical 15-acre arboretum, wildlife refuge, and education center, also offers ongoing kid-centric events such as story time in the garden and art workshops. Additionally, The Key West Wildlife Center, the Key West Garden Club, and the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center are just a few others that offer the opportunity to explore while also enriching their minds with a better understanding of the environment.

With the abundant selection of outdoor spaces educating in the Florida Keys, there is no shortage of options to get kids excited about protecting the earth. These family-friendly activities can provide meaningful core memories that are not only fun firsts, but experiences that could plant the seed of conservation in their hearts.



Mote's Lower Keys Education Coordinator, Abby Smith, shows Destin Clark the facilities coral nursery.



MarineLab's Outreach Coordinator, Anne den Otter, teaches children about a moon jellyfish found in the lagoon during Family Day snorkel.



about the author:
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Jena Favinger is a writer and visual artist from South Florida. She attended Bread Loaf Environmental Conference, Tin House Summer Workshop, and AWP's Writer to Writer Mentorship. Her poetry has been published in Hayden's Ferry Review, SWWIM, North American Review, and Black Fox Literary Magazine and her travel writing has been featured on hipcamp.com and she-explores.com.

Her love of nature inspires her creative work, outdoor enthusiast lifestyle, and advocacy for environmental conservation. Between 2013 and 2015, she road tripped the U.S. twice, hiking and camping at over 30 national parks and forests. After returning from her travels, camping in The Keys became her home away from home and the subject of some of her first published works. She currently lives in Key Largo with her husband and 6-year-old son.

Brown pelican flying at sunset.



THE SEA TURTLE and the HARE

*Story by
Erin Stover*



Erin Stover holding a sea hare.

In trying to understand the natural world, humans must rely on the only toolset in their possession, so we evaluate animals based on the criteria we know. We canonize the strongest horses, the fluffiest pets and, in the ocean, the ‘cutest’ swimmers with the least imposing teeth, often representing them in both popular and fine art.

Turtles, sharks, dolphins and manatees are all undeniably incredible creatures, but artists who solely depict the darlings of the marine world aren’t conveying the whole picture. The Florida Keys are home to a spectacular wealth of wildlife beneath the ripples. Some are aquatic celebrities, well-loved and oft-tattooed, like the five species of sea turtles found in our crystalline waters. Others are less recognizable, but no less enchanting. Take for example the lowly sea hare, a marine gastropod mollusk. A person’s first encounter with this less-than-majestic, shell-less sea snail may not inspire immediate enthusiasm. But then they learn that this hapless creature has survived millennia as a hermaphroditic, essentially blind organism, and curiosity is piqued. If this same person was given the chance to hold the creature, they would see two waggling rhinosphores – the “ears” (actually scent-seeking organs) which give the hare its name. But then, the sea hare likely becomes nervous about being

handled and engages its only defense mechanism, a release of 1980s-neon hued purple ink. If the person holding our little slug caught a whiff of that ink, they would note that it smells exactly like roses. By this point, the realization is probably sinking in that they are holding in their slimy hands (or just hastily dropped) a little bit of otherworldly magic.

The list of living aesthetic wonders goes on indefinitely, and for those willing to look, the waters of The Florida Keys hold all kinds of visual surprises. Once an artist, a kid, a tourist, or even a biologist allows themselves the opportunity to broaden their vision, the tropical waters open up to reveal all sorts of strange, beautiful things. Suddenly there are snowflakes floating in the marina. Actually, they’re *Cassiopeia* jellyfish, but the cold white shapes perfectly mimic wildly magnified flakes. Closer inspection reveals that they can be held without risk of a sting. Also known as upside-down jellyfish, these complete, independently functioning machines eventually plant themselves on the seafloor, tentacles aimed at the sunshine for necessary photosynthesis, which yields just enough algae growth for them to devour.

Some creatures mimic snowflakes, others literally glow. When all the conditions of temperature, tides, and season perfectly



about the author:
ERIN STOVER

Erin Stover has spent her professional career volunteering for causes in which she believes, curated numerous exhibitions and even produced an opera that saw its world premiere as the banner production for Seattle Opera in 2022. To expand her writing career, she completed a graduate program at Harvard University. To date, she's published 200+ articles, secured a spot as a recurring columnist and edited two published books. Erin's curiosity has led her to some diverse experiences over the years, including working Search and Rescue for the National Park Service and transcribing original diaries of enslaved people into digital archives. More recently, she's taken to the water, leading ecology tours and planting coral for the University of Miami and Special Olympics as a Mentor in the Athlete Leadership Program and a Paddleboard Coach. Not surprisingly, travel reigns supreme for Erin, who has visited all 50 states and is working on her ever-expanding list of foreign countries.

align, bioluminescent shrimp can be found shimmering bright blue under a new moon sky. Others change colors. On a still morning with placid waters, someone walking down a dock might notice, squeezed between rocks, a white octopus shifting to blue, then purple. Still others, like Spotted Eagle Rays and Parrotfish, carry constant unique markings and coloration. In the clear shallow waters of The Keys, it's not unusual to spot a ray gliding elegantly by, polka-dots on full display. And almost everyone who has stuck their face in the water near mangrove roots has seen a Rainbow Parrotfish showing off a hundred tropical hues on one little body.



