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## Welcome to the Florida Keys' Culture



Mayor Heather Caruthers

The Florida Keys are known for crystal clear waters, a laid-back lifestyle and all kinds of fish, flora and fauna. We are also lucky to boast an amazing depth and variety of visual, performing and literary cultures. Artists of incomparable caliber bring life to the canvas, the concert hall and the stage from Key Largo to Key West – and often in a very Keys-y way, even underwater. Our culture will intrigue, educate and entertain you. We look forward to welcoming you to our paradise!

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## About the Cover Artist - Betty Rondeau

Marathon has been my home since 1943. I began drawing as a child and painting with watercolors by age 13. I've been a member of Marathon Art Guild, Key West Art Center, Miami Watercolor Society, and am a founding member of FL Keys Watercolor Society. I studied oils, watercolors and portraits with Gerald Leake, Millard Wells, Tony Couch and many others. I am a winner of many awards. I paint portraits and I love to paint scenes of old Marathon commercial docks, shrimp boats and fishermen as I remember them when fishing and shrimping were the way of life in the Keys.

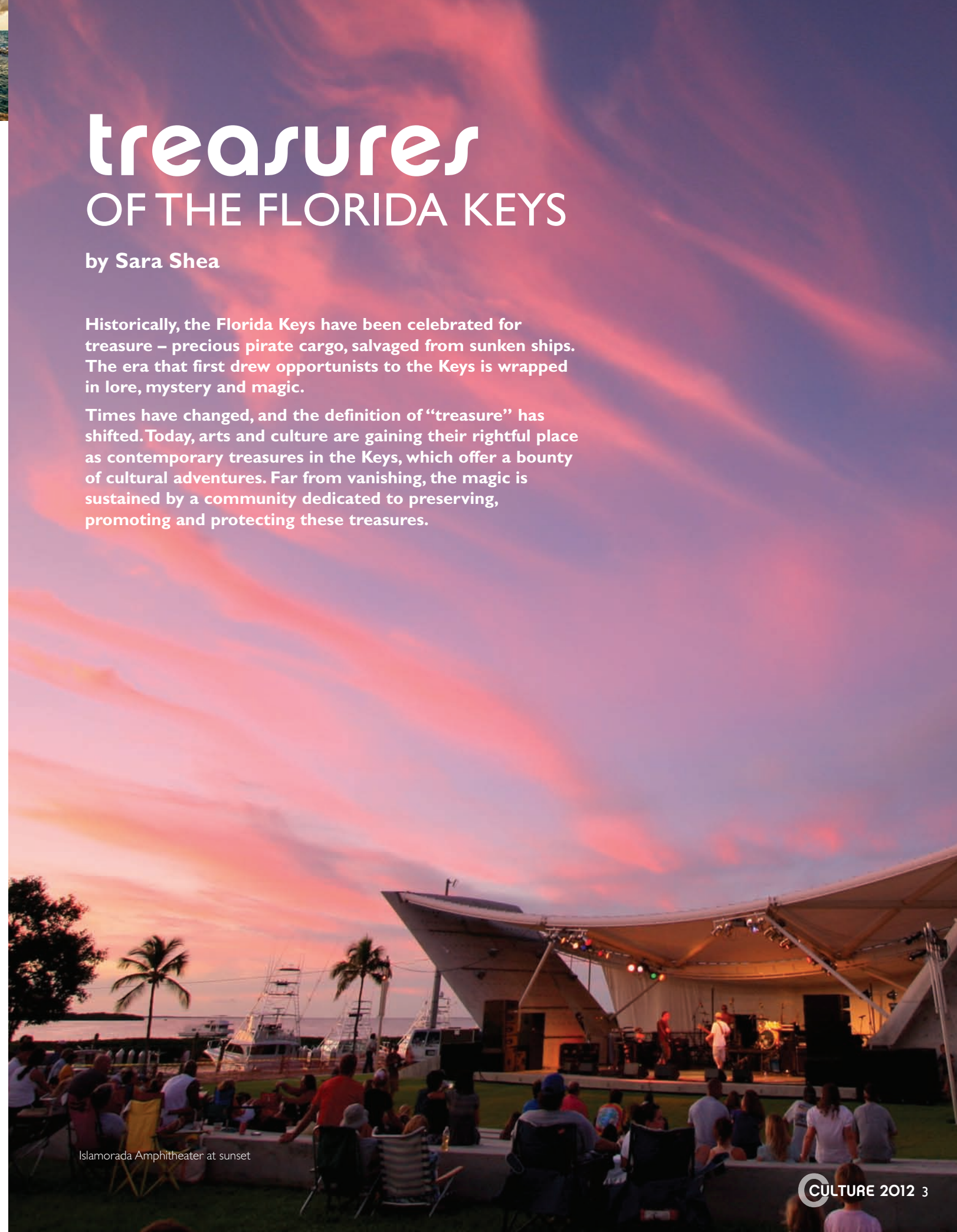


# treasures OF THE FLORIDA KEYS

by Sara Shea

Historically, the Florida Keys have been celebrated for treasure – precious pirate cargo, salvaged from sunken ships. The era that first drew opportunists to the Keys is wrapped in lore, mystery and magic.

Times have changed, and the definition of "treasure" has shifted. Today, arts and culture are gaining their rightful place as contemporary treasures in the Keys, which offer a bounty of cultural adventures. Far from vanishing, the magic is sustained by a community dedicated to preserving, promoting and protecting these treasures.



