

Old Florida Celebration of the Arts Returns to Cedar Key, April 6 & 7.

The Spring Arts Festival in Cedar Key may be celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year but just because it's been around for more years than most every other festival in Florida doesn't mean it's "just another arts and crafts show." Recognized 5 times in the past 10 years as one of the top Small-Town Art Shows in America by ArtFairCalendar.com and voted in the Top 200 in 2022 & 2023 by artists participating in *Sunshine Artists* Annual Survey based on sales, the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts is clearly is something special.

When asked what makes this event so exceptional visitors and artists often express appreciation for the festival's smaller size, the high quality and unique artwork, and the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of Cedar Key. Between 150-200 artists submit applications each year and only 100 fine artists, representing a full range of disciplines, are invited to attend. Most artists are from Florida but each year the event attracts a variety of artists from around North America. To encourage engagement of artists and art enthusiasts, the layout is purposely spread out with room for artist demonstrations both afternoons.

What you will still find in Cedar Key is its Old Florida charm. Booths are located right downtown on historic 2nd Street. Visitors can enjoy seafood and homemade goodies prepared by local non-profit groups to benefit their organizations in beachfront City Park along with music, and Children's "Art in the Park, hosted by the festivals Coordinating Sponsor, the Cedar Key Arts Center.

The festival is open Saturday, April 6, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, April 7, 10 am to 4 pm. Parking can be a challenge, so plan to car pool if you can. For more information go to www.CedarKeyArtsFestival.com.