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Big Chill: Happy 11-year anniversary!



Key Largo Moose Administrator Bob with Lexa and Becky, who donated the the cooler for the Tiki Bar.



Lamborghini Day at Gilbert's Resort.



Kid Rock Fishing on III Amigos in Jimmy Johnson's Fishing Championship.



The angelfish sculpture at Murray Nelson Government Center. Painted by AnneMarie Anderson and purchased by Syliva Murphy, who then donated it to it's home overlooking the lobby.



Look who's getting in on the SUP action!



Centennial celebration at the American Legion.

Blasts from the Past - Photos from our Archives:



Chip DeClue singing karaoke with Marty Ebert at the Paradise Pub.



Russ and Darryl Cullen - photo by Bill Wilson.



Original Living in Color Artist ©Jen Callahan is the poster artist for the 28th annual Island Fest.

Presented by the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce, the two-day festival will offer live music, gourmet cuisine, vintage cars, and plenty of fine art and craft. The festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 & 7, at Founders Park on the beach.

"I am so happy to have been selected as the Poster Artist this year at Island Fest," says Jen Callahan, an Original Life in Color Artist®. Callahan says that her love for

28th Annual Island Fest Scheduled for April 6 and 7

animals began as a young child which was "later cultivated into a need to express my fascination with animals and color." This fascination can truly be seen in her 2019 Island Fest poster piece "Manatee," a whimsical and colorful depiction of the sea-dwelling mammal that calls the Florida Keys home.

Callahan describes her technique as "between water-color and acrylics as well as experimenting with different painting surfaces and styles.

Island Fest features something for everyone! Continuous live music, sand sculpture building, kite flying, Taste of Islamorada, kids activities, a vintage car show & more!

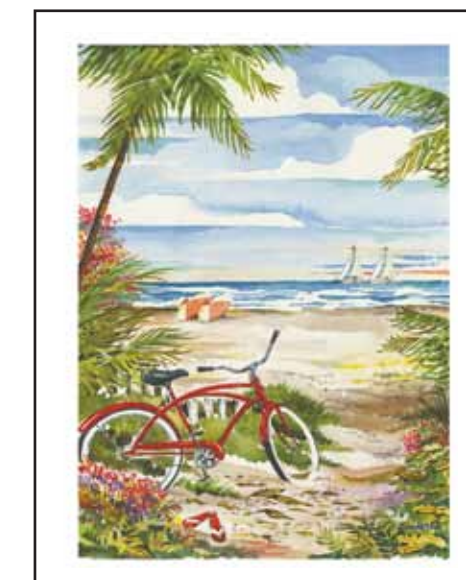
My emotions come out with each painting and I tend to use colors that make me happy, sometimes disregarding what is presented in real life."

Callahan is just one of approximately 100 artists whose works will be on display at Island Fest. The juried Arts & Crafts show will feature local and national artists whose creations run the gamut from paintings and sculptures to jewelry and photography.

Also among the participants will be Donna Elias, a watercolor painter with an affinity for depicting seaside landscapes, landscapes, and life-saving stations.

When asked about participating in Island Fest, she says, "I've been traveling to the Florida Keys every winter for over 25 years. I guess I've painted (and played) on just about every island down the

chain. Even so, this will be my very first appearance at Island Fest and I'm very excited! I'll be bringing a wide variety of my work, including paintings from my "By the Seaside" series and some pieces from my "Great American Light-houses Collection." I look forward to meeting everyone and to having a great time!"



Beach Bicycle IV by Donna Elias.

One Hundred Years Ago

The year is 1918 -- What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the year 1918:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub, and only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1918 was 22 cents per hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A dentist earned \$2,500 per year; Veterinarian between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year; Mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

90% of doctors had no college education. They attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned by the press and the government as "substandard."

Most women only washed their hair once a month, using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The 5 leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer & iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write, and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.

18% of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.

28th ANNUAL FLORIDA KEYS

Island Fest

SAT 10 to 7:30 • SUN 10 to 5
April 6 & 7

Presented by the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce

on the beach at Founders Park, MM87

Plantation Yacht Harbor Arts & Crafts Show | "Taste of Islamorada" | All-American Road Vintage Cruisers Show

Music-Art-Food-Fun-Cars

Live music performances all day, both days!

Saturday Highlights:
WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT
Homemade Boat Race
Adults & Kids Divisions

Keys Birds, Butterflies and Blooms
Sand Sculpting Contest on the Beach!

Sunset Beach Party
Saturday 5:30-7:30pm
feat. music by Coconut Cowboys

Sunday Highlight:
Taste of Islamorada!
Sample incredible food from the best restaurants in Islamorada
Vote for the Best!

BOTH DAYS:
Kite Flying • Sand Sculpting
Art for Kids • Hula Hoop Contests
"The Brainery" Kids Business Fair
Food & Drink • Craft Beer Garden
Bring your own cup, lawn chair & camera!

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