

# CULTURE

*Inside The Arts Across The Florida Keys & Key West 2026*

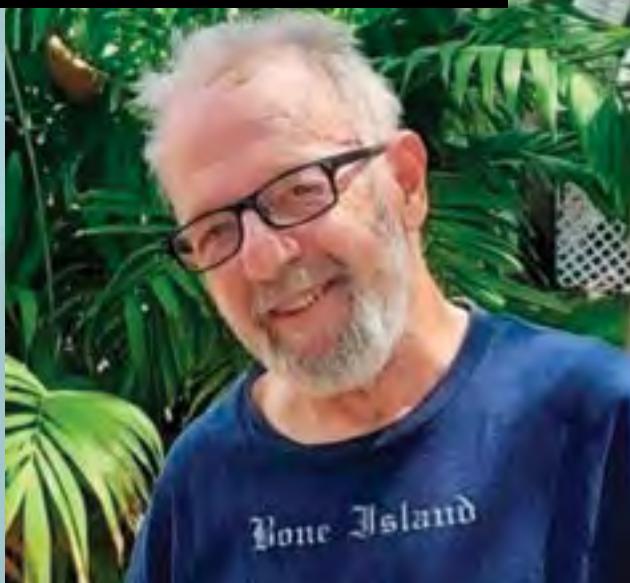


## KEY WEST, THROUGH THE PALETTE OF DAVID M. PEREZ

Easy Living Delights  
Creative Spirits

| The Heartbeat of The Keys,  
Open-Air Markets

# COVER ARTIST



## DAVID M. PEREZ

is an accomplished painter whose artistic journey has spanned decades and multiple creative roles. He attended renowned art institutions such as duCret School of Art in New Jersey, the Art Students League and the National Academy of Design in New York City. He was an exhibiting member of the prestigious Salmagundi Club in New York City during the 1970s, earning recognition among a distinguished community of creators.

David's work is in numerous private collections nationwide, and his creative evolution has seen him excel as a portrait artist, teacher, tattooist and now a Key West painter. Rooted in a commitment to keeping his artistic spirit alive, he embraces a diversity of subjects – from portraits to still lifes and landscapes. Fascinated by the interplay of light, David's work reflects a deep connection to the vibrant, inspiring light unique to Key West, as it has for many artists across generations.

David's work can be seen at the Key West Art Center and Gallery on Front Street in Key West and at "Art of David M. Perez-PJ" on Facebook.



**David Perez** *The Artist*



**David Perez** *View at Georgia and Pine*



**David Perez** *Will Play for Mangoes*

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## WELCOME TO FLORIDA KEYS CULTURE

The Florida Keys comprise a vibrant paradise that I have been fortunate to call home for more than 25 years. This diverse chain of islands is connected by 42 bridges, but that's not all that connects them. Abundant nature, waterways and history provide countless ways to make this destination your own. As locals, we also share a sense of wonder, delighting in the beautiful destination we get to enjoy every day. Thankfully, we have a creative community who can transform these feelings into words and art, some of which you will discover in these pages. I hope you'll have a look and get inspired! Thank you for visiting, and enjoy your stay.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lincoln".

**Michelle Lincoln**  
Mayor, Monroe County



## WELCOME,

The Florida Keys have long been a place where creativity and community come together. Our island chain is home to a rich cultural heritage and a thriving arts scene that continues to shape daily life in meaningful ways. From galleries and theaters to music, festivals, and historic landmarks, our islands offer endless opportunities to experience the power of culture firsthand.

In this issue, you'll meet the artists, performers, and visionaries who are carrying forward traditions while creating new ones for the next generation. Their stories reflect not only the beauty of our surroundings but also the resilience and spirit that make this community so special.

Join us on a journey through the Florida Keys, where culture, creativity, and island life come alive.

**Kara Franker** JD, CDME

President & CEO

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# ART WANDERS IN THE KEYS. OFTEN BAREFOOT.

Ernest Hemingway put down roots in Key West after falling in love with its island charms. Tennessee Williams came to write plays and swim in the mild cerulean waters. These literary legends were not the first creative minds inspired by The Florida Keys & Key West — and definitely not the last!

The Keys that captured the imagination of those famous midcentury storytellers still lure today's artists, musicians, authors, poets and performers. The destination's thriving creative scene spans generations and genres. This is where you can escape into a novel by a local author at Key West Island Bookstore or follow the strumming of an acoustic guitar to an undiscovered troubadour on the waterfront — gulf or ocean, your choice!

Fortunately, you don't have to go far to find a coastline in The Florida Keys, and the same is true of its verdant wonders. From soaring gumbo limbo trees to the signature sea grape, nature's art is everywhere for all to enjoy. The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Gardens has been the "keeper of the trees" since 1936. Meanwhile, Grimal Grove in Big Pine Key stands as a labor of love, preserving the island's agricultural heritage of rare and exotic fruit trees.

The Keys' heritage lives on at Crane Point Hammock Museum & Trail in Marathon, as well. Walk amid a hardwood hammock,

mangrove forest and tidal lagoons. But also secreted within all this are historic homes where you can sense the lives that walked through here long ago. This includes the absolute oldest home in The Keys, built by Bahamian sponge farmer George Adderly 120 years ago. These are the kinds of stories and scenery that inspire Keys artists.

In unexpected corners of The Florida Keys, public art sparks wonder, such as muralist Michael Kirby's transformation of the Big Pine Fire Station into an homage to homegrown flora, fauna and heroism.

The Florida Keys Sculpture Trail features 15 magnificent works installed along the Overseas Highway from Islamorada to Key West. Stop and get a closer look at these creations of wood, metal and stone, including "Gaea," named for the mythological Greek goddess, near mile marker 24 on Summerland Key or the gleaming larger-than-life statue titled "Avis Gloriae et Lavdis," or "Bird of Glory and Praise," in Key West.

Public art draws you in — but galleries such as Gallery on Greene, Guild Hall and the entire Morada Way Arts & Culture District take you deeper into The Key's creative world. You'll find works that delve into the interconnection of humanity and the environment around us from Keys artists who have captured the sense of sitting under a flamboyantly red royal poinciana tree, a pink mood at sunset and myriad other island interludes, so you can bring the feeling home with you.

On Key West, intimate venues serve as a blank canvas for the performing arts. Big names and cultural icons add Key West to their touring schedule at the Tennessee Williams Theatre. You can also enjoy one-of-a-kind local productions where sensational talents tread the boards of Waterfront Playhouse, Fringe Theatre and other venues, immersing audiences in Broadway shows or locally penned plays.



Elena Madden



David Feder

The Conch Republic has always had an independent "expat" spirit, carefree and untethered, which makes these islands the perfect place for offbeat thinkers to let their creative flag fly. Start exploring this community of painters, sculptors, writers and performers, and you'll start to embody that bohemian spirit, too. Discover the art and soul of The Florida Keys.



# KEYS LIVING DELIGHTS CREATIVE SPIRITS

By Carol Shaughnessy

For more than a century, The Florida Keys have been a magnet for people in the creative arts. Today's arts community is vibrant and diverse, overflowing with an energy that adds immeasurably to the area's appeal.

Visual artists and writers bring color and distinction to the local scene, creating work that communicates the island chain's beauty, quirkiness and mystique to fans and followers of their talents.

What draws artists and writers to The Keys, and what compels them to stay?

*“I am endlessly inspired by the water and the sky in The Keys,”*  
said Islamorada artist **Taylor Hale**. *“The nature here is a part of who I am.”*

Hale grew up in Key Largo, left for college in Rhode Island and lived in northern Florida for a few years before returning. After studying classical painting techniques and focusing on figurative art, he now specializes in luminous paintings of sky and sea, which he missed intensely while living elsewhere.

Hale's canvases don't simply depict those elements; they immerse viewers in the vistas and atmosphere evoked.

*“I want people to feel like they're there, in the middle of the ocean, totally surrounded by the magic of a sunset or a band of storm clouds rolling through,”* Hale explained. *“I want my viewers to feel connection with the beauty of our natural world that's always there, ready to speak to us if we listen.”*

As well as the natural environment that provides endless inspiration, Hale appreciates The Keys community that has supported his career.

*“One of my favorite things about The Keys is that, even when you’re not on the boat, you can enjoy the open skies and water in your daily life,” he said. “And on a personal level, you cannot beat the community of people who live here in The Keys.”*

**Tony Gregory** discovered Key West in the 1970s and quickly found his place in the island’s free-spirited art scene. Initially making his living as an airbrush wizard, he pedaled around town on a high-wheel “penny-farthing” bicycle, hung out with performance artists at the nightly Sunset Celebration, and enjoyed an unforgettable era peopled with offbeat characters.

*“When we were doing these things, I don’t think everybody knew how great it was,” said Gregory. “It was over-the-top special and magical.”*

Reveling in the freedom to choose and follow his creative path, he evolved from an airbrush artist into a photographer and painter whose canvases are rich in energy and life. Whether abstract fusions of shape and line or representational floral visions, his paintings radiate exuberance and pleasure in his colorful island home.

*“All the beautiful Key West colors and florals and the sunsets definitely inspire me,” Gregory said. “I do most of my art to make people feel good.”*

Islamorada’s **Lisa Lee** is inspired by another aspect of The Keys: the fish. Dedicated to both angling and art, she combines them by specializing in gyotaku, or fish printing, the ancient Japanese technique for recording a catch, capturing intricate details of scale and fin.

*“Gyotaku has a wide range of variety and style, but I admire the traditional methods,” she said. “As an avid fisherman and artist, I find it incredibly exciting.”*

For her own art and the gyotaku commissions that memorialize clients’ prized catches, Lee inks the fish, presses it on traditional Japanese mulberry paper, and then adds colorful embellishments. Each piece preserves clients’ on-the-water memories, reminding them of their Keys angling adventures so vividly that they can practically smell the salt air.

Lee grew up in South Florida, spending weekends and holidays fishing and snorkeling at her family’s Islamorada retreat. After college and a stint managing a Chicago art store, she was drawn back to The Keys by her love of the ocean.



**Taylor Hale** is renowned for luminous vistas of sea and sky that immerse viewers in the scenes portrayed.



**Tony Gregory’s** canvases are rich in color and exuberance, reflecting his pleasure in his Key West life.



**Lisa Lee** blends her passions for art and angling in gyotaku, the ancient Japanese technique for recording a catch.

*“The Upper Keys will always hold a special place in my heart, which absolutely influences my art,”* said Lee. *“I’m close friends with many amazing captains, fishermen, mates, free divers and others who bring me rare and interesting fish, like the elusive longtail bass, as well as our favorite local species like yellowtail and mutton snapper — so I always have something to print next.”*

She is quick to express gratitude for the bounty of nature and the people who share it with her.

*“As much as I love to fish myself, they’ve rallied around me and keep me on my toes with new and interesting catches of the day!”* Lee enthused.