Nurse sharks in shallow mangroves.

throughout The Keys, and up to Miami, offer 'citizen science' opportunities wherein tourists can swap the pub crawl for a chance to plant coral propagules, tag sharks for tracking, or walk the shoreline for a beach cleanup.

Especially for artists, those great observers of the world, these intimate experiences with the world below the surface reveal unparalleled inspiration. Creative wanderers willing to wade into the muck, or pull on a mask to peek under a coral head, are rewarded with a wonderland that would require a full palette of colors to convey.

And yet, the fact remains that we hold commonly represented sea creatures in our collective consciousness for a reason. They've captured our fascination over innumerable years, becoming emblematic of freedom, warmth and vacation. It's a justifiable love that inspires people to foster an ongoing connection to the marine environment. On a more basic level, these animals simply elicit that very human response of "wow, look at that!" All of these moments inspire us to look beyond ourselves and our very human perspective of the world. But, it's worth considering that source material, inspiration, and engagement can come from a revered symbol of the tropics, or from a simple organism that some might refer to as a slug.



Mother and baby manatee, Hurricane Hole, Key West.

The beauty of these discoveries isn't just in the beauty itself. A simple moment of unexpected awe leads to appreciation, which in turn leads to an understanding of the need for conservation. When we find the beauty in what was initially unseen or easily dismissed, we start to realize the extent of interconnectivity in this environment. An ocean without upside down jellyfish doesn't support sea turtles. Powerful sharks and freakishly adorable manatees don't exist in

waters that can't maintain the health of sea hares. There are intricacies at play in The Keys that are difficult to understand without getting your hands wet.

Once the connections click, it's easier to see the importance of unilateral conservation. Entities like the National Marine Sanctuary understand this need perfectly, as evidenced by the 3,800 square nautical miles they have preserved as both a preserve and a playground for the snorkelers and divers who seek experiences with these animals in their natural habitat. Explorers can further aid conservation efforts through voluntourism, or ecotourism. Organizations



Roux the dog sniffs a small conch.



"Birds of a Feather" by Deb Spencer



"Snowbirds" by Sandy Mezinis



"Sandbar Swing" by A. Rose

calendar OF CULTURAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025

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.

ARTISAN MARKETS & ART STROLLS

Sundays (October – 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

Thursdays

KEY WEST FARMERS MARKET

2 - 7 p.m. Weekly market featuring fresh fruit and produce, international food vendors and more. Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd. 305-731-3385. kwartisanmarket.com

Third Thursdays (October – May)

WALK ON WHITE

6 - 9 p.m. Open artist studios, events and complimentary libations at galleries, studios and art-loving businesses on White Street, Gallery District in Key West. 305-767-3769. walkonwhitekeywest.com

Third Thursdays

MORADA WAY ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICT ART WALK

6 - 9 p.m. Art, hand-crafted jewelry, sculptures, music, performance artists and more in the heart of Islamorada. 305-664-2471. moradaway.org

Fridays

ISLAND HOME ARTISAN & GOURMET MARKET

10 a.m. Island Home Garden & Nursery, mile marker 88.7 bayside, Tavernier. Baked goods, local honey, homemade jams, oils, nut butters and local crafts. 786-971-2299. islandhomegardencenter.com

First Fridays

FIRST FRIDAYS ON FLEMING

6 - 9 p.m. Boutiques, galleries, antique stores, artist studios, restaurants, cocktail lounge, bookstore, yoga sanctuary and other creative businesses. 500 block of

Fleming to Grinnell St., Key West. fabflemingkw.com

Last Fridays (October – April)

GALLERY NIGHT

6:30 - 8 p.m. Meet and mingle with artists and enjoy the wide selection of art. Key Largo Art Gallery, 103200 Overseas Hwy. 305-451-0052. keylargoartgallery.com

FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

Nightly

SUNSET CELEBRATION AT MALLORY SQUARE

One hour before sunset. Performers, artists and more! Mallory Square Dock, Key West. 305-396-7046. sunsetcelebration.org

October 17 – 20

REEF FEST

Event hosted by 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

October 18 – 27

FANTASY FEST KEY WEST

90'S NEON COSMIC CARNIVAL 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

October 18 & 19

GOOMBAY STREET FESTIVAL

12 p.m. A Fantasy Fest family-friendly event with island arts & crafts, music and food. Bahama Village, Key West. 305-295-9112. fantasyfest.com

