



### Spring Arts Festival Design Contest Winner Announced

Old Florida Celebration of the Arts is a fine art festival held in the heart of Cedar Key. This annual spring event, now in its 56<sup>th</sup> year, is coordinated by the Cedar Key Art Center. Each year, a theme is selected to enhance the festival experience. The theme for the April 4 and 5, 2020 event is "In Love with Cedar Key." Congratulations to Amber Moran, this year's design contest winner. Amber's design, titled *Clam Shack*, will be featured on the festival posters, T-shirts and other promotional materials.

Amber holds Bachelor degrees in both Studio Fine Art and Computer Art. She also holds a Masters in Education. Her resume includes owning her own art business for 10 years; exhibiting her work at fine art shows, creating art designs for sportfishing tournaments in Florida, up through the Carolinas and creating commissions for customers all over the US as well as internationally. After the birth of her first son, she transitioned to a full-time mom. Although busy, she was able to pursue her passion for art. Upon relocating to Hobe Sound in 2004, her medium made a transition to watercolor and ink, "because watercolors best describe Florida". Her watercolor work was recognized by Bealls and eventually led to a three-year partnership for the Florida based chain.

The consensus of the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts committee was that Amber truly captured the essence of what draws people to Cedar Key. She even had white boots, the preferred footwear of the Cedar Key clammers included. According to Amber, white boots are referred to as "Port Salerno slippers" by the commercial fishermen of her area. In hearing that her work was selected, Amber responded, "I am honored to have been selected and am looking forward to the show." Amber will be joining 120 other fine artists for the 2020 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts in Cedar Key on Saturday April 4 from 10-5 pm and Sunday April 5 from 10-4pm. Admission is free and great food prepared by local nonprofit organizations is available in beachfront City Park. The downtown and dock street merchants and restaurants will also be open.

For more information

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