Here in the Florida Keys, we’re proud to be one of the most beautiful and colorful cultural destinations in the world while remaining accessible to all. Our festivals, theaters, concerts (indoor, outdoor, and underwater), art exhibitions and an abundance of cultural history are yours to enjoy in our warm and tranquil paradise.

Mayor Sylvia J. Murphy

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Abigail White grew up loving art in the Florida Keys. She wondered why Key West houses are called Conch Houses. That curiosity later gave rise to her Conch House series. Although she began painting as a child, it wasn’t until she moved into her new home in 2010 that she was inspired to try painting houses. She gifted Habitat for Humanity with a portrait of her new neighborhood, which they had built. The painting received acclaim and Jimmy Carter signed the back. A couple of months later, Abigail joined a gallery on Duval Street and began her Conch House series, meshing the conch shell into homes and local Key West venues using acrylic paint on canvas or wood. She draws inspiration from Old Town architecture, Keys plants and animals, the ocean and the sky. You can find Abigail’s work at the Guild Hall Gallery, 614 Duval and at the Key West Art Center, 301 Front Street.

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Event listings are for use as a guide in contacting the event coordinator to receive information on dates, times and locations. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, but verification should be made when planning to attend these events. Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Neither the Monroe County Commission, Monroe County Tourist Development Council, nor their agency may be held liable for incorrect information, errors or omissions.
Read on for insider information and enjoy our festivals and events like a seasoned pro. We’ve interviewed the folks who make it all happen to bring you the best tips, tricks and travel hacks.

**OCTOBER:** We’ve Got the Keys owner Nadene Grossman Orr is credited with putting the ‘creative’ back into Fantasy Fest, a fabulous annual event that celebrates its 40-year anniversary in 2019. The 10-day festival is billed as a celebration “where you can escape your everyday life and live out your fantasies!” There are multiple events ranging from costume contests, masquerade marches, street fairs, theme parties, fundraisers and a parade unlike any you’ve ever seen.

*Nadene’s pro tips?* Study the event offerings on the official website and plan what you’d like to attend before you leave home; this will allow you time to prepare your most creative costumes. She recommends booking early with body paint artists and glitter squads so you won’t be disappointed. Be sure to ask about waterproof/sweatproof paint.

**NOVEMBER:** Key West Film Festival founder and Chairman Brooke Christian is a Florida native, film producer and lifelong Key West vacationer. Nearly a decade ago, he had a vision to create an unparalleled festival experience “where passion meets paradise.” Movie enthusiasts enjoy five fun, sun and film-filled days at the Tropic Cinema and other venues around Old Town.

*Brooke’s pro-tip?* Reserve one of the limited number of VIP passes giving full access to the best of international and Florida cinema, festival after-parties and talks with celebrity guests and America’s top film critics. The event always attracts some important luminary writers, directors, producers and actors, so this may be your best chance to hobnob on the red carpet.

**DECEMBER:** The three-day I Love Stock Island Festival showcases the culinary, entertainment, artistic and recreation opportunities on Stock Island, while highlighting its rich heritage and cultural diversity – all while delivering an authentic ‘Old Key West’ experience.

*Festival organizer Sean Krikorian’s pro tip: book accommodations on Stock Island because every option offers spectacular water views. Whether you need hotel, RV parking or a dock slip, you won’t be disappointed. Festival events include a lighted boat parade, food truck crawl,
shrimp boil and other fun activities. Guests can visit the area’s last working waterfronts and shipyards as well as discover artists, boat builders, distilleries and breweries.

**JANUARY:** January attracts thousands of culinary explorers from around the country who descend on our tropical islands to escape the winter. Come delight your senses with the Uncorked Key Largo and Islamorada Food and Wine Festival mid-month, and the Key West Food and Wine Festival at the end of the month.

In the Upper Keys, attendees experience eleven days of everything wine and art. Organizer Sue Finney suggests you don't miss the Grand Tasting finale, held the last Saturday, featuring gourmet tastings from area restaurants and caterers complemented by dozens of domestic and global visiting wineries. It’s the highlight of the experience.