October 19

CORTADITO'S BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB TRIBUTE

6 p.m. Presented by Community Arts & Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 611 Old Hwy., Islamorada. 786-218-6854. cacmiami.org

October 20

ZOMBIE BIKE RIDE

6 p.m. Fort East Martello. zombiebikeride.com

October 24

HEADDRESS BALL 41ST ANNUAL

8 p.m. 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

October 24

TREASURE TREAT NIGHT

5:30 - 7 p.m. Free exhibits, kids' activities, costume contest and trick-or-treating. History of Diving Museum. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

October 26

SCREAMING GREEN HALLOWEEN

10 a.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. 305-296-1504. keywest.garden

November 3

DAY OF THE DEAD WITH AMEYAL

2 p.m. Presented by Community Arts & Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada. cacmiami.org

November 22 & 23

KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE & ARTISAN MARKET

10 a.m. 1100 Atlantic Blvd. 305-998-4882. keywestgardenclub.com

November 30

ISLAND ART FESTIVAL

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. A rich assortment of artists from South Florida offer their unique, one-of-a-kind handcraft items featuring food and live music. Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 31020 Overseas Hwy., Big Pine Key. 305-872-2411. lowerkeyschamber.com



"Afternoon Sun"
by David Perez



"George"
by Annamarie Giordano



"Serenity Now"
by Shannon Paul Wiley



"Mangroves"
by Carol Ubben

December 3
TABLE TOP TREE & WREATH ANNUAL AUCTION
7 p.m. Opal Resort & Marina,
245 Front St., Key West.
305-294-9526. marchouse.org

December 6
ISLAMORADA 20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
4 - 10 p.m. Jewelry and crafts, snow mountain, parade, bazaar, auction and snow-blowing tree. Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada.
305-664-4503. islamoradachamber.com

December 6
LIGHTED BIKE PARADE - KEY WEST
4 - 10 p.m. Spirited event for all ages. Coffee Butler Amphitheater, Truman Waterfront Park.
thekeywestamp.com

December 7
CITY OF KEY WEST HOLIDAY PARADE
7 - 9:30 p.m. Starts at Truman Ave. & White St.
cityofkeywest-fl.gov

December 7
HOLIDAY MARKET - THE GARDEN CLUB OF THE UPPER KEYS
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts, crafts, baked goods, plants and more. Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.
305-451-8137. gardenclubupperkeys.org

December 13
HOLIDAY CONCERT & BAZAAR
5 - 9 p.m. Presented by the Key West Museum of Art & History. 281 Front St., Key West.
kwhs.org/education/bazaar

December 14
KEY LARGO HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE
7:30 p.m. Blackwater Sound, MM 104.
305-451-4502. keylargoboatparade.com

December 14
SCHOONER WHARF LIGHTED BOAT PARADE
8 p.m. Historic Seaport, Key West Bight Marina.
305-292-3302. schoonerwharf.com

December 15
SNOWY DAYS CHILDREN'S CONCERT
1-3 p.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.
305-296-1504. keywest.garden

December 19 - 29
WATERFRONT WINTER WONDERLAND
Various times. The park will transition into a Winter Wonderland to include an ice-skating rink, games, rides, music, vendors and more. Coffee Butler Amphitheater at Truman Waterfront Park, 35 E. Quay Rd., Key West.
305-985-0433. thekeywestamp.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

January 18
ART UNDER THE OAKS 40TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fine arts & crafts and food. San Pedro Church, MM 89.5, Tavernier.
305-852-5372. artundertheoaks.com

January 18 & 19
NAUTICAL EXPO
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ocean or island inspired art, boat and fishing equipment, furniture, food and music. Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, 31020 Overseas Hwy., Big Pine Key.
305-872-2411. lowerkeychamber.com

February 15 & 16
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

February 15 - 17
HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND
The Little White House, 111 Front St., Key West.
305-294-9911. trumanlittlewhitehouse.org

February 21
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

February 21 & 22
KEY WEST ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Key West Art Center celebrates its 60th year, showcasing 120 new and returning artists in all artistic mediums in a stunning setting. Truman Waterfront Park.
305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com

March 8 & 9
MARATHON SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
Great, fresh seafood and entertainment. Marathon Community Park, 200 36th St. Oceanside, Marathon.
305-743-5417. marathonseafestival.com

March 29 & 30
SOUTHERNMOST AIR SPECTACULAR
11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. US Navy Blue Angels take flight each day at 3 p.m. at Naval Air Station Key West's Boca Chica Field.
305-293-2027. keywestairshow.com

April 4 - 6
AFRO ROOTS FEST 26TH ANNUAL
Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.
786-218-6854. cacmiami.org

April 5 & 6
FLORIDA KEYS ISLAND FEST 32ND ANNUAL
10 a.m. - 5 p.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/island-fest

April 18 - 25
CONCH REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION 43RD ANNUAL
Various times & locations. Festivities for all ages, held in historic and unique venues.
conchrepublic.com

