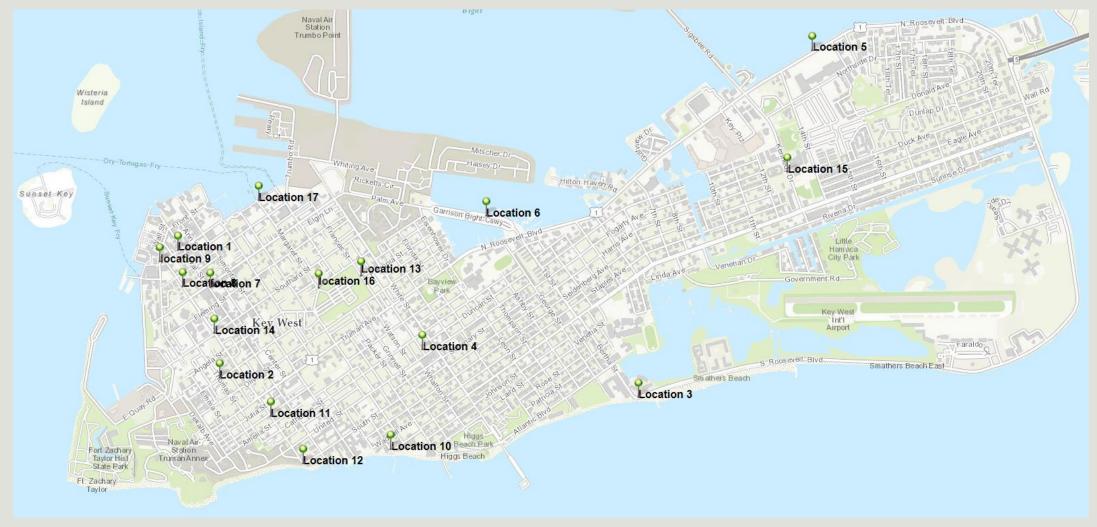
Key West AIPP Sidewalk Poetry 2015



Background:

The Sidewalk Poetry project was initiated by the Key West Art in Public Places (AIPP) Board in 2012. The goal of the project is to install winning poems on sidewalks throughout the City of Key West as a way to spread appreciation for the arts. The idea for the project was adapted from a community in Minnesota that successfully started a similar sidewalk poetry project. The AIPP Board began by issuing an open call for submission of poems. A subcommittee of the AIPP Board formed a jury to review over 200 entries received. The jury chose 17 winning poems, most of which were written by Key West residents. Additionally, the subcommittee has thus far solicited about a dozen private financial donations to help pay for the cost of the project. Those donations were submitted to the City via its recently-approved 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status, so that the donations given to the City for AIPP projects are tax-deductible for the donors.

Sidewalk Poetry 2015 Sites

1	I walk on sand	Kirby Congdon	Captain Tony's
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2	Loosely owned felines	Eden Brown	Johnson's Market
3	Shoulder Season	Marget Bizstray	Bertha Street
4	Skin gets darker	Isabella Braswell	Montessori
5	Flip flops	Mark Faris	North Roosevelt
6	Bridges to Key West	Marsh Muirhead	Palm Avenue
7	In Memory of Shel	D. Sullins Stuart	St. Paul's
8	Undressed by the Rain	Diane Good	Whitehead / Banyon Tree Area
9	The Colors of Key West	Fran Decker	Audubon House
10	Haiku #2	Janet Marston-Hartwell	Spottswood Park
11	Of writers and poets	David L. Sloan	Lighthouse
12	Ninety Miles	Jennifer Grafiada	Southernmost Point
13	On Francis	Mary Jo Trible	Francis Street
14	Key West Afternoon	Jonathan Woods	Whitehead / Courthouse Deli
15	Best Medicine	Constance Gilbert	Kennedy Drive / Senior Center
16	The man pedaled along	Mark Hedden	Margaret Street off Cemetery
17	When the Sea Calls	Frieda Feldman	Land's End (Half Shell Raw Bar)

I walk on Sand

I walk on sand

And leave a trail

Of footprints,

Hard and deep.

The wash of waves

Fills my step

In hasty cascades.

Water and sand return,

Not quite the same;

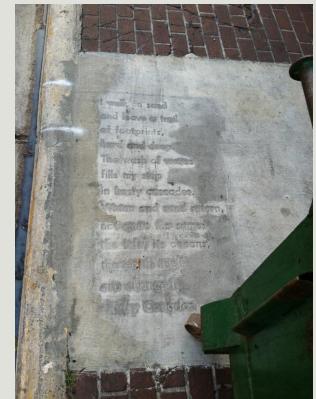
The tide, its oceans,

The earth itself

Are changed.

By: Kirby Congdon

Location: Captain Tony's Saloon 428 Greene Street City Right-of-Way





Poem already installed using stamp on wet concrete method.

Loosely Owned Felines

Loosely owned felines

Prowl and saunter through the streets

Skittish and regal

By: Eden Brown

Location: 800 Thomas Street and Petronia Street City Right-of-Way





Shoulder Season

A shoulder rolls towards the sun

And Here is joyous. Here has won.

The girl, again, has chosen Here

To offer skin, let go of fear.

And should her sundress also fall.

Here is a place that's seen it all.