Writer and artist **Michael Marrero** is a Key West native of Cuban descent who went away for college and returned to build his creative career. *“It’s the community and the people that have kept me here — it’s in my bones,”* said Marrero. *“This place is supportive in ways most places aren’t.”*

Much of his work, particularly as a playwright, derives its authenticity and resonance from his heritage and innate understanding of the island he calls home. His play *“Locura”* is a prime example. Through the interaction between a local man and his Cuban-born uncle, it spotlights Key West’s character in the mid-1900s while dramatically exploring topics that include cockfights, smuggling and an escape from Cuba.

*“Part of my work is about holding on to what’s disappearing — the culture, the history, the traditions — and helping preserve them as best I can,”* said Marrero.

After a world premiere in Key West a decade ago, *“Locura”* was staged in Havana as part of a historic Cuban-American theatrical exchange. A new production of the play will commemorate its 10-year anniversary, and Marrero has recently completed a novel that he calls a spiritual cousin to *“Locura.”*

His newest play, *“King Tide,”* further explores issues that relate to the island: gentrification, affordability and the impact of climate change on coastal communities. In addition, he’s producing a *“King Tide”* photo series of staged, submerged portraits that imagine life adapting to rising seas.

The multitalented Marrero is also an artist in woodcarving — a craft long practiced in Key West.

*“It’s been a way to reconnect with my roots and ground myself in the older island traditions,”* said Marrero, who founded the Key West Woodworking Society that now has a flourishing membership of working artists.

*“There’s nowhere quite like this island,”* he added. *“I know the people, the history, the culture — that depth is rare.”*



The multitalented **Michael Marrero**, a visual artist as well as a playwright, produces evocative paintings and creations in wood.



**Michael Marrero’s** playwriting successes include the compelling *“Locura,”* which premiered on the island a decade ago, and 2024’s *“King Tide.”*

Big Pine Key artist **Donna Coffin** took a different path to the island chain, arriving many years ago to study marine science and find a way to meld science and art. What she discovered helped determine both her artistic and personal future.

*"It was an environment rich in nature, creativity and promise," said Coffin. "I fell in love with the Keys and their people, and started painting what I saw."*

As her career evolved, Coffin expressed her talent in everything from textile designs to murals and stage scenery. She currently paints with a crushed glass called frit, whose brilliant colors echo the brilliance she sees in The Keys' palette and endless natural light.

Based in realism with a leaning toward design, much of her work focuses on aspects of nature such as mangroves, sea creatures and palm-fringed shores depicted with a vibrant spontaneity.

*"I want people to enjoy my work and think about this special place we call home,"* she said. *"To live here successfully, you need to not take yourself too seriously, relax, and enjoy life."*

She credits the Lower Keys area with being her constant source of subject matter and for its community that appreciates the arts and supports individuality.

*"The untamed wildness of the Keys fosters a richness of creative beauty not found anywhere else,"* Coffin declared. *"We dare to be different in the Keys — expressing our views, freely creating our truths and living life on our own terms."*



Lower Keys artist **Donna Coffin** uses a crushed glass called frit to depict aspects of The Keys' natural world.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Writer and publicist **Carol Shaughnessy** has lived and worked in Key West since the late 1970s. Author of the nonfiction shipwreck book "Diving into Glory," she has spent several decades writing about The Florida Keys' history, cultural offerings, shipwrecks and special events for regional publications. She has also served long-term public relations clients, including The Florida Keys tourism council and Florida Keys News Bureau. The former co-director of the Lorian Hemingway Short Story Competition, Shaughnessy is currently co-authoring two books that feature the 1622 Spanish galleon Nuestra Señora de Atocha.



# THE HEARTBEAT OF THE KEYS: OPEN-AIR MARKETS FROM KEY LARGO TO KEY WEST

By Jill Snodgrass

**S**ure, The Florida Keys are known for sunsets, snorkeling and that first sip of rum punch, but if you really want to get to know the islands, follow the scent of fresh conch fritters and the sound of steel drums to one of their many open-air bazaars. From funky flea markets and tropical farm stands to artsy Sunday pop-ups, these colorful gatherings serve up more than souvenirs. They're where you meet the makers, chat with native "conchs," taste the local flavor (literally) and stumble onto that perfect handmade treasure. The outdoor venues here are more than just shopping — they're unique cultural experiences in flip-flops.

In **the Upper Keys**, markets reflect the easygoing charm of towns like Key Largo, Tavernier and Islamorada. Travelers will find several accessible and welcoming stops to experience island life through locally grown food, handmade wares and artsy island energy. A collection of daily farm stands in Key Largo makes an easy first stop for exotic tropical fruits, fresh vegetables and Cuban coffee. The Islamorada Artisan & Gourmet Market, seasonally on Fridays, offers a thoughtfully curated

blend of food and craft vendors set amid lush greenery, where you might nibble on key lime pie while browsing tropical wood carvings and hand-poured candles. Sundays bring the Florida Keys Farmers Market at mile marker 81 to life with a wide variety, including colorful art, jewelry, pastries and live music. Art lovers will want to check out the Morada Way Art Walk every third Thursday, when galleries and pop-up stalls turn the village into a nighttime art and shopping party.

Keep an eye out for other annual events with a market component, like the April Lionfish Derby and Arts Festival in Key Largo or February's Art Guild of the Purple Isles Judged Art Show, celebrating its 60th year at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center. Founders Park in Islamorada also hosts several seasonal highlights, including the Nautical Flea Market in February, Island Fest in late March and Holiday Fest in early December.

**The Middle Keys** bring their own offbeat charm with events like the weekly market at San Pablo Church in Marathon, seasonal but loved for its laid-back energy and strong community ties. Key Colony Beach hosts a festive open-air gathering on the grounds of the tiny city hall, where snowbirds and locals browse a lively mix of handmade jewelry, tropical apparel and tempting eats. A bit farther down the road, Big Pine Key's weekend flea market is a browser's paradise, drawing locals and visitors alike with its eclectic mix of tools, produce and souvenirs, plus the thrill of rummaging through overflowing tables in search of bargains and hidden gems. Antique vendors often offer up nautical oddities, vintage postcards and quirky island finds, making it a favorite stop for anyone who loves the hunt.

Over on Ramrod Key, the Boondocks Market pops up every Saturday with a relaxed, tiki bar-adjacent vibe that pairs artisan goods with mini golf and island eats. Down in Sugarloaf Key, a seasonal Wednesday market outside Sugarloaf Lodge is gaining traction with a loyal local following. Shaded by palms, it features food vendors, clothing and a quirky sprinkling of arts and crafts. The Middle Keys also host a handful of special events with vibrant vendor scenes worth planning a visit around. In January, Big Pine's Nautical Expo draws boaters and beachcombers with everything ocean-related under the sun. That same month, the Florida Keys Celtic Festival in Marathon offers a spirited mix of bagpipes, highland games and a vendor village brimming with crafts, hearty fare and Celtic curiosities. And if you're lucky enough to be

in town in February, the Original Marathon Seafood Festival serves up live music, freshly caught seafood and over 200 booths packed with art, gear and curiosities.

At the end of the road, **Key West** delivers The Keys' most dynamic and diverse market experiences. The Truman Waterfront Farmers Market, held Thursdays year-round, is a vibrant late-afternoon gathering where dozens of vendors serve up tropical fruit juices, gourmet cheeses, small-batch body care, boozy ice pops and international cuisine — all set against sweeping waterfront views and breathtaking sunsets. Visitors often make a day of it, picnicking in the scenic park, cooling off at the free splash pad or exploring the US Coast Guard Cutter Museum. On Sundays during season, the Key West Artisan Market sets up near Higgs Beach with a thoughtfully curated lineup of Keys-based makers. Each week brings a fresh theme — eco-living, island culture, local nonprofits — with stalls offering everything from sea glass jewelry to locally roasted coffee.



Artisans and entertainment at Mallory Square in Key West

Its motto is “where the locals meet,” and the atmosphere lives up to the promise: live music drifts through the air, Keys authors sign their books with a smile, and the full bar pours what many call the best Bloody Marys in the Keys. Its prime location invites a full day of exploring free attractions — walk over to the historic East Martello Towers, visit the Key West Wildlife Center, wander the African Cemetery and White Street Pier, toss a ball at the dog park or simply relax on the sand with a salty breeze and an artisan snack in hand. And no trip to town



is complete without a spin through the Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square, where artists, performers and craftspeople gather nightly to celebrate another day in paradise. As live Cuban music drifts from El Meson de Pepe, guests can sample classic street food, grab a freshly cracked coconut and catch talented buskers performing for tips. Out in the harbor, sailboats skim across the gold-tipped waves, and everyone jockeys to snap the perfect Key West photo as the sun melts over the Atlantic Ocean.

Beyond these anchors, Key West’s love for spontaneous creativity shows up everywhere — from vendor-lined street fairs on Duval Street to night markets at resorts, and pop-ups in church and school parking lots. The season kicks off in October with the Goombay Festival in Bahama Village and the Fantasy Fest Duval Street Fair — two unforgettable celebrations bursting with music,

costumes and creativity. November brings the laid-back Black Friday Shopping Extravaganza at the Waterfront, a breezy alternative to big box and online chaos.

In February, the beloved Old Island Days Art & Craft Show fills Whitehead Street with juried artisans from across the country. April keeps the party going with Conch Republic Days, featuring vendor fairs at both ends of town in the spirit of sea-to-shining-sea celebration.

June turns up the energy with the Pride Street Fair and Dance Party, filling upper Duval with music, makers and rainbow revelry. July celebrates island icons with markets during the Key Lime Festival pie-eating contest and the Hemingway Days Caribbean Street Fair — a nod to Papa’s legacy with a tropical twist.

Labor Day weekend draws crowds for the Just a Few Friends Jimmy Buffett Tribute Festival, where Party in the Park delivers arts, crafts and food trucks with a distinctly beachy vibe. Nearly every month brings something new — and markets are often right in the heart of it all.

From the first stand of coconuts in Key Largo to the final sunset at Mallory Square, the markets of the Florida Keys offer more than just goods for sale — they offer a glimpse into everyday island life. They’re where the quirky, the creative and the delicious all converge, giving visitors a chance to experience The Keys like a local. By supporting these markets, travelers help sustain small businesses, reduce environmental impact and preserve the unique culture that makes the island chain so unforgettable.

# READY TO EXPLORE?

Here's your guide to the best markets across The Keys, from north to south.

*Guide to Markets by Region*

By Jill Snodgrass

## Upper Keys

### **Daily Farm Stands – Key Largo**

For travelers entering The Keys or staying near Key Largo, a collection of small roadside farm stands offers a convenient and flavorful introduction. Open daily, these casual stalls sell seasonal tropical fruit, raw honey, spices and made-to-order juices.

**What to Expect:** Fresh guava, passionfruit, key limes, Cuban coffee and produce grown in Homestead and Redland

**Good to Know:** Most stands are cash-only and located just off Overseas Highway; early morning offers the best selection



## Islamorada Artisan & Gourmet Market (*Fridays*)

Tucked into a tropical nursery setting at Plantation Key in Tavernier (MM88), this Friday market showcases a curated mix of culinary and creative vendors. Enjoy small-batch foods, local art and music in a relaxed garden space.