April 30 - May 4
KEY WEST SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL 29TH 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

June 1 - 20
SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION
Nightly. Guest artists, sun-themed plein-air painting, craft demos, music and ceremonies. Mallory Square Dock, Key West.
305-396-7046. sunsetcelebration.org

June 11 - 16
I LOVE STOCK ISLAND FESTIVAL
llovestockisland.org

June 22 - 29
KEY WEST PRIDE
Various times & locations. An annual LGBTQ+ pride festival held in Key West.
305-294-4603. gaykeywestfl.com/pride

July 3 - 6
KEY LIME FESTIVAL
Various times & locations in Key West. Pie eating contest, Key Lime Stroll and more.
305-295-9112. keylimefestival.com

July 4 - 6
MERMAID FESTIVAL
Various times & locations in Key West. A splashing family-friendly festival!
305-204-4266. keywestmermaidfestival.com

July 11 & 12
UNDERWATER MUSIC FESTIVAL
6 p.m. on July 11. Mote Marine on Summerland Key Welcome Party with live music, art exhibits, refreshments and tours. 10 a.m. on July 12. Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary will broadcast a concert underwater to snorkelers, divers and sea creatures. Hosted by 104.1 FM Radio. Looe Key Reef Resort, 27340 Overseas Hwy., Ramrod Key.
305-872-2411. lowerkeyschamber.com

July 23 - 27
HEMINGWAY DAYS
Various events & locations. A festival that celebrates the life and work of renowned author and Key West resident, Ernest Hemingway.
hemingwaydays.net

August 24
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
Remembrance of the 'Slave Trade' and its Abolition. Key West African Cemetery Memorial, Higgs Beach, 1094 Atlantic Blvd.
facebook.com/rose.diversity

August 29 - September 1
JUST A FEW FRIENDS FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING KEY WEST'S FAVORITE SON
Various times & locations. Full weekend of events and activities celebrating the life and

legacy of Key West's favorite son.
305-731-5780. justafewfriendskeywest.com
September 3 - 7
KEY WEST WOMENFEST
Various times & locations. A wide range of activities for those who want to socialize and feel comfortable being themselves.
305-294-4603. gaykeywestfl.com/womenfest

September 13
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION
6 p.m. Presented by Community Arts & Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.
cacmiami.org

October 13 - 17
TROPICAL HEAT KEY WEST
Various times & locations. Activities for those who want to socialize and feel comfortable being themselves.
305-294-4603. gaykeywestfl.com/tropical-heat

MUSIC
Sundays
JAZZ IN THE GARDENS
5 - 8 p.m. The Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela St., Key West.
305-294-2661. gardenshotel.com

First Sundays
CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT WITH MATEO
6 p.m. St. Columba Episcopal Church, 451 52nd St., Marathon.
stcolumbamarathon.org

Thursdays
KEY WEST JAZZ SOCIETY DUO
4 p.m. Hemingway Social Club, 201 Simonton St.
305-414-8754. papaspilar.com

November 14
FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL OF THE ARTS MEMBERSHIP SHOW
5 p.m. THEN & NOW: Artists of the Keys Opening Reception. Historic Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St., Key West.
305-296-4369. keysarts.com

December 8
KEYS CHORAL ARTS EATON STREET CHRISTMAS STROLL
3:30 p.m. Commencing at Key West United Methodist, 600 Eaton St.
305-296-5142. keyschoralarts.org

December 10 - 12
CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY KEYS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA/LOWER KEYS COMMUNITY CHOIR
Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10: Big Pine United Methodist Church, 280 Key Deer Blvd., Big Pine Key.
Dec. 11: San Pablo Catholic Church, 550 122nd St. Ocean, Marathon.
Dec. 12: Present Venture Out Community Church, 701 Spanish Main Dr., Cudjoe Key.
keyschamberorchestra.org



"Mango Folly"
by Linda Cabrera



"Secret Beach at Fort Zach"
by Fran Decker



"Sea Grape Goddess"
by Alisa Mealor



"Reflections"
by Karen Beauprie



"Easy In The Islands"
by Dwight Hoffman



"Afternoon Delight"
by John Hawver



"Eyeballs"
by Daryl Duda



"Bungalow Boogie"
by Cynthia Ré Robbins



"Quiet Intensity"
by Nancy Adams



"Barber's Baby"
by Annmarie Anderson

December 14
HOLIDAY HARMONY
4 p.m. Keys Community Concert Band,
ICE Amphitheater Founders Park,
87000 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.
keysice.com

December 17
KEYS CHORAL ARTS
WINTER CONCERT - KEY WEST
7 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St.
305-296-5142. keyschoralarths.org

January 11 & 12
FLORIDA KEYS CELTIC
ANNUAL FESTIVAL
10 a.m. Marathon Community Park,
200 36th St. Oceanside.
305-743-6412.
flkeyscecticfestival.com, keystix.com

