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Mayor Craig Cates

welcome to **FLORIDA KEYS CULTURE**

Welcome to paradise,
where the ocean greets
you each and every
morning and around
every corner you'll find

the lush tropical landscape of the islands and, if you're lucky, you may spot a Key Deer or two. Our small but vast island chain is looming with history as you drive past remnants of the Overseas Railroad built in 1912 by Henry Flagler or make your way to the Southernmost Point, spotting conch cottages along the way. Whether you come to bask in the sunshine, be entertained by our talented musicians and artists on every Key, explore our stunning coral reefs, or learn about our rich history and culture, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Florida Keys living is something to behold, it's unlike any other place in the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Cates'.

Mayor Craig Cates





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LUCY HAWK

Lucy Hawk is a Key West based artist who creates hand cut paper artwork. She uses a scalpel-like knife to intricately cut away her designs from solid pieces of paper. Much of her subject matter is inspired by the natural side of the Florida Keys, quirky island life and the colors of our coastal environment.

Meet Lucy in person at her working studio, located inside of Sacred Space Gallery, which she co-owns with local artist Barbara Sage. Sacred Space features artwork by local women, including Lucy's original paper cuttings, prints, and notecards. You can also find her work at the Key West Art Center, the Green Pineapple Boutique, Stone Soup Gallery and the Key West Collective. You can purchase Lucy's work on her website (lucyhawkart.com) and connect with her on social media @lucyhawkart.

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200 YEARS

of the
FLORIDA KEYS

Story by Jill Zima Borski



There's a lot to celebrate in the Florida Keys as shown by its endless event calendar and traditional nightly sunset celebration at Mallory Square in Key West. The Keys' remarkable history is always foremost in residents' minds, due to the islands' migrations and the special development of transportation, architecture, commerce, culture and community. Influential milestones such as the Civil War, Great Depression and World War II also played a role in

shaping the Keys we know and love today.

Monroe County is to celebrate 200 years of notable moments in 2023, following the lead of its most well-known city. Key West, the Southernmost City, held its bicentennial in March 2022 with a focused week of activities, including the debut of a historical documentary and museum display, the creation of a time capsule to be opened in 50 years, a joyous parade and an environmentally-friendly drone fireworks show.

Lithograph Key West in 1855 by Chandler & Company is one of the images featured in the “Key West 200” exhibit at the Custom House Museum on Friday, January 21, 2022. Photo courtesy of the Key West Art & Historical Society.



With 200 years as a county, events are to be held throughout the 112-mile-long island chain. Residents and visitors are sure to recall or learn history while celebrating a remarkable time to be in the Keys. They can visit historical treasures such as Fort Jefferson, a massive coastal fortress located offshore of Key West in the Dry Tortugas. The largest brick masonry structure in the Americas is built with more than 16 million bricks and covers 16 acres. Poised to protect the valuable

harbor of Key West and constructed from 1846-1875, Fort Jefferson was a link in the chain of coastal forts that stretched from Maine to California.

Valuable undersea treasures like Mel Fisher's motherlode of gold, silver and artifacts from a particular shipwrecks of yesteryear also add to the Keys mystique. Shipwrecking and salvage efforts recognize a primary occupation of days gone by and remind us to be wary of the Keys' shallow shoals.



*The refurbished Old Seven Mile Bridge, at left, connects Marathon with historic Pigeon Key.
Photo courtesy of Andy Newman/ Florida Keys News Bureau.*

More common than arriving by boat is driving to the Florida Keys, which is an adventure on the Overseas Highway. The highway earned the designations of Scenic Byway and All-American Road and is built on the original route carved out by Henry Flagler and his Florida East Coast Railway. Completed in 1912, ferries once had to shuttle cars from key to key where a roadway did not yet exist while otherwise traveling on the narrow road from the mainland to Key West.

The modern highway now bustles with vehicles most times of day and ferries are a historic footnote. Visitors and residents travel along 42 bridges to enjoy the islands' sights, sounds and delectable cuisine including anything made from key limes. Visitors truly appreciate the Florida Keys as shown by the 5.1 million tourists who annually visit our island chain.

The linear county is named after President James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States who served from 1817-1825. After Monroe negotiated the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, he was elected president. He resolved long-standing grievances with the British, acquired Florida from Spain in 1819, and proclaimed the Monroe Doctrine in 1823, which ultimately preserved the fledgling country's home rule by vowing not to meddle in foreign affairs.

To this day, Monroe County similarly exhibits an independence and laissez-fair attitude which is envied the world over. Tolerance and joie de vivre is practiced by its residents and shared through the county's call to visitors: Come as You Are. Inclusive rather than exclusive, differences are a cause of

celebration as we learn from one another, revel in a variety of cultures and share and acknowledge various viewpoints.

One quirky tendency of local residents is to describe locations by mile markers. Once upon a time, the miles of the Overseas Highway were designated by one-and-a-half-inch by three-inch green and white signs bearing descending numbers installed on four-foot silver poles. Key Largo was roughly mile marker (MM) 112 to 90, Islamorada, the Village of Islands extended from MM 90 to 72, Marathon from MM 60 to 47, and Key West from MM 2 to 0. Those signs have been appropriated by people unknown, and now reliance on digital mapping systems tends to guide visitors instead.

