



FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL OF THE ARTS 1997-2017

**ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016**

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Monroe Council of the Arts Corporation dba Florida Keys Council of the Arts

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Vision

The vision of the **Florida Keys Council of the Arts** is to enrich the arts and enhance the cultural heritage of the Florida Keys.

Mission Statement

The mission of the **Florida Keys Council of the Arts** is to advance the creative development and promotion of the arts in our cultural community by providing excellence in leadership, advocacy, education and financial support for artists, cultural organizations and citizens of Monroe County.

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ALL THE ARTS
ALL THE TIME
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77,482

residents of Monroe County



4.4 million

visitors per year



100+ mile

island chain with 42 bridges

About the Council

As the designated Local Arts Agency by Florida Statute #265.32, we are committed to our leadership role as the community’s umbrella organization for arts and culture.

The Florida Keys Council of the Arts is the leading arts and cultural organization in the Florida Keys.

The Arts Council provides services and grants to visual and performing artists, arts organizations, students, and the public, striving to instill a passion for and participation in the arts. To enrich and enhance the arts and cultural community, the Arts Council promotes the Art in Public Places program, and advances the destination for its rich and diverse history.

The cultural arts play a fundamental role in the lives of our residents and visitors. The Arts have been and continue to be the signature of what makes our community unique and an international destination.

Our focus is to maintain and expand our programming in a diverse, innovative

and balanced manner. We strive for results that strengthen the economy, promote active community engagement, and provide support for arts education and advocacy.

Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP) initiatives. Our Executive Director is an Executive Board member of FAPAP, attends monthly phone meetings and the annual conference, connecting her

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Outreach and advocacy are ongoing activities. We connect the public to a sense of place and community with the Art in Public Places commissioned permanent art collection. We advocate in a leadership role by gaining knowledge through our participation in Americans for the Arts, Florida Association of Local Arts Agencies (FALAA), and Florida

to public art trends, challenges and best practices. Arts Council’s Board Members and Advisors are engaged, educated and passionate ambassadors for all of the arts. Their commitment to the organization and knowledge of the economic impact of the arts within the County is essential to our advocacy efforts for continued growth and relevance.

WE SUPPORT: To date, \$531,281 has been directly awarded in local grants. This fiscal year we awarded \$42,650 in grants to teaching artists and served over 6,500 children. In addition thousands of artists and audiences were also served in Monroe County. These grants are funded in part by the State of Florida, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, membership dues and private donations.

WE CONNECT: We focus on connecting the community to the arts. Our ambitious season of events raises both awareness and funds for our grant programs throughout the Florida Keys. Expanded and refined programming included: The Connections Project: A Mosaic of the Keys, Culture Circle Series and the Symphony in the Schools program.

WE PROMOTE: As the main source of information promoting arts and culture in the Keys, our annual Gallery Guide, Culture Magazine and the KeysArts Quarterly events calendar (produced in cooperation with the Monroe County Tourist Development Council) are distributed at almost 200 Keys’ locations, included in national and international press kits and distributed at travel trade shows. To promote our local artists we create rotating exhibits for our program, Art in Public Buildings. We are also proud to administer Monroe County’s prestigious 1% for Public Art program.

WE GIVE: Through the Cultural Umbrella, South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship Award, Art in Public Places commissions and the total distributed through the Art Council’s efforts; total funds distributed in the Keys’ cultural community comes to over \$7.52 million to date. The annual economic impact of the non-profit arts community in Monroe County is estimated at over \$86 million.

A Message from our Executive Director Elizabeth Young

Our 2015-2016 season was an ambitious series of events throughout the Keys to raise awareness, and funds for our grant programs. We kicked off with a Board and Advisor orientation, grant panels for Artists in Schools, ArtReach and Special Projects, and I was honored to be a State Cultural Division Grant panelist. We held our 2nd annual *Culture Crawl* event to promote cultural venues within Key West's historic district with business sponsor, Hard Rock Café. Highlights include free application workshops on The Art of Public Art, SFCC \$15,000 Fellowship, Knight Foundation Arts Challenge, Cultural Umbrella Event funding and our new initiative, a Speakers' Bureau in Key Largo and Marathon. Terri and I presented to the Leadership Monroe class on the arts and its positive economic impact in the



County. Our members' exhibit in November at the Gato was themed, *Changing Tides*, and reflected on the ebb and flow of the water, sky and island living challenges and joys. The holiday membership party in the exquisite home of Larry and Carol Abramovitz, celebrated the opening of season with Bobby Nesbitt and Carmen Rodriguez entertaining over 200 guests. We showcased outstanding local artists whose work is in the hosts' collection. The membership campaign expanded to the Middle and Upper Keys, with a second holiday event at the *Bait Shack*, the magnificent Marathon estate of arts patrons, Steve and Sheila Cook, we are grateful for their support. Our ambitious project connecting Keys' artists, *The Connections Project: A Mosaic of the Keys* was held for the 4th season and created more enthusiasm and participation. We thank our generous business sponsor, *Royal Furniture* for its assistance in moving, hosting receptions and funding! In 2016, our Advocate level members were offered five sessions for the popular, *Culture Circle Series*. Grateful thanks

to our series hosts, Bill and MaryCarlin Porter. February in the Gato Gallery brought bright and textured artwork in for our exhibit: *Fauna, Fiber and Fruit* curated by staff member Reen Stanhouse and Board member, Susann D'Antonio.