January 14
KEY WEST HARRY S. TRUMAN
FOUNDATION MUSIC SERIES
The Key West Jazz Society's five-piece
swing band celebrates the music and
stories behind the popular songs of
Truman's Presidency Era (1945-52). The
Little White House, 111 Front St.
305-294-9911.
trumanlittlewhitehouse.org

January 17 – 20
BAYGRASS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Various times.
Jan. 17 – 19: Florida Keys Brewing
Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.
Jan. 20: Founders Park,
MM 87, Islamorada.
305-587-0901. keysice.com/9th-
annual-baygrass-bluegrass-festival

January 21 – 25
MILE 0 FEST
Various times & locations. Red Dirt and
Americana music festival.
mile0fest.com

February 8
DIVE INTO ART & MUSIC
5:30 p.m. Join the History of Diving
Museum and Rainbow Full of Sound for
an art exhibition and sale while
enjoying a special musical tribute
to musician, artist, and avid diver
Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead.
Safe Harbor Angler House, 80500
Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.
305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

April 11
KEY CHORAL ARTS
SPRING CONCERT - KEY WEST
7 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St.
keyschoralarths.com

April 12
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305-294-9911.
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COFFEE BUTLER AMPHITHEATER
See our website for full concert schedule
and times. Truman Waterfront Park,
35 E. Quay Rd., Key West.
305-985-0433. thekeywestamp.com

FLORIDA KEYS
CONCERT ASSOCIATION
Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Marathon High School,
Performing Arts Center,
350 Sombrero Beach Rd., Marathon.
Jan. 13: An Evening of Dixieland Jazz
with The Boilermaker Jazz Band
Jan. 20: Concert of Famous
Opera Highlights
Jan. 27: Pianist Fred Moyer
Feb. 10: Trio Zimbalist
Feb. 17: Rising Star Concert
Feb. 24: Esmé Quartet

Coral Shores High School. Performing
Art Center, 89901 Old Hwy., Tavernier.
Jan. 14: Evening of Dixieland Jazz
with The Boilermaker Jazz Band
Jan. 21: Concert of Famous
Opera Highlights
Jan. 28: Pianist Fred Moyer
Feb. 11: Trio Zimbalist
Feb. 18: Rising Star Concert
Feb. 25: Esmé Quartet
800-324-6982.

floridakeysconcerts.com
IMPROMPTU CLASSICAL
CONCERTS OF KEY WEST
Performances begin at 4 p.m.
St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St.
Jan. 12: Thomas Mesa & Greg Zelek
Jan. 26: Simone Porter
Feb. 9: Dover Quartet
Feb. 23: Avery Gogliano

Mar. 9: Poulenc Trio
Mar. 23: Duo Beaux Arts
keywestimpromptu.org
KEY WEST THEATER
CONCERT SERIES
Performances begin at 8 p.m. See website
for details and full schedule.

Oct. 16: Dead-Zep
Nov. 11: The Undercovers Presents
Rogers, Richie & Robinson
Nov. 12: Andy Summers of the Police
Nov. 14: Dancing with the Celts
Nov. 24: Heart By Heart
Feb. 6: The Massacoustics
Mar. 8: A Night of Nelsons
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

POPS IN THE PARK
KEYS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
Performances begin at 4 p.m.
Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada.
Nov. 30: Sunset Serenade
Jan. 25: Afternoon Delight
Feb. 22: Kokomo Key
Mar. 29: Twilight Tunes
Apr. 19: Conch Classics

Murray Nelson Center Peace Park,
MM 102, Key Largo.
Dec. 14: Holiday Harmony
keyscommunityconcertband.org

SOUTH FLORIDA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee Williams Theatre,
5901 College Rd., Key West.
Jan. 19: Leonard Bernstein's Candide
Feb. 14: R. Strauss' Don Juan with
Berlioz and J. Strauss, II
Mar. 15: Mozart's Requiem
and Symphony No. 40
954-522-8445.
southfloridasymphony.org, keystix.com

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE
Performances begin at 8 p.m. unless
otherwise noted. See website for details
and full schedule.
5901 College Rd., Key West.
Dec. 20: A Jazz Christmas
Jan. 25: Paradise Big Band – Holiday I
Feb. 8: A Blonde, Burnette, and
Some Duets featuring Eric
McCormack & Laura Bell Bundy
Feb. 12: The Four Phantoms in Concert
Feb. 23 & 24: Bobby in the Lobby
Feb. 28: Neil Berg's 50 Years of

Rock n' Roll, Part 5
Mar. 5: The Anne McKee Artist Fund
Performance featuring Sam Carlson
Mar. 29: Free Fallin', the Tom Petty
Concert Experience
Mar. 30: Paradise Big Band – Holiday II
April 5: The Rat Pack - One More Time!
305-295-7676. keystix.com

