

# Cedar Key Arts Center Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2008

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## Spring 2008 Main Gallery Schedule

**APRIL: THE ARTISTS OF CEDAR KEY:** featuring Connie Nelson in the Main Gallery & other member artists in the Member's Gallery during the Spring Arts Festival. *Artists' Reception begins at 5pm in the Sculpture Garden with the dedication at 5:30, then the reception moves upstairs till 7 pm.*

**MAY: CEDAR KEY SCHOOL ART SHOW.** We're happy to welcome the CKS students and their favorite creations of the 2007/8 school year for our last Gallery Exhibit of the season. *Reception, Sat, May 3, 5-7pm. Parents & Families welcome.*

## February & March Gallery Highlights

The 3-D show was a success again this year, with 42 entries. 1st place went to Valerie Bretl for *Expectations*, 2nd to Mike Leiner for *Possible Side Effects include.....*, and 3rd to Sally Findley for *Manatee*. Marty Howbert received honorable mention for *Mosquito*. The "people's choice award" went to Susan Reichert for *Water Works*. Many thanks to all artists who participated and especially to Chuck McDonell for his generous donation of his glass mosaic table, *Simple Beauty*.

The March exhibit features photo-realist Sam Kates. You will be awestruck by the easily recognizable scenes from around Cedar Key. The bayou, the "old" big dock, the working boats & scenes from Seahorse Key are so realistic you can't believe that they are done in acrylic paint. The exhibit will be on display through March 31.

## Member Artist Gallery

Hopefully you had an opportunity to stop by the Member Artist's Gallery in February to see the dynamic exhibit by Florida Horse Country Artist, Linda Ballentine-Brown.

**Amy and Henry Gernhardt** are our featured member artists for March. Their ceramic creations can be seen in the Sculpture Garden and in the small gallery upstairs.

Member artists don't forget: **WE WANT YOUR ART** for the April Member Artist Gallery Show. Our intention is to highlight the wide-variety and talent of CKAC member artists during the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts. Please contact Lois Benninghoff (543-0254) or Marsha Schwartz (543-0521) about putting your pieces (max 2) in the show by Wed, April 26. No registration fee, but 75% of sales go to artist, 20% to the CKAC, and 5% to the Cedar Keyhole for processing.

## Sculpture Garden Dedication – April 5

After numerous years of dreaming and planning, and innumerable hours of hard work, we are excited to announce the dedication of the CKAC Sculpture Garden on Saturday, April 5. Our usual reception will begin in the garden at 5, after the dedication at 5:30, we will move upstairs for the opening of Connie Nelson's Exhibit in the main gallery. Anyone interested in helping with the special event should contact Marsha (543-0521).

## Art Videos Well Attended

January's educational video on Jackson Pollock started things off well, but when over 30 people showed up for February's Picasso – Magic, Sex and Demons we knew we were on to something with the new series. Don't miss the last two videos of this season planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, upstairs at the Cedar Key Library, 7:00pm: Mar 20: The Highwaymen & Apr 17: Georgia O'Keefe.

## Upcoming Workshops & Classes

- Plein Air: Mondays 9:30 am. Meet at CKAC
  - Sketch Group: Tuesdays, 2:00 pm. CKAC
- BEADS FOR LIFE GATHERING** Community outreach project to help African Women ([www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org)). **Beaded jewelry made by Ugandan tribal women will be on sale from March 1-21.** A special "Do It Yourself" workshop is scheduled for Sat, Mar 15, 10:00-2:00. Experienced beaders will be on hand to help. No fee. Proceeds from the sale of beads & beadwork you buy go back to the Ugandan women.
- HYPERTUFAS** with SUSAN SEYFARTH: April 26, 9-12:30. Build a lightweight concrete pot (\$40 members, \$45 non-members). *To sign up call Sue at 543-9568*
- PASTELS WITH GRACE** Grace Stergis is not exactly sure when she will arrive in CK. She hopes to do pastels at her Seahorse Key Condo on Friday mornings. If you are interested, call Lois Benninghoff (543-0254) to see if Grace has arrived.
- PEN & INK CLASS** with JOYCE PATTI: March 8 & 22, 10-2 pm. Great class for beginners (\$20/day; \$15 members). *To sign up call Joyce at 543-8081.*

## It Truly "Takes a Village"

So many of you have volunteered over the last several months, we can't begin to thank you all, but, we certainly couldn't have done it without you!

- Thanks to Scott Dennison of Storm Shutters Plus! (352-543-6313 or 352-359-9839) for providing our new shutters at cost and thanks to Greg Lang for his help and lift, as well as the crew (Bill Seyfarth, Tony Silveria, Tom Higgins, Don Holland, Janet Cook, Mary Stone and others) who helped 2/23.
- The office is almost finished, thanks to Rory & Teri Brennan's donation of a Mac computer & printer: the Pattillos for a kitchen cabinet: Mike Leiner & Toni Silveria for construction support,
- Thanks to Clark Hodges for donating a receiver & 6 CD player - we now have GREAT sound upstairs
- And, finally, thanks to Gina & Peter Stefani of the Island Room at Cedar Cove for hosting the annual Children's Summer Art program benefit luncheon again this year, and, of course, thanks to our incredibly generous artists who donated work for both the Cedar Key School fund raiser in January & the Art Program raffle in March.

