

Cedar Key – A Place Where Art Thrives

The coastal community of Cedar Key has long attracted artists and art enthusiasts and as the Cedar Key Arts Center prepares for hosting the 60th Anniversary of the Spring Arts Festival, the message could not be clearer – the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts is the place to be April 6th and 7th this year.

Run totally by volunteers, this juried Fine Arts event has been recognized by art fair visitors as one of the Top 5 Small Town Arts Festivals in America and by participating artists as one of the Top 100 Shows to sell their work. Hosting 100 talented artists in a wide variety of disciplines including Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Painting & Drawing, Mixed Medium, Metal, Photography, Sculpture and Wood, organizers promote engagement of artists and art lovers by providing space for artist demonstrations both afternoons and limiting the number of booths so that there is plenty of room to interact.

If you get a little hungry, head to one of Cedar Key's popular restaurants or work your way down to City Park where local non-profit groups serve great seafood and homemade goodies to benefit their organizations. Children can enjoy creating their own masterpieces at the Arts Center's Art in the Park Gazebo or playing in beachfront Little Shark Park.

The spring arts festival is not the only time you can enjoy art in Cedar Key. The Cedar Key Arts Center hosts monthly Gallery exhibits and numerous art workshops from October thru May. In addition to hosting the Shark Sewing Club during the school year, the organization also coordinates the very popular Elementary and Teen Art Programs in July.

Year round you can enjoy art created by over 40 artists at the two artist co-ops in town, the Cedar Keyhole Artist Co-op celebrating its 57th year in business this year and Island Arts which is now in its 29th year of operation. All around town you will find art – murals, sculptures and even evidence of creative expression in Cedar Key's Community Garden. There is no doubt that art thrives in Cedar Key!

For more information about the Arts Festival and the Arts Center go to www.CedarKeyArtsFestival.com or www.CedarKeyArtsCenter.org.