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST
See website for details and full schedule.
533 Eaton St., Key West.
Jan. 7 & 8: Susan Werner &
Jonatha Brooke
Jan. 14 & 15: Dom Flemons
Jan. 22: Amanda McBroom &
Ann Hampton Calloway
Feb. 4 & 5: Will Kimbrough
Mar. 15 - 23: Swimming in the Dark
Mar. 18 & 19: Beth Neilson Chapman
Apr. 4 & 5: Dueling Pianos
Apr. 15 & 16: John McCutcheon
Apr. 22 & 23: Henhouse Prowlers
305-296-0458. tskw.org

CABARET & COMEDY
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays &
Saturdays (October – July)
CHRISTOPHER PETERSON'S
EYECONS
Performances begin at 9 p.m. Master of
impersonations, both visually and vocally.
Birdcage Cabaret at Aqua Plex,
504 Angela St., Key West.
aquakeywest.com/the-birdcage-cabaret

Thursdays & Saturdays (October – July)
RANDY ROBERTS LIVE! CABARET
9 p.m. Live vocal and visual
impersonations of famous showbiz ladies
Cher, Bette Midler and some originals.
La Te Da, 1125 Duval St.,
Key West.
305-296-6706. lateda.com

COMEDY KEY WEST
Live stand-up comedy, films and special
events. 218 Whitehead St.
305-985-7370. comedykeywest.com

KEY WEST BURLESQUE
Performances begin at 8 p.m.
See our Facebook page for full
schedule and times.
Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St.
Oct. 21 – 24: Star Wars Strips:
A Burlesque Parody
305-619-2862. thekeywesttheater.com

THEATER
FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST
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Nov. 19 – 23: H*tlr's Taster
Dec. 10 – 14: Tony Konrath's
Christmas Carol
Jan. 14 – 25 : I Love You, You're Perfect,
Now Change
Feb. 18 – March 1: Goodnight, Oscar
Mar. 12 – 14: Kaleidoscope
Apr. 23 – 24: Key West Characters:
More True Stories
305-731-0581. keywestfringe.org

KEY WEST THEATER
See website for details and full schedule.
Jan. 9: Paula Poundstone
305-985-0433. 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.
Nov. 14 – 30 & Dec. 5 – 7:
Beer for Breakfast
Jan. 16 – 31 & Feb. 1 – 8:
Always a Bridesmaid
Mar. 13 – 30 & Apr. 3 – 12: Nonsense
May 8 – 24: The Siegel
305-743-0994. marathonthater.org

RED BARN THEATRE
319 Duval St. #2, Key West.
Dec. 12 – Jan. 11: The Foreigner
Jan. 15 – 18: A Little Bit Country,
A Little Bit Rock n Roll
Mar. 4 – 29: Brooklyn Laundry
Apr. 8 – May 3: Short Attention Span
305-296-9911. redbarntheatre.com

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE
Performances begin at 8 p.m. unless
otherwise noted. See website for details
and full schedule.
5901 College Rd., Key West.
Dec. 5 – 8 & 13 – 15: Nutcracker
Key West (various times)
Jan. 7: Tango in the Dark
Jan. 21: Menopause the Musical,
Cruising Through the Change
Jan. 27: Puppy Pals, Live! (6:30 p.m.)
Feb. 2 & 3: Women of an Uncertain Age,
starring Kitty Clements, Rosi Ware,
Susannah Wells & Erin McKenna
Mar. 19: MOMIX Alice

Mar. 23: Peking Acrobats (7:00 p.m.)
Apr. 1: Buckets n' Boards (6:30 p.m.)
May 23 & 24: Stomp
Marathon High School
Performing Arts Center.
Jan. 28: Puppy Pals, Live! (6:30 p.m.)
Apr. 2: Buckets n' Boards (6:30 p.m.)
Coral Shores Performing Arts Center.
Jan. 29: Puppy Pals, Live! (6:30 p.m.)
Apr. 3: Buckets n' Boards (6:30 p.m.)
305-296-1520. twstages.com

THE KEY PLAYERS
Performances begin at 7 p.m. unless
otherwise noted. See website for details
and full schedule.
Coral Shores High School Performing
Arts Center, 89901 Old Hwy., Tavernier.
Oct. 24 – Nov. 3: The Addams Family -
The Musical
305-942-4339. thekeyplayers.org

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST
See website for details and full schedule.
533 Eaton St., Key West.
Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: FIRST LOOK Staged
Reading Series: Write Me a Romance
by Hy Conrad
Feb. 28 & Mar. 1: FIRST LOOK Staged
Reading Series: The Myth of Two
Marcos by Tony Meneses
Mar. 28 & 29: FIRST LOOK Staged
Reading Series: Blue Roses by
Tim Venable
Apr. 11 & 12: FIRST LOOK Staged
Reading Series: Wilma by
Abby Rosebrock
305-296-0458. tskw.org

WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE
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Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tuesdays
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407 Wall St., Key West.
Oct. 15 – 25: Rocky Horror Show
Nov. 7 – 9: Stand Up if You're
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Nov. 20 – Dec. 14: Into the Woods
Jan. 2 – 4: The Vagina Monologues
Jan. 22 – February 8: The Angel
Next Door
Feb. 26 – March 22: La Cage
Aux Folles
Mar. 27 – 29: A Distant County
Called Youth
Apr. 16 – May 3: Wait Until Dark
305-294-5015. waterfrontplayhouse.org

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 5 p.m. Opening receptions. An education experience of unique and rare Keys' marine life and photography techniques. 22627 LaFitte Dr., Cudjoe Key. 305-699-3896. lombarduwphoto.com

Through November 30
SCARECROWS IN THE FOREST EXHIBIT & CONTEST
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. 815-298-9399. keywest.garden

November 14
FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL OF THE ARTS MEMBERSHIP SHOW
 5 p.m. THEN & NOW Opening Reception. Historic Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St., Key West. 305-296-4369. keysarts.com

December 7
CELEBRATE THE SEASON
 5 p.m. Opening reception for all the new art for the 2025 season! Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. 305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com

January 30 - February 13
THE ART OF BARBARA HANN
 4 p.m. Opening reception on January 30. 1 p.m. Still Life painting demo on January 31. Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. 305-304-1013. keywestartcenter.com

February 15
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, keylargochamber.org

March 8
PLEIN AIR KEY WEST COMPETITION
 8:30 a.m. Show reception and sale at 5 p.m. Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. 305-304-1013. keywestartcenter.com

March 21 - April 3
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHOW
 5 p.m. Opening reception on March 21. Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. 305-304-1013. keywestartcenter.com

April 28 - July 31
KEY WEST ART IN THE GARDEN
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. 305-296-1504. keywest.garden

May 2 - 16
ARTSPARK PROGRAM STUDENT ART SHOW
 4 p.m. Opening reception on May 2. Art by local high school students in the ArtSpark Program. Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. 305-304-1013. keywestartcenter.com

ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES
 Presenting Wildlife of The Keys Show, Photography Exhibition and Annual Members' Judged Art Show and year-round exhibits 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, keylargochamber.org

CVS WINDOW EXHIBIT
 Rotating exhibit featuring Keys artists. Sponsored by the Arts Council. 500 Duval St., Key West. keysarts.com

KEY WEST MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY EXHIBITS
 Other permanent and online exhibitions are offered. Key West Art & Historical Society, 281 Front St.

Sept. 13 - Nov. 24: The Antic Humor of Richard Watherwax
 Nov. 1 - January 26: Norbert Szilagyi: A Monkey in Paradise
 Dec. 6 - May 18: Collecting Key West: The Works of Mario Sanchez
 Feb. 7 - April 20: From a Woman's Hand: A Juried Art Exhibit
 May 2 - Aug. 3: Visions of Florida: The Photographic Art of Clyde Butcher
 Aug. 15 - November 2: Human Interest: The Portraits of Jack Baron
 305-295-6616. kwahs.org

THE SHOPS AT MALLORY SQUARE
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THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST
 Openings the First Thursday of every month. See website for details and full schedule. 533 Eaton St., Key West.
 Dec. 5 - 26: Winter Members Exhibition
 Jan. 2 - 30: Duke Riley
 Feb. 6 - 27: Mabel Poblet
 Mar. 6 - 27: Tory Mata
 305-296-0458. tskw.org

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 Tuesdays & Thursdays
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 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Thursdays. Swing, Latin and Ballroom dancing. Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St., Key West. 305-745-5578. williamshall.org
 Wednesdays
LINE DANCING WITH MARVIN
 6:30 p.m. See us on Facebook. The Backyard Bar Key West, 618 Duval St. 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

June TBD
TAH-DANCE! 15TH ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE
 Marathon Community Theatre, 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon. 305-743-0994. marathonthheater.org

COFFEEMILL DANCE & YOGA STUDIO
 804 White St. and 3340 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West. 305-296-9982. coffeemilldance.com

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 Hip-Hop, afro 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

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE
 Performances begin at 8 p.m. 5901 College Rd., Key West.
 Dec. 5 - 8 & 13 - 15: Nutcracker Key West
 Jan. 7: Tango in the Dark
 Mar. 19: MOMIX Alice
 305-295-7676. twstages.com, 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

October 11 - May 17
OUTDOOR MOVIES
 Fort East Martello, 3501 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West. kvoutdoormovies.com

November 13 - 17
KEY WEST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL
 Various times & venues throughout Key West. Showcase of films that capture creativity and diversity. keywestfff.com

March 2
THE OSCARS IN KEY WEST GALA
 7 p.m. Live telecast and red carpet evening. Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St. 877-761-3456. tropiccinema.com

