



## REALTOR® SPOTLIGHT Jane Wasmund

Jane wanted to give back to her community and 22 years ago she decided that she could do this at Christmas time by adopting kids and their families from the area to help who otherwise would not have a Christmas or presents. She contacted the local Postmaster as well as several church pastors and teachers and asked the question - "Who can we help that needs us at Christmas?" Requests came in, and specific gifts were asked for by the kids and those requests were then fulfilled. That began her yearly promise to help families in our community.

Four years ago Jane and her helpers started the Lighted Bike Parade- an instant hit and event for families to decorate their bikes, and come ride at night up the bike path. Donations are given for the ride, and there is also an on line auction on facebook the week before. Local business owners donate amazing gifts for the auction -they are bid on - and the monies raised from the ride and auction then go to help buy the gifts for the families and kids in our community.

None of this is accomplished alone. As Jane says -It takes a village-and our Keys community is an amazing village of caring and compassionate folks. Whenever you can keep the magic alive for a child and a family at Christmas it is a humbling experience.

**Achievements & Certifications:** Certified Realtor Specialist, Graduate Real Estate Institute, and Short Sale and Foreclosure Specialist. Florida Keys Board of Realtors: Professional Standards, Grievance Committee, past Director for 6 years. Board member for the Red Cross Clara Barton Keys Society in the Keys



Jane Wasmund is the Broker Owner with her daughter Wendy Ives at Tropical Realty of the Florida Keys. Jane has been a realtor since 1982.

She became a realtor when she moved to the Keys. Her passion for real estate can be traced back to when she was working for a real estate company as their secretary, and realized that she wanted to be an agent. She loved her career as an agent and quickly became a broker and purchased a franchise company that she had for 10 years. She and her daughter now own Tropical Realty. She often tells of her first year in the business. She said there were so many "deals" to buy, and she would take her husband Jerry around in the evening to look at all the great buys in the Keys!! In her free time Jane loves to read, and she and her husband Jerry also love to go on cruises and travel.

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## Literacy and Recreation Program Now Available to Monroe Co. Residents



Recently, all five Monroe County Public Libraries placed a StoryWalk® in their community. Key Largo Branch Library's StoryWalk® is at the Key Largo Community Park near the playground.

StoryWalk® is a wonderful way for adults and their young children or grandchildren to combine literacy skills and exercise as they walk to each of the reading stations. A new story will be on display at the beginning of each month, through August 2022.

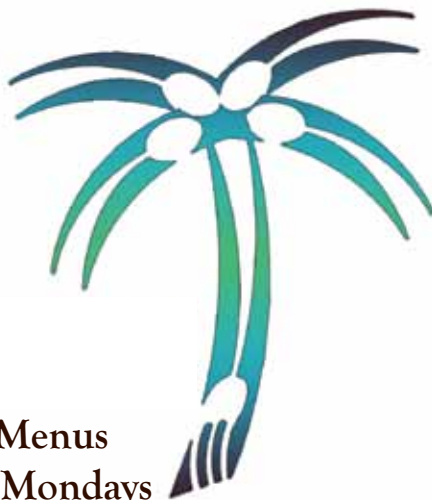
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This is a real product currently under development in Japan:  
the Katsugyo Bag

Katsugyo is Japanese which roughly translates to 'live fish.' The Katsugyo Bag is anything but a bag, but is instead a complete self-contained live fish transporting vessel..

There's actually a whole separate compartment taking up half of the cylindrical prototype which has a number of life support components. The Katsugyo Bag is not designed to keep ornamental fish comfortable but instead is intended to keep live food fish 'alive' so that they remain fresh until they are ready to be prepared for consumption. Or you could just take a pet for a walk. Your choice!



## GARDEN CLUB of the UPPER KEYS INC.

JANUARY 18, 2022

### "The Biology and Ecology of Mangroves"

Janice Duquesnel will be the guest speaker at the Garden Club of the Upper Keys monthly meeting January 18 at 11:00 am.

Janice has worked for the Florida Park Service since 1995 and is District 5 biologist based in the Florida Keys. She will be discussing the critical role of mangrove ecosystems, how to identify the three species, and the impact of non-native mangrove species found in South Florida.

Free and open to the public.  
At the Francis Tracy Garden Center  
94040 Overseas Highway (mm 94 bayside)

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## GARDENWALK

Presented by Garden Club of The Upper Keys  
SATURDAY, FEB 19th, 2022  
10am - 4 pm, rain or shine!



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MM 100 Key Largo Flowers & Gifts	MM 82 Wild Lily Boutique

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