Islamorada Amphitheater at sunset

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## IN SEARCH OF NEW AVENUES

Seeking inspiration and adventure, I applied for a scholarship to the January 2011 Key West Literary Seminar. Reeling from a layoff, I felt I had reached a dead end in my life. I mailed my poetry submission off to Miles Frieden, the seminar's director. To my amazement, I received financial assistance. But that was only the beginning of the magic.

As the moon rose over an amethyst ocean, I sipped champagne at the seminar's opening reception, held in the gardens of the Audubon House. Strolling among silver palms, orchids and bougainvillea, I found myself in the company of notable literary figures including Billy Collins, John T. Edge, Adam Gopnik, Jane Hirschfield and Calvin Trillin.

The literary seminar offered a treasure trove of captivating lectures, elegant garden parties, museum receptions, supportive workshops and an introduction to a vibrant literary community built on the shoulders of legendary island authors Ernest Hemingway and Tennessee Williams. The seminar fed my hungry muse, invigorated my spirit and catapulted me into the larger arts and culture scene.

Miles Frieden says he "ran away" from a life in Maine to take his dream job as director of the literary seminar. Appointed to the position by seminar founders David and Lynn Kaufelt, Frieden furthered their mission of creating an intimate readers conference that attracted the world's best writers. The prestigious seminar marks its 30th anniversary in 2012.

## INSPIRED LOCAL WRITERS

The Literary Seminar also involves such local authors as Rosalind Brackenbury. A respected novelist and poet, Brackenbury has enjoyed the festival from many angles, serving as a volunteer, workshop leader and participant. Inspired by the seminar, Brackenbury and her associate author Rick Skwiot set out to launch the Key West Writers Lab, an innovative, nonprofit coaching program for emerging writers. Established in 2011, the lab provides guidance for writers working toward publication.

This is exactly the sort of thing that happens in the Keys – talented people get inspired. They get together, brainstorm and run with creative ideas. And the wonderful magic is that the community recognizes those initiatives as treasures.

## MUSIC FESTIVALS BLOSSOM

While the literary seminar pulls in authors and writers, two

major springtime music festivals draw songwriters, performers, musicians, music industry professionals and music-loving audiences to the Keys. The Key West Songwriters' Festival runs May 2-6, 2012, and the Key Largo Singers & Songwriters Festival runs May 19-22, 2012.

Charlie Bauer, who founded the Key West Songwriters' Festival in 1996, said, "I was running Hog's Breath Saloon when my friend Drew Reid, a Nashville musician, suggested pairing musicians with island venues. Our first festival highlighted musical guests Shel Silverstein and Mickey Newbury."

Today, the Key West Songwriters' Festival works directly with licensing companies BMI, ASCAP and SESAC to attract performers. The 2012 festival features 160 performers, free concerts at hotels, resorts and clubs, and two ticketed shows at Tropic Cinema and the San Carlos Institute. "Music festivals are enhancing the level of entertainment in the Keys," said Bauer, now festival director.

The Key Largo Original Music Festival, founded in 2008, delivers live music and entertainment to the Upper Keys. "Our 2012 festival features 24 performers and four music-filled days and nights at Key Largo restaurants and clubs," said event coordinator Sue Finney.

The Key Largo Original Music Festival is managed by Key Largo Merchants Association, an organization celebrated for establishing many events, including the Holiday Boat Parade, New Year's Eve Fireworks on Blackwater Sound, the January Seafood Festival and the "Anything That Floats Race" in August. The Upper Keys Business Group, a partner organization, manages Key Largo's October Pirate Festival and summertime food and wine festival.

## NEW PERFORMING ARTS VENUE

A new pearl that's gleaming in the Keys cultural scene is the Islamorada Amphitheater in Founders Park. The amphitheater, funded in part by grants, was guided to completion by Islamorada Community Entertainment.

David Feder, ICE director, describes the amphitheater as "a miniature Sydney Opera House boasting magnificent sound quality." Feder emphasizes the amphitheater's design, "which provides audiences a sunset view, yet band members never have the sun in their eyes." Details like this matter in the Keys, where sun and ocean govern daily routines.

The Islamorada Amphitheater hosts many events, including November's Bayjama Reggae Fest, the CocomNutcracker (a tropical

Key West Literary Seminar – The Hungry Muse



Key West Literary Luncheon at The Oldest House

version of the Nutcracker), MoradaPalooza, Shakespeare in the Park in February, Bay Jam Festival in April, various acoustic concerts and Pops in the Park, a free series presented by the Keys Community Band.

## PAINTER DISCOVERS NEW PATHS

The visual arts are vital to the Keys cultural scene. Eric Anfinson is one Key West artist who's gaining a national reputation. His paintings are intimate, powerful, graceful and haunting windows into his world of archetypes and symbols. Anfinson's 2011 book, "Around the Edges of Beauty," showcases the breadth of his creative energy.

Those fortunate enough to meet Anfinson during an opening may learn some local arts history through stories of early, visionary galleries including Salt and The Lemonade Stand. Anfinson encourages visitors to enjoy art strolls such as First Fridays on Upper Duval, Walk on White Street and Caroline Street Art Walk, as well as arts events at the old Armory, now the Studios of Key West.

Anfinson moved to Key West in search of a warmer climate and a new outlook. "I came to Key West because I ran out of options," he said. "After spending time on the islands, I realized I'd been looking in the wrong directions all along. Ironically, when I reached the end of the road, I suddenly saw the possibilities, the treasures, all the potential directions for my life. THAT was where I found inspiration to pursue painting."