MARATHON COMMUNITY CINEMA
 Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays. 5101 Overseas Hwy., MM 49.5 Oceanside, Marathon. 305-743-0288. marathonicinema.com

TROPIC CINEMA
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416 Eaton St., Key West. 877-761-3456. 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

Third Wednesdays
IMMERSE YOURSELF PRESENTATION SERIES
 Presentations begin at 7 p.m. See website for details and full schedule. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.
 Oct. 16: USS Monitor Salvage Operation with Bobbie Scholley
 Nov. 20: Pearl Harbor History with Capt. Syd & KT Budde-Jones
 Dec. 18: The Journey of the "Christ of the Deep" with Elena Muratori
 305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

Third Wednesdays (October - May)
 First Thursdays (October - April)
KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES
 1:30 p.m. 1100 Atlantic Blvd. 305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

Third Saturday (December - June)
KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES
 5210 College Rd., Key West. 305-296-1504. keywest.garden

Through December 31
HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM SALVAGING THE DEEP EXHIBITION
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

October 28
KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN SCREAMING GREEN HALLOWEEN
 10 a.m. 5210 College Rd. 305-296-1504. keywest.garden

November 22 & 23
KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB FALL PLANT SALE & ARTIST MARKET
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 1100 Atlantic Blvd. 305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

December 27 & 28, January 24 & 25, February 14 & 15, March 14 & 15
KEY WEST HOME TOURS WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION
 1 - 4 p.m. 322 Duval St. 305-294-9501. oirf.org

January - April
HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM DIVE INTO ART - FINTASTIC FISH OF FLORIDA EXHIBITION
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

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February 15
GARDEN WALK
10 a.m. Private Gardens Tour. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Complimentary activities, vendors and plant sales, art exhibit by Art Guild of the Purple Isles and food trucks. Presented by Garden Club of the Upper Keys, Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo. 305-451-8137. gardenclubupperkeys.org

February 21 – 22
KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOURS
See website for details. 1100 Atlantic Blvd. 305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

February 28 – March 2
KEY WEST ORCHID FAIR
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Locally-grown orchids, vendors, supplies, food and more. The Key West Garden Club, 1100 Atlantic Blvd. 305-619-8304. keywestorchidsociety.org

March – April
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
See website for details and full schedule. 305-295-6616. kwahs.org

March 8
CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION
12 p.m. 322 Duval St., Key West. 305-294-9501. oirf.org

April 25
ELIZABETH BISHOP HOUSE & GARDEN
5:30 p.m. Bishop's Postcards: A Conversation with the Curators in the Bishop Garden about the exhibition, composed of 55 postcards drawn from Vassar's collection of more than 500. 624 White St., Key West. 305-293-9291. kwls.org

April 26
ARTS & SCIENCE FESTIVAL WITH REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Hands-on activities, interactive displays, take-home arts and more! 98300 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo. 305-852-0030. reef.org

May – December
HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM IN DEPTH: 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIVING MUSEUM EXHIBITION
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 305-664-9737. divingmuseum.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 ECO-DISCOVERY CENTER
Open Wednesday through Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A marine sanctuary visitors center featuring interactive ecology exhibits and a 2,500-gallon reef tank. Hosts Discovery Saturday, a free monthly activity designed for children in grades 1-5. 35 Quay Rd., Key West. 305-809-4700. floridakeys.noaa.gov/eco_discovery.html

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, 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. Venture through 4,000 years of the "Quest to Explore Under the Sea" and the largely untold story of the South Florida connection to diving history. Special events, guided tours, exhibits and store. 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 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 and Distinguished Speaker Series offered on Thursdays at 6 p.m. 305-295-6616. kwahs.org

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

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Apr. 28 – July 31: Key West Art in the Garden (Sculptures)
Sept. 27: Lower Keys Fall Migration Mania Birding & Wildlife Adventure
305-296-1504. keywest.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

First and Third Wednesdays
KEYS WRITERS GROUP
1 p.m. Big Pine Library, 213 Key Deer Blvd., Big Pine. 305-849-0294.

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 WRITER'S GUILD
10 a.m. We educate, promote and encourage literary excellence. La Brisa pool house, 1901 S. Roosevelt Blvd. 484-889-6182. keywestwritersguild.com

January 5 – 9
KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR WRITER'S WORKSHOP
Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd. 305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

January 9 – 12
KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR: FAMILY
Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd. 305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

February 8
ELIZABETH BISHOP BIRTHDAY POETRY READING
Time and location TBD. Key West. 305-293-9291. kwls.org

March 6
GRAND OPENING: ELIZABETH BISHOP HOUSE & GARDEN
4 p.m. Celebrate Key West Literary Seminar's completed restoration of this national treasure, where the celebrated poet lived and worked in the 1930s and 1940s. 624 White St., Key West. 305-293-929. kwls.org

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.

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
529 Southard St., Key West. sacredspacekeywest.com

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