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The Florida Keys Council of the Arts is pleased to announce that the Key West International Airport is the latest venue for rotating art exhibits, known as Art in Public Buildings (AIPB). This program created and operated by FKCA and our volunteer curators, facilitates rotating art exhibits in twelve public buildings and several commissioners' offices throughout the Florida Keys.

Key West artist Helen Harrison from Harrison Gallery (in photo) completed the installation of her sculpture "Cohune Spire" in the secure departure area of the new terminal building. The impressive 12-foot high sculpture depicts a 23K gold-leafed palm frond mounted on a coral pedestal, echoing the rock foundation of Key West. "The spirit and energy of living things has always intrigued me" says Helen Harrison, "and it continues to be at the core of my art."

The rare Cohune Palm is one of nature's most majestic trees with flowers that seem to erupt right out of the ground, like a volcano projecting strength and gracefulness. Working with the peduncle, a stalk of the palm, Helen's

desire was to reincarnate the once alive palm into a sculptural form where its peace and beauty will continue giving visual pleasure.

"Cohune Spire" is available for purchase as are all rotating art exhibits' artwork. Other works by Harrison can be seen at Harrison Gallery, 825 White Street, which she and her husband opened in 1986.

For further information regarding art at the Key West International Airport or in other public buildings, please contact the Florida Keys Council of the Arts 305.295.4369 or visit www.keysarts.com.

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