In February, 2,000 elementary students attended the South Florida Symphony Orchestra sponsored by the Arts Council and Monroe County School District. Continuing on last year's success, we partnered with the Waterfront Playhouse to bring 150 KWHS

students to the musical, *The Producers*. The State of the Arts annual meeting with guest speaker, Representative Holly Raschein, shared arts advocacy and the Council's role. April was busy with our strategic planning board retreat, and we wrapped up the season in June with a photography exhibit sponsored by the Waypoint Foundation featuring 1968 Vietnam images by Glenn Hoover – his glimpse of life as a soldier on duty.

Looking towards the next 20 years, I know it will be most exciting and rewarding – just picture our proposed new sculpture trail along US 1 with work from the Art Students League of New York and the Keys. I can hear in my mind, Cris Sandifer and Connie Gilbert raving about the concept and offering to curate for us! We will miss these amazing women and their steadfast support of all the arts, all the keys, all the time.

Finally, we were very honored to have our agreement with the Board of County Commissioners as the designated Local Arts Agency renewed until October 2031, with a 15 year option to renew! What a wonderful testament to the importance of the Arts enriching our lives.

I am so proud to work each day with our devoted Board Members, Advisors and artists. And I am extremely grateful for the daily support, hard work and friendship of my colleagues, Martha Resk and Coco Page. And to Reen Stanhouse – thank you for always being there and figuring it out on behalf of the Council. Last but not least, as I enter my 10th year as E.D., I give heartfelt thanks to my family for their love and encouragement.

***Our mission to enrich
our community with
the arts compels
us to focus daily
on supporting,
connecting,
promoting and giving.***

Elizabeth S. Young

A Message from our Chair Terri Axford

The Florida Keys Council of the Arts, celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, is on the move with increased membership in all regions, outstanding social and learning opportunities for its members and a wonderful grants program for local artists and students.

Our Mosaic Project has gained status as a community event for those who connect with the arts and each other by viewing the work of amateur and professional artists side by side. These artists hail from all over the Keys. The Mosaic Project has become more dear to us this year with the passing of our former Chair, Cris Sandifer who created the project. We will truly miss Cris for her guiding hand and her commitment to Arts Council work. Her leadership will never be forgotten.

Our Finance Committee under the direction of Bonnie Greenberg has developed a proposal for the use of our BP funds to advance the Arts Council to the next stage of financial stability and grant conferring ability. Our partnerships with

local arts organizations create opportunities for many residents. For example, the Symphony in the Schools program allowed 3,500 students throughout Monroe County to participate in enhanced learning with musical artists in the classroom and to attend a Symphony concert as the culmination of that learning. Our work with Art in Public Places and the Cultural Umbrella Committee is truly gratifying as our efforts combine with those of many others help to make Monroe County a vibrant arts destination for tourists and locals alike. For those of you who enjoyed 2015 Culture Crawl, it's returning this year at a new time with a new connection.

To all Board Members and Advisors, I send a heartfelt thanks for your hard work this year. Keep seeking out new members; everyone has something to bring to the organization and new energy inspires all of us. Thanks also go to our wonderful Executive Director and Staff – our success is based on your foundation of consistent support and amazing creativity.

Terri Axford

***Membership in the Florida
Keys Council of the Arts is
a must for arts' supporters.***

Terri Axford, Chair



Our Executive Committee



Theresa Axford, Chair

Theresa Axford is Executive Director of Teaching and Learning for Monroe County School District. Terri served the school district as an award winning Principal and Teacher. During her three decade career, she has been named Distinguished Educator for Monroe County by the University of Florida and Technology Educator of the Year by FCTIL. She was an adjunct faculty member for Barry University, St. Leo's and Nova working in their education and business management degree programs. Recently, Terri was a presenter for the Florida Association of Staff Development at the Annual Conference. Terri was a former president of the Zonta Club of Key West and served on the Advisory Board to MARC. She has served as an Arts Council Board Member, prior to becoming the Chairperson and participated as Secretary for the Executive Committee. Terri and her husband Bob have lived in Key West since 1976. She has two grandchildren, Isabella Ann and Gage Clayton, and they consume all her free moments.



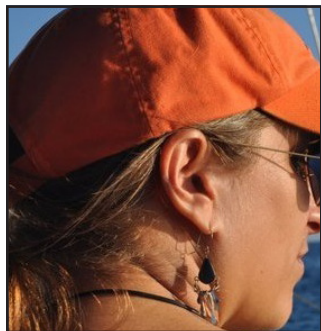
Ganine Giorgione Derleth, Vice Chair

is a Ballroom and Latin dance instructor. Married 30 years to the love of her life Theo, they own Theo & Ganine's Dance Center in Marathon, and travel the world together as ambassadors of the dance industry. Their son Theo Alexander, a Key West resident, is an artisan and singer. Ganine is an oil painter, a former Broadway singer/dancer/actress in the Tony and Grammy awarded original cast of 'The Will Rogers Follies', she was also featured in '42nd Street', 'A Chorus Line', and at the Radio City Music Hall as a Rockette. Ganine has performed on The Grammy's, The Tony's, The Kennedy Center Honors and on America's first Olympic Dance Team. She believes in the importance of contributing to community, is a long time Rotarian, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Business & Professional Women.