Names of Keys' islands are steeped in Florida history and several are traced to the development of Flagler's Overseas Railway. The name Marathon came from the railroad workers who were working night and day to complete the railway. According to Marathon government's website, "Due to the unrelenting pace and struggle to complete the project, the popular exclamation, 'This is getting to be a real Marathon,' is how the name originated. Vaca Key, Knights Key and Marathon were actual railroad stations for the overseas railroad." Remnants and reminders of Flagler's astounding engineering achievements can be observed throughout the Keys.

Possibilities for the county's bicentennial are in development and may include a concert in Key West featuring Howard Livingston, who sings about the beautiful simplicity of island living. A dinner – likely at Bud N' Mary's in Islamorada – is to

highlight Keys history and there is the possibility of a dinner on the Old Seven Mile Bridge, said Monroe's contracted public relations representative Andy Newman. Some annual events, such as the free-entry Island Fest in Islamorada hosted by the local chamber of commerce, are aiming to incorporate special bicentennial features.

Inspired no doubt by our boundless and beautiful scenery, musical, artistic and literary talent runs deep throughout the Florida Keys. While Wyland, Ernest Hemingway, Tennessee Williams and Judy Blume are well-known past and present denizens, film producer Jon Landau, actor Mark Wahlberg and similar high profile individuals have generously contributed to their Keys communities. Movies and television series have been filmed in the Keys and plenty of residents can claim acting as an "extra" on their resumes.

Art shows and festivals showcase the abundance of musical and artistic talent and local theater productions enable amateur and dedicated thespians to share their creative genius.

Not to be missed along the Overseas Highway are large and eye-catching outdoor sculptures known as the Florida Keys Sculpture Trail created by the county's arts in public places program.

Nature, also, continually beckons to visitors and residents and a special protected species, Key deer, can be found on Big Pine Key 30 miles northeast of Key West. Along with this diminutive species, a variety of coral, a sunken ship and more than 150 species of fish can be seen at the Looe Key Marine Sanctuary which makes for an excellent diving or snorkeling trip while visiting Big Pine Key.

Also for the active and adventurous, knowledgeable fishing captains are available throughout the Keys for those wanting to wet a line, whether fly tackle or conventional. Local captains follow in the footsteps of trendsetting guides who took illustrious anglers such as U.S. presidents including Franklin Delano Roosevelt out on the water to hook their favorite species. Offshore and backcountry fishing options enable an angler to be on the water most days of the year. From marlin and sailfish to athletic tarpon and wily bonefish and permit, the Keys offer something for everyone.

Multi-generational families can be confident all ages can find their slice of paradise. There rarely is a dull moment in the Florida Keys – unless a person seeks peace and quiet – and then there is plenty of rest, relaxation and solace for the soul to be found in our nature preserves, along our shorelines, in our ubiquitous parks or on the water. Peaceful moments on a beach or watching the sun set and melt into the ocean can bring sighs of contentment at nature's colorful palate as well as the pleasant knowledge that the circle of sunrise to sunset will bring another opportunity to enjoy additional days in the Keys.

Along with Monroe County, the U.S. Navy in Key West also is to mark its bicentennial in 2023. Naval Air Station Key West plans to welcome guests to experience the largest family-oriented event in the Keys. From April 13-16 during the Southernmost Air Spectacular, the skillful Blue Angels will perform bold and daring moves in their swift jets emphasizing accuracy among their piloting skills.



Fragments, part of the Florida Keys Sculpture Trail, in Islamorada was installed in 2017 and is visible along the Overseas Highway.



about the author: **JILL ZIMA BORSKI**

An Islamorada resident, Jill Zima Borski is a lifelong writer who dabbles in art and music and appreciates all art genres. She has written a memoir, *Know That I Have Lived*, and for Keys newspapers and magazines since January 1995. An avid traveler, Jill has been to 34 countries and hopes to visit many more. Moving to the Keys 27 years ago from Miami led to meeting her future husband, Tim, on a blind date. He is a successful wildlife artist. Raising their two sons in the Florida Keys has been the best possible experience due to its acceptance of individualism and safe schools and neighborhoods. Being involved in the arts community and participating in Arts Council endeavors such as painting 6-by-6-inch canvases for the annual fundraiser, the Mosaic Project, bring Jill joy, as does playing the ukulele with the Just Older Youth (JOY) center.

Built in 1873, Alligator Reef Lighthouse is one of six iron screw-pile lighthouses constructed to mark the Florida Reef. Photo courtesy of Brad Bertelli.



THE FLORIDA KEYS:

HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSES, ISLAND WONDERS, NATURAL BEAUTY

Early mariners navigating the Straits of Florida attempted a harrowing feat. In addition to the deceptive currents pushed by the Gulf Stream, the coral reefs were a stony worry. In 1828, after sailing from Charleston to Key West, Dr. Benjamin Strobel wrote: “No foresight or precaution on the part of the navigator, can avail much – he has Scylla on one side, and Charybdis on the other. Should he endeavor to avoid the coast of Cuba and Bahama, by steering northerly, he is liable to run foul of the Florida reef, and vice versa.”