**Known For:** Gourmet items, shaded shopping, local crafts

**Logistics:** Fridays, 10 AM – 4 PM at Island Home Garden Nursery; free parking

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## Florida Keys Farmers Market (*Sundays*)

Held every Sunday in Islamorada (MM81), this year-round market is one of the Upper Keys' most well-rounded offerings. Visitors can shop for organic produce, small-batch desserts and handmade gifts, all with live music to set the mood.

**What to Expect:** Full produce selection, food trucks, art, live music

**Hours:** Sundays, 10 AM – 3 PM (arrive before noon for best selection)

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## Morada Way Art Walk (*Third Thursdays*)

Once a month, Islamorada transforms into a mini arts district with its lively Third Thursday art walk. Galleries open late, and the street fills with live music, food trucks and rotating artisan vendors.

**Known For:** Art, community vibe, twilight strolls

Make sure to get: a local beer from Florida Keys Brewing Company or a glass of wine from Island Wine Co.

## Middle Keys/Lower

### San Pablo Church Farmers Market – Marathon

This seasonal Friday market delivers a local-friendly mix of fresh produce, pickles, tropical plants and artisanal cheeses.

**What to Expect:** Small-town atmosphere, baked goods, garden plants

**Pro Tip:** Say "Hi" to Rosie and Robert at Cheese Lovers and get free samples for you and your four-legged bestie



Local seafood at  
Key Largo Conch House



The monthly  
Morada Way Art Walk

## **Key Colony Beach Market** – Key Colony Beach

This cheerful seasonal market sets up on Tuesdays offering a friendly, small-town atmosphere and a colorful array of goods.

**What to Expect:** Handmade jewelry, tropical clothing, baked goods and unique island gifts

**Pro Tip:** Pair your market visit with a stroll or bike ride around this charming canal-laced neighborhood; it's one of the prettiest hidden gems in the Middle Keys.

## **Big Pine Key Flea Market** (Weekends)

A longstanding community tradition that brings together vendors of all stripes, from fresh produce to vintage treasures.

**What to Expect:** Tools, crafts, local produce, antiques, factory seconds

**Don't Miss:** Amy Aloha's famous vintage tropical shirts, the fish sandwich at the concession stand, and hot mini donuts made while you wait

## **Boondocks Air Market** – Ramrod Key

Held every Saturday, this market offers a great shopping experience for locals, winter locals and Airbnb guests to pick up provisions along with a few gifts in a roadside setting.

**Known For:** Easygoing energy, bar and grill next door with full bar and live music

**Pro Tip:** Grab a mimosa and linger for brunch after shopping, or play a round of mini golf on the tropical-themed course

## **Sugarloaf Lodge Market** – Sugarloaf Key

This emerging market is building momentum with food vendors, handmade goods and a strong local following on Wednesdays during season.

**What to Expect:** A small but mighty growing lineup of vendors in a scenic location

**Must Have:** The only market where you'll find Tennessee Steve's famous BBQ ribs. Get there early, he's usually sold out by noon!



Crane Point Hammock  
Museum & Nature Trails



Chef Paul Kapsalis of  
South of the Seven Restaurant

## Key West

### Truman Waterfront Farmers Market (Thursdays)

Weekly market featuring fresh fruit and produce, dine-in or take-away international eats, arts, crafts and other merchandise in a beautiful waterfront setting

**Known For:** Sunset views, food trucks, fresh seafood, beautiful orchid selection

**Family Tip:** Bring a picnic blanket; kids love the splash park and USCG Cutter Museum nearby

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### Key West Artisan Market (Sundays, in-season)

Shop a curated outdoor market offering fine crafts and art from talented Florida Keys makers, a wide variety of food & libations, local musicians & authors, and glorious ocean views

**Don't Miss:** The Bloody Marys and the ocean views are pretty sweet, too

**Pro Tip:** This is the place to find the widest selection of original artwork in a variety of styles. Meet the artists and ask about shipping

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### Sunset Celebration – Mallory Square (Nightly)

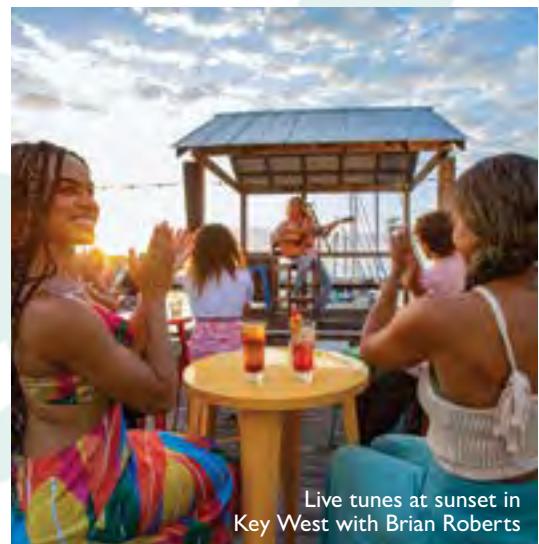
Celebrate sunset with street performers, artists, and fresh island snacks

**Known For:** Only juried local artists vibrant energy, fresh coconuts

**Good to Know:** The square connects to Sunset Pier to the right, with fantastic live music and amazing frozen cocktails



Fresh-caught waterfront dining during lobster season



Live tunes at sunset in Key West with Brian Roberts



The legendary Key West Songwriters Festival

## Must-Visit Markets in the Florida Keys:

**Key Largo Farm Stands** – Around 100694 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo (Daily)

**Islamorada Artisan & Gourmet Market** – Island Home Nursery, MM88, Tavernier (Fridays, Seasonal, 10 AM – 4 PM)

**Florida Keys Farmers Market** – MM81, Islamorada, near Islamorada Gardens Plaza (Sundays, 10 AM – 3 PM)

**Morada Way Art Walk** – MM81.5, Morada Way Arts District, Islamorada (Third Thursdays, 6 PM – 9 PM)

**San Pablo Church Farmers Market** – MM55, 550 122nd St. Gulf, Marathon (Fridays, Seasonal, 1 PM – 5 PM)

**Key Colony Beach Farmers Market** – MM53.5, 600 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach (Tuesdays, Seasonal, 9 AM – 2 PM)

**Boondocks Air Market** – MM27, Boondocks Grille & Draft House, Ramrod Key (Saturdays, 9 AM – 2 PM)

**Big Pine Flea Market** – 30200 Overseas Hwy, MM30, Big Pine Key (Saturdays 8 AM – 3 PM & Sundays, Seasonal)

**Sugarloaf Lodge Farmers Market** – MM17, 17001 Overseas Hwy, Sugarloaf Key (Wednesdays, Seasonal, 9 AM – 2 PM)

**Truman Waterfront Farmers Market** – Truman Waterfront Park, Key West (Thursdays, 2 PM – 7 PM)

**Key West Artisan Market** – Indigenous Park, Higgs Beach, 1801 White St., Key West (Sundays, In-Season, 10 AM – 2 PM)

**Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square** – 400 Wall St., Key West (Nightly at sunset, Opens ~2 hours before sunset)

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**Jill Snodgrass** is the owner and President of Daily Plan-it, an event and incentive management company with a focus on creating engaging experiences for both visitors and locals. With over 30 years of experience in event planning, marketing and tourism, she plays a key role in organizing markets and festivals throughout the Florida Keys. Her company coordinates more than 75 markets annually, including the Key West Farmers Market, Artisan Market, specialty markets for events such as Fantasy Fest, Key Lime Festival, Mile 0 Fest, Raceworld Offshore and the Just a Few Friends Jimmy Buffett Festival, as well as various holiday themed bazaars.

Jill's background in marketing and tourism helps her bring together artisans, vendors and travelers, fostering connections that make these markets an integral part of the Keys' culture. In addition to her work in event planning, she has written four books, including *Become an Event Planner*, which offers insights into the industry. With a thoughtful approach to event coordination, Jill continues to support the local market scene, ensuring each event highlights the unique character.



**A Rose** Adderly House



**Asta Kraskouskas** Haitian Boat on the Sandbar



**Dawn Wilkins** Blue & Bamboo

## ART & NATURE

The Florida Keys Council of the Arts connects artists with new audiences, and we are honored to share just a sampling of the diverse talent and creativity within this issue of CULTURE magazine. We encourage you to visit the many galleries and artist studios flourishing throughout The Florida Keys and Key West, and meet our artists and be inspired!



**Susann D'Antonio**  
Refuge



**Lucy Hawk** Peach Bellini



**Jayne Zenisek** Island Snowbirds



**Elizabeth Chamberlain** Conch House Morning



**Deborah Spencer** Untitled



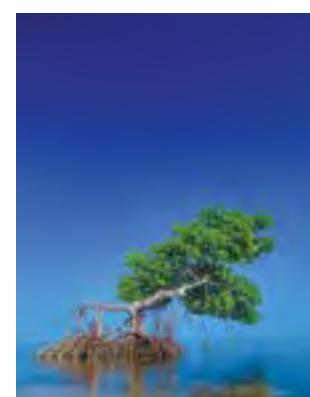
**Jennifer Stephens**  
Electric Blue



**Fran Decker** Anhingas



**Cynthia Re Robbins** Reaching



**Emma Putney**  
Big Dipper Mangrove



**Joyce Lorenson** *It Wasn't Me*



**Lynne Fischer** *Southard Street Gingerbread*



**Marla Gatley** *Key Lime Cottage*



**Nancy Adams** *Endless Summer*



**Kelly Walkotten**  
*Golden Everglades*



**Mary Blackman** *Sea Turtle*



**Larry Blackburn** *An Evening At Ernest's*



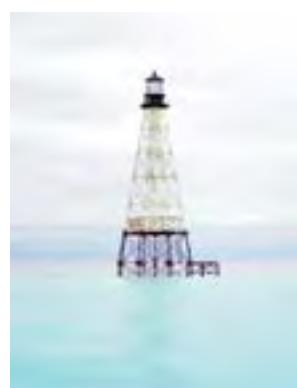
**Mary Jean Connors** *Beach Still Life*



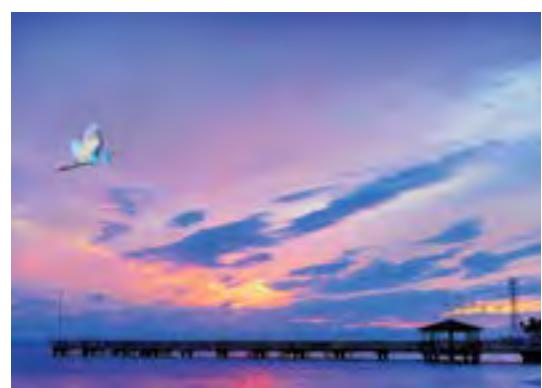
**Michael Marrero**  
*Borrachos*



**Peter Sterling Turner** *Castaways*



**Deana Jorgensen**  
*Winters Dream*



**CJ Groth** *Paradise is Calling*

# CALENDAR OF CULTURAL EVENTS

October 2025 - September 2026

Check out the trip-worthy arts and culture events coming to The Florida Keys & Key West, and you'll discover something for every season, interest and mood. For the most current programming information, visit the event website or the Cultural Calendar at [www.keysarts.com](http://www.keysarts.com).