Michael Marrero, Secretary

is a Cuban American artist whose entire life has been dedicated to the creative. He was born and raised in Key West. To call this unique, odd and wonderful would be an understatement. It was a time of smugglers, crooked politicians, rooster fights, the Mariel boatlift, Navy brawls and Shrimp Boat Row throw-downs. Following a formal education in arts he established himself as a driven professional with a sharp eye for both the micro and the macro - the moving image and the still image. His assignments have taken him from tropical paradises to shantytowns in Central America. He has dealt with the volatile and the delicate always finding the compassion and humanity of his subjects. He is currently the Executive Artistic Director at the Key West Theater.



Bonnie Greenberg, Treasurer

a Key Largo resident, is a grant writer and former general manager for Marathon Community Theatre, having recently retired to pursue her own creative writing path. She has more than 25 years of non-profit and business management experience and holds a BFA in professional writing from Emerson College, with a minor in comedy writing. She's completed continuing education with The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, Purdue University Executive Development Program, Habitat for Humanity International and Florida Keys Community College. Bonnie has been involved locally with GLEE, Leadership Monroe and REEF. She has a passion for photography, theatre, film, music and literature.

Board Members

Susann D'Antonio

has a BA in Fine Arts and expresses her creativity predominantly through 3 dimensional mixed media projects. Her main focus is on incorporating many natural and recycled elements into sculptures. She and her husband own Framing in Paradise, a custom frame shop on Big Pine Key, located in Artists in Paradise Gallery. Susann has also been an independent title abstractor since 1988, providing real estate research to lawyers and title companies. Sue has served on the Art in Public Places board for the last 12 years, and is currently the Chair, assisting in placement of art in Monroe County's public spaces.



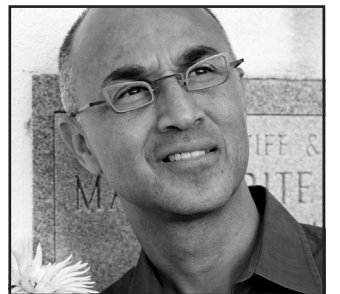
M. Ann Lynch

is a year round Marathon resident since 1984. She received her BA in Art Education from the University of Cincinnati. Ann has served as a Board member for the Florida Keys Watercolor Society and the Marathon Community Theater. She also served on the Tourist Development Council's Cultural Umbrella Committee. Most recently, she has been leading the Marathon Book Discussion Group. As an artist, she is a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society, and an associate member of the AWS and NWS. Her artwork has been shown in galleries in Ohio, Florida and in private collections across the country. Currently her work is exhibited at Marathon locations and the Key West Art Center.



Michael Philip

is a professional architectural photographer and conceptual artist, and a Realtor. He holds a degree in Psychology from the Universidad Católica Andres Bello in Caracas. Michael has lived in Key West since 1991, and worked at the Wesley House as the Subsidized Services Director, and was the Executive Director for the Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition. He is a published photographer and has exhibited his artwork in Key West and in New Orleans. He has a photography book titled "Flores Para Los Muertos." Michael enjoys living and working in Key West, networking and taking photographs of its lovely homes when the sky is impossibly blue.



MaryCarlin Porter

has been a Key West resident since 2002. Her love of the arts, especially music, began in childhood, as her mother was a Concert Pianist. She has served as an Advocate and Patron of the Arts in Washington, D.C. at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts and The Arena Stage. She is a certified Library of Congress Reader. She holds an AB in English Literature and a BS in Chemistry from Loyola University, and spent her career as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. She enjoys traveling around the world with her husband, Bill. MaryCarlin is a Key West Ambassador, Keys Chorale member, and a former Executive Board Member of The Key West Botanical Garden Society.



Barbara Weikel

received a BA in Mathematics from Winthrop College (now Winthrop University) in South Carolina. Having spent the majority of her career with Eastern Airlines, Barbara has also been a Realtor, IT analyst, and office manager. She moved to Key West in 2007 and fell in love with the arts community. Barbara is married to photographer/author, Ralph De Palma. She is co-publisher/co-editor of The Soul of Key West, Volume I & II.



Board, Advisors, Committees & Staff as of June 30, 2016

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Grants: Artists in Schools / ArtReach / Special Projects / Key West Writers Guild

\$42,650 in Direct Arts Funding in 2015-2016: The Arts Council is committed to advancing the creative development and promotion of the arts in our cultural community.

ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS GRANTS AWARDED:

Capturing the Keys: Artist Julie Austin with Martha Loizeaux at Ocean Studies Charter School, taught elements of photography in the field and connected students with nature.

Conservation Challenge: Science & Art: Conservator Monica Brook and Education Coordinator Shannon Burgess of the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, inspired students with history, an artistic conservation experience utilizing archeology techniques with clay pots.

Fabric & Jewelry Art:

Artist/Teacher Margo Ellis, together with Special Ed Teacher Lance Benson of Gerald Adams School, brought fiber art into the classroom serving students with emotional and behavioral disabilities.



Board Liaison, Ann Lynch assists Gerald Adams' students with their Conservation Challenge.

Poetry in the Schools

Residency Program:

Writer Cricket Desmarais engaged Montessori Charter School K-8 students with language, writing, and poetry.

Symphony in Schools- The World Turned Upside Down:

Donna Wissinger and Joy Myers of ARTZ OUT LOUD, in partnership with the Monroe County School District and the South Florida Symphony Orchestra presented a program of music and stories of the American Revolution which served over 3,000 elementary students.