By 1857, the United States Lighthouse Board decided a series of lighthouses should be erected to mark the reef so that it was “as perfectly lighted as it is believed any capable and intelligent mariner could desire.” The Lighthouse Board’s thinking was that “in a distance of three hundred miles there will then be Dry Tortugas, Sand Key, Dry Bank (Sombrero Reef), Alligator Reef, Carysfort Reef, Cape Florida, and Sebastian Inlet seacoast lights.”

Several lighthouses were marking the reef in 1857. Between 1847 and 1880, six iron screw-pile lighthouses had already been built: Fowey Rock Lighthouse (1878), Carysfort Reef Lighthouse (1852), Alligator Reef Lighthouse (1873), Sombrero Key Lighthouse (1858), American Shoal Lighthouse (1880), and Sand Key Lighthouse (1847).

Three lighthouses were built before the Civil War and three after the hostilities ended.

Before the war, the Sand Key, Carysfort Reef, and Sombrero Key lighthouse projects were overseen by a lieutenant in the Army Corps of Topographical Engineers named George G. Meade. For Civil War buffs, the name has a familiar ring. During the war, he was promoted to General George G. Meade and served under the Union flag in command of the Army of the Potomac that helped defeat Robert E. Lee at the battle (the second battle) of Gettysburg.

Building lighthouses to mark the reef was challenging work, and convenient islands were used as bases of operations during their construction. Lighthouse projects at Carysfort and Alligator reefs utilized the 11-acre Indian Key. Found in the Atlantic shallows about a mile from the Overseas Highway at Mile Marker 78, the often overlooked island was once the most important island in the Florida Keys, not named Key West.

The island is also a bona fide ghost town. Visiting the island, walking down the pathways and past the ruins of a 19th Century village is like stepping back in time. On August 7, 1840, it was the site of the southernmost attack during the Seminole War. Today, the island is known as Indian Key Historic State Park and though a brilliant experience, it is only accessible by boat or kayak. Not feeling that

adventurous? The Florida Keys are a wonderful escape but also a natural wonder and the following readily accessible parks offer ample opportunity to glimpse the heart and soul of the island chain.

**Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park
County Road 905 & Mile Marker 106, Key Largo**

A sprawling resort community called Port Bougainville was nearly developed here in the early 1980s. The endangered Key Largo wood rat helped save the day and this critical subtropical West Indian hammock habitat. The 2,421-acre park was established in 1982 and features walking trails where bird and butterfly watchers like to wander, point, and stare. Bring water and bug spray to experience the native Florida Keys.



*Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park.
Photo courtesy of Corey Malcolm.*

**Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park
84900 Overseas Highway & Mile Marker 84.9, Islamorada**

More than 100,000 years ago, the Florida Keys were part of an ancient system of coral reefs, and this is the best place on the island chain to see it with your own eyes. The park was once home to operating limestone quarries, some used by Henry Flagler’s men during the construction of the Overseas Railroad. What was left behind are eight-foot-tall exposed limestone walls and the fossilized remains of the ancient coral reef embedded within them.

Sombrero Beach

Sombrero Beach Road & Mile Marker 50, Marathon

For a string of islands, beaches are few and far between. While driving through Marathon in the Middle Keys, this excellent beach is just a turn down Sombrero Beach Road. It has the sand, the warm Atlantic water, and the salty fresh air but also an entire beach bag of amenities that have made it a popular destination for locals and visitors for years. Convenient parking, picnic pavilions, volleyball courts, restrooms, and showers make Sombrero Beach an ideal place to spread a towel down on the sand, soak up some warm Florida sun, and cool off in those soothing Atlantic waters.



about the author:
BRAD BERTELLI

Brad Bertelli has called the Florida Keys home since 2001. He is a Florida Keys historian, speaker, author, and Honorary Conch whose history column appears in the Keys Weekly newspapers. Brad lives in Islamorada with his beautiful and understanding wife, two dogs, and a cat. To learn more about Brad visit www.bradbertelli.com. To learn more local history, visit Florida Keys History with Brad Bertelli on Facebook.



Photo courtesy of Rob O'Neal

Blue Hole

Key Deer Boulevard, Big Pine Key
The Blue Hole is an anomaly. Created in the 1920s, during the construction of the Overseas Highway, it provides an ample freshwater source that serves as a hangout for some locals, including Key deer, herons, turtles, and alligators – yes, alligators. The view from the Blue Hole's observation platform is one thing while walking along a trail through Big Pine's native pine rocklands provides a different, equally soothing point of view.

**Key West Marine Park
Higgs Beach, Key West**

Can you snorkel from the beach in Key West? Absolutely! The Key West Marine Park, developed by Reef Relief and the City of Key West, is a 40-acre park established to create a safe swimming corridor on the south side of the island between South Beach and Higgs Beach. The best snorkeling can be found where Reynolds Street meets Higgs Beach. Seagrass beds, a hard bottom coral community, and submerged debris at the end of the dock stretching out over the Atlantic shallows offer ample opportunity to view sponges, corals, and some of the same tropical fish found offshore at the reefs. You may even see the symbol of the Conch Republic, the queen conch, in its native habitat. Remember, conch is a protected species so no touching!