The Keys are where people arrive when they run out of conventional options. People adopt a pirate mentality: Do your own thing. Get creative. Take no prisoners. Live for adventure. Aim for uncharted waters. These people become passionate about their treasures.

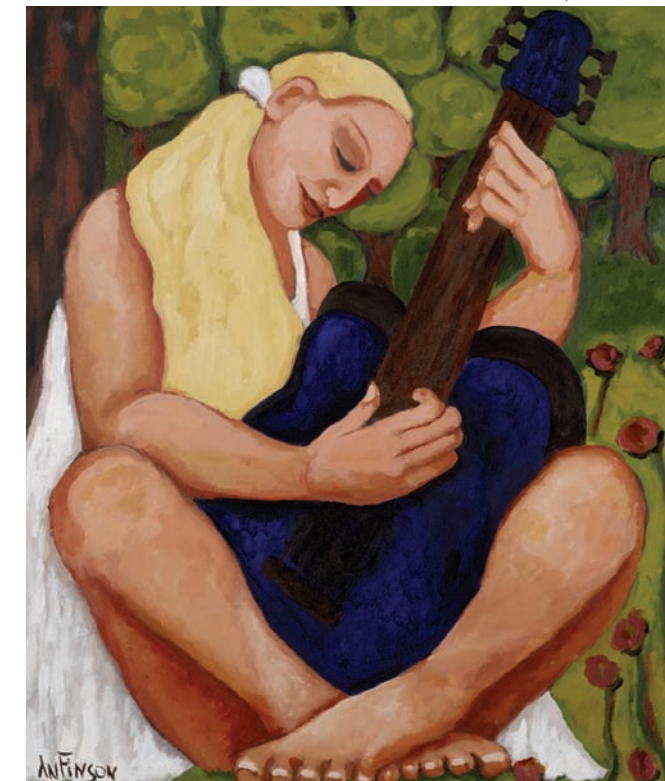
Shel Silverstein, the famous songwriter and poet, remained involved with both the Key West Literary Seminar and the Key West Songwriters' Festival until his death in 1999. Silverstein had arrived in the Keys in the early 1970s, publishing a book of poetry

titled "Where the Sidewalk Ends" in 1974.

As the southernmost point, Key West is literally the end of the road. Maybe the Keys are also a metaphor, a place where the sidewalk ends. We all face dead ends, times when the road runs out. The question is, what do we do when the sidewalk ends? These are times to get creative, shift perspective, find adventure, look inward and follow our own maps. They're times to seek out our own treasures.

In the Keys, dead ends have a way of becoming new beginnings. Meet the community of people driving the arts and culture scene, and you'll understand the magic. You'll find the treasures.

"Blue Guitar" by Eric Anfinson



Crews from the teen sci-fi movie, "I am Number Four," built a makeshift cottage and burned it down while filming on Big Pine Key in 2010. The movie included filming locations on Big Pine, as well as views of the Seven Mile Bridge span. The film's main characters left their home in Florida in the beginning of the movie, and were forced to move to Ohio.

# on location IN PARADISE

by Mandy Miles

Sit back and enjoy the natural cinematic beauty of the Florida Keys. This alluring string of islands dangles like an afterthought from the southern tip of Florida, drawing people south with the promise of adventure, romance and escape from the real world – the same promises movie trailers offer to theatergoers.

Visitors lower themselves into our lounge chairs just as they relax into the dark comfort of a theater seat in anticipation of love, laughter, adventure or fantasy.

The Florida Keys hold all the same possibilities, and they come to life daily in stunning, natural high-definition.

The Keys are their own action/adventure film, overflowing with options for real-life drama on the high seas. We don't need to watch an actor fight a colossal marlin or explore the ocean floor – we do it all ourselves here. In the Keys, we're the actors, not the audience, and life is not a spectator sport.

Even so, we have watched plenty of Hollywood action erupt throughout our islands over the years. Ever since Humphrey Bogart bested the mobsters in "Key Largo," the Keys have become the quintessential place for tropical treachery. James Bond hunted a drug lord here in "License to Kill," and Arnold Schwarzenegger blew up part of the Seven Mile Bridge in "True Lies."

Our laid-back community converts easily to breathless, fast-paced thrills when Hollywood calls, but then reverts back to a place where movie stars can sit at a bar, largely unnoticed, and enjoy their own escape.

As the islands' film commissioner, Rita Troxel markets the Florida Keys and Key West to the movie, television and print industries. She works with production assistants, providing photos of potential film locations, from stately mansions and deserted beaches to weathered fishing boats to crowded bars.

"It may take nine months for them to decide what they like or what they want," said Troxel, recalling one production company that paid top dollar to rent a Keys home for several months. Their plan? Build a new façade across the front and burn it down.

Troxel markets the Florida Keys as a Caribbean island with a highway linking it to the rest of the world, thereby saving on airfare for actors, crew and equipment.

"Because, if things start going way over budget, and New Orleans is cheaper or offering better incentives, they'll cross Miami off and put in New Orleans in a heartbeat," she said.

Actor Tyrese Gibson, left, takes a break from filming "2 Fast 2 Furious" in the Florida Keys in 2003. Producers shot several scenes of the high-speed, car-race thriller along U.S. 1 and on the Seven Mile Bridge.