Vocal & Songwriting Class: Adrienne Zolodnick, with the Bahama Village Music Program, performed at the Bahama Village Music Program Block Party.

TROPIC CINEMA LEADER PROJECT

KWHS TV/Pro: High School students, under the direction of teacher Ed Smith, write, create and produce 60-second leaders for the Tropic Cinema. (2015-2016 is an off year.)

ART REACH - AUDIENCE BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM

Annie Segan, PhD in Key West Bringing Arthur Rothstein to Life: Key West Art & Historical Society and Key West High School. Ms. Segan shared her father's remarkable and humbling photographs of spongers, cigar makers, barbers, fishermen and architecture that demonstrated the frailty and the resilience of communities along the island chains.

ArtVenture: Spring Break 2016: The Studios of Key West and the Black Educators Memorial Project partner, to expand opportunities for creative experiences for underserved students ages 7-11, thereby increasing their reach.

50th Anniversary Judged Art Show: Art Guild of the Purple Isles and the Keys History & Discovery Center increased awareness and brought new audiences to each organization in Islamorada.

Key West Changing Rooms: Artist Andrew Printer and Key West High School Gay Straight Alliance partnered to create a photo exhibit at TSKW. Students expressed their vision of change through photo-documentary genre using their choice of a photo tool - classic camera, smart phone or disposable camera.



Symphony in Schools: Teaching artist Donna Wissinger with Marathon Switlik students perform Peter and the Wolf with the South Florida Symphony.

Juggling provides enormous benefits to students as it promotes focus, concentration and learning.

-Jamie Cates, May Sands Montessori Charter in Key West



Liz Young with Sue D'Antonio, and Show Chair Cris Sandifer at the Art Guild of the Purple Isles' 50th opening reception.



Lucy Carleton, Michael Philip and Liz Young at the KWSkin exhibit opening at TSKW.

Key West Characters: Fringe Theater of Key West and the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum partnered to commission playwright, Toby Armour to research and develop a play about the amazing life of Mel Fisher.

Portrait in Underwater Paradise: History of Diving Museum, with Don Gonzales and Jon Dreaver's project launched a plein aquatic expo using an underwater sketch pad to capture Key Largo's coral reef during a scuba adventure.

Womankind: Windows As An Art Gallery: The Waypoint Foundation and Womankind displayed large scale black & white photographs taken in Vietnam during the war to honor the new Vietnam Living Memorial in Key West.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dry Tortugas National Park Artist in Residence: The National Parks Art Foundation with artists Anna Glynn and Peter Dalmuzzo. We supported the very first Artist in Residence Program at the remote National Park on Loggerhead Key.

KW Skin: Photographer Michael A. Philip, in conjunction with The Studios of Key West, presented a photographic exhibition portraying 40 local men and women who defy conventions of aging.

Learn to Juggle: with performing artists Bounce and Karen Margil at six different elementary and middle schools throughout Monroe County. Students are taught the basics of holding a ball, how to throw, where to throw, where the eyes go and how to catch.

Mystery Writers Key West Fest: Writers Shirrel Rhodes and Michael Haskins coordinated an interactive mystery Writer's Festival to augment the region's rich literary culture by presenting a focus in the mystery tradition.

KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD AWARD

In 2016, Rusty Hodgdon received the \$2,000 award for his novel in progress, "Selfie".

SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The SFCC Fellowship Program offers the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the US, awarding \$15,000 and \$7,500 fellowships to resident visual and media artists from Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties. In 2016, Key West's Deborah Goldman was awarded \$15,000.

Culture Circle Series

Six seasons of up-close and personal sessions with artists sharing their creative process to enhance the cultural community.

We are pleased to present a new season of distinguished arts professionals who describe and share their creative process and show works in progress.

We invite YOU to connect to the ARTS in a unique way. Join us for one or all five sessions to learn, question and be

inspired by some of our outstanding cultural and arts organizations in the Keys. Each session is unique and designed to inspire, educate and entertain.

The Culture Circle Series is supported by The Bill and MaryCarlin Porter Advised Fund.



2017 Grimal Grove



2016 FKCC Keys Chorale

Another wonderful afternoon in an unique setting sharing the creative process of talented artists. We learned so much about Crane Point and enjoyed the plein air paintings by the Watercolor Society members.



Sponsors MaryCarlin and Bill Porter



2017 Key West Library

CULTURE CIRCLE SERIES SESSIONS TO DATE

2012
Art @ 830 Gallery
Island Iron & Ink –Reen Stanhouse's
Magic Ranch Art Studio
Key West Literary Seminar
Red Barn Theatre

2013
Fringe Theater of Key West
Key West Contemporary Dance Co
Mel Fisher Maritime Museum
Tropic Cinema

2014
Author's Literary Panel
South Florida Symphony Orchestra
Truman Little White House
Waterfront Playhouse

2015
Bahama Village Music Project
Crane Point Museum & Nature Center
Florida Keys Watercolor Society
History of the Diving Museum
Key West Art & Historical Society
Key West Poetry Guild

2016
Art Guild of the Purple Isles
Dolphin Research Center
FKCC Keys Chorale
Florida Keys History & Discovery Center
KW Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden
Key West Writers' Guild

2017
Grimal Grove
Key West Garden Club
Key West Library
Key West Theater
Marathon Community Theater



The Connections Project: A Mosaic of the Keys

The Connections Project, the Florida Keys Council of the Arts' moveable feast continues to amuse, entertain and inspire us with its colorful ideas, all on little squares.