Photo courtesy of Corey Malcolm



Photo courtesy of Key West Art & Historical Society

**Key West Lighthouse and Keeper's Quarters Museum
938 Whitehead Street, Key West**

There are countless adventures to experience in the Southernmost City. Still, with all the talk of the skeletal, iron lighthouses marking the reefs, the conventional brick lighthouse on Whitehead Street offers something the others cannot, accessibility. Visit the museum to learn more about Key West's history and the lighthouse that dates back to 1848. Better yet, schedule a visit to the top of the tower to witness one of those amazing island sunsets from a spectacular vantage point.

In the meantime, welcome to the Florida Keys. During your visit, sample the conch – this is, after all, the Conch Republic. Imported conch (conk) is commonly featured on local menus, where it has been a staple since the early pioneers settled these islands. Have Key lime pie – have it with meringue, without meringue, or frozen and dipped

in chocolate. The tart and sweet delight is the official dessert of the Florida Keys and an island tradition for over a century.

The Keys are a special place, and there is more to see than first meets the eye – do not just visit, take in a sunset, the conch, Key lime pie, visit one or two of the amazing local parks, experience the world famous water and maybe you will get to see one of the iron skeletons marking the reef up close.



"Sawtooth with Yellow Shutters"
by A. Rose



"Rainbow Turtle"
by Mary Blackman



"Seven Mile Bridge"
by A. Rose

calendar OF CULTURAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2023

List is in alphabetical order by genre. Please check the event website for the current information regarding programming or visit the Cultural Calendar at www.keysarts.com.

FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

Nightly

SUNSET CELEBRATION AT MALLORY SQUARE

Two hours before sunset. Artists, performers and more! Mallory Square Dock, Key West. sunsetcelebration.org

Sundays (October to April)

KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fine crafts, art, jewelry, 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, eat-in or take-away international food vendors, arts, crafts and other merchandise in a gorgeous waterfront setting. Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd. 305-731-3385. kwfarmersmarket.com

October 21 – 30

FANTASY FEST KEY WEST – CULT CLASSICS & CARTOON CHAOS!

Various times & locations. Street Fairs, Pet Masquerade, Poster Signing Party, Zombie Bike ride, Masquerade March, Children's Day. 305-295-9112. fantasyfest.com

October 21 & 22

GOOMBAY STREET FESTIVAL

12 p.m. Island arts & crafts, music and food. Bahama Village in Key West. 305-295-9112. fantasyfest.com

October 22

SMALLEST PARADE IN THE UNIVERSE

7 p.m. Tiny floats are transported down a replica of Duval Street and are auctioned off following the event. The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. marchouse.org, tskw.org

October 27

HEADRESS BALL 39TH ANNUAL

8 p.m. at the Coffee Butler Amphitheater. Presented by the Key West Business Guild. Truman Waterfront Park, Key West. 305-295-7676. gaykeywestfl.com/headress-ball

November

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Day of the Dead celebration. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada. communityartsandculture.org

November 12

FALL FESTIVAL Presented by the Garden Club of the Upper Keys

9 a.m. Arts, crafts, baked goods, plants and more. Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo. 305-451-8137, gardenclubupperkeys.org

November 12

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

6 p.m. Florida Keys History & Discovery Foundation, Islander Resort, Islamorada. 305-922-2237. keysdiscovery.com

November 16 – 20

KEY WEST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

Films that capture creativity and diversity. Various venues throughout Key West. keywestff.com

November 25

KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fine crafts, art, jewelry, food and other curiosities. Higgs Beach at the Key West Wildlife Center parking lot, 1801 White St. 305-731-3385. kwartisanmarket.com

November 26

BIG PINE & LOWER KEYS 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

November 26

MARATHON GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY BAZAAR

9 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM 50. 305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

November 29

TABLE TOP TREE & WREATH ANNUAL AUCTION

7 p.m. Opal Resort and Marina, 245 Front St., Key West. 305-294-9526, marchouse.org



"Sunrise"
by Bob Slitzan



"Alligator Reef Light"
by Kelly Walkotten



"Proud"
by Gale Upmal

December 1 – 4

**COAST IS CLEAR MUSIC & ARTS
5TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

Shakey Graves, Hiss Golden Messenger, Langhorne Slim and more. Produced by Coast Projects and Key West Art & Historical Society. Fort East Martello, Key West. coastisclearfest.com, kwahs.org

December 2

**ISLAMORADA 18TH ANNUAL
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**

4 p.m. Snow mountain, parade, bazaar, auction and snow-blowing tree. Founders Park, MM87. 305-664-4503. islamoradachamber.com

December 3

CITY OF KEY WEST HOLIDAY PARADE

7 p.m. Starts at Truman Ave. & White St. cityofkeywest-fl.gov

December 8

**TASTE OF STOCK ISLAND
HOLIDAY TOUR**

Guests board the Trolley for a multi-stop small plate experience on Stock Island. ilovestockisland.org

