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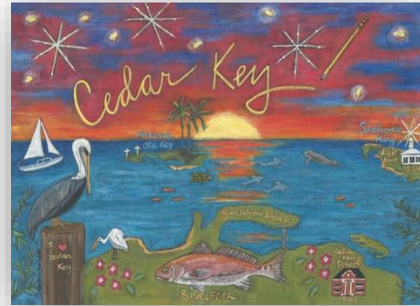
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CEDAR KEY ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES DESIGN CONTEST WINNER FOR THE 2027 OLD FLORIDA CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Winning art will be used in ads, postcards and posters to promote the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts in Cedar Key planned for April 3&4, 2027.

Cedar Key, FL – August 15, 2026 – The Cedar Key Arts Center is pleased to announce the winner of the 2027 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts Design Contest. Congratulations go to Winston-Salem, SC artist, Kathy Cooper, for her painting titled “Postcard from Cedar Key.” The response to this year’s theme, *Coastal Memories*, was outstanding with 40 entries submitted by 21 different artists.



Postcard from Cedar Key

Kathy’s recollections of her creative path: *“My grandmother hooked rugs, my mother stitched bargello, my aunts owned a knit shop, so it was natural for me to gravitate to fiber art in college. I could not have planned this career or imagined it to last this long. I made a floorcloth for my kitchen and that little rug took me on a journey! My focus has always been to bring joy into a room with color and whimsy. Recently I started painting some of the places I have been. I think of them like postcards and I try to include my favorite memories. That is where my painting of Cedar Key came from.”*



Come see more of Kathy’s work at the 65th Annual Cedar Key arts festival April 3&4, 2027 which will again welcome up to 100 invited fine artists to the laid-back island community located at the western terminus of State Road 24 in the center of Florida’s Nature Coast. Recognized among the Top 200 Fine Arts Festivals nationwide by participating artists in *Sunshine Artist Magazine’s* annual survey and one of the top 5 Small Town Arts Fairs in America by artists and attendees alike, the Old Florida Celebration of the Arts has built a reputation for excellence while preserving its warm, small-town charm. More information about the event at www.CedarKeyArtsFestival.com.