In Key West, choices range from more than 30 wine and food themed events showcasing a diverse range of vintages and inventive cuisine, hosted by their passionate creators at iconic island locations.

Mark Certonio is the brainchild behind the Key West Food and Wine Festival and his pro tip? Go for the VIP Experience. You’ll get more of what you came here for – great food and drink with exclusive opportunities.

**FEBRUARY:** Mile 0 Fest KEY WEST is a one-of-a-kind boutique festival with five days of music and events from more than 50 favorite Red-Dirt and Americana bands. Festival organizers offer a curated all-around pass that takes the stress out of planning. The Coral Head MusicFest, in its fourth year of production, takes place in Marathon’s Community Park. This full-day event features performances by both national and regional Rock & Southern Rock artists. Presented by the American Legion Riders Post 154, profits are funneled back to U.S. Veteran and local charities.

ALR Director and Event Coordinator Rich Anderson suggests this Pro Tip: Take advantage of the deeply discounted advance ticket prices.

**MARCH:** Tennessee Williams month-long birthday celebration boasts events including plein air painting, poetry and short story contests, readings, lectures and museum tours, films, theater events and a party complete with cake and bubbly. Come honor the life and accomplishments of this Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, poet and artist.

Organizer’s pro tip? Don’t miss the Tennessee Williams Museum with the largest collection of Williams memorabilia in the world.

**APRIL:** Theater is a year-round affair in The Keys. The Waterfront Playhouse has been entertaining Key West audiences for 80 years with a variety of musicals, dramas and comedies utilizing Key West’s rich talent pool of actors, directors and designers. The Red Barn Theater, now in its 40th season, offers regional premieres of plays and musicals staged in a quaint, circa-1829 former carriage house with just 88 seats making every show an intimate experience.

Also catch edgy original work at the Studios of Key West, first-rate productions at The Tennessee Williams Theater and quirky productions by Fringe Theater.

**MAY:** May is for music! The Key West Songwriters Festival is the largest of its kind in the world highlighting more than 150 music makers. Audiences have the rare opportunity to hear music performed with a passion that only its creators can convey. Highlights include a free main-stage concert on Duval Street (last year was Brad Paisley), a waterfront welcome concert, an impressive lineup of more than 30 free-admission performances and 20 exclusive ticketed shows.
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**Festival organizer Charlie Bauer’s pro tip?** Hang out at the festival’s headquarters, the Smokin’ Tuna Saloon, to cross paths with other attendees and even mix and mingle with the talent.

The 4-day Original Key Largo Music Festival features music to excite all ages and tastes, offering attendees an intimate look behind the original hits of country, folk, pop, rock and blues songwriters and performers. The fest showcases several intimate stages, eateries and watering holes around mile marker 104 bayside. Admission is free to all venues.

**Tip**
Produced by the non-profit Upper Keys Merchants Association, Inc. Insider information on their website will help you plan your visit and find the perfect lodging for your stay.

**JUNE:** Mystery Fest Key West welcomes internationally acclaimed authors and the fans who love them. During the weekend’s series of panels, presentations and social events, attendees learn first-hand how to craft or refine their own tales of crime, murder and mystery from a stellar line-up of high-profile mystery and suspense luminaries and true-crime experts. The event includes an international competition to claim the 2019 Mystery Writers Whodunit Award. The winner receives a book-publishing contract and other great prizes.

**Tip**
Organizer’s pro tip? All who are registered for the Fest by the early deadline are entered to win a cameo “character placement” role in a well-known author's next work – an honor indeed!

**JULY:** The Underwater Music Festival is an event dreamed up and created by a few locals back in 1983, and honors the environment in a fun and quirky way. It begins with a party at Looe Key Reef Tiki Bar with great food, dancing, drinks and live music. But don’t stay out too late, because the next day you will want to hit the water when the party moves to Looe Key Reef a few miles offshore. From a dive boat at the center of the fun, live music is pumped through underwater speakers while divers and snorklers interact with mermaids and musically inclined fanciful sea creatures.

**Tip**
David Turner, Executive Director of the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce offers this pro tip: no boat, no equipment...no worries! Call the Chamber and they will provide the skinny on great local captains, boats and dive charters.