## ARTISAN MARKETS & ART STROLLS

Sundays (October – April)

### KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Higgs Beach at the Key West Wildlife Center parking lot, 1801 White St.

*Fine crafts, art and jewelry, music, food and other curiosities.*

**305-731-3385.** [kwartisanmarket.com](http://kwartisanmarket.com)

Thursdays

### KEY WEST FARMERS MARKET

2 - 7 p.m.

Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd. Weekly market featuring fresh fruit and produce, international food vendors and more.

**305-731-3385.** [kwartisanmarket.com](http://kwartisanmarket.com)

Fridays

### LOCAL ARTISAN & GOURMET MARKET

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Island Home

88720 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier

*Indulge in artisan breads, local honey, nut butters, homemade jams, oils, spreads, dried fruits & veggies, baked goods, and more!*

**786-971-2299**

[islandhomegardencenter.com](http://islandhomegardencenter.com)

Saturdays

### OPEN AIR MARKET

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Boondocks Parking Lot, mile marker 27.5,

Ramrod Key

*This Open-Air Market brings together local artisans, handcrafted jewelry, unique creations, fresh organic produce, vibrant greens, and beautiful flowers all in one place.*

**boondocksfloridakeys.com/**  
**open-air-market**

Sundays

### FLORIDA KEYS FARMERS MARKET

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Islamorada Gardens Plaza 81001

Overseas Hwy, Islamorada

*Each week features a rotating lineup of chefs, artists, craftsmen and vendors passionate about creating unique products and experiences for you to enjoy.*

**floridakeysfarmersmarket.com**

Third Thursdays (October – May)

### WALK ON WHITE

6 - 9 p.m.

White Street in Key West

*Open artist studios, demos, events and complimentary libations at galleries, studios and art-loving businesses*

**305-767-3769.** [walkonwhitekeywest.com](http://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](http://moradaway.org)

First Fridays

### FIRST FRIDAYS ON FLEMING

6 - 9 p.m.

500 block of Fleming to Grinnell St., Key West

*Boutiques, galleries, antique stores, artist studios, restaurants, cocktail lounge, bookstore, yoga sanctuary and other creative businesses.*

**fabflemingkw.com**

Last Fridays (October - April)

### GALLERY NIGHT

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Key Largo Art Gallery,

103200 Overseas Hwy.

*Meet and mingle with artists and enjoy the wide selection of art.*

**305-451-0052.** [keylargoartgallery.com](http://keylargoartgallery.com)

Quarterly (Nov. 1, Jan. TBD, April TBD)

### SOUTHARD STROLL

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

On Southard St. from Duval to Frances St., Key West

*A collective of locally owned & operated businesses offering a community of experience shopping & socializing.*

**sacredspacekeywest.com/southard-stroll**



## FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

Nightly

### SUNSET CELEBRATION AT MALLORY SQUARE

Mallory Square Dock, Key West

Visit our Summer Solstice Celebration.

Come watch the world-famous sunset! Meet the makers & purchase local arts & crafts.

Experience the music, mayhem & magic of our street performers and feast on freshly prepared food & drinks. The fun starts 2 hours before the sun sets, 365 days a year.

**305-396-7046.** [sunsetcelebration.org](http://sunsetcelebration.org)

October 16 - 19

### REEF FEST

98380 Overseas Hwy.

(MM 98.3), Key Largo

Event hosted by Reef Environmental Education Foundation. Ocean-themed seminars and social events focused on marine life and conservation.

**305-852-0030.** [reef.org/reeffest](http://reef.org/reeffest)

October 17 - 26

### FANTASY FEST KEY WEST: BEDTIME STORIES & MAGICAL MONSTERS

Various events, times & locations.

Highlights include: Street fairs, Pet Masquerade, Poster Signing Party, Zombie Bike Ride, Masquerade March, Fantasy Fest Parade and Children's Day.

**305-295-9112.** [fantasyfest.com](http://fantasyfest.com)

October 17 - 18

### GOOMBAY STREET FESTIVAL

12 p.m.

Bahama Village, Key West

A Fantasy Fest family-friendly event with island arts & crafts, music and food.

**305-295-9112.** [fantasyfest.com](http://fantasyfest.com)

October 19

### CORTADITO'S BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB TRIBUTE

6 p.m.

Presented by Community Arts & Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada

**786-218-6854.** [cacmiami.org](http://cacmiami.org)

October 19

### ZOMBIE BIKE RIDE

6 p.m.

Fort East Martello

[zombiebikeride.com](http://zombiebikeride.com)

October 23

### HEADDRESS BALL

#### 42ND ANNUAL

8 p.m.

Coffee Butler Amphitheater, Truman Waterfront Park, Key West Fantasy Fest event where merrymakers show off extravagant masks and dazzling headdress regalia.

**305-295-7676.**

[gaykeywestfl.com/headdress-ball](http://gaykeywestfl.com/headdress-ball)

October 23

### TREASURE TREAT NIGHT

5:30 - 7 p.m.

History of Diving Museum

82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada

Free exhibits, kids' activities, costume contest and trick-or-treating.

**305-664-9737.** [divingmuseum.org](http://divingmuseum.org)

October 25

### SCREAMING GREEN HALLOWEEN

10 a.m.

Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.  
**305-296-1504.** [keywest.garden](http://keywest.garden)

October 26 - January 5

### OUT OF THE GARDEN: BILL FORD EXHIBIT

Old Island Restoration Foundation  
The Oldest House  
322 Duval St., Key West  
**305-294-9501.** [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

Oct. 27 - Nov. 2

### TROP ROCK

Various musicians, times & locations.  
*From the rockin' rhythms of Trop Rock and Calypso to the energetic beats of Soca and Reggae, Trop Rock'N Duval has something for every music lover.*

[beachfrontentertainment.com](http://beachfrontentertainment.com)

November 2

### DAY OF THE DEAD WITH MARIACHI VERACRUZANO

2 p.m.

Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada  
Presented by Community Arts & Culture.

[cacmiami.org](http://cacmiami.org)

November 21 - 22

### KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE & ARTISAN MARKET

10 a.m.

1100 Atlantic Blvd.

**305-998-4882.**

[keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)



Scan to see an online listing of Keys events.



## FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

November 22

### RUM INFUSED SCAVENGER HUNT

6 - 10 p.m.

Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden,  
5210 College Road, Key West

*Two local rum producers infuse this adult Scavenger Hunt that takes place throughout the garden*

[keywest.garden](http://keywest.garden)

November 26

### KEY WEST HOLIDAY FEST KICK OFF

6 p.m.

Greene Street and Lazy Way Ln.

*Lighting of "Fishing Buoy" Christmas tree and Harbor Walk of Lights*

7 p.m.

Margaret St. Plaza at the Historic Seaport  
*Lighting of "Lobster Trap" Christmas tree*

[keywestholidayfest](http://keywestholidayfest.com)

November 26 - December 31

### KEY WEST HOLIDAY FEST

Various times, various venues

*Highlights include the breathtaking Walk of Lights at the Historic Seaport, parades on land and sea, festive tours of historic inns, music and theater happenings, holiday markets, Conch Train and trolley tours through twinkling neighborhoods, and numerous uniquely Key West New Year's Eve celebrations.*

[keywestholidayfest.com](http://keywestholidayfest.com)

November 28

### BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Truman Waterfront Park, Key West

[keywestmarkets.com](http://keywestmarkets.com)

November 29

### ISLAND ART FESTIVAL

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce Grounds,  
31020 Overseas Hwy, Big Pine Key

*A rich assortment of artists from South Florida offer their unique, one-of-a-kind handcrafted items featuring food and live music.*

**305-872-2411. [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com)**

December 6

### HOLIDAY MARKET

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Garden Club of the Upper Keys  
Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040  
Overseas Hwy., Key Largo

*Arts, crafts, baked goods, plants and more.*

**305-451-8137**

[gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org)

December 12

### HOLIDAY CONCERT & BAZAAR

5 - 8 p.m.

Presented by the Key West Museum of Art & History. 281 Front St., Key West.  
[kwahs.org/education/bazaar](http://kwahs.org/education/bazaar)

December 13

### THE GREAT GINGERBREAD BUILD

11 a.m.

Harry S. Truman Little White House,  
111 Front St., Key West

**305-294-9911 x 4**

[trumanlittlewhitehouse.org](http://trumanlittlewhitehouse.org)

December 13

### MERRY MARKETPLACE

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Southernmost Beach Resort,  
508 South St., Key West

[southernmostbeachresort.com](http://southernmostbeachresort.com)

December 13

### KEY LARGO HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

7:30 p.m.

Blackwater Sound, MM 104

**305-451-4502**

[keylargoboatparade.com](http://keylargoboatparade.com)

December 13

### SCHOONER WHARF LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

8 p.m.

Historic Seaport, Key West, Bight Marina

**305-292-3302. [schoonerwharf.com](http://schoonerwharf.com)**

December 14

### **SNOWY DAYS CHILDREN'S CONCERT**

1 - 3 p.m.

Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.

**305-296-1504. keywest.garden**

December 17

### **MERRY DIVEMAS!**

5:30-6:45 p.m.

History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada, MM 83, Free exhibits, ornament-making, cookie-decorating, and meet-and-greets with Santa!

**305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org**

December 26

### **KWANZAA CELEBRATION**

5 p.m.

VFW 803 Emma St., Key West

**facebook.com/rose.diversity**

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 1

### **AGBANDOTO FIRST FRUITS CEREMONY**

5:30 p.m.

Key West African Cemetery Memorial, Higgs Beach, 1094 Atlantic Blvd.

**facebook.com/rose.diversity**

January 30

### **90TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: PETALS AND PEARLS**

6 - 10 p.m.

Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Road, Key West. Celebrate 90 years of conserving the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden's rare ecosystem.

**keywest.garden**

January 11

### **WIENERPALOOZA**

Noon Parade start.

Customs House, 281 Front St., Key West Key West's Annual Dachshund Parade.

**Doggieparade.com**

January 17

### **ART UNDER THE OAKS 42ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

San Pedro Church, MM 89.5, Tavernier.

*Fine arts & crafts and food.*

**305-852-5372. artundertheoaks.com**

January 22

### **ANNUAL "BACK IN TIME" FUNDRAISER**

6 - 9 p.m.

Key West Museum of Art & History, 281 Front St.

*Proceeds support the ongoing preservation needs of the Custom House building.*

**305-295-6616. kwahs.org/whats-on**

January 24 & 25

### **NAUTICAL EXPO**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, 31020 Overseas Hwy., Big Pine Key

*Ocean or island inspired art, boat and fishing equipment, furniture, food and music.*

**305-872-2411. lowerkeychamber.com**

January 28 - February 1

### **KEY WEST FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**

Various Locations & Times

*Over 20 delicious events across spectacular island venues—wines & cuisine.*

**keywestfoodandwinefestival.com**

February 8

### **HISTORICAL TROPICAL LUNCHEON**

Time TBD, Key West Woman's Club, 319 Duval St., Key West  
**keywestwomansclub.org**

February 14 - 15

### **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 12 - 16

### **PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND**

Harry S. Truman Little White House, 111 Front St., Key West.

