

Cedar Key Arts Center's February Exhibit Pays Homage to "Honey's Cottage"

Opening – Saturday, February 1, 5-7 pm



Photo by Ann Kamzelski

You've probably heard that Cedar Key's Honeymoon Cottage was originally built in the 1950's as a guest house by Philip and Peggy Thomas of Gainesville for weekend getaway. But did you know that it got its present day name, Honeymoon Cottage, not because of honeymooners but because it was Mr. Thomas' pet name for his wife's special place, Honey's Cottage. Somehow, sometime over the years it gradually became the "Honeymoon Cottage." No one seems to know exactly how or when this happened, and many locals resist this rather 'Disney' name, but nearly everyone agrees it is sad to see this picturesque part of Cedar Key fading away into the sunset, soon to be gone forever.

The Cedar Key Arts Center and the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts have dedicated February's Opening and this year's 50th Annual Spring Arts Festival to this icon of Cedar Key. Come see the Thomas Guest House as it was a half century ago and watch as its image gradually changed just like its name. See how artists from a wide variety of medium have paid homage to this inspirational site.

The Opening will be Saturday, February 1, 5-7pm and the exhibit will run throughout the month of February. And mark your calendars for the 50th Annual Spring Arts Festival in Cedar Key, planned for April 12 and 13th where a new mural commemorating the event and the Honeymoon Cottage will be dedicated.