Also don’t miss the Key Lime Festival, coinciding with Key West’s spectacular 4th of July celebration and Hemingway Days, a celebration of Ernesti look-alikes, writers, anglers and fans of the late author’s work. With such an active month and our most beautiful, calm azure waters, you might as well plan to stay the whole month.

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER:** While there are a few festivals and events that take place during the ‘off season’ such as WomenFest and Lobsterfest, our best pro tip for the late summer?

**Tip**
Plan your getaway during these months to enjoy great savings on accommodations, attractions and dining. In addition, the ocean is generally flat calm, warm and clear, perfect for all your watersport activities. You can tour our beautiful gardens and catch the vivid flaming orange of the poinciana tree and taste wonderfully ripe mangos everywhere.

Any month, any season, any festival is a great reason to plan your visit to The Keys. For more information, visit keysarts.com and click the calendar icon.

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Visitors can enjoy a guided refuge bike ride that include rustic fire road trails in Big Pine Key. Photo credit: Kristie Killam
From the mangrove forests to the coral reefs, many locals and visitors hail the great outdoors as the crowning glory of the Florida Keys. Why wouldn’t they? An eco-tourist destination unlike anywhere in the world, it provides a subtropical wilderness bliss that annually gives more than two million people opportunities to snorkel, dive, fish, kayak, sail and explore.

But this paradise is also a fragile ecosystem that counts on every one of us to do our part in lessening the stressors to some of the world’s most imperiled habitats, plants and wildlife species—like miniature Key deer, 5 of the world’s 7 species of sea turtles and the West Indian manatee—that call it home. Take a look at those leading the way, and consider how you might follow.

**Kristie Killam**  
Ranger for the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge

In Big Pine Key, Kristie wears many hats for the four Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges—over 400,000 acres of federally protected wildlife.

> “I love the fact that people had the vision, over a century ago, to make the decision that these places, and the plants and wildlife that depend on them, were worthy of protection so that future generations could appreciate them.”

**Q: WHY ARE THE REFUGES IMPORTANT?**  
**A:** They’re important in so many ways. They protect rare habitats, like the tropical hardwood hammocks and pine rocklands, and the plants and wildlife that call them home. Refuges provide a fantastic resource for people to get outdoors and enjoy nature, and they contribute to the local economy, with visitors coming specifically to observe and explore these amazing places.

**Q: HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THEM?**  
**A:** These are your public lands. All four refuges have different access opportunities, so know before you go! Crocodile Lake in Key Largo is closed to the general public with the exception of a beautiful butterfly garden, though behind-the-scenes access is gained by participating in numerous guided walks and volunteers working on a variety of projects. In National Key Deer Refuge in the Lower Keys, there are many areas open to the public. Blue Hole and the Nature Trails on northern Big Pine Key are some of the most well-known. The new Big Pine Key-located Nature Center, representing all the refuges, is a must-see. If you have a boat or go with an ecotour operator, the Great White Heron and Key West National Wildlife Refuges are accessible. The islands themselves are closed above the high tide line and some have closed areas and buffer zones surrounding them to protect sensitive plants and wildlife, but the nearby shallow waters are great places to go fishing, swimming, snorkeling, boating, kayaking and more.

**What Can You Do?** Visit gently. Learn the rules and regulations and the logic behind them. Share what you know.

**Dee Dee Greene**  
Key West’s Solid Waste Coordinator & founder of “Plogging the Keys”

Dee Dee does all she can to revere and protect the islands’ natural resources, and hopes you will, too.

> “You can Plog every day. Any time you’re outside walking, just pick up a piece of litter here and there as you go.”

**Q: WHAT MAKES PLOGGING DIFFERENT THAN ORGANIZED BEACH CLEANUPS?**  
**A:** Technically, Plogging is picking up litter as you jog—the Swedish put a name to it. We encourage everyone to walk, jog, bike or paddle to get here, take a break, and help us pick-up litter. Then go back to the exercise that got you here.

**Q: WHAT’S SOMETHING IMPORTANT YOU THINK PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW?**  
**A:** Many people think cigarettes are biodegradable, but they’re not. We target them and pick them up separately, then send them into TerraCycle so they can be recycled into plastic lumber.