The Arts Council's 5th annual Connections Project - Mosaic of the Keys, provides 400 free 6 x 6 inch blank canvases for Monroe County artists and community members to create their own unique piece of art. We offer free workshops throughout the Keys to assist those that may need guidance and materials.

We then collect, assemble and exhibit the 400 canvases as one large mosaic. Each year, we travel to six Keys' locations

and celebrate at each venue with an opening reception.

Each May, we disassemble the mosaic and each canvas is shipped to our eagerly awaiting collectors. For a \$35 or \$100 donation you too can join the Connections Project and receive one or three of these masterpieces to start or add to your own collection.

We are grateful to our Business Partner, Royal Furniture, for its continued support.

The project raises awareness for the Council, as it connects artists to one another. The work is outstanding and reflects the beauty and uniqueness of the Keys.



Opening night at Nelson Government Center in Key Largo



Workshop at Stone Soup Gallery



Opening night at Shady Palm Art Gallery in Marathon

Cultural Umbrella

The Cultural Umbrella Committee has five members representing the five TDC districts and is administered by the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. The committee works with the TDC's advertising and public relations agencies to promote the Keys as an arts and cultural destination and makes recommendations for the funding of cultural events.

EVENT FUNDING RECIPIENTS 2015-2017

Art! Key West!
Christopher Peterson's Eyecons
Classical Guitar Productions/Florida Keys Guitar Fest
Friends and Volunteers of Refuges/Florida Keys Wildlife Refuges Outdoor Fest
Florida Keys Children's Shelter/Paradise Paint Out
Florida Keys Community Concert Band/Pops in the Park
Florida Keys History of Diving Museum
Fringe Theater of Key West
I Love Stock Island
Islamorada Community Entertainment
Jumping Joe Productions/Randy Roberts Live!
Key Largo Downtown Association/Key Largo Songfest
Key West Art & Historical Society
Key West Botanical Garden Society/KW Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden
Key West Burlesque
Key West Council on the Arts (Impromptu Concerts)
Key West Garden Club
Key West Harry S. Truman Foundation/Truman Little House
Key West Literary Seminar
Key West Players (Waterfront Playhouse)

Key West Theater and Community Stage/Key West Theater
Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce/Big Pine & Lower Keys Island Art Festival
Marathon Community Theatre
Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society/Mel Fisher Maritime Museum
Mixdeity/Jazz-Age Retrospectacular
Monroe Association for Remarkable Citizens/Master Chefs Classic
Morada Way Arts & Cultural District
Mystery Fest Writers Forum/Mystery Writers KW Fest
Old Island Restoration Foundation/Key West House Tours/Conch Shell Blowing Contest
Paradise Ballet Theatre Presenters (Nutcracker Key West)
PAC of Key West (Tennessee Williams Theater)
Pigeon Key Foundation /Pigeon Key Art Festival
Red Barn Actor's Studio/Red Barn Theatre
Sand-Isle/International Sand Art Competition
South Florida Symphony Orchestra
St. Columba's Episcopal Church /Florida Keys Celtic Festival)
Tennessee Williams Key West Exhibit and Birthday Celebration
TheatreXP/Key West Summer Stage
The Studios of Key West

Special Recognition

In Loving Memory



Connie Gilbert & Cris Sandifer

ARTS COUNCIL UNSUNG HEROES

honored by the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys for their tremendous work as volunteers.

2009 Cris Sandifer	2014 Tom Butler
2010 Lois Giffen	2015 Peter Horton
2011 MaryAnn Westerlund	2016 Susann D'Antonio
2012 Carolyn Sullivan	2017 Reen Stanhouse

Art in Public Places

The Florida Keys Council of the Arts serves as staff to the Art in Public Places committee. The AIPP committee is charged with purchase and installation of artwork under a 1% for public art ordinance in any new major county construction or renovation. The committee is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.



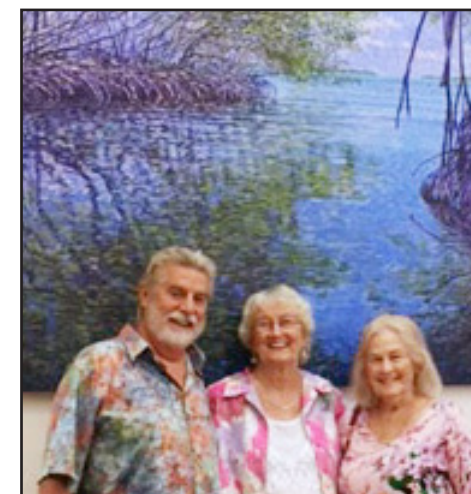
Since passing the 1% ordinance in 2001, \$522,205 has been awarded to 35 public artists for permanent commissioned work in Monroe County.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