## Art Center Supports Spring Festival

The CKAC is sponsoring a \$500 Award for Creativity again this year. In addition, we will host the County-wide Teen Art Show in our Sculpture Garden with award presentation at noon Saturday and the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts Artist's Reception & Award Ceremony at 5:30 that evening. Throughout the weekend the Arts Center will provide a respite area for festival goers and artists... with shade, ice cold water, and cool AC upstairs. The reception is also supported by the CK News & Drummond Bank.

Hostesses for the respite & servers for the reception are needed. If you can help call Janet (493-2940).

## Reminders from the Board

We would very much appreciate your input at the annual meeting of the CKAC membership which is scheduled for Wed, Mar 12, at 5:30 pm. A summary of what we've been doing and what's coming up will be presented. Refreshments will be served afterward.

**Finally, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008, please "get 'er done!"**

## Teen and Children's Summer Art Program Details and Deadlines

### Elementary Students:

**Dates:** June 16-20 and June 23-27

K-1st 9:30-10:30; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00-12:00; 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00

### Teens:

**Silk Dying Class** taught by Cedar Keyhole Artist, Virginia Stevenson.

4 Sessions: June 16, 17, 19 and 25; 6:00-9:00 pm

**Tuesday and Thursday Evenings in July**, 6:00-9:00 pm, July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

Registration forms will be available on the website and at the Cedar Keyhole beginning in April.

Questions or if you would like to help – call Janet Cook 493-2940 or Debbie Manasala 949-4855.

**Our art teacher for 2008 will be Elizabeth Cantu**

## Apr/May and Summer 2008 - Cedar Key Arts Center Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
10 9:30 Plein Air 12 Summer Art Program Lunch	11 2pm Sketch Group	12 9 am Boat Builders 5:30 pm <u>CKAC</u> <u>Annual Meeting</u>	13	14	15 <u>Beads for Life</u> 10:00-2:00 Exhibit & Sale 3/1-3/21
17 9:30 Plein Air	18 2 pm Sketch Group	19 9 am Boat Builders	20 7 pm (Libr.) <u>Art Video</u> Highwaymen	21 <u>Pastels w/Grace</u> (tentative)	22 <u>Pen &amp; Ink</u> Joyce Patti, 10am- 2pm
24 9:30 Plein Air	25 2 pm Sketch Group	26 9 am Boat Builders	27	28 <u>Pastels w/Grace</u> (tentative)	29
31 9:30 Plein Air	1 <b>APRIL</b> 2 pm Sketch Group	2 9 am Boat Builders	3 Main Gallery Closed	4 Main Gallery Closed <u>Pastels w/Grace</u> (tentative)	5 9am CKAC Board Mtg <b>OPENING: Artists of Cedar Key, <u>Featuring</u> <u>Conning Nelson</u> 5-7 pm Sculpture Garden Dedication 5:30 pm</b>
7 9:30 Plein Air	8 2pm Sketch Group	9 9 am Boat Builders	10	11 <u>Pastels w/Grace</u> (tentative)	12 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts - <b>FESTIVAL</b>
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28	29	30	1 <b>MAY</b> Main Gallery Closed	2 Main Gallery Closed	3 <b>OPENING: CEDAR KEY SCHOOL ART SHOW</b> 5-7 pm <b>RECEPTION</b>
Between May 1 and Nov 1 - weekly groups do not meet regularly (Plein Air, Sketch Group, Boat Builders) Next Newsletter will be mailed in mid-September, but for the latest information on upcoming activities, check out the website which is updated monthly ( <a href="http://www.cedarkeyartscenter.org">www.cedarkeyartscenter.org</a> ).					

## July, August & September – Gallery and Studio Available to Member Artists

At least two walls of the **Main Gallery** will be reserved for member artist's to display and sell their work in July, August and September. If you are interested, contact Marsha Schwartz (543-0521).

During the same time period, the **Small Gallery** will be made available as "studio space" for members. You will be able to leave your work up and, presto, the Arts Center will have an exhibit of "**Artists at Work.**" Contact Marsha or Lois Benninghoff (543-0254) if you would like space.

### Arts Center Board 2007-2008

President: *Bev Ringenberg* (543-0362)

Board Members:

Vice President: *Bill Seyfarth* (543-5118)

*Sandra Allen* (543-6208) *Lois Benninghoff* (543-0254)

Secretary: *Missy Jackson* (543-6562)

*Eric Cassiano* (543-9459) *Peter Klocksien* (543-9683)

Treasurer: *Janet Cook* (493-2940)

*Marsha Schwartz* (543-0521) *Gina Stefani* (543-8005)

Keyhole Representative: *Donna Tanck* (352-528-6453)

Many thanks to **Sandi Allen, Eric Cassiano and Gina Stefani** who will be retiring from the Cedar Key Arts Center Board at the end of this season – your time and talents made a difference!

**Cedar Key ARTS CENTER is located at 457 Second St, PO Box 949, Cedar Key, FL 32625**