# calendar OF CULTURAL EVENTS

## FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

September 26-30  
Florida Keys Birding & Wildlife Festival  
Curry Hammock State Park, MM 56.2,  
Big Pine & Marathon.  
872-0774, [www.keysbirdingfest.org](http://www.keysbirdingfest.org)

September 30-October 2  
Conchtoberfest  
Various times and locations in Marathon.  
Jennifer Dinan, 289-4901

October 10-23, 27 & 28, 30 & 31  
Fort Zachary Taylor Haunted Fort  
Entrance at Southard & Thomas streets,  
Key West.  
[www.foftkw.com/calendar.html](http://www.foftkw.com/calendar.html)

October 20-23  
Key Largo Pirate's Fest  
Various venues in Key Largo, Upper Keys.  
522-1300, [www.keylargo-chamber.org](http://www.keylargo-chamber.org)

October 20 & 22  
Goombay Street Festival  
Island arts and crafts, music and food in the  
heart of Key West's historic Bahama Village.  
[www.goombay-keywest.org/schedule.htm](http://www.goombay-keywest.org/schedule.htm)

October 21-30  
Fantasy Fest 2011 "Aquatic Afrolic"  
Now in its third decade. Celebrity Look-A-  
Like Contest, Street Fair, Fantasy Fest Parade.  
Various times and locations in Key West.  
[www.fantasyfest.net](http://www.fantasyfest.net)

October 25  
Headdress Ball 2011  
"Underwater Odyssey" 29th annual. 8 p.m.  
at Southernmost Hotel on the Beach.  
[www.keystix.com](http://www.keystix.com)

November 2-6  
12 Step Music Fest  
Clean and sober Woodstock. Camping,  
music, 12-step meetings for all fellowships,  
recovery speakers, vendors, activities and  
more. Sugarloaf Key KOA Campground.  
[www.12stepmusicfest.com](http://www.12stepmusicfest.com)

November 3-6  
Meeting of the Minds: Parrot Heads in  
Key West "Don't Stop the Carnival"  
Various times and locations in Key West.  
[www.phip.com](http://www.phip.com)

November 24-December 4  
Pirates in Paradise Festival 2011  
Truman Waterfront Commons and other  
historic venues in Old Town Key West.  
797-7162, [www.PiratesTour.com](http://www.PiratesTour.com)

November 25-December 31  
Key West "Bight Before Christmas"  
Holiday Celebration  
Exhibitions and receptions at galleries  
and shops, Key West Historic Seaport.  
<http://keywestchristmas.org>

November 26-December 25  
MARC House Christmas Tree Sale  
Benefits MARC House programs. 9 a.m.  
at 1401 Seminary St.  
294-9526 ext. 25, [www.marchouse.org](http://www.marchouse.org)

December 6  
MARC Decorated Christmas Tree Benefit  
Supports MARC House programs. 7 p.m.  
at Westin Hotel, 245 Front St.  
294-9526 ext. 25, [www.marchouse.org](http://www.marchouse.org)

December 10  
Key Largo Boat Parade  
Blackwater Sound, MM104  
394-3736, [www.keylargoboatparade.com](http://www.keylargoboatparade.com)

December 10  
Schooner Wharf Light Boat Parade  
8 p.m. at 202 William St., Key West.  
[schoonerwb@aol.com](mailto:schoonerwb@aol.com)

December 31  
New Year's Eve Celebrations  
Fireworks. Watch the Conch Shell, the Drag  
Queen or the Pirate Wench drop. Key West.  
[www.keywestchamber.org](http://www.keywestchamber.org)

January 14  
Florida Keys Seafood Festival  
Family-friendly. Fresh seafood, marine-  
related crafts, youth activities and live music.  
Free admission. 10 a.m. at Bayview Park,  
Truman and Jose Marti Dr., Key West.  
872-9026, [www.fkca.org](http://www.fkca.org)

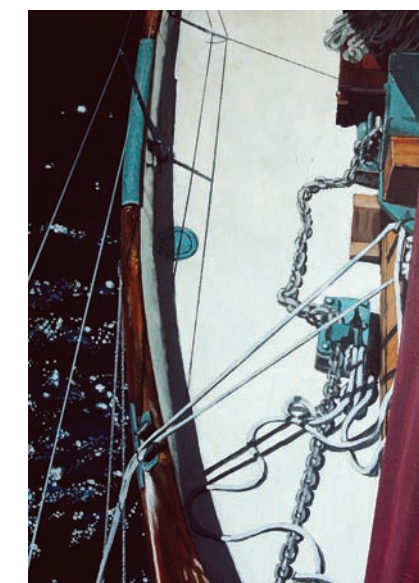
January 26-29  
Key West Food & Wine Festival  
11 a.m.-9 p.m. at various locations  
in Key West.  
[www.kwfwf.com](http://www.kwfwf.com)

January 28  
Anne McKee Artists Fund Auction  
Preview 7 p.m., auction 8 p.m. at East Martello  
Museum, 3501 S. Roosevelt, Key West.  
[www.mckeefund.org](http://www.mckeefund.org)

January 28-29  
Key West Craft Show  
11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Key West Art Center,  
Key West, 294-1241. Whitehead and  
Caroline streets.  
[www.keywestartcenter.com](http://www.keywestartcenter.com)



"Rainforest Bouquet" by Timothy Leistner



"From the Bow" by Jon McIntosh



"Superimposed Color of Painting"  
by Chuck Faulkner



A labyrinth of wires, lights and sound equipment are rigged to capture an in-car conversation between the two actors inside the vehicle. The scene was shot alongside U.S. 1 in the Florida Keys for the blockbuster 2003 sequel, "2 Fast 2 Furious," starring Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson and Eva Mendes.