December 10

**KEY LARGO HOLIDAY
LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

7:30 p.m. Blackwater Sound, MM104. 305-451-4502. keylargoboatparade.com

December 10

**SCHOONER WHARF
LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

8 p.m. Key West Bight Marina at the Historic Seaport. 305-292-3302. schoonerwharf.com

December 24

NOCHE BUENA

7 p.m. An evening of food, fun and family celebrating the historic home. Oldest House Museum Garden, 322 Duval St., Key West. 305-294-9501, oirf.org

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Watch the Conch Shell, the Drag Queen, the Key Lime Pie Wedge or the Pirate Wench drop. Various locations in Key West. keywestchamber.org

January 6

KILTS IN THE KEYS KICKOFF PARTY

5 p.m. Dockside Boot Key Harbor, Marathon. 305-743-6412. flkeyscltcfestival.com, keystix.com

January 7 & 8

**FLORIDA KEYS CELTIC
ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

10 a.m. Marathon Community Park, MM 49. 305-743-6412. flkeyscltcfestival.com, keystix.com

January 14

**ART UNDER THE OAKS
39TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

9 a.m. Fine arts & crafts and food. San Pedro Church, Tavernier. 305-852-5372. artundertheoaks.com

January 25 – 29

**KEY WEST FOOD & WINE
14TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

Various times & locations. 800-474-4319. keywestfoodandwinefestival.com

January 28

**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB
JANUARY JAMBOREE**

8:30 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM 50. 305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

January 28 & 29

**KEY WEST 37TH ANNUAL
CRAFT SHOW**

10 a.m. Over 100 craft artists. Key West Art Center, Whitehead & Front/Caroline Streets. 305-304-1988. keywestartcenter.com

February & March

KEYS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Various times & locations. The living, breathing Bard at his very best. 401-413-0044. KeysShakes.org, @KeysShakes

February 5

MASTER CHEFS CLASSIC ANNUAL

4 p.m. Culinary competition and tasting event in Key West. Opal Resort and Marina, 245 Front St., Key West. 305-294-9526. masterchefsclassic.com

February 25 & 26

OLD ISLAND DAYS ART FESTIVAL

10 a.m. Over 100 artists. Key West Art Center, Whitehead & Front/Caroline Streets. 305-304-1988. keywestartcenter.com

March 4

**GARDENFEST &
GREEN MARKET PLACE**

10 a.m. Plant sale, earth-based art, healthy living vendors, food and wine. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd., Key West. 305-296-1504. keywest.garden

March 12

**ANNE MCKEE 28TH ANNUAL
ART AUCTION**

7 p.m. Artists supporting artists. The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. mckeefund.org

April

AFRO ROOTS FEST KEY WEST
786-218-6854. afrorootsfest.com

April 1 & 2

FLORIDA KEYS 31ST ANNUAL ISLAND FEST

10 a.m. Arts & crafts show, music, Taste of Islamorada, antique car show, homemade boat race and games. Founders Park, MM87, Islamorada. 305-664-4503. islamoradachamber.com

April 1 & 2

FLORIDA KEYS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The freshest seafood caught, prepared and served by local fisherman. Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd., Key West. 305-731-3385. floridakeysseafoodfestival.com

April 18 - 30

KEYS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The living, breathing Bard at his very best. "Romeo and Juliet." West Martello Tower, Key West Garden Club. 401-413-0044. KeysShakes.org, @KeysShakes

April 22

PAPIO KINETIC FESTIVAL & SCULPTURE PARADE

Key West Art & Historical Society. 305-295-6616. papiokineticparade.com, kwahs.org

May

AFRO ROOTS FEST ISLAMORADA

786-218-6854. afrorootsfest.com

May 3 - 7

KEY WEST SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL 27TH ANNUAL

Various times & locations. kwswf.com

June 7 - 11

KEY WEST PRIDE

Various times & locations. 305-294-4603. gaykeywestfl.com/pride

June 14 - 18

I LOVE STOCK ISLAND FESTIVAL

llovestockisland.org

June 29 - July 5

KEY LIME FESTIVAL

Pie eating contest, Key Lime Stroll and more. Various events & locations in Key West. Keylimefestival.com

July

HEMINGWAY DAYS FESTIVAL

Various events & locations in Key West. hemingwaydays.net

July 1 - 5

MERMAID FESTIVAL

Various times & locations in Key West. 305-204-4266. keywestmermaidfestival.com

September

KEY WEST WOMENFEST

Various times & locations. 305-294-4603. gaykeywestfl.com/womenfest

MUSIC

November - March

CLASSICAL GUITARIST MATEO IN CONCERT

6 p.m. Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Gardens, 5210 College Rd. 305-296-1504. Keywest.garden

December

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Gardens, 5210 College Rd. 305-296-1504. Keywest.garden

December 4

THE EATON STREET CHRISTMAS STROLL

4 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West.