**305-294-9911 x 4**

**trumanlittlewhitehouse.org/foundation/events/**

February 21 - 22

### **KEY WEST ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

On the Quay in Truman Waterfront Park. Key West Art Center celebrates 61 years of Fine Arts & Crafts in Key West. Over 120 artists from all over the county showcasing beautiful handmade work.

**305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com**

February 27

### **ANNE MCKEE ARTISTS FUND FINE ART AUCTION**

5 p.m. (doors open at 4:15 p.m.)

The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Annual fine art auction to benefit artists, writers and performers in The Keys.

**865-386-4791. mckeefund.org**

March 14 - 15

### **MARATHON SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**

Marathon Community Park,

200 36th St., Oceanside, Marathon

*Great, fresh seafood and entertainment.*

**305-743-5417**

**marathonseafoodfestival.com**



## FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

March 28 - 29

### FLORIDA KEYS ISLAND FEST

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada  
*Live music, local art, classic cars, sandcastle contests, homemade boat races, food competitions, and more.*

**305-664-4503**

[islamoradachamber.com/island-fest](http://islamoradachamber.com/island-fest)

April 3 - 5

### AFRO ROOTS FEST 28TH ANNUAL

Florida Keys Brewing Company,  
81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada  
**786-218-6854.** [cacmiami.org](http://cacmiami.org)

April 5

### KEY WEST COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Indigenous Park, Higgs Beach, 1000  
Atlantic Blvd., Key West  
[dailyplan-it.net](http://dailyplan-it.net)

April 17 - 26

### CONCH REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Various times & locations.

*Festivities for all ages, held in historic and unique venues. Celebrate our "sovereign state of mind" with iconic events like the World's Longest Parade, Great Sea Battle, Bed Races, and more.*

[conchrepublic.com](http://conchrepublic.com)

April 29 - May 3

### 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.** [kswf.com](http://kswf.com)

June 6

### INTERNATIONAL OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL (FLORIDA TOUR)

6 p.m.

The Eco-Discovery Center,  
35 E Quay Rd., Key West  
*Hosted by Reef Relief*  
**305-294-3100**  
[www.reefrelief.org](http://www.reefrelief.org)

June 3 - 7

### KEY WEST PRIDE

Various times & locations.

*An annual LGBTQ+ pride festival held in Key West.*

**305-294-4603**

[gaykeywestfl.com/pride](http://gaykeywestfl.com/pride)

June 8 - 21

### SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Nightly

Mallory Square Dock, Key West  
*Featured artists and performers, plein-air painting, craft demos, solstice activities, music, and food.*

**305-396-7046**

[sunsetcelebration.org](http://sunsetcelebration.org)

June 17

### JUNETEENTH MOVIE

5:30 p.m.

Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St, Key West  
[facebook.com/rose.diversity](http://facebook.com/rose.diversity)

July 1 - 5

### KEY LIME FESTIVAL

Various times & locations, Key West

*Pie eating contest, pie drop, key lime stroll and more.*

**305-295-9112.** [keylimefestival.com](http://keylimefestival.com)

July 3 - 5

### MERMAID FESTIVAL

Various times & locations in Key West

*A splashing family-friendly festival!*

**305-204-4266**

[keywestmermaidfestival.com](http://keywestmermaidfestival.com)

July 10 - 11

### 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 Reef Resort

27340 Overseas Hwy., Ramrod Key  
Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary  
*will broadcast a concert underwater to snorkelers, divers and sea creatures.*

*Hosted by 104.1 FM Radio.*

**305-872-2411.** [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com)

July 22 - 26

### HEMINGWAY DAYS

Various events & locations.

*A festival that celebrates the life and work of renowned author and Key West resident, Ernest Hemingway.*

[hemingwaydays.net](http://hemingwaydays.net)

August 5 - 9

### KEY WEST LOBSTER BEST

Various Times & Locations

[longlivetheconchrepublic.com/key-west-lobster-best](http://longlivetheconchrepublic.com/key-west-lobster-best)

August 12 - 16

### **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](http://gaykeywestfl.com/tropical-heat)

August 23

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

Key West African Cemetery Memorial, Higgs Beach, 1094 Atlantic Blvd. Remembrance of the slave trade and its abolition.

[facebook.com/rose.diversity](http://facebook.com/rose.diversity)

August 27 - 31

### **JUST A FEW FRIENDS FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING KEY WEST'S FAVORITE SON**

Various times & locations.

A full weekend of music, margaritas, and memories honoring the life and legacy of Key West's favorite son.

**305-731-5780**

[justafewfriendskeywest.com](http://justafewfriendskeywest.com)

September 2 - 6

### **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](http://gaykeywestfl.com/womenfest)

September 12 - 13

### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**

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

[cacmiami.org](http://cacmiami.org)

September 13 - 14

### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**

Sept. 13 Cortadito 6 p.m.

Sept. 14 Fusion Vayu &

DJ Supa Kundukta 3 p.m.

Presented by Community Arts & Culture. Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada.

**786-218-6854. cacmiami.org**



## **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](http://stcolumbamarathon.org)

Thursdays

### **KEY WEST JAZZ SOCIETY DUO**

4 p.m.

Hemingway Social Club, 201 Simonton St.

**305-414-8754. papaspilar.com**

First Fridays

October 3, November 7, December 5,

January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3

### **KEY LARGO LIBRARY**

6-7 p.m.

Singer-songwriter concerts monthly.

Tradewinds Shopping Center,

101485 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo

**305-451-2396**

December 7

### **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

7 p.m.

St. Columba Episcopal Church,

451 52nd Street Gulf, Marathon

A community sing of selections from Handel's Messiah.

[stcolumba216.tithelysetup.com/events](http://stcolumba216.tithelysetup.com/events)

December 7

### **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 9 - 12

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY KEYS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA/ LOWER KEYS COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 Big Pine United Methodist Church, 280 Key Deer Blvd., Big Pine Key

Dec. 10 Venture Out Community Church, 701 Spanish Main Dr., Cudjoe Key

Dec. 11 San Pablo Catholic Church, 550 122nd St. Ocean, Marathon

[keyschamberorchestra.org](http://keyschamberorchestra.org)

December 13

### **SANTA'S MUSICAL WORKSHOP**

4 p.m.

Keys Community Concert Band, Amphitheater Founders Park,

87000 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada

[keyscommunityconcertband.org](http://keyscommunityconcertband.org)

December 14

### **KEYS CHORAL ARTS WINTER CONCERT KEY WEST**

4 p.m. Tennessee Williams Theater,

5901 College Rd., Key West

**305-296-5142. keyschoralarts.org**



## MUSIC

January 10 - 11

### FLORIDA KEYS CELTIC ANNUAL FESTIVAL

10 a.m. Marathon Community Park,  
200 36th St. Oceanside  
**305-743-6412.** [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)  
[flkeyscelticfestival.com](http://flkeyscelticfestival.com)

January 16 - 19

### BAYGRASS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Various times.  
Florida Keys Brewing Company,  
81611 Old Hwy., Islamorada  
**305-587-0901**  
[keysice.com/baygrass-bluegrass-festival/](http://keysice.com/baygrass-bluegrass-festival/)

January 20

### KEY WEST HARRY S. TRUMAN FOUNDATION MUSIC SERIES

The Little White House, 111 Front St.  
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).  
**305-294-9911**  
[trumanlittlewhitehouse.org](http://trumanlittlewhitehouse.org)

January 27 - 31

### MILE 0 FEST

Various times & locations.  
Red Dirt and Americana music festival.  
[mile0fest.com](http://mile0fest.com)

February 6

### DIVE INTO ART & MUSIC

5:30 p.m.  
Safe Harbor Angler House,  
80500 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada  
*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.*  
**305-664-9737.** [divingmuseum.org](http://divingmuseum.org)

March 27

### KEYS CHORAL ARTS SPRING CONCERT KEY WEST

7 p.m.  
Key West United Methodist Church,  
600 Eaton St.  
[keyschoralarts.com](http://keyschoralarts.com)

April 12

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[trumanlittlewhitehouse.org](http://trumanlittlewhitehouse.org)

### COFFEE BUTLER AMPHITHEATER

Truman Waterfront Park,  
35 E. Quay Rd., Key West  
See our website for full concert schedule and times. **305-985-0433**  
[thekeyweststamp.com](http://thekeyweststamp.com)

## FLORIDA KEYS

### CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.  
Marathon High School, Performing Arts Center  
350 Sombrero Beach Rd., Marathon  
**Jan. 19** *Delirium Musicum*  
**Jan. 26** *Kouzov Duo*  
Feb. 2 TBA  
**Feb. 9** *Stella Chen-Violin with Piano accompaniment*  
**Feb. 16** *Martin James Bartlett-Piano*  
**Feb. 23** *Hermitage Trio with Jordan Bak Violist*  
Coral Shores High School Performing Arts Center, 89901 Old Hwy., Tavernier  
**Jan. 20** *Delirium Musicum*  
**Jan. 27** *Kouzov Duo*  
Feb. 3 TBA  
**Feb. 10** *Stella Chen-Violin with Piano accompaniment*  
**Feb. 17** *Martin James Bartlett-Piano*  
**Feb. 24** *Hermitage Trio with Jordan Bak Violist*  
**800-324-6982.** [floridakaykeysconcerts.com](http://floridakaykeysconcerts.com)

## IMPROPTU CLASSICAL CONCERTS OF KEY WEST

Performances begin at 4 p.m.  
Tennessee Williams Theatre,  
5901 College Rd.  
**Jan. 4** *Ulysses Quartet*  
**Jan. 18** *Melissa White*  
**Feb. 1** *Dorian Wind Quintet*  
**Feb. 15** *Horszowski Trio*  
**Mar. 1** *George Li*  
**Mar. 15** *Carr-Petrova Duo*  
[keywestimproptu.org](http://keywestimproptu.org)

## ISLAMORADA COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT (ICE)

Performance times vary.  
Founders Park  
87000 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada  
Beats on the Bay Music Series  
Dec. 19 Bruce Springsteen tribute band  
Feb. 14 Shriners event  
Mar. 8 BAYJAM  
April 17 Crossfire Creek  
**305-394-2765. keysice.com**

## KEY WEST THEATER CONCERT SERIES

Performances begin at 8 p.m.  
512 Eaton St., Key West  
Oct. 30 The Margarita Brothers  
Oct. 31 Buffett Through the Years - Tribute Show  
Nov. 1 Dead-Zep  
Nov. 12 Elton Dan and The Rocket Band  
Nov. 15 The Garcia Project: Performing classic Jerry Garcia Band Set Lists from 1976-1995  
Nov. 24 Crystal Gayle  
Dec. 4 - 6 Mac McAnally  
Dec. 10 Femmes of Rock  
Jan. 13 Los Lobos  
Jan. 26 The Phil Collins Experience  
Feb. 4 - 5 The Massacoustics  
Feb. 14 A Tribute to The Songs of Pat Dailey w. Ray Fogg and Reese Dailey  
Mar. 3 Changes In Latitude  
Mar. 21 The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band