The usually laid-back U.S. 1, which meanders past the blue-green waters of the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other, became anything but idyllic in 2002. That aquamarine water flashed by and lines of palm trees blurred together as the producers of "2 Fast 2 Furious" turned up the heat – and ignored speed limits – along stretches of highway that they claimed as their domain for a few hours a day – and for a fee.

Also in 2002, the pure evil of Dr. Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter made its chilling way to the Keys, as the deranged doctor tracked his FBI nemesis, played by Ed Norton, to the islands long known for hiding people who come here to simply disappear.

But the Keys aren't all about high-speed chases aboard Jet Skis, as happened when Vin Diesel arrived to shoot "The Pacifier" in 2004.

We're also the set for love stories, hosting countless weddings every year on our beaches, in our backyards and aboard our majestic schooners.

Michelle Pfeiffer's and Robert Redford's characters in "Up Close and Personal" recall fond memories of bonefishing in the Keys; their trip is revealed in a series of Upper Keys flashbacks.

Love stories begin – and sometimes end – right here in The Florida Keys & Key West. Real-life action and adventures are pushed to the limit daily as divers explore the dark ocean depths, and fishermen strap themselves to fighting chairs for battles against behemoth marlin.

This string of islands – its oceans, history and assortment of fascinating characters – is the source of documentaries about everything from Ernest Hemingway to a doll named Robert that many claim is haunted.

The Keys offer everything promised in movie trailers and red carpet interviews, with one exception: We rarely wear high heels, as they tend to sink in the sand. Our version of the "big screen" is the ever-changing evening sky as we sit back and watch nature's special effects crew tie-dye the sky at sunset, churn up the ocean on a windy day or create water so clear that sea turtles are visible from an airplane.

The Florida Keys don't need Hollywood sound stages. They produce their very own romantic comedies, adventures, political thrillers, crime dramas and documentaries.

And the only resemblance to a horror movie occurs when the trip is over, and the return flight beckons.

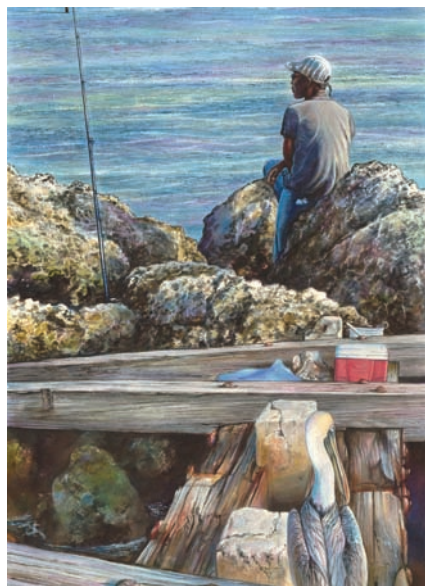
Some arrive early and get a good seat for Key West's version of a happy ending, watching the sun slip gracefully below the horizon as the credits roll on another day of life in the Florida Keys. Now that's a wrap.

Here is a sampling of films that were filmed in whole or in part in the Florida Keys:

- 1948 – "Key Largo," Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall
- 1954 – "The Rose Tattoo," Burt Lancaster, Anna Magnani
- 1959 – "Operation Petticoat," Tony Curtis, Cary Grant
- 1962 – "PT 109," Cliff Robertson
- 1974 – "92 in the Shade," Peter Fonda, Burgess Meredith
- 1979 – "The Last Resort," Eartha Kitt
- 1985 – "Running Scared," Billy Crystal, Gregory Hines
- 1988 – "License to Kill," Timothy Dalton
- 1993 – "True Lies," Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis
- 1995 – "Up Close and Personal," Robert Redford, Michelle Pfeiffer
- 1997 – "Tomorrow Never Dies," Pierce Brosnan
- 1998 – "Office Space," Jennifer Aniston
- 2000 – "Heartbreakers," Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love Hewitt
- 2004 – "Meet the Fockers," Dustin Hoffman, Barbra Streisand, Robert DeNiro
- 2008 – "I Love You, Philip Morris," Jim Carrey

For a complete listing of past productions as well as a comprehensive production guide detailing facilities, locations, skilled crews and permit information, visit [www.filmkeys.com](http://www.filmkeys.com).

All phone numbers are area code 305 unless otherwise noted.



"Fish Thief" by Dwight Hoffman



"Single Mango" by Teresa Willis



"Pelicans" by Kathleen Clements

January 29  
**Key Largo Rhythm & Ribs Festival**  
 7-10 p.m. at Murray E. Nelson Key Largo  
 Government & Cultural Center,  
 102050 Overseas Hwy., MM 102.  
**424-9217, www.fklcc.org**

January 29  
**MARC House**  
**18th Annual Master Chefs Classic**  
 Westin Resort & Marina, 245 Front St.  
**294-9526, www.marchouse.org**

February  
**GardenFest**  
 Key West Tropical Forest and  
 Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.  
**296-1504, www.keywestbotanicalgarden.org**

February 11-12  
**Pigeon Key Art Festival**  
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pigeon Key Foundation,  
 Marathon City Park, Marathon. Artists,  
 vendors, musicians and awards.  
**289-0025, www.pigeonkey.net**

February 25-26  
**Old Island Days Art Festival**  
 10 a.m. at Key West Art Center, Whitehead  
 and Caroline streets, Key West. Juried fine-  
 art show with exhibitors from across the  
 U.S. and Canada.  
**294-1241, www.keywestartcenter.com**