December 13

KEYS CHORAL ARTS WINTER/ CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West. keyschoralarts.com

February, April, October

KEYS TO COUNTRY LIVE MUSIC SERIES

Hawks Cay Resort, 61 Hawks Cay Blvd., Duck Key. 866-347-2675. hawkscay.com

March 26

KEY CHORAL ARTS SPRING CONCERT

4 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West. keyschoralarts.com

July 8

UNDERWATER MUSIC FESTIVAL

10 a.m. Hosted by 104.1 FM Radio. Looe Key Reef Resort, 27340 Overseas Hwy., Ramrod Key. Lowerkeyschamber.com

COFFEE BUTLER AMPHITHEATER

See our website for full concert schedule and times. Truman Waterfront Park, 35 E. Quay Rd., Key West.

October 13 - 15: Legends of Music Row -

George Strait, Ronnie Dunn,

Jamey Johnson & more

October 18: Gov't Mule &

Old Crow Medicine Show

January 17 - 21: RokIsland Fest

January 24-28: Mile 0 Fest

thekeywestamp.com



"Spread Your Wings" by Gabrielle Wilson



"Strawberry Moon" by Carol Ellis



"Higgs Beach Salute" by Sharon Wells



"Aqua Pertingens Ad Caelum"
by David Bader



"Bahia Bridge Fiery Skies"
by Larry Blackburn



"All Aglow"
by Mary Jean Connors

FLORIDA KEYS CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Marathon High School
Performing Arts Center
January 16: Glenn Miller Orchestra
January 23: Fred Moyer Jazz Trio
January 30: Escher String Quartet
February 13: Rising Star Concert
February 20: Spanish Brass
February 27: William Hagen, violin
Coral Shores High School
Performing Art Center
January 17: Glenn Miller Orchestra
January 24: Fred Moyer Jazz Trio
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February 21: Spanish Brass
February 28: William Hagen, violin
800-324-6982. 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
February 12: Zoltan Fejervari
February 26: Aizuri String Quarter
March 12: American Brass
March 26: Calefax Winds
keywestimpromptu.org

KEY WEST THEATER CONCERT SERIES

Performances begin at 8 p.m. See our website for full concert schedule and times.
October 4: Acoustic Alchemy
October 6: Victor Wooten
October 21: Pure Prairie League
October 30: The Wallflowers
November 19: Who's Bad
Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute
January 13: The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band

March 20 & 21: Get the Led Out
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

KEYS CONCERTS BY CANDLELIGHT

Various times & locations. Tentatively scheduled themed events include Welcome to the Season of Music, Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves, A Night of Classic Rock, Hip Hopera and Pop Princesses. See us on Facebook.
305-619-2862.

POPS IN THE PARK

KEYS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
Performances begin at 4 p.m.

Founders Park, MM87, Islamorada
November 26: Strike Up the Band!
December 10: Joy to the World
February 18: Who Let the Dogs Out?!
March 18: Festival of Music
April 22: What a Wonderful World

Murray Nelson Center Peace Park
January 21: Sailing Away to Key Largo
305-451-4530.
keyscommunityconcertband.org

SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee Williams Theatre,
5901 College Rd., Key West
January 28: Shostakovich, Gottsch
World Premiere - Ocklawaha,
Great Opera Arias
February 18: Brahms, Simelius, Berlioz
March 25: Dvorak, featuring
Zuill Bailey, cello
954-522-8445. southfloridasymphony.org

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. See our website for full concert schedule and times.
5901 College Rd., Key West
January 24: The Greatest Love of All
January: Beautiful –
Carol King Broadway Tour
February 28: Neil Berg's 50 Years of

Rock 'n Roll, Part 3

February: Simon & Garfunkel Story

March: Get on Your Feet –
Estefan Broadway Tour

April: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. –
Aretha Franklin Tribute

305-295-7676. keystix.com

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

Presenting live music, theater and events. The Old Town New Folk season includes Susan Werner, John Gorka, Vance Gilbert, Miss Tess, among others. 533 Eaton St.
305-296-0458. 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, Key West.
305-296-6706. 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, Key West.
305-296-6706. lateda.com/cabaret

October 13 – 27

BUM FARTO, THE MUSICAL

San Carlos Institute, 516 Duval St., Key West
Bumfartothemusical.com

February – April

KEYS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Various times & locations. The living, breathing Bard at his very best.
401-413-0044,
KeysShakes.org, @KeysShakes

COMEDY KEY WEST

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



"Sailing in the Florida Keys"
by Sandy Mezinis



"Overlapping Worlds"
by Carol Ellis

FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST

Community focused theater.
At the Armory, 600 White St.
305-731-0581. keywestfringe.org

KEY WEST BURLESQUE

Performances begin at 8 p.m.
Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St.
October 25 – 28: She Avengers
Stripfinitary War
December 16 & 17: 12 Days of
Christmas: A Burlesque Parody
February: Oh My Gods
and Goddesses
April: The Kitten & Lou Show
305-619-2862. keywestburlesque.show

KEY WEST THEATER

See our website for full concert schedule
and times.
November 20 – 21: Daniel Tosh
February 23: Paul Reiser
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATRE

Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m.;
Sunday Matinees at 3 p.m.
MM49.5, 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon
October 27 – November 12:
The Rocky Horror Show
December 16 & 17: MCT Annual
Holiday Show
January 5 – 21: Return to
Sunset Village
February 9 – 11: One Weekend Only
March 9 – 25: Desperate Measures
April 27 – May 13: Scapino!
305-743-0994. marathontheater.org

RED BARN THEATRE

319 Duval St. #2, Key West
December 20 – January 14:
Dear Jack, Dear Louise
January 15: Red Barn Theatre Party
with Special Guest Christine Mild
January 18 – 21: Back in Baby's Arms
(Christine Mild Sings Patsy Cline)

January 31 – February 25: Flaming
Gun of the Purple Sage
March 7 – 25: Short Attention
Span Theatre
May: Children's Show
305-296-9911. redbarntheatre.com

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. See our
website for full concert schedule and times.
5901 College Rd., Key West
March 3: Peking Acrobats
305-295-7676. keystix.com

THE KEY PLAYERS

Murray Nelson Government Center,
102050 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo
October – November:
Little Shop of Horrors
February: I Love You, You're Perfect,
Now Change
March or April: Peter Pan Jr.
April: Sandy Toes, Salty Kisses
305-942-4339. thekeyplayers.org

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

Presenting live music, theater and events.
533 Eaton St.
305-296-0458. tskw.org

WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tuesdays
through Saturdays.
407 Wall St., Key West
October 20 – November 12:
Jimmy Buffet's Escape to Margaritaville
December 1 – 17: Rock of Ages
December 11 & 12: Fully Committed
January 12 – 28: An Inspector Calls
February 14 – March 18: Kinky Boots
March 5: Trunk Material 4
March 12 & 13: Suddenly Last Summer
April 5 – 22: Three Tall Women
May 10 – 27: Arsenic & Old Lace
June 6 – 10: Hedwig and the Angry Inch
June 16 & 17: Charlotte's Web
305-294-5015. waterfrontplayhouse.org

VISUAL ARTS

Third Thursdays

WALK ON WHITE

5 p.m. Exhibition opening receptions,
open artist studios, locally-made art,
special events, pottery-throwing demos
and complimentary libations as galleries,
studios and art-loving businesses on
White St. in Key West open their doors
for this special night.
305-767-3769. walkonwhitekeywest.com

Second Saturdays

STOCK ISLAND MONTHLY ART STROLL

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Stroll stops include
studios and shops on Stock Island that
showcase different artists and mediums.
Ilovestockisland.org

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

January-December

THE ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES SHOWCASE ART EXHIBIT

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Open Daily. Key Largo
Chamber of Commerce Foyer, MM106.0
Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Open Daily, Tassell
Medical Arts Building 2nd Floor,
(Mariner's Hospital) MM91.5,
Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.

305-451-1414. agpi.us,
keylargochamber.org

February 18

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

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday Only.
Garden Club of the Upper Keys
Francis Tracy Garden Center,
94040 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.
agpi.us, gardenclubupperkeys.org



"Everglades Heron"
by Gloria Avner



"Way of a Waterman"
by Tom Harden



"Bahama Street"
by Annamarie Giordano

March

THE ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES BIRDS OF THE KEYS ART SHOW

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Roberto Russell Gallery at Ocean Sotheby's International Realty, 81888 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 305-712-8888. agpi.us, oceansir.com

March

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

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Roberto Russell Gallery at Ocean Sotheby's International Realty, 81888 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 305-712-8888. agpi.us, oceansir.com

March 11

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

April - July 31

KEY WEST ART GARDEN

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

June

THE ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES MEMBERS' SUMMER SHOW

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Our Place In Paradise Gallery, 88711 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier. 305-916-5828. agpi.us, ourplaceinparadise.com

CUSTOM HOUSE EXHIBITS

Key West Art & Historical Society, 281 Front St.

Through December 11: Key West 200

December 15 – February 12:

Earthly Bodies: Two Decades of Nudes with Eric Anfinson

January 13 – March 19: Without a Struggle, There Can Be No Progress:

The Frederick Douglass School and Its Educators

February 24 – April 16: From a Woman's Hand

April 28 – October: Out of the Box: The Art of the Cigar Label

Other permanent and online exhibitions. 305-295-6616. kwaahs.org

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, moradaway.org

THE SHOPS AT MALLORY SQUARE

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily. A Galleria of local shops, artists and galleries. Whitehead & Front Streets, Key West. Mallorysquare.com

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Presenting 3-4 new exhibitions each month including the Annual Members' Exhibition in December. Join us for openings the first Thursday of every month. Visit our website for details and gallery hours. 533 Eaton St. 305-296-0458, tskw.org

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Wednesdays

LINE DANCING WITH MARVIN

6:30 p.m. The Backyard Bar Key West, 618 Duval St. See us on Facebook. 305-395-0213

November

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December 7 – 11
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Tennessee Williams Theatre,
5901 College Rd.
305-295-7676. keystix.com