Performances begin at 7 p.m. in the Backstage Listening Room.  
Jan 8 & 21, Feb. 5 & 17, March 5 & 25  
Ben Harrison in Concert  
**See website for details and full schedule. 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. 29 Things With Wings  
Dec. 13 Santa's Musical Workshop  
Jan. 31 Symphony of Nations  
Feb. 28 Musical Menagerie  
Mar. 28 Tapestry of Tunes  
Apr. 19 Under the "C"  
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. 24 Masterworks II: Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony & Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major with Barberl  
Feb. 21 Masterworks III: Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol with Mozart, Joachim & Simon  
Mar. 14 Masterworks IV: Beethoven's 4th Symphony & Rossini's Stabat Mater  
**954-522-8445. keystix.com southfloridasymphony.org**

## TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.  
5901 College Rd., Key West.  
Nov. 13 Laurie Breakwell and Vicki Roush  
Dec. 5 Cello Stories: A Life Under Broadway  
Jan. 4 Ulysses Quartet  
Jan. 21 The Music of ABBA  
Jan. 25 Paradise Big Band  
Feb. 5 Vienna Boys Choir  
Feb. 27 Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock n' Roll, Part 5  
Mar. 8 Bobby in the Lobby  
Mar. 22 Paradise Big Band  
April 4 Anne McKee Artists Fund Performance featuring Belle Jampol  
May 10 One Night of Queen  
**See website for details and full schedule. 305-295-7676. keystix.com**

## THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

533 Eaton St., Key West  
Jan. 13 Christine Andreas & Marty Silverstri  
Feb. 16 Billy Stritch with Gabrielle Stravelli  
Mar. 30 Randy Roberts & Donna McKechnie  
Dates TBD Old Town New Folk Music Series  
**See website for details and full schedule. 305-296-0458. tskw.org**



## CABARET & COMEDY

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (October - July)

### CHRISTOPHER PETERSON'S EYECONS

Performances begin at 9 p.m.  
Birdcage Cabaret at Aqua Plex, 504 Angela St., Key West  
Master of impersonations, both visually and vocally.  
**aquakeywest.com/the-birdcage-cabaret**

Thursdays & Saturdays (October - July)

### RANDY ROBERTS LIVE! CABARET

9 p.m. Live vocal and visual  
La Te Da, 1125 Duval St., Key West  
Impersonations of famous showbiz ladies Cher, Bette Midler and some originals.  
**305-296-6706. lateda.com**

### COMEDY CLUB KEY WEST

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



## CABARET & COMEDY

Oct. 17-23

### KEY WEST BURLESQUE

Performances begin at 7 p.m.

Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St.

*Lost. Lust. Dust: A Neverland Cabaret*

**See our Facebook page for full schedule and times. 305-619-2862  
thekeywesttheater.com**

### KEY WEST THEATER

Nov. 13 *Golden Girls: The Tribute Show*

*A Drag Parody*

Dec. 11 *Anthony Rodia Laugh Till It Hurts Tour*

**See website for details and full schedule. 305-985-0433.  
thekeywesttheater.com**



## THEATER

### FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST

Fringe at the Armory, 600 White St.

*Open auditions and free workshops that showcases local talent, uses a versatile black-box setting to create original, bold, and innovative works.*

**See website for details and full schedule. 305-731-0581.**

[keywestfringe.org](http://keywestfringe.org)

### MARATHON COMMUNITY

#### THEATRE

Performances Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinees at 3 p.m.

MM 49.5, 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon  
Sept. 25 - 28, Oct. 2 - 5 & 9 - 11

*The Rocky Horror Show*  
Nov. 13 - 16, 20 - 23, 28 - 29

*The Wizard of Oz*  
Dec. 5 - 7 *Holiday Show*

Jan. 8 - 10, 15 - 18, 22 - 25, 29 - 31

*The Odd Couple*  
Feb. 6 - 7 *One Weekend Only*

Feb. 26 - 28, Mar. 5 - 8, 12 - 15, 19 - 21

*Little Shop of Horrors*  
April 16 - 29, 23 - 26, April 30 - May 2

*Wait Until Dark*  
**305-743-0994. marathontheater.org**

### RED BARN THEATRE

319 Duval St. #2, Key West

Dec. 9 - Jan. 3 *Scrooge Macbeth*

Jan. 7 - 10 *The Queens of Country: Patsy! Dolly! Loretta!*

Jan. 20 - Feb. 14 *At the Wedding*  
Feb. 24 - Mar. 21 *And the World Goes Round*

Mar. 31 - Apr. 25 *A Rock Sails By*  
May 1-3 *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*

**See website for details and full schedule. 305-296-9911  
redbarntheatre.com**

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

5901 College Rd., Key West

Oct. 28: *Page Turner Adventures: The Magnificent Circus Mystery*  
Feb. 2: *Robert Cuccioli*  
Mar. 3: *Illusionist Rick Thomas*  
Apr. 6: *Puppy Pals, Live!*

**305-296-1520. twstages.com**

### THE KEY PLAYERS

Performances begin at 7 p.m.

unless otherwise noted.

Murray Nelson Theater,  
102050 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo  
Oct. 9 - 11, 16 - 18, & Oct. 19 (2 p.m.)  
*War of the Worlds/They Came from Earth (a parody)*  
Jan. 29 - Feb. 8  
*Monty Python's Edukational Show*  
**See website for details and full schedule. 305-942-4339  
thekeyplayers.org**

### THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST FIRST LOOK STAGED READINGS

Jan. 30 - 31; Feb. 13 - 14; Mar. 20 - 21;  
April 3 - 4

533 Eaton St., Key West  
Staged Reading Series  
**See website for details and full schedule. 305-296-0458. tskw.org**

Tuesdays through Saturdays

### WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE 87TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Performances begin at 8 p.m.

407 Wall St., Key West

Oct. 15 - 24 *Rocky Horror Show*

Nov. 13 - 15 *Fooling Budda*

Dec. 4 - 20 *Some Enchanted Evening*

Jan. 1 - 3 *What the Constitution Means to Me*

Jan. 15 - 17 *Tuesdays with Morrie*

Jan. 29 - Feb. 14 *Almost, Maine*

Mar. 5 - 21 *Once*

Apr. 9 - 18 *Accomplice*

**305-294-5015. waterfrontplayhouse.org.**



## VISUAL ARTS

Third Thursdays

### AMAZING MARINE LIFE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Underwater Photography Gallery, 22627

LaFitte Dr., Cudjoe Key

*View the amazing marine life of The Florida Keys, a true educational experience on the ocean life and art of underwater photography.*

**305-699-3896.** [lombarduphoto.com](http://lombarduphoto.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](http://keywest.garden)

December 5

### CELEBRATE THE SEASON

5 p.m.

Key West Art Center, 301 Front St.

*Opening reception for all the new art for the 2025 season!*

**305-294-1241.** [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)

December 4 - 15

### HOLIDAY ART SHOW

On display at Key West Women's Club  
319 Duval St., Key West

*Local art makes fabulous holiday gifts!*

**305-294-1241.** [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)

January TBD

### ARTSPARK PROGRAM STUDENT ART SHOW

4 p.m. Opening reception on May 2.  
Key West Art Center, 301 Front St.  
*Art by local high school students in the ArtSpark Program.*

**305-304-1013.** [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)

January 30 - February 15

### THE ART OF BARBARA HANN

5 p.m.  
Opening reception on January 14.  
Key West Art Center, 301 Front St.  
**305-304-1013.** [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)

February 2 - 14

### QUILTERS QUILT CHALLENGE SHOW

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Sun. & Mon.)  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Tues. - Sat.)  
Artists in Paradise Gallery  
221 Key Deer Blvd, Big Pine Key  
*Enjoy our "Get a Clue" quilts.*  
*Cast a vote for "Viewer's Choice".*  
[artistsinparadise.com](http://artistsinparadise.com)

February 28

### 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](http://agpi.us), [keylargo chamber.org](http://keylargo chamber.org)

March 7

### PLEIN AIR KEY WEST COMPETITION

Key West Art Center, 301 Front St  
8:30 a.m. *Painters check in.*  
5 p.m. *Show reception and sale*  
**305-304-1013.** [keywestartcenter.com](http://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](http://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](http://keywest.garden)

### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES

Jan. 21 - Apr. 15 *Dive into Art: Stories from the Sea;*  
Feb. 4 - 25 *Photography Exhibition*  
Feb. 18 - 30 *Judged Art Show*  
Feb. 28 *Botanical Show*  
Mar. 7 - 30 *Wildlife of The Keys Show*  
Year-round exhibits at the following locations  
Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Foyer,  
106000 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo  
Tassell Medical Arts Building, 2nd Floor,  
(Mariner's Hospital)  
91500 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier  
Check website for times and locations  
**305-451-1414.** [agpi.us](http://agpi.us)

### ARTISTS IN PARADISE GALLERY

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
MM 30 Big Pine Key  
*Window Exhibits are as follows:*  
Oct. 1 - 31 Rosey Kennedy  
Nov. 1 - 30 Nira Tocco and Sherri Crilly  
Nov. 24 - Dec. 24 *Celebrate the Season,*  
Showcasing hand painted ornaments by gallery  
members  
Dec. 1 - 31 Joanne Jarzombek  
and Joan Walter.  
Feb 23 to March 21 *Judged Show*  
[artistsinparadise.com](http://artistsinparadise.com)



## VISUAL ARTS

### CVS WINDOW EXHIBIT

500 Duval St., Key West  
 Rotating exhibit featuring Keys artists.  
 Through Nov. John David Hawver  
 Dec. - Mar. Marta White  
 Sponsored by the Arts Council.  
[keysarts.com](http://keysarts.com)

Feb 14

### GALLERY ON GREENE

606 Greene St., Key West. Key West and Cuba's museum quality regional art.  
*Homeward Bound*, Peter Vey  
**305-304-2323.** [galleryongreene.com](http://galleryongreene.com)

### HALE GALLERY

81888 Overseas Hwy Unit 2, Islamorada  
 Opening reception times listed.  
 Oct. 2 - Dec. 2, 6 p.m. *The Underwater World of Mangroves*: Explorer Gabriela Tejeda  
 Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. *Pop Up Exhibition by Costa Vida Designs* - Bohemian Jewelry & Metalwork  
 Jan. 24, 10 a.m. *Sip & Shell* with Lourdes Berg from Islamorada Shell Designs  
 Feb. 28 - Apr. 4, 6 p.m. "Found" – New paintings by local and national artists  
 Mar. 13, 5:30 p.m. *Pop Up Exhibition by Jewelry Artist Suzi Feder*  
 May 2 - Jun. 30, 6 p.m. *Artists of the Upper Keys Group Show*  
**305.204.1216.** [thehalegallery.com](http://thehalegallery.com)

### KEY WEST MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY EXHIBITS

Opening exhibits 5 - 8 p.m.  
 Key West Art & Historical Society,  
 281 Front St.  
 Other permanent and online exhibitions are offered.