March  
**Annual Conch Shell Blowing Contest**  
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Old Island Restoration  
 Foundation, 322 Duval St.  
**294-9501, www.oirf.org**

March 1-31  
**Tennessee Williams Festival**  
 Month-long celebration commemorates the  
 101st birthday of the legendary writer and  
 Key West resident of 36 years. Fort East  
 Martello Museum, 3501 S. Roosevelt Blvd.  
**295-6616, www.kwahs.org**

March 3  
**Schooner Wharf**  
**Open Air Art & Music Affair**  
 Food, art and music. 10 a.m.-sunset  
 at 202 William St, Key West.  
**schoonerwb@aol.com**

May 24-27  
**Key Largo Original MusicFest**  
 Various locations in Key Largo.  
**www.keylargosongwritersfestival.com**

June 6-10  
**Pridefest Key West**  
 Various locations in Key West.  
**292-3223, www.pridefestkeywest.com**

June 23  
**Midsummer's Night Dream & Spectacle**  
 Celebration in a wonderland of costumed  
 revelers, entertainers and multiple stages  
 featuring local, national and international  
 musicians. Key West Tropical Forest &  
 Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd.  
**296-1504, www.keywestbotanicalgarden.org**

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July  
**ReMARCable Mattheessen's Ice Cream &  
 Fresh Fruit Social**  
 MARC House, 1401 Seminary St., Key West.  
**294-9526 ext. 25, www.marchouse.org**

July 4  
**VNA/Hospice of the Florida Keys Fourth  
 of July Picnic and Fireworks**  
 Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds St.,  
 Key West.

July 11-15  
**Mel Fisher Days**  
 Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St.  
**294-2633, www.melfisher.org**

July 17-22  
**Hemingway Days Festival**  
 Various locations in Key West.  
**292-8445, www.hemingwaydays.net**

July 14  
**Underwater Music Festival**  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Looe Key Reef Resort  
 National Marine Sanctuary, MM 27,  
 Ramrod Key.  
**872-2411, www.lowerkeyschamber.com**

August 2012  
**Key West Lobsterfest**  
 Lower Duval Street.  
**www.keywestlobsterfest.com**

September 2012  
**Key West Women Fest**  
 Various times and locations in Key West.  
**www.womenfest.com**

## MUSIC

Mondays-Fridays  
**Organ/Piano Recitals**  
 Featuring Joe Lowe and Auwinna Weed.  
 Donations welcome. Noon-1 p.m. at  
 St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West.  
**296-5142**

December 17  
**MCT Holiday Concert**  
 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Marathon Community  
 Theater, 5101 Overseas Hwy, MM 49.5.  
**743-0408, www.marathontheater.org**

January 23-24, February 27-28, March 19-20  
**Sentimental Journey of the Truman Years –  
 Bobby Nesbitt Concert**  
 Cocktails 7:30 p.m., concert 8 p.m. at  
 Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
**294-9911, www.keystix.com**

Various dates  
**IMPROMPTU CLASSICAL CONCERTS  
 OF KEY WEST**  
 40th anniversary season. All performances  
 begin at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Church,  
 410 Duval St. January 8 – Firebird Chamber  
 Orchestra; January 22 – Trio Solisti;  
 February 12 – Marina Lomazov; February  
 26 – La Catrina Sting Quartet; March 4 –  
 Conrad Tao; March 18 – String Orchestra  
 of New York City; July 15 – Symphony of  
 the Americas.

Various dates  
**KEY WEST POPS CONCERT SERIES**  
 All performances begin at 8 p.m. at  
 St. Paul's Church, 410 Duval St., and  
 Tennessee William Theatre, 5901 College  
 Rd. December 29-30 – Joseph and the  
 Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (St. Paul's  
 Church); January 22 – Obligato (Tennessee  
 William Theatre); March 24-25; Kiss Me Kate  
 (Tennessee William Theatre).  
**296-6059, www.keywestpops.org**

Various dates  
**POPS IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES**  
 Free outdoor concerts. All performances  
 begin at 4 p.m. at Islamorada Founders  
 Park, MM87 Bayside. November 26 –  
 Sounds Like Fun; December 17 – Tropical  
 Christmas; January 28 – Get On Board;  
 February 18 – Animal Fair; March 24 &  
 31 – Sunshine Heritage; April 28 – Young  
 People's Concert.  
**853-7294,  
 www.keyscommunityconcertband.org**

Various dates  
**PERFORMANCE AT ST. PAUL'S  
 CONCERT SERIES**  
 St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West.  
 November – Chorale Event, Classical  
 Music Event; December – String Studio  
 of Key West Recital, Caroling Event,  
 Annual Christmas Concert;  
 February – Black History Month Event;  
 August – Summer Jazz & Classical Event.  
**296-5142, www.keysarts.com**

Various dates  
**OLD TOWN NEW FOLK  
 CONCERT SERIES**  
 The Studios of Key West, 600 White St.,  
 Key West. September 7 – Natalia  
 Zuckerman & Adrienne Gonzalez, 7 p.m.;  
 November 18 – Thanksgiving Benefit, 8 p.m.;  
 December 2 – Krista Detor, 8 p.m.; January  
 20 – Susan Werner, 8 p.m.; February 3 –  
 Ben Harrison TSKW Benefit Concert,  
 8 p.m.; February 11 – Noel Paul Stookey,  
 8 p.m.; February 12 – Multi-Faith with Betty  
 & Noel Paul Stookey & Josh White Jr., 2 p.m.;  
 March 9 – Darrell Scott, 8 p.m.; March 16 –  
 Classical Gala Concert Vienna in Paradise,  
 8 p.m., Herbert Weissberg, Heinz  
 Medjimorec, Peter Siakala & Catherine  
 Weinfield; March 29 – Carrie Newcomer,  
 8 p.m.; May 12 – Catie Curtis, 8 p.m.  
**296-0458, www.tskw.org**