By: Marget Bizstray

Location:
Bertha Street:
County Right-of-Way
and
South Roosevelt Boulevard:
State Right-of-Way





Skin Gets Darker

Skin gets darker

Hair gets lighter

Tourists everywhere

Stress Free

Very hot Summer,

Or everyday in Key West

By: Isabella Braswell

Location:
Montessori
Varela Street and United Street
City Right-of-Way





Flip Flops

Flip flops and nervous breakdowns

Don't seem to go together

But sometimes they do

By: Mark Faris

Location:
3300 Block on North Roosevelt
Boulevard
(Across from Searstown)
State Right-of-Way





Bridges to Key West

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The water

Too many blues to name

By: Marsh Muirhead

Location:
Palm Avenue
(Inbound before Bridge)
County Right-of-Way





In Memory of Shel

If Eternity is measured by memories treasured

In the hearts of loved ones and friends...

Then Shel surely knows that he lives as he goes

To The Place Where The Sidewalk Ends

By: D. Sullins Stuart

Location:
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
401 Duval Street
City Right-of-Way





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Undressed By The Rain

Poetry unfolds

When lovers dream of being

Undressed by the rain

By: Diane Good

Location: 300 Block of Whitehead Street Banyan Tree Area City Right-of-Way





The Colors of Key West

Down this street you will find

A blue so deep it will float you

In that alley there's a red so loud

You can hear it with your toes

Look up and see past the sky

Yellow to wake you and green to sleep

you

Feel it all around you

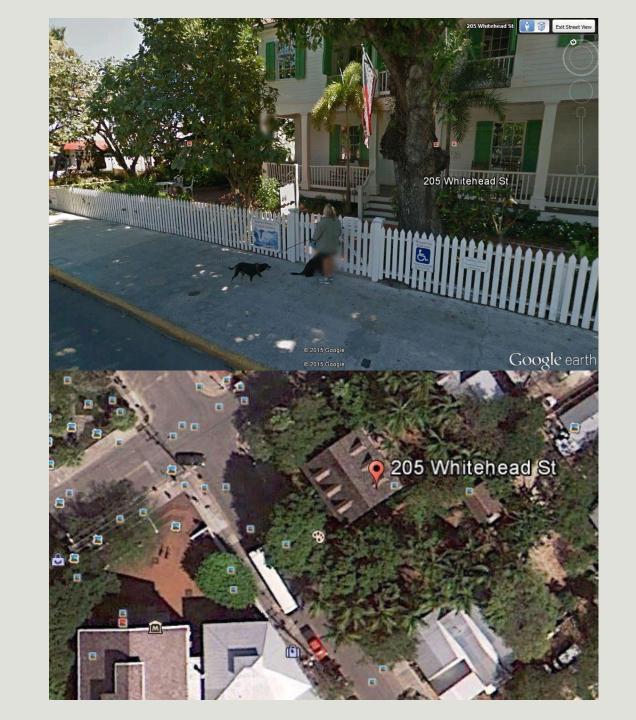
A Purple so wide we can all fit in

These are the colors of Key West

By: Fran Decker

Location:

Audubon House
Whitehead Street & Greene Street
City Right-of-Way



Haiku #2

Sizzling sultry air

Sibilant sound of summer

Cicadas singing

By: Janet Marston-Hartwell

Location:
Spottswood Park
Seminole Street
&
Alberta Street
City Right-of-Way





Of Writers and Poets

Of writers and poets and pirates

Who walked the dirt beneath this slab

Each carrying a pocket full of dreams.

And none as unusual as yours,

By: David L. Sloan

But all of which came true.

Location:
Lighthouse
900 Block of Whitehead Street
(West Side)
City Right-of-Way





Ninety Miles

Oh, Havana

Coffee-colored dreams of rainy streets

Boys playing with balls

La Playa Santa Maria

If only I could get to you

And your people could come to me

By: Jennifer Grafiada

Location:
1300 Block of Whitehead Street
(Close to Southernmost Point)
City Right-of-Way





On Francis

Halfway

To the corner,

Just beyond

The cemetery gate,

Underneath

The banyan's stringy hair,

On

The root-cracked pavement

Her lover waits.

By: Mary Jo Trible

Location: 800 Block on Francis Street City Right-of-Way





Key West Afternoon

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Captain Tony's &

The Hog's Breath Saloon,

Ice-cold beer

On a hot afternoon

Pink shrimp with hot sauce,

Conch fritters too.

& down at the Parrot

They're singin' the blues.

By: Jonathan Woods

Location: 600 Whitehead Street State Right-of-Way





Best Medicine

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The miracle of

Orchids and poems can cure

The common cold, almost.

By: Constance Gilbert

Location: 1000 Block on Kennedy Drive City Right-of-Way





The Man Pedaled Along

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By: Mark Hedden

The man pedaled along

The edge of the cemetery,

Weaving slowly,

Singing in Spanish,

Waving and blowing kisses

To everyone

As he passed by.

Location: 600 Block on Margaret Street City Right-of-Way





When The Sea Calls

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By: Frieda Feldman

When the sea calls

Sailors listen

No matter where they roam.

When the sea calls

Sailors answer

Like children running home.

Location: 200 Block on Margaret Street City Right-of-Way



