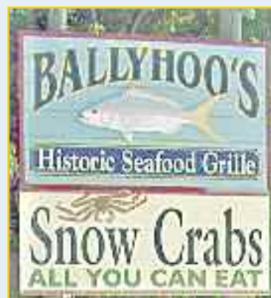


Restaurant of the Month Ballyhoo's Historic Seafood Grille

Story and photo by Rachel R. Peine



Let's get one thing straight right away. For a seafood restaurant, Ballyhoo's goes out of its way to make sure that nobody in your party starves. From Hawaiian marinated Top Sirloin to Vegetarian "Pasta Mama Mia" (fresh veggies in an Alfredo/pesto sauce), you can take the carnivores, the fishavores, and the vegevores for a leisurely and comfortable dinner in the quaint atmosphere of beamed ceilings, pine-paneled walls, and huge sea turtle shells on the walls. Rich and I also like the ambience of the outdoor seating with flickering torchlight.



The building itself was originally part of a fishing camp from the 1930's, where fishermen, aided by a few pints, regaled one another with fish tales that grew longer as the night wore on. With this heritage, Ballyhoo's is ideally suited to present a tasty variety of seafood, featuring all-you-can eat Stone Crabs, in season from October 15 to May 15. The stone crabs are accompanied by a choice of six side dishes and a fresh, crisp salad. Lunch specials are available from 11:00 - 5:00 daily, along with the staples like the Key Largo Fish Sandwich, grilled with sautéed onions and cheese, Continued on page 11...

Artist of the Month T-Toons

Story and photo by Rich Peine



T-Toons is the place for silk-screened T-shirts and original cartoon mugs. Sherry and Mike Kobilis started creating cartoon T-shirts back in 1985 in Pompano Beach. After seven years in Pompano, they moved to the Keys, mostly doing custom work. You may have seen some bright yellow shirts saying "Attack of the Land Sharks" in a recent issue of this paper, thanks to printing by T-toons.

In addition to silk screening, Sherry does freehand cartooning, and they're all her own designs. They sold a lot of their cartoon work when they first moved down here, so that's how they got the name T Toons.

Sherry says, "I've been cartooning my entire life. I suppose being "hooked" on TV cartoons as a child had a great deal of influence in my

pursuance over the years. I was lucky enough to be published in 1989 with my book "Humanimals and other funny stuff". From that I began a T-shirt company where I screen printed my artwork on shirts and began doing art shows. The response was terrific! I moved on to doing pen and ink with watercolors for framing at the shows. After many years of that media I decided to learn a new process, ergo sublimation."

She continues, "I've silk-screened myself, but the mug process is a whole new thing to me. It's quite a process going from print to mug."

Sherry scans an original print into Photoshop, and then the images are printed "mirror image" on special paper using sublimation inks. (I had a feeling she wasn't talking Freud when she mentioned this term, but it

was new to me in this context.) The designs are then heated and sealed into the mug, creating a permanent vibrant color cartoon that cannot be scratched.

You can get a sense of Sherry's sense of humor from her book that contains all her own original cartoons. For example, the cover shows a rabbit driving a car, with a human foot hanging from the

rear view mirror. I always figured rabbits would do that if they could drive. You can get her book at their studio.

Their studio is at 102 Laguna Ave. in Key Largo, mile marker 100. Call 451-9557 or visit www.Sherrys-World.Com. You Can See The Entire Process From Print To Mug. The Website Invites You To Stop By, So You Can Brainstorm Some Gifts For Friends, Family, Or Yourself.



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