Various dates  
**CABARET CONCERT SERIES AT THE  
 STUDIOS OF KEY WEST**  
 All performances begin at 8 p.m. at  
 The Studios of Key West, 600 White St., Key  
 West. November 19 – Catherine Sembert;  
 December 3 – Valerie Carr; January 21 –  
 Phyllis Chappell; March 17 – Fiona Malloy;  
 March 30 – Nancy Hoffman; May 11 –  
 Gordon Ross & Friends.  
**296-0458, www.tskw.org**

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Various dates  
**MUSIC CLASSES**  
 Keys Chorale – Florida Keys Community  
 College Continuing Education department.  
 809-3185. Dean Walters, Artistic Director;  
 The Music Room – Private piano,  
 woodwind and guitar lessons. Robin  
 Kaplan, 294-7382; Violin/Viola/Cello  
 Classes – Individual lessons in Key West.  
 Beginning to advanced, preschool to adult.  
 Paul, 879-0560. Bahama Village Music  
 Program – Free classes in steel pan, drums,  
 piano, guitar, clarinet, saxophone, flute,  
 violin and gospel choir for kids during the  
 school year.  
**727 Fort St., 292-9628,  
 bvmpkw@aol.com.**

2 p.m. Sundays  
**Keys Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal**  
 Pavilion at Venture Out Resort,  
 701 Spanish Main, Cudjoe Key.  
**304-7544, kco@sunlink.net**

## THEATER

Various dates  
**ENCORE SERIES at the  
 TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE**  
 All performances begin at 8 p.m. at  
 5901 College Rd. January 13 – Tommy Tune,  
 Steps in Time; February 3 – The Midtown  
 Men; February 21 – Spam A Lot; March 14  
 – The Color Purple.  
**296-1520, www.keystix.com**

Various dates  
**FRIENDS OF THE KEY LARGO  
 CULTURAL CENTER**  
 All performances begin at 8 p.m. at  
 Murray Nelson Government & Cultural  
 Center; 102050 Overseas Hwy, MM102,  
 Key Largo. October 14-16 – The Rocky  
 Horror Picture Show; November 4-6 –  
 Steel Magnolias; March 9-10 – Who  
 Killed The Director?; March 22-24 –  
 Run for Your Wife.  
**305-424-9217,  
 www.fklcc.org**

Various dates  
**KEYS KIDS**  
 Performances at 7:30 p.m., Saturday  
 matinees at 2 p.m. at 5855 College Rd.  
 September 29-October 1 – Pocahontas;  
 December 1-4 – Santa's Holiday  
 Hoedown; January 12-13 – Let It Shine;  
 February 23-26 – Footloose; March 29-31  
 – Robin Hood.  
**509-1370, www.keystix.com or  
 www.keyskidskeywest.com**

Dates TBA  
**KEY WEST FRINGE THEATER**  
 Key West Characters, TBA;  
 Immersion Theater, TBA.  
**www.peopletheaterofkeywest.com**



"The Two Chairs" by Marylene Proner



"Cock Cruiser" by Janell Garcia



"Pink Bicycle" by Connie Hurst





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October 2  
Trail Talk – Bicyclists' Tour of Flagler's Railroad Sites  
9 a.m.-noon. Series of monthly tours, jointly sponsored by Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and KWAHS. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

October 18  
Hemingway's Boat – Lecture & Book Signing  
5:30 p.m. Paul Hendrickson, Pulitzer Prize nominee and author; traces Hemingway's highs and lows around the one constant in his life: his beloved Pilar. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

October 24  
The Ghosts of Fort East Martello  
2 p.m. Ghost tours of the fort and a special 107th birthday celebration for Robert the Doll. Fort East Martello Museum, 3501 S. Roosevelt Blvd.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

December 18  
Harry S. Truman Foundation Members Holiday Party  
5-7 p.m. Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

December 27-28, January 20-21, February 17-18, March 3, 16-17  
Old Island House & Garden Tours  
Old Island Restoration Foundation, 322 Duval St. Each tour features five private homes and gardens reflecting the varied tastes and originality of their owners.  
294-9501, www.oirf.org

January 6-7  
An Evening with Senator Bob Graham  
Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

January 22-December 31, 2012  
Centennial Celebration of the Arrival of Flagler's Railroad to Key West Exhibition  
Includes the story of the Roaring Twenties and the booming days following the railroad's arrival; the effect of The Great Depression on Key West and how its citizens, including Ernest Hemingway, coped; the greatest hurricane to ever hit the United States and the end of the railroad; and the rebirth of Key West as tourist destination. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

February 18  
Presidential Families  
Relatives of United States presidents share their insights and memories. Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

March 2-3  
House and Garden 36th Annual Tour  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Marathon Garden Club, 5270 Overseas Hwy., MM50 Bayside, Marathon.  
743-4971, www.marathongardenclub.org

March 10-May 31  
Mother Goose & Grimm – 25th Anniversary Exhibit  
Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and part-time Key West resident Mike Peters. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

May 18-19  
Truman 10th Annual Symposium on Foreign Aid Opens  
6 p.m. May 18 at Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