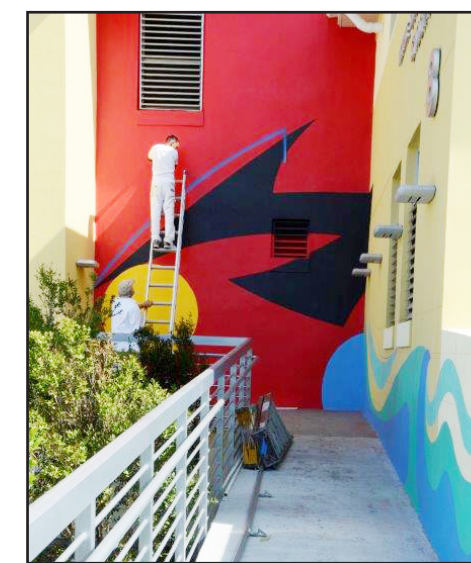
Roth Building 2003
North Key Largo Fire Station 2007
Tavernier Fire Station 2007
Freeman Justice Center 2008
Big Pine Park & Community Center 2008
Key West Airport Terminal Complex 2009
Big Pine Key Fire Station 2009
Murray E. Nelson Government Center 2009
Conch Key Fire Station 2014
Freeman Justice Center Drug Court Lobby 2014
Key West Airport Departure Terminal 2014
Key West Airport TSA "Special Project" Phase 1 2014
Stock Island Fire Station 2014
Marathon Courthouse 2016



2016 Marathon Court House



2009 Nelson Government Center in Key Largo



2014 Stock Island Fire Station



2009 Key West International Airport

UPCOMING PROJECTS 2017-2019

Nelson Government & Cultural Center in Key Largo
Bernstein Park in Stock Island
Cudjoe Key Fire Station
Marathon Public Library
Plantation Key Court House

Statement of Financial Position

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$233,107
Accounts Receivable:	
Grants and Awards	12,826
Prepaid Expenses	948
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$246,881
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Furniture and Office Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$ (Note #).....	2,978
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$249,859
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 436
Payroll Taxes Accrued & Withheld.....	3,021
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	3,457
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,457
NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted	180,276
Temporarily Restricted.....	66,126
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$246,402
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$249,859



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES	
Grants & Awards.....	\$164,392
Deepwater Horizon Claim Settlement	200,784
Membership Dues	46,400
Public Donations.....	32,848
In-Kind Donations	63,394
Program Service Revenue	28,712
Dividends & Interest	2,126
Unrealized Loss on Value of short-Term Investments	(\$1,486)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$537,170
EXPENSES	
Program expenses	303,129
Administrative Support	55,202
Fund Raising	11,576
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$369,907
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets.	167,263
NET ASSETS Beginning of Year	\$79,139
NET ASSETS End of Year	\$246,402

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

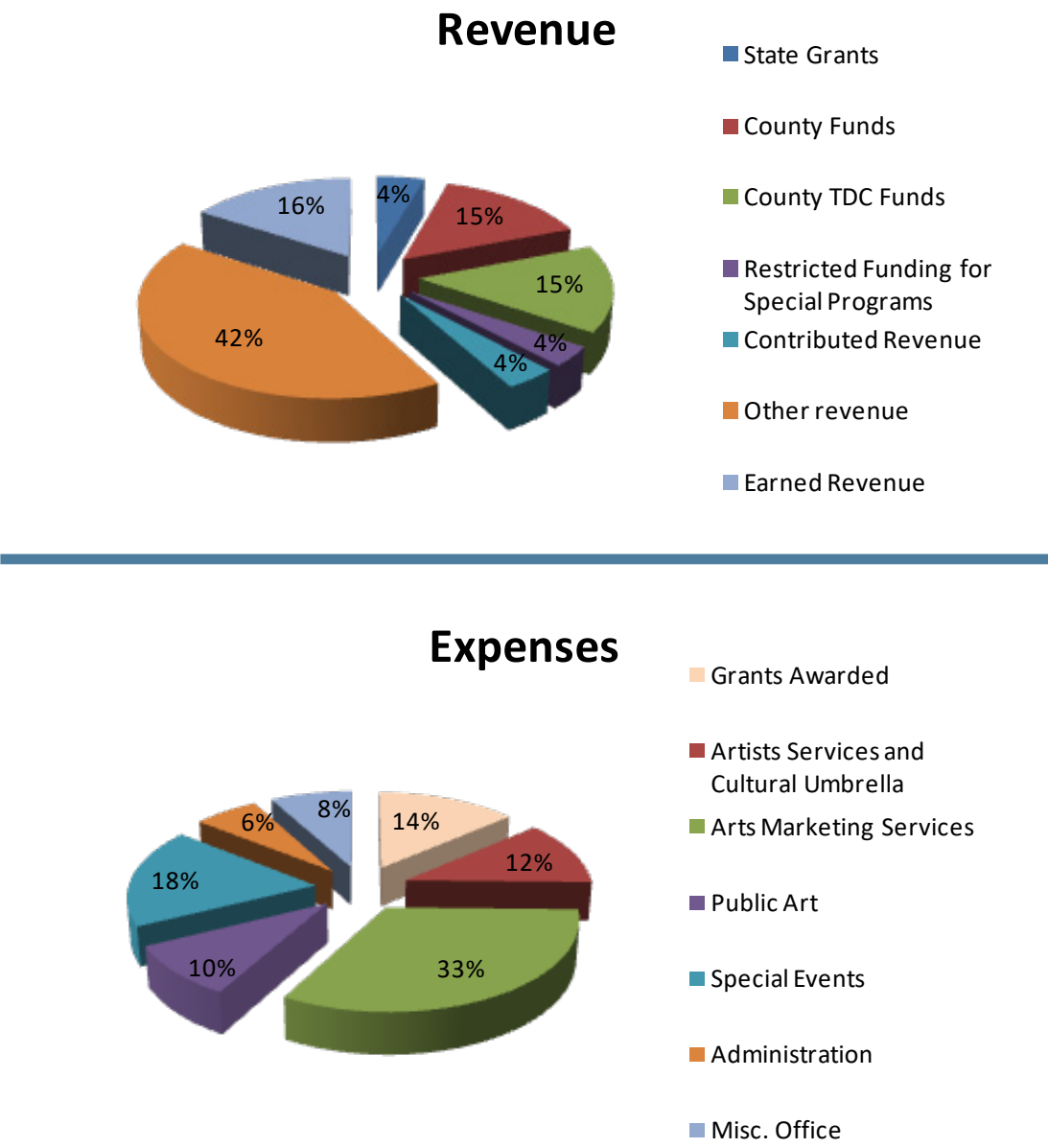
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$167,263
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	\$175
Increase (Decrease) in Grants Receivable.....	(415)
Increase (Decrease) in Prepaid Insurance	(50)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses.	(5,134)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities.....	\$161,839
Investing Activities	(\$489)
Net Cash Investing Activities	(\$489)
Financing Activities	0
Net Cash	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$161,350
Cash and Cash Equivalents- Beginning of the Year..	\$71,757
Cash and Cash Equivalents- End of the Year	\$233,107

