

Artist of the Month Bluewater Potters



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Before you even enter Bluewater Potters, your senses are aroused by the handmade ceramic door handle, glazed with the glowing turquoise of the waters of the Keys. Once inside, the colors strike you even more strongly, combined with designs of our local geckos, fish, and turtles adorning mugs, candleholders, lamps, and toothbrush holders.

The artists, Corky and Kim Wagner (see picture above), met in college at Indiana University of Pennsylvania - yes, that's sort of like Jersey Shore, PA, or California, PA. (Remember, Eagles fans, there's always 2008!!!). They've been in Florida since they got married, over 25 years ago, first in Orlando for 15 years, then moving to the Keys.

Bluewater Potters' studio was part of Treasure Village for over 13 years, and they relocated to Key Largo about a year and a half ago. Corky mainly works on the wheel - he likes to make custom coffeepots and teapots, each a unique creation. Kim adds

decorative touches to Corky's thrown items, including fish, leaves, and calla lilies. She also does the hand-built pieces such as plates, wall geckos and "woven" baskets. You can heat a "breadbasket" in the microwave to keep your bread warm at the table - a great idea. There are even geckos climbing on salt and pepper shakers.

Each individually crafted piece is dishwasher, oven and microwave safe, and all glazes are lead free.

While you're exploring the studio, make sure to ask to see the bathroom. No, not to use it, but to see the custom stoneware sink and all of the accompanying accessories, including towel racks, soap dish, and door pulls. Seeing the pieces where they belong gives you an idea of a theme and colors that can be customized for your individual space.

You'll want to add the color and flavor of the Keys to your home with a functional and original piece of these potters' unique creations.

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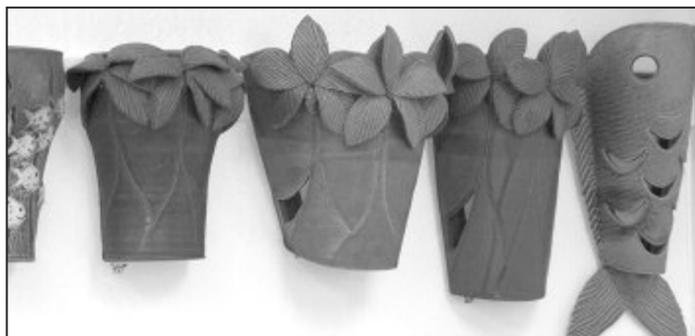
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The phone number is (305) 453-1920. You can also see some sample pieces and glazes on their website at www.bluewaterpotters.com.

BPW Inducts Four New Members



Key Largo - The Upper Keys Century Business & Professional Women (BPW) are pleased to announce the induction of four new members. The new members were inducted during the monthly membership meeting in February held at the Key Largo Lion's Club. Recently, the Upper Keys BPW has enjoyed a spurt of growth in their membership, signing up many outstanding members of the community, including but not limited to, real estate agents, event coordinators, and certified public accountants. To keep up the current explosion of membership, BPW

invites all upstanding members of the business and professional community to join this exceptional organization. Benefits of membership range from monthly meetings with brilliant speakers, to resources for business owners and professionals, to lavish after-hour events. Please contact BPW Vice President of Membership Anne Wren at lwren@ftloan.com or (305) 852-4610 for more information.

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