June 2 & 3
**TAH-DANCE 14TH ANNUAL
DANCE SHOWCASE**
Marathon Community Theatre.
305-743-0994. marathontheater.org

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804 White St. and 3340 N. Roosevelt
Blvd., Key West.
305-296-9982. coffeemilldance.com

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305-509-3115

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92451 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.
305-852-3818. oyttdancestudio.com

FILM

Third Mondays (November to April)
M3M MOVIES ON THE 3RD MONDAY
7:30 p.m. Congregation B'nai Zion, 750
United St., Key West. Email for more
information cbzionkeywest@gmail.com.
Bnaizionkw.com/upcoming-events

November 16-20
KEY WEST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL
Showcase of films that capture creativity
and diversity. Various venues throughout
Key West.
keywestfff.com

March 12
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 Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
and Tuesdays. MM49.5 Oceanside,
5101 Overseas Hwy.
305-743-0288. marathoncinema.com

TROPIC CINEMA
New, Independent, Foreign and Urban
films and Documentaries. 416 Eaton St.,
Key West.
877-761-3456. tropiccinema.com

MUSEUMS, HISTORY & NATURE

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

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

Third Saturdays (December to June)
**KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST
& BOTANICAL GARDEN
SPEAKER SERIES**
5210 College Rd.
305-296-1504. Keywest.garden

October 30
SCREAMING GREEN HALLOWEEN
10 a.m. Key West Tropical Forest &
Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.
305-296-1504. keys.garden

November 18 & 19
**KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB FALL
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November 19

"PRESERVING PARADISE" LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

10 a.m. Book signing and lecture
featuring author George Born.

Old Island Restoration Foundation,
322 Duval St., Key West.
305-294-9501. oirf.org

December 28 & 29; January 13 & 14;
February 17 & 18; March 17 & 18

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January 18 – April

DIVE INTO ART SHOW - EDGE OF THE SEA

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through
Friday. Join us to celebrate the
native plants and animals that thrive
where land meets the sea. A showcase
of art from local students will also be
featured. History of Diving Museum,
82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.
305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

February 18

GARDEN WALK 2023

9 a.m. A self-guided tour of the
Francis Tracy Garden Center with art,
plant, wares and exhibits. Presented
by the Garden Club of the Upper Keys,
94040 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier.
305-451-8137.
gardenclubupperkeys.org

February 24 & 25

KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOURS

See website for more information.
305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

March

CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST

Old Island Restoration Foundation,
322 Duval St., Key West.
305-294-9501. oirf.org

March 3 – 5

KEY WEST "ORCHID VISION" FAIR

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A weekend of orchids,
vendors, supplies, free parking, food
and more. The Key West Garden Club,
1100 Atlantic Blvd.
305-619-8304, keywestorchidsociety.org

March 4

MARATHON GARDEN CLUB BUTTERFLY GARDEN TOUR

10 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM50.
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

March 4

MARATHON GARDEN CLUB HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

10 a.m. 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM50.
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

May – December

AQUANAUTS TO ASTRONAUTS

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through
Friday. Join us for an exhibit on the
fascinating journey from aquanauts to
astronauts. History of Diving Museum,
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305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

AUDUBON HOUSE & TROPICAL GARDENS

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305-294-2116. audubonhouse.org

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82100 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada.
305-922-2237. keysdiscovery.com

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trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

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June - Silver Bar Splash Treasure Hunt

June & September - Dive Into History

305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

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Quarters, Fort East Martello and the
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Birthday Celebration March through April.
305-295-6616. kwahs.org

KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN

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September 24 & 25:

Lower Keys Fall Migration Mania

March 4: Garden Fest Key West & Green Market Place

April 1: Migration Mania & Great Egg Hunt

April 15 – July 31: Art in the Garden

305-296-1504. Keywest.garden

MEL FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM

Home of the sunken Spanish galleons Nuestra Senora de Atocha and Santa Margarita and the slave ship Henrietta Marie. Exhibitions, lectures, movie nights and Earth Day Celebration. 200 Greene St., Key West. 305-294-2633. melfisher.org

REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (REEF)

Monthly seminars (January – August).

April 22 – 23: Lionfish Hunting/Derby

May 13: Arts & Science Celebration

June 10: World Oceans Day Celebration

July 12 & 14: Great Annual Fish Count Celebration

305-852-0030. reef.org

LITERARY

First Sundays

KEY WEST POETRY GUILD

7 p.m. Meeting is open to all interested in poetry. See us on Facebook.

Mondays (January to March)

FRIENDS OF THE KEY WEST LIBRARY – LECTURE SERIES

6 p.m. Notable special guests. friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org

Last Wednesdays

LATITUDE 25 WRITERS GROUP

5 p.m. Meeting at Key Largo Library. 305-852-5201 - Linda Pop

2nd & 4th Saturdays

KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD

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

January 10 – 14

KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd. 305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

January 12 – 15

KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR – SINGING AMERICA: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK LITERATURE

Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd. 305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR – LITERARY WALKING TOURS

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for information.

305-293-9291. kwls.org

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays

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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.

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.

Sacredspacekeywest.com

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