Financial Statement at a Glance

for the year ended June 30, 2016

The Arts Council is governed by Sunshine Laws and conducts all business in public. Accounting and reporting procedures are transparent and readily tracked. Staff provides financial reports to the Board monthly. A financial audit is prepared annually by an independent auditor, and is available on our website. The cultural tourist serves as a primary illustration of the arts economic impact on area businesses. The most recent Americans for the Arts economic survey (completed in 2009, and to be updated in 2017) shows in Monroe County:

- The Arts represent an \$86.9+ million industry;
- The Arts support 1,764 full-time equivalent jobs;
- The Arts are important to 47% of our target travelers when choosing a vacation destination and,
- The Arts generate \$9.9 million in local/state government revenue.



Celebrating 20 Years!



Membership Soiree 2009



Noel Paul Stookey Benefit Concert 2010



Art in Public Buildings Opening 2010



Connections Project 2016



Holiday Membership Party 2015



Holiday Membership Party 2010



Board Retreat 2016



Membership Brunch 2016

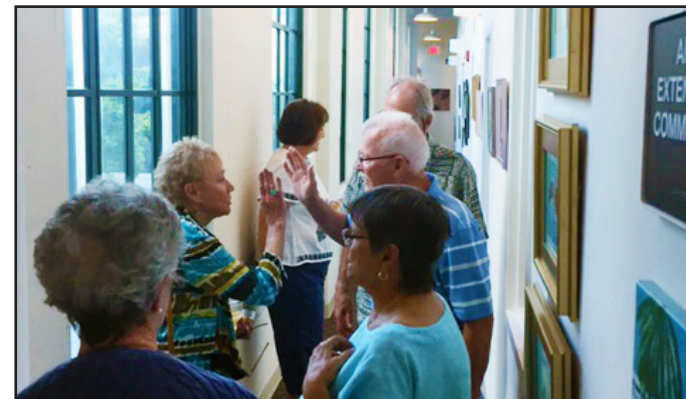


Exhibit in the Gato 2017



Annual Meeting 2008



Cultural Umbrella Committee Members 2010



Culture Crawl 2015



Annual Meeting 2016



Culture Crawl 2015



Bottle Cap Fundraiser 2009



Marathon Membership Party 2015



Holiday Membership Party 2014



Liz and Sue (far left) Florida Keys Day 2016



Tropic Cinema Leader Project Grant Panel 2016



Arts Trip to Cuba 2014



Holiday Party 2015



Tropic Cinema Leader Awards Premiere 2017



Tropic Cinema Leader Awards Premiere 2011



Art in Public Buildings - Freeman Justice Center 2010

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Florida Keys Council of the Arts

	6,250
students impacted by arts education programs this year	
	35,000
arts events brochures distributed by volunteers throughout Monroe County annually	
	3,120
community members contributed to The Connections Project : A Mosaic of the Keys to date	
	\$86,000,000
economic impact of the non-profit cultural community in the Florida Keys annually	
	\$138,295
awarded to teaching artists for Artists in Schools grants to date	
	\$207,000
awarded to Monroe County artists to date through the South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual & Media Artists Fellowships	
	\$1,300,000
administered by FKCA for The Cultural Umbrella committee of the Tourist Development Council promoting arts events this year	
	10,975
total artists and audiences impacted by ArtReach grants this year	
	1,156,000
total audience accessed on-line calendars for www.fl-a-keys.com and www.keysarts.com	
	133
artists on our Monroe County Art in Public Places Pre Qualified registry	
	612,862
total audience members engaged in performances and programs annually in Monroe County	

Sources: Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Americans for the Arts, FKCA FY 2015-16 HSAB Annual Report
Visit www.keysarts.com for a full financial picture, including the audit and annual report

The Art of Giving

Benefactor & Corporate Sponsor - \$5,000+

Americans for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, Florida Department of State - Division of Cultural Affairs, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Acorn Hill Foundation Inc, The Art Studio, Steve & Sheila Cook, Community Foundation of the Florida Keys, Cooke Communications, Shirley Freeman & Harvey W. Server, South Florida Cultural Consortium, Michael Halpern, The Helmerich Trust, The Kawaler Family Charitable Foundation, Bill & MaryCarlin Porter, Royal Furniture, Molly Grover Shallow, Rob & Maria Sharpe, The Woodruff Memorial Charitable Trust