**What Can You Do?** Keep a trash bag handy and be ready to Plog anywhere.

**Q: WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Visit gently. Learn the rules and regulations and the logic behind them. Share what you know.
As a captain in Islamorada, Steve serves some of the half million anglers who visit annually and is one of NOAA’s Blue Star Operators, a program that promotes the sustainability of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary—a 2,800 square nautical mile area that protects North America’s only living coral reef.

“I believe the best tool for promoting conservation is through education, and Blue Star Programs are spot on.”

Q: WHY DID YOU GET INVOLVED?
A: Even though I’ve been a member of the Sanctuary Advisory Council since 2010 and attended many of the meetings prior, I realized how much I didn’t know about my backyard—my playground and my office! Following the rules and educating people is how I spread the word about the right thing to do. What I learn, I share.

Q: WHAT’S SOMETHING YOU SHARE MOST?
A: I would say the most asked question I get while fishing near the reef edge is “What are those large yellow balls floating over there?” People don’t know what the sanctuary preservation areas are. My deckhand and I work very hard to spread the word and always do our share of cleanup. Floating balloons, plastics and rope get a ride back to the dock and put in a trash can. Our anglers get involved and appreciate the efforts.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Eat it or leave it. Use Blue Star Operators. Learn the proper techniques of catch—and release.
A young snorkeler adjusts her mask while exploring the Great White Heron National Refuge. Photo credit: Cricket Desmarais

Ken began diving the Keys in the late sixties and, as a commercial marine fisherman for thirty years, founded the world-leading Coral Restoration Foundation in 2007. In 2018, he also founded Reef Renewal, a company that develops techniques for growing new species of coral and methods to scale up reef restoration abilities.

“The marine environment of the Florida Keys is a unique place that needs our care and attention. As more people come here to enjoy the natural beauty, it becomes essential to treat it gently.”

Q: WHY IS CORAL SO IMPORTANT TO OUR ECOSYSTEM?
A: Corals are an essential part of the life cycles of many species of fish and invertebrates that are either harvested directly for food and recreation, or provide food for the fish and invertebrates we harvest. The corals also build the reefs that provide habitat for these fish and invertebrates, which support the relatively non-consumptive recreational dive tourism industry.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Look, don’t touch. Donate your dollars to one of the many organizations working to restore the reefs. Volunteer where needed.
TERI JOHNSTON
Mayor of Key West

Mayor Teri Johnston was at the helm when Key West made national news in 2019 for voting to ban sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate, ingredients considered harmful to the coral reef ecosystem.

“I am so pleased that many of our environmental initiatives have come from our residents who care deeply about the sustainability of Key West and The Florida Keys.”

Q: WHY IS THE REEF IMPORTANT TO OUR ISLAND COMMUNITIES?
A: The reef and nearshore waters are the economic and environmental heartbeat of Key West and The Keys. To me, it boils right down to the fact that there are thousands of sunscreens out there, and we have only one reef. We have an opportunity to do one small thing to protect that.

Q: WHAT’S YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR NATURAL RESOURCES?
A: As legislators and the voice of the people, it is our responsibility to remind locals and guests that we have a very fragile environment that we all need to protect and preserve.

We must be totally committed to preserving our natural resources for generations to follow.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Wear UV protective clothing and opt for eco-friendly sunscreens.
Go to keysvoluntourism.com to discover hands-on ways to support Keys’ sustainability, or to make donations to the organizations spearheading our efforts. Also visit any of the two dozen plus museums (keysarts.com/arts_directory/museums-history-nature) that reveal the histories and traditions that have sustained our island culture and communities for hundreds of years.