**Oct. 31 - Jan. 4** *Human Interest: Portraits* by Jack Baron

**Dec. 5 - Feb. 15** *Shadow & Light: Exploring Contrast and Vision at the Island's Edge*

**Jan. 9** *Analog Photography with Mike Marrero & Mark Hedden*

**Feb. 27** *FOOD: Celebrating Conch Cuisine*

**305-295-6616.** [kwahs.org](http://kwahs.org)

### THE SHOPS AT MALLORY SQUARE

Open daily  
 Whitehead & Front Streets, Key West  
 From beautifully handcrafted goods to renowned brand names, Mallory Square offers something for everyone in one vibrant and majestic setting.  
[mallorysquare.com](http://mallorysquare.com)

### THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

Art openings the first Thursday of every month.

**Nov. 6 - 27** Jack McDonald

**Dec. 4 - 23** Winter Members Exhibition

**Jan. 8 - 29** Edel Rodriguez

**Feb. 5 - 26** Ransome

See website for details and full schedule.

### BETWEEN TWO PALMS

533 Eaton St., Key West  
 Conversations with award-winning art-makers from the performing, visual and literary arts.  
 Jan. 12 Danny Rubin  
 Feb. 10 Carter Bray  
 Feb. 23 Roxana Saberi  
**305-296-0458.** [tskw.org](http://tskw.org)



## DANCE

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

### LEARN TO DANCE WITH LUCY & FRIENDS

Tuesdays: 4:30 p.m. & Thursdays: 6 p.m.  
 Lucy Carleton at Williams Hall,  
 729 Fleming St., Key West  
 Latin & Ballroom dance lessons with Lucy  
[williamshall.org](http://williamshall.org)

Fridays 7 p.m.

CoffeeMill Annex Dance Studio,  
 804 White St, Key West  
 Salsa (and maybe a little salsa rueda too!)  
 Private lessons available.

[facebook.com/LearnToDanceWithLucyLeon](http://facebook.com/LearnToDanceWithLucyLeon)

**LearnToDanceWithLucyLeon**; **Instagram: lucydancekeywest.**

Up to date calendar at [dancekeywest.com](http://dancekeywest.com)  
 or text **305.745.5578**

Wednesdays

### LINE DANCING WITH MARVIN

6:30 p.m.  
 The Backyard Bar Key West,  
 618 Duval St.  
 Free line dance lessons.  
 See us on Facebook. **724-333-4137**

June TBD

### TAH.DANCE!

### DANCE SHOWCASE

Marathon Community Theatre,  
 5101 Overseas Hwy., Marathon  
**305-743-0994.** [marathontheater.org](http://marathontheater.org)

## COFFEEMILL DANCE & YOGA STUDIO

804 White St. and  
3340 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West  
**305-296-9982.** [coffeemilldance.com](http://coffeemilldance.com)

## ISLAND GROOVE DANCE & FITNESS

31109 Avenue A Unit 5, Big Pine Key  
*Hip-Hop, acro dance, ballet classes and more.*  
**305-509-3115**

## KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL DANCE COMPANY

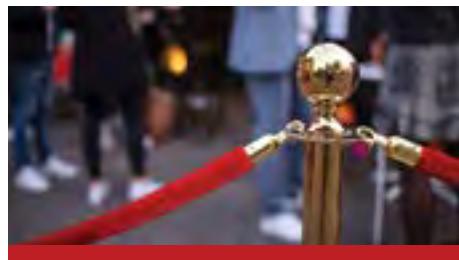
8 p.m. all shows  
San Carlos Theater  
516 Duval St., Key West  
**Nov. 20 - 21 & 25 - 26, 28 - 29**  
*Florida Man - The Musical*  
**Dec. 11 - 12**  
*Grapevine - A Country Dance Holiday Show*  
**Jan. 15 - 17 & 20 - 24**  
*Lambada Is Dead - Long Live Lambada*  
**Feb. 19 - 21 & 24 - 28**  
*Gate 54B - Argentine Tango*  
**March 19 - 21 & 24 - 28**  
*Murder or Mutiny*  
**April 9 - 11, 15 - 18 & 22 - 25**  
*Dark Night of the Soul*  
[kwinternationaldancecompany.com/](http://kwinternationaldancecompany.com/)

## ON YOUR TOES DANCE STUDIO

92451 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier  
*Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary & more.*  
**305-852-3818.** [oytdancestudio.com](http://oytdancestudio.com)

## TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE

Performances begin at 8 p.m.  
5901 College Rd., Key West  
**Feb. 13 Pilobolus**  
**Mar. 30 Houston Ballet II**  
**305-295-7676**  
[twstages.com](http://twstages.com), [keystix.com](http://keystix.com)



## FILM

Third Mondays (November - April)

### M3M MOVIES ON THE 3RD MONDAY

7:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 17** *One Life*  
**Dec. 15** *Young Woman and the Sea*  
**Jan. 19** *Bella! This Woman's Place is in the Home.*  
**Feb. 16** *Killing Me Softly with His Song*  
**Mar. 16** *Shari and the Lamb Crop*  
**Apr. 20** *Without Precedent*  
Congregation B'nai Zion,  
750 United St., Key West.  
[bnaizionkw.com/upcoming-events](http://bnaizionkw.com/upcoming-events)

December - April

### MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, and April 18.

At sunset, Tropic Cinema,  
416 Eaton St., Key West  
[tropiccinema.com](http://tropiccinema.com)

November 12 - 16

### KEY WEST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various times & venues throughout Key West. Showcase of films that capture creativity and diversity.  
[keywestff.com](http://keywestff.com)

February 6 - 8

### ROXBURY FILM FEST

The Studios of Key West,  
533 Eaton St., Key West  
[tskw.org](http://tskw.org)

## MARATHON COMMUNITY CINEMA

Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays.

5101 Overseas Hwy., MM 49.5  
Oceanside, Marathon.

**305-743-0288.** [marathoncinema.com](http://marathoncinema.com)

## TROPIC CINEMA

416 Eaton St., Key West  
*Indie, Independent, Documentaries, Foreign and 1st-run movies.*

**Nov. 14 - 16** *Jaws@50 Anniversary*  
First Wednesdays (October - May):  
*Italian Night at the movies*

**Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21**  
and **Apr. 18**

*Movies Under the Stars*

**Mar. 15** *Oscars at the Tropic*

**877-761-3456.** [tropiccinema.com](http://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](http://keysdiscovery.com)

First Wednesdays (November - April)

### KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES

4 p.m.  
1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
**305-294-3210**  
[keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)



## MUSEUMS, HISTORY & NATURE

Third Saturdays

### KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN CONSERVATION DAY! NATIVE PLANT SALE - COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

5210 College Rd., Key West

**305-296-1504.** [keywest.garden](http://keywest.garden)

Third Saturdays (December - May)

### SPEAKER SERIES

1 p.m.

Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd., Key West

**305-296-1504.** [keywest.garden](http://keywest.garden)

Fourth Mondays

### JOHN PENNEKAMP CORAL REEF STATE PARK LECTURE SERIES

7:30 p.m.

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, 102601 Overseas Highway, Key Largo

**305-676-3777**

[pennekampfriends.org](http://pennekampfriends.org)

### HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada

Through Dec. 31: Celebrating 20 Years

Jan. - Apr. Dive into Art

May - Dec. In Depth: Prescribed Pressure

**305-664-9737.** [divingmuseum.org](http://divingmuseum.org)

November 21 & 22

### KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB FALL PLANT SALE & ARTIST MARKET

December 26 - 27, January 23 - 24,

February 13 - 14, March 13 - 14

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 1100 Atlantic Blvd.

**305-294-3210**

[keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)

December 26 & 27

### KEY WEST HOME TOURS WITH OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION

1 - 4 p.m.

322 Duval St.

**305-294-9501.** [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

February 28

### GARDEN WALK

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Private Gardens Tour

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Francis Tracy Garden Center

94040 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo

Presented by Garden Club of the Upper Keys, Complimentary activities, vendors and plant sales, art exhibit by Art Guild of the Purple Isles and food trucks.

**305-451-8137**

[gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org)

January 31

### NATIVE PLANT DAY

9 a.m. - Noon

Hard rain back-up date is Feb. 7

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

102601 Overseas Highway

Native Plant Giveaway, Plant Talks, Guided Walks.

**305-676-3777**

[pennekampfriends.org](http://pennekampfriends.org)

February 27 - 28

### KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOURS

1100 Atlantic Blvd.

See website for details. **305-294-3210.**

[keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)

March 6 - 8

### KEY WEST ORCHID FAIR

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Key West Garden Club,

1100 Atlantic Blvd.

Locally grown orchids, vendors, supplies, food and more.

**305-619-8304**

[keywestorchidsociety.org](http://keywestorchidsociety.org)

March

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

See website for details and full schedule.

**305-295-6616.** [kwahs.org](http://kwahs.org)

March 7

### CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST

12 p.m.

Old Island Restoration Foundation

322 Duval St., Key West

**305-294-9501.** [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

April 26

### ARTS & SCIENCE FESTIVAL WITH REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

98300 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo

Hands-on activities, interactive displays, take-home arts and more!

**305-852-0030.** [reef.org](http://reef.org)

### AUDUBON HOUSE & TROPICAL GARDENS

205 Whitehead St., Key West

Gallery features antique original lithographs and engravings by John James Audubon.

**305-294-2116.** [audubonhouse.org](http://audubonhouse.org)

### CRANE POINT MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER

5550 Overseas Hwy., Marathon

A 63-acre tropical oasis of hardwoods, nature trails and educational displays.

**305-743-9100.** [cranepoint.net](http://cranepoint.net)

### FLORIDA KEYS ECO-DISCOVERY CENTER

Open Wednesday through

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

35 Quay Rd., Key West

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.

**305-809-4700**

[floridakeys.noaa.gov/eco\\_discovery.html](http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/eco_discovery.html)

### FLORIDA KEYS HISTORY & DISCOVERY CENTER

Permanent and rotating exhibits.

82100 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada

**305-922-2237.** [keysdiscovery.com](http://keysdiscovery.com)

## **FRIENDS OF THE KEY WEST LIBRARY**

Library Palm Garden 700 Fleming St.  
Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Jan. 31, March 7  
Monthly Book Sales  
January - March Speaker Series  
See website for full listings.  
[friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org](http://friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org)

## **HARRY S TRUMAN LITTLE WHITE HOUSE**

111 Front St., Key West  
Daily tours, concerts, Presidential  
Families Weekend, Truman Legacy  
Symposium, Fruit Festival and  
Lecture Series.  
**305-294-9911**  
[trumanlittlewhitehouse.com](http://trumanlittlewhitehouse.com)

Third Wednesdays

## **IMMERSE YOURSELF PRESENTATION SERIES**

7 p.m. presentation  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. tour daily.  
History of Diving Museum  
82990 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada  
Special events, guided tours, exhibits and store.  
**305-664-9737.** [divingmuseum.org](http://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.

Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Exhibitions year-round and  
Distinguished Speaker Series  
Monthly at 5 p.m.

Happy Hour with the Historian  
Comedy Club Key West,  
218 Whitehead St.  
**Oct. 9:** Jefferson B. Browne: Statesman,  
Historian, and the Evolution of Key West  
**Nov. 13:** Key West in the  
Spanish-American War

**Dec. 11:** Islands of Intrigue: Mafia  
Operations in Key West, South Florida,  
and Cuba

**Jan. 8:** The Florida Keys on Screen: Film,  
Tourism, and Tropical Fantasy

**Feb. 12:** Outpost in the Storm: Key West  
and the Civil War's Southernmost Front  
**March 12:** Healing in the Sunshine State:  
19th-Century Health Travel to Florida  
**305-295-6616.** [kwahs.org](http://kwahs.org)

## **KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB**

1100 Atlantic Blvd.  
**305-294-3210**  
[keywestgardenclub.com](http://keywestgardenclub.com)

## **KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN**

5210 College Rd., Key West  
Through Nov. 30 Scarecrows in the Forest  
Nov. 22 Rum Infused Scavenger Hunt  
Dec. 14 Children's Winter Concert  
Feb. 28 GardenFest  
Mar. 28 Migration Mania & Great Egg Hunt  
Apr. 28 - July 31 Key West Art in the Garden  
(Sculptures)  
Sept. TBD Lower Keys Fall Migration Mania  
**305-296-1504.** [keywest.garden](http://keywest.garden)

## **KEY WEST WOMANS CLUB**

Hellings Curry Museum home of the  
Key West Woman's Club,  
319 Duval St., Key West  
Oct. 25 6 - 10 p.m. Nightcaps and  
Nightgowns  
Nov. 13 5 - 7 p.m. Understanding Breast  
Density  
Dec. 6 12 - 4 p.m. European-Style Holiday  
Market  
Dec. 7 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. Community open  
house  
Jan. 17 Bougie Afternoon Tea Party  
Feb. 8 Historical Tropical Luncheon In  
partnership with the Key West Art and  
Historical Society's Smithsonian-sponsored  
FOOD: Celebrating Conch Cuisine exhibition  
Feb 14 Wearable Art Fashion Show  
March 7 6 - 9 p.m. Denim to Diamonds Gala  
[keywestwomansclub.org](http://keywestwomansclub.org)

## **MARATHON GARDEN CLUB**

5270 Overseas Hwy., Marathon  
**305-743-4971**  
[marathongardenclub.org](http://marathongardenclub.org)

## **MEL FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM**

Exhibitions, lectures and other events.  
200 Greene St., Key West  
**305-294-2633.** [melfisher.org](http://melfisher.org)

## **OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION, THE OLDEST HOUSE**

322 Duval St., Key West  
Oct. 25: 6 p.m.  
Parade Pajama Porch Party to watch the  
most artistic, festive parade.  
Dec. 6: 6 p.m.  
Christmas Parade Porch Party  
**305-294-9501.** [oirf.org](http://oirf.org)

Monthly seminars (January – August).

## **REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION REEF**

98300 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo  
**305-852-0030.** [reef.org](http://reef.org)



## **LITERARY**

November - June

## **KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR LITERARY WALKING TOURS**

Tour start times and dates vary.

**305-293-9291.** [kwls.org](http://kwls.org)

First Sundays

## **KEY WEST POETRY GUILD MEETING**

7 p.m.

Open to all interested in poetry.

Visit us on [facebook.com/groups/KeyWestPoetryGuild/](http://facebook.com/groups/KeyWestPoetryGuild/)

Mondays (January - March)

## **FRIENDS OF THE KEY WEST LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES**

6 p.m.

Notable special guests.

[friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org](http://friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org)



## LITERARY

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 WRITERS GUILD

10 a.m.

La Brisa pool house  
1901 S. Roosevelt Blvd.  
We educate, promote and  
encourage literary excellence.  
**484-889-6182**  
[keywestwritersguild.com](http://keywestwritersguild.com)

January 4 - 8

### KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR WRITER'S WORKSHOP

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Various locations  
Key West

**305-293-9291**  
[kwls.org/writers\\_workshops](http://kwls.org/writers_workshops)

January 8 - 11

### KEY WEST LITERARY SEMINAR: "Pay Attention! The Novel"

San Carlos, 516 Duval St., Key West  
**305-293-9291.** [kwls.org/seminar](http://kwls.org/seminar)

February 1 - 8

### ELIZABETH BISHOP WEEK

Various times & locations, Key West  
Events will celebrate the life and legacy of renowned poet Elizabeth Bishop who lived and wrote in Key West for many years.

**Facebook: Elizabeth Bishop Key West**

February 5

### THE ART OF LOSING: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF POET ELIZABETH BISHOP

7 p.m.

Tropic Theater, 416 Eaton Street,  
Key West

*Lecture and presentation by author Tom Trvisano.*

[www.kwahs.org](http://www.kwahs.org)

March 8

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GARDEN PARTY

5 - 7 p.m.

Home of Dennis Beaver & Bert Whitt  
**305-295-6616.** [twfest.org](http://twfest.org)

March 26

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS BIRTHDAY PARTY

5 - 7 p.m.

Tennessee Williams Museum  
513 Truman Ave., Key West  
**305-295-6616**  
[kwahs.org/whats-on](http://kwahs.org/whats-on)



## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays

### LIFE DRAWING CLASSES WITH ANNAMARIE GIORDANO

11 a.m.

Key West

**609-884-3474**

[amgiordano325@gmail.com](mailto:amgiordano325@gmail.com)

Tuesdays

### PARADISE QUILTERS SIT AND SEW

1:30 p.m.

Big Pine Community Center,  
179 Key Deer Blvd, Big Pine Key  
[paradisequilters.org](http://paradisequilters.org)

### ART GUILD OF THE PURPLE ISLES

92600 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier  
[agpi.us](http://agpi.us)

### ARTISTS IN PARADISE

Winn-Dixie Plaza, Big Pine Key  
**305-872-1828.** [artistsinparadise.com](http://artistsinparadise.com)

### KEY WEST ART CENTER

301 Front St.  
**305-294-1241.** [keywestartcenter.com](http://keywestartcenter.com)

### KEY WEST COLLECTIVE

720 Caroline St., Key West  
**305-783-5180.** [keywestcollective.com](http://keywestcollective.com)

### MORADA WAY ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICT

81549 Old Hwy., Islamorada  
**305-664-9100.** [moradawayarts.org](http://moradawayarts.org)

### SACRED SPACE KEY WEST

529 Southard St., Key West  
[sacredspacekeywest.com](http://sacredspacekeywest.com)

### STONE SOUP & SALT GALLERY & FRAME SHOP

203 Simonton St., Key West  
**305-296-2080.** [stonesoupgallery.com](http://stonesoupgallery.com)

### THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

533 Eaton St.  
**305-296-0458.** [tskw.org](http://tskw.org)

### OUR PLACE IN PARADISE

88711 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier  
**305-916-5828.** [ourplaceinparadise.com](http://ourplaceinparadise.com)

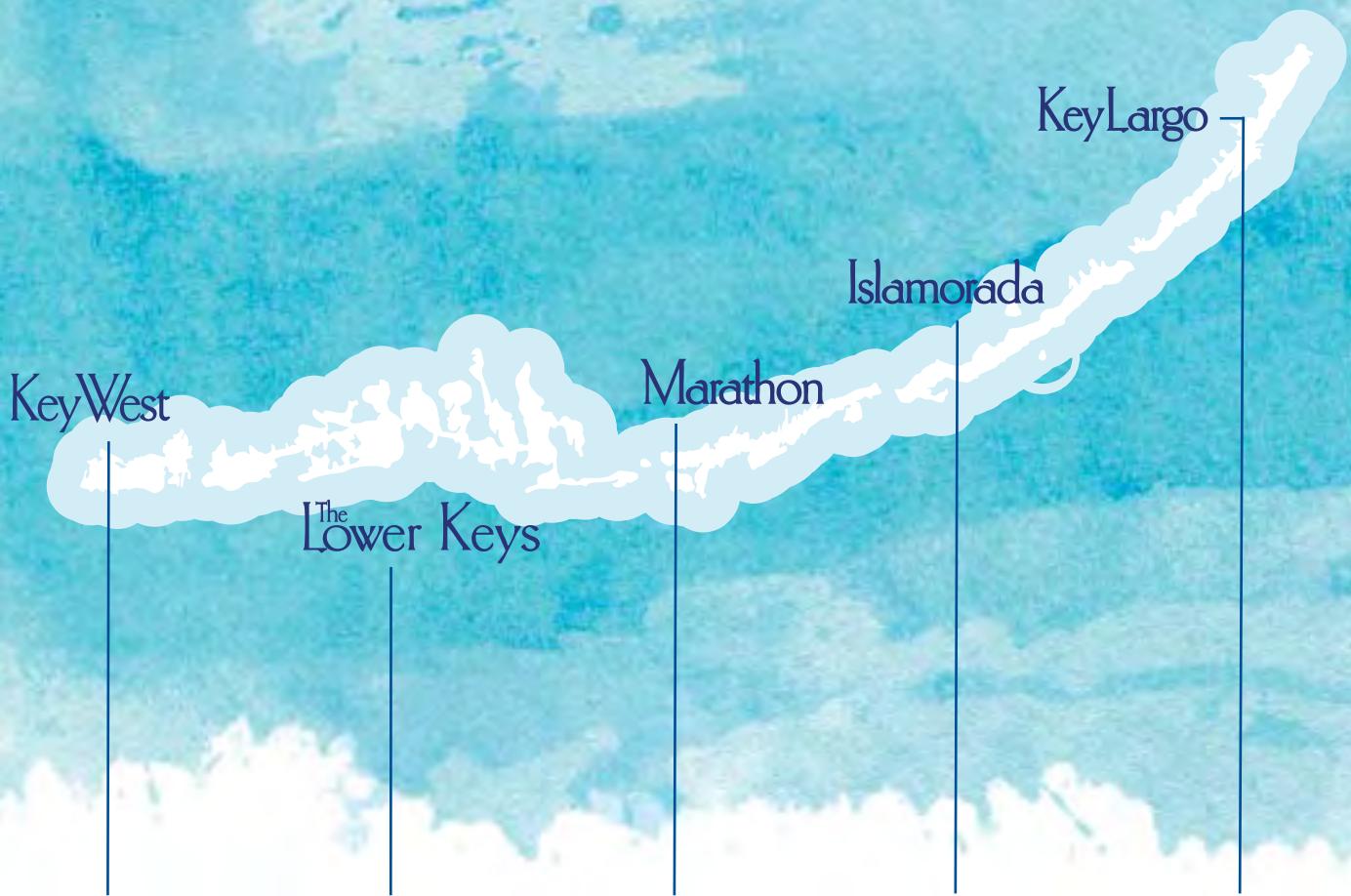
### WILLIAMS HALL

729 Fleming St., Key West  
[williamshall.org](http://williamshall.org)

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