Patron & Corporate Partner - \$1,000+

Larry & Carol Abramovitz, First State Bank, Dennis Beaver & Bert Whitt, Nance Frank, Gallery on Greene, C.J. Groth Photography & Printing, Matthew Helmerich & Jeffrey Harwell, Key West Fine Art Photography & Printing, Key West Fine Art Services, The Key West Woman’s Club, Anne O’Shea Quattrini, Cris & Bob Sandifer, Sexton Family Foundation, John Simanek & Kevin Cunningham, Melissa Trader & Stone Soup Gallery, Tropic Cinema

Supporter - \$500+

Theresa & Bob Axford, Christine Bassett & Carey Alexander, Judy Blume & George Cooper, Dennis & Lee Caltagirone, Sheldon Davidson & Susan Server, James Drake, Lisa & Mike Hinkley, Key West Writer’s Guild, Paula & Hal Leftwich, Maxine Makover & Jack Paul, Bruce Reed & Jan Edelstein, Andy & Jamie Strunk, Joe Viana & Ray Baker, Eric Weinberger & Stephen Sagman

Business Partner - \$375

7 Artists & Friends, Alan S. Maltz Gallery, Amanda Johnson Gallery, Artamorada Gallery, Art@830, Artists in Paradise Gallery, Audubon House Gallery, BJ Royster Ocean Gallery, Blue Heaven, Blue Turtle Gallery, Capital Bank, Cocco & Salem Gallery, De La Gallery, Dog Tired Studio & Gallery, Doug Mayberry Real Estate, Eldorado Graphics, FKCC Art Gallery, Frangipani Gallery, Gallery of the Arts, Gildea Contemporary Gallery, Gingerbread Square Gallery, Giorgione Fine Art, Glenn

Hoover Real Estate Services, Guild Hall Gallery, Harrison Gallery, Carl Hower & John Buzogany, Island Inspirations Gallery, Island Style Gallery, Key West Art Center, Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory, Key West Dream Collection, Key West Food & Wine Festival, Key West Pottery, Lemonade Stand Gallery, Lucky Street Gallery, Maggie Ruley - Island Inspirations Gallery, Debbie Mason, McDonald’s of Key West & Marathon, Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, Michelle Nicole Lowe Gallery, Morada Way Arts & Cultural District, Morada Way Clay, New York Pasta Garden, Noel Skiba, Old Road Gallery, Pasta Pantaleo Signature Gallery, Michael Perkinson, Redbone Gallery, Roberto Russell Gallery, Rock House Masterpieces, SALT, Savlen Gallery, Shady Palm Art Gallery, SoDu Gallery, Stone Soup Gallery & Frame Shop, Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square, The Studios of Key West, Uniques by Kennedy Studios, ZAZOO Fine Art Gallery

Advocate & Non-profit Organizations - \$250

Clayton & Mary Ellen Beattie, Jordan & Sandra Bernstein, Keith Bland & Michael C. Thomas, M.D., Sharon Braunberns, Joyce & Ron Burd, Thomas Cawley, M. Campbell Cawood, Mia Clement, Tom & Kitty Clements, Susann & Bobby D’Antonio, Lynn & Amedeo D’Ascanio, Denise DeCrow, Ralph DePalma & Barbara Weikel, Theo & Ganine Giorgione Derleth, Joanna Dole & Peter Morris, James Drake, Rita & Randy Fabal, Joseph Fadlovich & Joan Wallin, Roxanne Fleszar & Michel Appellis, Florida Keys Concert Association, Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, Bob & Lynda Frechette, Bonnie Greenberg, Andy & Stephanie Griffiths, Jeffrey Grosky, Beryn & Rick Harty, History of Diving Museum, Susan & Stuart Kaufman, Melissa Kendrick, Key West Writers Guild, Betty & Greg Klimock, George Korn & Thomas Livingston, Roz & Mike Leszczuk, Rita Linder & Perry Arnold, M. Anne & Howard Lynch, Patricia & Lewis Mastrobuono, Diane May, Philip Miani, Lott Panskyy, Michael Puto, Red Barn Theater, Catherine Regan & Ken Silverman, Ann Reynolds, Susan Ruck & Colin Parker, Stephen and Kathy Russ, Linda Shagena & Charles Nolton, Anne Shaver & Susanne Woods, Bunnie Smith, Jill Snodgrass, South Florida Symphony Orchestra, Rosalee Sprout & Bud Ames, Joyce Stahl, Arnie Steinmetz & Terry Walters, Laura Ashleigh & Kenneth Wolfe,Tim & Diane Vallilee, Lynn Voit

THE FINE PRINT

The Florida Keys Council of the Arts is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation in a public-private partnership with local county government since 1997, serving 77,482 local residents and 4.4 million visitors annually. A nine-member board of directors guides the council, assisted by three alternate directors, three directors emeritus and advisory members. Daily functions are carried out by the executive director, staff and valued volunteers.

FKCA is incorporated with the State of Florida and recognized by the IRS as the Monroe Council of the Arts Corporation, dba Florida Keys Council of the Arts, FEIN 65-0737532. Governing documents, including the articles of incorporation, bylaws, audit, 990, board handbook and strategic plan are available for review on the arts council's award-winning website, www.keysarts.com

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