Coral Restoration Foundation™ Restoration Program Manager Jessica Levy outplants staghorn coral at a degraded reef site. Photo credit: Zach Ransom/Coral Restoration Foundation™

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CRICKET DESMARAIAS

Cricket Desmarais is an artist, dancer, writer, and wellness coach living in Key West with her daughters. Her favorite places to be are Snipe Point and Calda Channel in the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge.
FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS

October 17
Womankind BraZaar
Held at The Key West Theater.
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

October 18-27
Fantasy Fest 2019 40th Anniversary
In Tune... But Off Key
Various times & locations in Key West.
Street Fairs, Pet Masquerade, Poster signing
Party, Children’s Day & Fantasy Parade.
305-295-9112. fantasyfest.com

October 18 & 19
Goombay Street Festival
12 p.m. Island arts & crafts, music and
food in the heart of Key West’s historic
Bahama village.
305-295-9112. fantasyfest.com

October 19
Coral Head Blues Fest
11:30 a.m. Marathon City Park Amphitheater.
coralheadmusicfest.com

October 24
Headdress Ball 37th Annual
8 p.m. Key West Amphitheater at the
Truman Waterfront Park.
305-295-7676. keystix.com

October 26
Big Pine & Lower Keys Island Art Festival
9 a.m. Unique island arts & crafts. Lower Keys
Chamber of Commerce grounds.
305-872-2411. lowerkeyschamber.com

November 10
Taste of the Islands 22nd Annual
11 a.m. Food, art, vendors, music
and children’s activities. Marathon
Community Park.
Facebook.com/BPWMarathonTaste

November 16
A Night at the Museum: Bootlegger Bash
6 p.m. Florida Keys History & Discovery
Foundation at the Islander Resort, Islamorada.
305-922-2237. keysdiscovery.com

November 20-24
Key West Film Festival 8th Annual
Showcase of films that capture creativity
and diversity hosted at landmark venues
throughout Key West.
kwfilmfest.com

November 30
Holiday Artisan Fair
9 a.m. The Studios of Key West.
305-296-0458. tskw.org

December 13-15
I Love Stock Island Festival
8 a.m. Various events and venues.
Concerts, foodie events, history, art studio
tours and fresh seafood.
305-731-5780. ilovestockisland.org

December 14
Key Largo Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
7:30 p.m. At Blackwater Sound.
305-451-4502. keylargoboatparade.com

All phone numbers are area code 305 unless otherwise noted.

**OF CULTURAL EVENTS**

“Nicely Settled”
by Priscilla Coote

“Blue Beauty”
by Gabrielle Wilson

“Meet Me at the Beach”
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by Kim Workman
December 14
Schooner Wharf Lighted Boat Parade
8 p.m. Key West.
305-292-3302. schoonerwharf.com

December 31
New Year’s Eve Celebrations—Key West
Join the festivities and watch the Conch Shell, the Drag Queen, the Key Lime Pie Wedge or the Pirate Wench drop.
keywestchamber.org

January through April
Arts & Eats Series
The Studios of Key West.
305-296-0458. tskw.org

January 11 & 12
Florida Keys Celtic 7th Annual Festival
Marathon Community Park, MM 49.

January 17-19
Baygrass Bluegrass 8th Annual Festival
Live music at various venues in Islamorada.
305-407-7939. baygrassbluegrass.com

January 18
Art Under the Oaks
9 a.m. Fine arts & crafts and food.
San Pedro Church, Tavernier.
305-360-8556. artundertheoaks.com

January 25 & 26
Key West Craft Show 35th Annual
10 a.m. Over 100 craft artists. Whitehead & Caroline Streets.
305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com

January 26
Master Chefs Classic 26th Annual
4 p.m. Margaritaville Resort, Key West.
305-294-9526, Ext. 25. masterchefsclassic.com

January 26-February 2
Key West Food & Wine Festival
Various times & locations.
800-474-4319. keywestfoodandwinefestival.com

February TBD
Key West Photography Festival
Various times and venues.
305-896-1129. keywestphotofest.com

March 21
ReMARCable Ice Cream Social
Noon. Key West Garden Club.
305-294-9526, Ext. 25. marchouse.org

April through June
Afro Roots Fest 22nd Annual
Various venues throughout the Florida Keys.
786-218-6854. afrorootsfest.com

April 5
Papio Kinetic Festival and Sculpture Parade
Sculpture Parade is held on May 4. Key West Art & Historical Society.
papioskineticparade.com, kwahs.org

April 10
Key West Songwriters Festival 25th Annual
Various times & locations.
kwsf.com