May 19  
Truman 10th Annual Symposium on Foreign Aid  
8 a.m. at Marriot Beachside Resort, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

May-August  
Hail to the Chief Exhibition  
Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

May 13  
Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show  
Museum staff members will dress up and discuss how children would have behaved and dressed for tea during the early 20th century as part of the Henry Flagler celebration. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

May 18  
International Museum Day  
Visit Fort East Martello, Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters and The Custom House Museum. Half-price admission all day.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

June 29-October 29  
Jack Baron – Celebrating the Colors of Key West Exhibition  
Needlepoint tapestries inspired by Key West. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Key West Art Historical Society.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

July 6-November 12  
Coping with Depression – WPA Artists in Key West  
The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Key West Art Historical Society.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

July 15-November 30  
Harry Potter's World Exhibition  
Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St.  
294-2633, www.melfisher.org

July 24-25  
Hemingway on Stage & Award Ceremony  
Canadian Hemingway scholar Brian Gordon Sinclair's one-man show on Hemingway's life in Key West in the 1930s. Annual prize awarded for significant contributions to the Hemingway Days Festival and Key West. Location TBA.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

August-September  
Presidential Campaigns  
Truman Little White House, 111 Front St.  
294-9911, www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

September  
Florida Lighthouse Day  
Free for Florida residents. Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters, 938 Whitehead St.  
295-6616, www.kwahs.org

September 2012  
Florida Keys Shipwreck Symposium  
Visit website for dates and special venues.  
294-2633, www.melfisher.org

Various dates  
KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB  
West Martello Tower, 1100 Atlantic Blvd. October-April – Educational Lecture Sessions; November 19-20 – Fall Plant & Art Show; January-April – A Horticulture Lecture Series; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 3-4 – Garden Tours.  
294-3210, www.keywestgardenclub.com

Various dates  
KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN  
5210 College Rd. October – HallowGreen; November, January, May & July – Scientist Speaker Series; February – GardenFest; March – Cuban Cultural Exhibition/HHN; April – Migration Mania; April-June – ArtGarden.  
296-1504, www.keywestbotanicalgarden.org

Third Wednesdays  
Immerse Yourself! Series  
7 p.m. Free programs offer a wide variety of topics related to diving and the Florida Keys. The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy., MM83, Islamorada.  
664-9737, www.divingmuseum.com

LITERARY  
January 5-8  
Yet Another World, Literature of the Future – 30th Annual Key West Literary Seminar & Writers' Workshop Program  
San Carlos Institute, 516 Duval St.  
888-293-9291, www.kwls.org/seminar

November-May  
Key West Maritime Historical Society  
Preservation of the maritime heritage of the Florida Keys. Monthly lectures, field trips, exhibits, publications and special events. Award-winning Florida Keys Sea Heritage Journal, published quarterly.  
292-7903

First Sundays  
Key West Poetry Guild Meeting  
8 p.m. Open to all interested in poetry. Blue Heaven Restaurant, 729 Thomas St – upstairs.  
292-8577, boatsy2002@aol.com

Mondays, January-March  
Friends of the Key West Library Free Lecture Series  
6 p.m. Weekly lecture series with notable authors. The Studios of Key West, 600 White St.  
www.friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org

Third Mondays, January-April  
Lunch Bunch Group  
Noon. Hooked on Books, MM 81.9 Oceanside.  
517-2602

First Wednesdays  
Keys Writers Meeting  
1 p.m. Read-aloud critique group for all forms of creative writing. All levels welcome. Big Pine Library, 213 Key Deer Blvd.  
patriciaabrbera@live.com

Second Wednesdays, September-May  
Book Bites Reading Group  
5:30 p.m. Monthly meeting discussing anything by or about a specified author.  
Kris, 292-3595, www.keyslibraries.com

Last Wednesdays, September-May  
Latitude 25 Writers Meeting  
7 p.m. Key Largo Library, Tradewinds Shopping Center, MM 101.4.  
Steve Gibbs, 853-7277 ext. 16

Thursdays, January-March  
Friends of the Marathon Library Books and Coffee Lecture Series  
1:30 p.m. Notable local authors such as Tom Corcoran, Ben Harrison, Gail Swanson and Jo Lee Scarborough. Refreshments at 1:30 p.m., program at 2 p.m. St. Columba Episcopal Church, 451 52nd St., Marathon.  
289-3137, www.keyslibraries.com

Second Thursdays, January-April  
Café con Libros  
9:30 a.m. Monthly book meeting. Key West Library, 700 Fleming St.  
Kris, 292-3595, www.keyslibraries.com

First Saturdays, November-April  
Book Sale  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Key West Library Palm Garden, 700 Fleming St.  
292-3595, www.keyslibraries.com

Second & Fourth Saturdays  
Key West Writers Guild Meeting  
10 a.m.-noon. All newcomers welcome. Key West Library, 700 Fleming St.  
296-9051

#### CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

October-September  
Workshop Series, Artist Exhibitions & Receptions, Special Events & Presentations  
The Studios of Key West, 600 White St.  
296-0458, www.tskw.org

Please visit www.keysarts.com under "YourVisit" to view Florida Keys Council of the Arts Cultural calendar and the Keys Arts Quarterly brochure for details.



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January 8  
Firebird Chamber Orchestra

January 22  
Trio Solisti, piano trio

February 12  
Marina Lamazov, piano

February 26  
La Catrina String Quartet

March 4  
Conrad Tao, piano

March 25  
String Orchestra of New York

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