

News Release: Old Florida Celebration of the Arts in Cedar Key, FL 3/7/2022  
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## Top Artist Returns to the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts



Harry Welsh in his booth April 2021

Cedar Key is excited to welcome back 2021 Best of Show Artist, Harry Welsch. Since the mid-70's, when Harry's wife decided to quit her day job and start making pottery, this talented couple has been creating inspiring and unique ceramic artwork. Harry's background as a high school physics teacher was valuable to him as an artist, but he ultimately realized that he could be more successful financially by focusing on his art. So, in 1989 he received a Masters of Fine Arts degree at the School for American Craftsman in Rochester, NY.

The Welsch's remember how excited they were to take home \$77 when they first came to Cedar Key's Spring Arts Festival almost 50 years ago. They've been selling their artwork exclusively at festivals ever since as they enjoy the appreciation and interaction with art enthusiasts who see their work. Although the years have made it harder for Kimberly to continue in this physically demanding medium, they still enjoy participating in about 20 festivals each year.

The Old Florida Celebration of the Arts is planned for Saturday, April 9 (10am - 5pm) and Sunday, April 10 (10am - 4pm) on Historic 2nd Street in Cedar Key. Find out more about the festival, other artists who will be attending, where to stay and what to do at [www.CedarKeyArtsFestival.com](http://www.CedarKeyArtsFestival.com). Questions: [CedarKeyArtsFestival@gmail.com](mailto:CedarKeyArtsFestival@gmail.com) or call 352-543-5400. Parking will be a problem in Cedar Key this spring because of construction and bridgework. Please plan to carpool or if you are in town, consider walking, biking or golf-cart pooling.