June TBA
Mystery Fest Key West
mysteryfestkeywest.com

June and various dates
Florida Keys International Guitar Festival
Features virtuoso classical and jazz guitar.
305-304-1437. floridakeysguitarfestival.com

July 17-22
Hemingway Days Festival 40th Annual
Various events & locations in Key West.
hemingwaydays.net

August 7-10
Key West Lobsterfest 24th Annual
keywestlobsterfest.com

September 2-6
Key West Womenfest
Various times & locations.
305-294-4603. womenfest.com

Thursdays
Key West Farmers Market
10 a.m. Produce, cheese, plants, honey, baked goods, food, artisan crafts, general merchandise, souvenirs and local non-profits.
Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E. Quay Rd.
305-731-3385.

MUSIC
October through May
CHRISTOPHER PETERSON’S EYECONS
All performances begin at 9 p.m. Master of impersonations, both visually and vocally.
La Te Da, 1125 Duval St., Key West.
305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com

November 22 & 23
Old Island Days Art Festival 55th Annual
10 a.m. Over 100 artists exhibiting paintings, sculpture, photography and more. Whitehead & Caroline Streets.
305-294-1241. keywestartcenter.com
of showbiz: Cher, Bette and some originals.
La Te Da, 1125 Duval St., Key West.
305-296-6706. lateda.com/cabaret

February 28
Kim Gordon: Let’s Be Bad
Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St., Key West.
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

IMPROPTU CLASSICAL CONCERTS
OF KEY WEST
All performances begin at 4 p.m.
St. Paul’s Church, 410 Duval St., Key West.
January 12: Blake Pouliot
January 26: Trio Gaspard
February 9: Cannellakis-Brown Duo
February 23: Rascher Saxophone Quartet
March 8: Natalie Kazarian
March 22: Caladore String Quartet
305-296-1520. keywestimpromptu.org

KEY WEST THEATER CONCERT SERIES
All performances begin at 8 p.m.
For full concert schedule visit our website.
October 3: Anders Osborne Solo Show
November 10: Who’s Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience
December 1: Max Weinberg’s Jukebox
December 5: Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute
December 15: Brett Michaels
January 17: Tommy Castro
February 27: Beginnings: A Tribute to the Music of Chicago
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

POPS IN THE PARK
Keys Community Concert Band
All performances begin at 4 p.m.
Founders Park, MM 87, Islamorada.
November 30: Leftover Turkey Tunes
December 14: Suite Dreams
January 18: What A Wonderful World
February 29: Wild Kingdom
April 25: Young Musicians
Peace Park at Murray Nelson Center, Key Largo.
March 28: Springtime Serenade
305-451-4530. keyscommunityconcertband.org

SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee Williams Theatre, 5901 College Rd., Key West.
November 8: Masterworks I, featuring Brandie Sutton, soprano
January 15: Masterworks II, featuring Irmina Trykos, violin
February 9: Beethoven 250th Anniversary Celebration featuring Neil Nelson, full choir and Svetlana Smolina, piano
Key West High School. Glynn Archer Center for the Performing Arts
March 8: Masterworks III, featuring Zuill Bailey, cello
April 17: Masterworks IV, featuring Mark Bebington, piano
305-295-7676. keystix.com

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE
All performances begin at 8 p.m.
For full schedule of events visit our website.
5901 College Rd., Key West.
December 5: Sutton Foster in Concert
January 25: Kristin Chenoweth in Concert
February 14: Mandy Patinkin in Concert
March 21: The Choir of Man
March 23: Dave Boote in the Cabaret
May 5: One Night of Queen
305-295-7676. visit keystix.com

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST
533 Eaton St., Key West.
November 7: Jose Maria Vitier Piano Concert
January 16: Carrie Newcomer in Concert
February 10: John Smith in Concert
March 9: Tom Rush in Concert
305-296-0458. tskw.org

THEATER
Thursdays & Fridays
Comedy Key West
8:30 p.m. BottleCap Blue Room.
305-985-7370. comedykeywest.com

FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST
Check website for show dates and venues.
305-751-0581. keywestfringe.org

KEY WEST BURLESQUE
Visit Key West Burlesque on Facebook.
305-790-2862.

