Artist of the Month
Barbara
"Of Course"

The Coconut Telegraph found this artist painting her heart out at the new Manny and Isa's Restaurant in Islamorada. Murals surround the walls, all done with Barbara's loving touch. When Barbara became a widow a few years back she decided to drop her last name and just go by Barbara. She is seen in the above picture adding final touches to what she and the owner of Manny and Isa's, Mike Forester, and manager, Todd Womer jokingly call the "Gay Cabillero".

Barbara says, "I've been an artist all my life and have always made a living at it. I sell mostly commission work out of my home." She tells us she wants to display her work at the Rain Barrel if it is ok with Mike Forester who recently purchased the Artist Village in Islamorada. Barbara asks, "Is it ok Mike?" Mike yells back "Of course!"

Entertainer of the Month

makes you feel like you're behind the wheel of a fine-tuned hot rod."

These days, Jimmy's musical contributions can be enjoyed at Upper Keys benefits, as he assists with community efforts to raise funds for needy families, music and arts scholarships, ecology groups and more. He sits in with his son Felix's band, Baga Tricks. On Saturday nights at Sharkey's Pub, you can catch him performing with "Grateful Ted" Hyde, or look for him around town at any and all music venues.

The Hawkins family is celebrating Jimmy's 60th birthday on August 19, 2007 at the Caribbean Club with special musical guests, starting at 4 pm. Please come out for a great time in honor of this local blues legend!