Culture Circle Series 2016

You’re invited to be our VIP guest...
Our thanks to 2016 members at the $250 Advocate level or above. Your current level of support and membership with the Arts Council is the only ticket you need to join us.

We are pleased to present a new season of distinguished arts professionals who will describe and share their creative process, skill set 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 & arts organizations in the Keys. Each session is unique and designed to inspire, educate and entertain. Sessions limited to 30.
Please RSVP today to Liz Young: director@keysarts.com

**Tuesday, March 8th - 5:30 FKCC Keys Chorale**
Join Director Jim Cutty and Chorale members for an inside look into the musical instruction and rehearsal process that goes into producing a professional quality performance from the (mostly) amateur singers and musicians who present public concerts each fall and spring. Learn how programs are put together, ask questions, and even join in the rehearsal if you wish! Refreshments will be served.

**Wednesday, March 2nd - 5 pm KW Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden**
Come explore the beauty and hidden treasures of the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Gardens. Your exclusive tour of our gardens, led by our Executive Director, will be filled with many unique treats to entice you to return again and again. Rich in 80 years of history, filled with art to compliment nature, and vital to our community, the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden is a must-see. Join us for learning, leisure and libations in one of the most serene spots in the Keys.

**Saturday, March 12th - 10am Key West Writers Guild**
Visit with the Writers Guild membership at one of its regular meetings as we read from the members’ recent writings, and critique, in a friendly and constructive manner, the work. It is an open, creative, and imaginative process. We will discuss issues germane to our membership, such as publishing and marketing. The Guild is the longest standing writers’ group in Key West and meets monthly on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays year-round.
Our primary goal is to encourage and promote literary excellence. Coffee, juice, fruit and Danish too!

**Thursday, March 17th 5 pm Art Guild of the Purple Isles at the Keys’ History & Discovery Center**
Celebrate the amazing 50th anniversary of over 100 artist members of the Art Guild for the annual exhibit – this year in its new venue – the very special Keys’ History & Discovery Center located oceanside on the stunning Islander/Guy Harvey Outpost in Islamorada. Learn and experience what makes the upper keys’ arts community a real treasure.
Following this session, we are all invited to head down the road a half mile for the 3rd Thursday Art Walk at Morada Way Arts & Culture District.

**Thursday, April 14th 1:30-3:30 pm Dolphin Research Center**
Our not for profit education, research and conservation facility is located on Grassy Key at MM59. The bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions presently living here provide a range of personalities and backgrounds. Over half of our family was born at the Center, while the rest have either come from other facilities or were rescued, rehabilitated and deemed non-releasable back into the wild by the Government and now have a forever home at DRC. Come and learn about our rescue dolphins along with their new families and friends. Experienced staff will take you throughout our beautiful facility and out to the lagoons to introduce you to the world of dolphins.
The Florida Keys Council of the Arts invites visual artists and writers to submit artwork and articles for Culture 2017 Magazine, a publication of the Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Tinsley Advertising and the Cultural Umbrella of the Florida Keys & Key West.

The Culture Magazine is a freestanding publication distributed throughout the Keys and is inserted into the In-room Concierge in over 3,900 guestrooms reaching over 500,000 visitors annually. The magazine includes information on the Keys' performing, literary and visual arts, a calendar of events and advertisements.

Call to Visual Artists

Artwork selected for the cover will receive $1,000 for one-time usage in Culture 2017. All artwork chosen will receive a byline with artists' name.

Both vertical and horizontal images may be submitted. Only online applications will be accepted.

Artists may submit up to three images by completing the online application - or click here or find the Call to Visual Artists in the "Quick Links" on the website.

Online Deadline April 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Call to Writers

The Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Tinsley Advertising and the Cultural Umbrella of the Florida Keys & Key West are issuing a call for writers interested in producing articles for the Culture 2017 magazine.

Two Florida Keys writers will be selected and paid a freelance fee of $1,000 each. The fee will cover research, writing, related photography and any necessary revising (based on recommendations from the committee) of an article of approximately 1,200 words. Articles assigned will be factual, informational and primarily designed to introduce visitors to the art, culture and heritage of the Florida Keys.

The selected topics that writers may choose from are:

- **Characters in the Keys** - Profiles of creative and inspiring individuals from the 5 different regions and "art genres" in the Keys and how they contribute to the uniqueness of the Cultural Community. The many arts and cultural events celebrate local personalities, island traditions and unique natural attributes.

- **Authentic Florida** - An overview of the many and varied Florida Keys' State Parks, Museums and hidden gems that one might discover only in the Florida Keys. Cultural tourism promotes our cherished historic venues; re-purposed and preserved as theaters, museums, concert halls and art exhibition spaces.

Click [here](#) or find the Call to Writers in the "Quick Links" on the [website](#).

Online Deadline April 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
We invite you to Connect!

Thank you for being a 2015 Member. Here is your advance notice that canvases are available NOW for our 2016 Project! There are a limited number and we want each of you to have the opportunity to participate.

Click here to sign up online for your canvas. Take your verification number to a pick up/drop off location or to one of our free workshops.

Pick Up & Drop Off Locations:
Canvases DUE January 25

Key Largo
Art Box -
100650 Overseas Hwy, 100.6 Bay Side

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BJ Royster Ocean Gallery -
81650 Overseas Highway, MM 81.6

Marathon
The Art Studio -
12535 Overseas Hwy, MM 53.5
Giorgione Fine Art- Gulfside Village, 5800 Overseas Highway, MM 50

Big Pine Key
Artists in Paradise Gallery -
Winn-Dixie Plaza

Upcoming Free Workshops:
Marathon: November 16
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Private Residence
RSVP 305.731.8683

Key West: December 1
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Island Inspirations
RSVP 305.304.1013
Key West
Arts Council Office - Gato Building
1100 Simonton St - 2nd floor
Island Inspirations - 933 Fleming Street
Stone Soup Gallery - 802 White Street

See website for all the details www-keysarts.com

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Kick off the New Year creatively...
*don't delay pick-up your canvas today*

Click here to sign up online for your canvas.
Stop by a pick up/drop off location or to a free workshop (only 3 more).
Please share with a friend!

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**Upcoming Free Workshops:**

- **Key Largo: January 5**
  6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Key Largo Library
  RSVP 305.852.7494

- **Big Pine Key: January 11**
  6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Artists in Paradise
  RSVP 305.304.6005

- **Marathon: January 12**
  6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Giorgione Fine Art
  RSVP 305.407.0225

Reminder: all canvases due by January 25th

Join Us for an OPENING RECEPTION in your neighborhood.
Click here for dates & venues.

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Join Us this Saturday!

The Florida Keys Council of the Arts is hosting the modern, tech-savvy Crawl on Saturday, November 14th beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Register a team and meet us at The Hard Rock Cafe!

We'll have drink specials and instructions for your clue hunt. At the starting signal, teams will depart on the hunt, making their way skillfully, we hope, through Old Town to find our iconic figures, then returning to The Hard Rock Café for awards, music, drinks and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate the new season.

Register online now!