KEY WEST THEATER
For full schedule of events visit our website.
512 Eaton St., Key West.
December 7: Paula Poundstone
December 11: A Peter White Christmas
January 14: Sinbad
February 22: Tom Papa
305-985-0433. thekeywesttheater.com

MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATRE
Performances Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinees at 3 p.m.
5101 Overseas Hwy., MM 49.5.
October 18 & 19: One Weekend Only - Annual Fundraiser
November 14-December 7: Greater Tuna
December 14: Holiday Shows
January 16-February 8: Four Old Broads
February 21 & 22: True West
March 5-April 4 How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying
May 7-23: The Lady Swims Today
July 17-18: Children’s Theater Performance
305-743-0994. marathontheater.org

RED BARN THEATRE
Performances Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.
319 Duval St. (Rear), Key West.
December 10-January 4: Tiny Beautiful Things
January 14-February 8: Life Sucks
February 18 - March 14: Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune
March 24-April 18: Short Attention Span Theatre: The Twilight Zone
305-296-9911. redbarntheatre.com
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATRE
All performances begin at 8 p.m.
5901 College Rd., Key West.
December 19 & 20: The Play That Goes Wrong
February 17: Jersey Boys National Tour
March 6: The Peking Chinese Acrobats
March 12 & 15: The Color Purple National Tour
305-295-7676. keystix.com

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST
533 Eaton St., Key West.
January 28-February 1 & February 4-8: Primetime
February 19-22 & 26-29: Anna in the Tropics
305-296-0458. tskw.org

WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE
Performances Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.
310 Wall St., Key West.
October 19-25: Rocky Horror Show
November 5-11: The Informer
November 22-25: HAIR in Concert
December 12-28: Around the World in 80 Days
January 16-February 1: Glass
February 12-15: Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill
March 5-28: Priscilla Queen of the Desert
March 15: Trunk Material
April 16-May 2: American Buffalo
April 19 & 20: Bash
May 21-June 6: Beehive
305-294-5015. waterfrontplayhouse.org

VISUAL ARTS
October through May
Connections Project: A Mosaic of the Keys Workshops and receptions from Key West to Key Largo.
305-295-4369. keysarts.com

November 22 & 23
Key West Garden Club Annual Art Show
10 a.m. West Martello Tower, Higgs Beach, 1100 Atlantic Blvd. 305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

CUSTOM HOUSE EXHIBITS
Key West Art & Historical Society
Through November 10: Surroundings: Watercolors by Martha Watson Sauer
October 5-20: Royal Retrospective: 40 Years of Fantasy Fest
November 1-February 9: Literary History of the Florida Keys
November 22-January 5: Key West Collects: Our Community Treasures
January 17-March 22: From A Woman’s Hand
February 21-April 12: Sandford Birdsey: A Retrospective
Ongoing: Guy Harvey’s The Old Man and The Sea, Overseas to the Keys: Henry Flagler’s Overseas Railway; Tennessee Williams – The Playwright and the Painter
305-295-6616. kwahs.org

THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Opening receptions on first day of exhibit. Performance series, workshops and exhibitions.
533 Eaton St., Key West.
December 5-26: Winter Members’ Exhibition
January 20-30: Onajide Shabaka
February 6-27: The Fabelo Family
June 4-July 9: Mango Madness Summer Members’ Exhibition
305-296-0458. tskw.org

DANCE
June 5 & 6
Tah-Dance 13th Annual Dance Showcase
Marathon Community Theatre.
305-743-0994. marathontheater.org

FILM
November 20-24
Key West Film Festival 8th Annual Showcase of films that capture creativity and diversity.
kwhilmfest.com

February 9
The Oscars in Key West Gala
7 p.m. Live telecast and red carpet evening.
Tropic Cinema, Key West.
877-761-3456. tropiccinema.com

MUSEUMS, HISTORY & NATURE
Through December
15 Year Odyssey: Restoring Our Oceans, Preserving Our Heritage
305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

October through May
Keys History & Discovery Center
Speaker Series and Exhibits
The Islander Resort, Islamorada.
305-922-2237. keysdiscovery.com

November 22 & 23
Key West Garden Club Annual Fall Plant Sale & Art Show
10 a.m. West Martello Tower, Higgs Beach,
November 30
Marathon Garden Club
Holiday Bazaar & Rummage Sale
9 a.m. The Marathon Garden Club,
5270 Overseas Hwy.
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

December 28 & 29
Key West Garden Club Garden Tours Key West
305-294-3210. keywestgardenclub.com

January 25
Marathon Garden Club January Jamboree
8:30 a.m. The Marathon Garden Club,
5270 Overseas Hwy.
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

March through April
Key West Art & Historical Society's
Tennessee Williams Birthday Celebration
Various times and dates. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.
305-295-6616. kwahs.org

March 7
Marathon Garden Club Home & Garden Tour
10 a.m.
305-743-4971. marathongardenclub.org

May 28-Labor Day
Blue Star Museums Program
Free admission for active Military Personnel and their families. Museums include:
Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden,
Mel Fisher Maritime Museum (Key West) and
The History of Diving Museum (Islamorada).
arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums

Third Wednesdays
History of Diving Museum’s
Immerse Yourself Presentation Series
Presentations begin at 7 p.m.
82990 Overseas Hwy., MM83, Islamorada.
305-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

July 3
Key West Art & Historical Society
Distinguished Speaker Series
6 p.m. The Custom House Museum, 281 Front St.
305-295-6616. kwahs.org

July 14-31
San Francisco Music Festival
Various times and dates. Key West
305-299-4242.

First Sundays
Key West Poetry Guild Meeting
7 p.m. Open to all interested in poetry.
Key West Library, 700 Fleming St.
305-509-2938.

March 7: Conch Shell Blowing Contest
March 13 & 14: Key West House & Garden Tours.
305-294-9501. oirf.org

LITERARY
January 9-12
Key West Literary Seminar –
Reading Between the Lines:
Sports and Literature 38th Annual
San Carlos Institute, 516 Duval St., Key West.
305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

January 13-17
Key West Literary Seminar –
Writer’s Workshop Program
San Carlos Institute, 516 Duval St., Key West.
305-293-9291. kwls.org/seminar

February 8
Elizabeth Bishop Birthday
Poetry Reading
5 p.m. Poems by and about U.S. Poet Laureate and 11-year Key West resident for Bishop’s 109th Key West Birthday. Key West Theater Back Stage Listening Room, 512 Eaton St.
504-228-2899.

First Sundays
Key West Poetry Guild Meeting
7 p.m. Open to all interested in poetry.
Key West Library, 700 Fleming St.
305-509-2938.

Mondays, January through March
Friends of the Key West Library –
Lecture Series
6 p.m. Featuring notable special guests.
friendsofthekeywestlibrary.org

HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
82990 Overseas Hwy., MM83, Islamorada.
June & September: Dive Into History
June: Silver Bar Splash Treasure Hunt
505-664-9737. divingmuseum.org

KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST &
BOTANICAL GARDEN
5210 College Rd., Key West.
November 9: Moonlight Stroll
February 15 & 16: Garden Fest Key West &
Green Market Place
April 1 - July 31: Art in the Garden
April 21: Spring Migration & Great Egg Hunt
305-296-1504. kwbgs.org

MEF FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM
Key West. Exhibits, lecture series, Earth Day
Celebration, museum archaeologist and guest
scholars on science and history.
305-294-2633. melfisher.org

OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION
Oldest House, Key West.
December 24: Christmas Eve Event
December 27 & 28: Key West House &
Garden Tours.
January 17 & 18: Key West House &
Garden Tours.
February 14 & 15: Key West House &
Garden Tours.
March 7: Conch Shell Blowing Contest
March 13 & 14: Key West House &
Garden Tours.
305-294-9501. oirf.org

HARRY S. TRUMAN LITTLE WHITE HOUSE
Concerts, Paella Cook Off, Presidential Families,
Truman Legacy Symposium, Fruit Festival and
Lecture Series. Key West.
305-294-9911. trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

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