

Artist of the Month Sue Beal



Story by Rachel R. Peine

Being a Gemini may explain our Artist of the Month's success in combining her right-brain artistic talents with her left-brain computer skills. Sue Beal, owner of Island Information Services in Key Largo, has been creating graphic design work for over 20 years, including logos, posters, and even ad designs for the Coconut Telegraph.

After completing a double major in Art and Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh, Sue worked for Alcoa Aluminum, but eventually realized she wanted less stress and more creative freedom. Sue's husband, J.C., was originally from central Florida, and he loved to fish. Coincidentally, Sue's sister Karen was living down here, so it didn't take long to accept some short-term free room and board in Paradise while they got settled.

Once Sue opened her graphics business, she quickly became the "go to" person for graphic design needs. One of her biggest projects was creating all the graphic design work for the opening of the Mikkosukkee Hotel and Casino, including tickets for the premiere Cher concert. Sue

will help you transform your concept for a logo, party invitation, or business card into the completed graphic to take to the printer.

Sue contributes her talent to many volunteer community projects, including posters for local fundraisers. She loves the local music scene, especially since J.C. sits in on harmonica with a number of bands. As a result, Sue has designed CD covers for many musicians at no charge. Sue and Karen also used to run a free computer class at the library. As Karen says, "There were a lot of older people whose kids got them computers so they could stay in touch. Of course, they didn't even know where the "on" button was. Sue wangled some free Macs, and we set up the class to teach the basics and get them started."

Another aspect of Sue's community service is the Upper Keys Mac Users Group, which goes by the pleasant-sounding acronym UKMUG. Karen kiddingly calls Sue "Queen of the UKMUG" - doing the newsletter, organizing meetings, and arranging for speakers. Karen recommends this group for anyone interested in computers - not

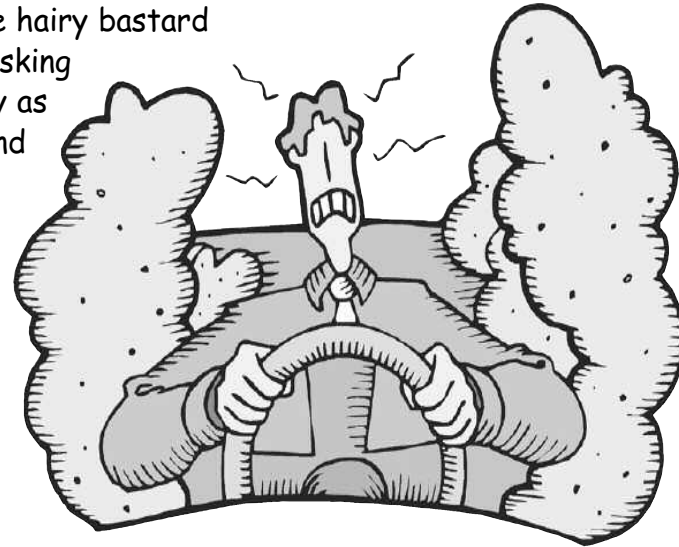
Advice: Dear Anny Bannany

Dear Anny Bannany,

I'm going nuts. The season is approaching and all the idiot drivers are here. These jerks don't even know how to use a directional or understand how to navigate a turn lane. They drive too fast or too slow, and along with all that is this bare-chested hairy guy on a bicycle that rides on the side of the road. Gee, why not use the bike path? I saw one guy at a local establishment rather shaken as he admitted that he had almost run the guy over by accident, and all the other patrons jumped up and yelled

"Yeah, run the hairy bastard over!" He is risking his own safety as well as ours and road rage is bound to run rampant. What can we do?

Signed,
Nucking Futs



Dear Nucking Futs,

Anny Bannany agrees! There is no law to keep hairy bastards off the side of the road, so the guy is either being inconsiderate or has a death wish. I'll bet the police are as frustrated as we are. There are no 12 step programs for road rage but there are anger management classes available, or, better yet, stop in Remedy's Health Food Store and ask the nice folks there to suggest something to calm you down. Take a nice long bubble bath. Treat yourself to one of Laura's superb desserts at the Key Largo Conch House. Buy a boat. You obviously need to get laid. Please just stay off Anny Bannany Boulevard when you are feeling bitchy.

Thank you,
Anny Bannany

Need some advice? Write to Anny Bannany at
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just Mac users. Check it out at <http://www.ukmug.org/>.

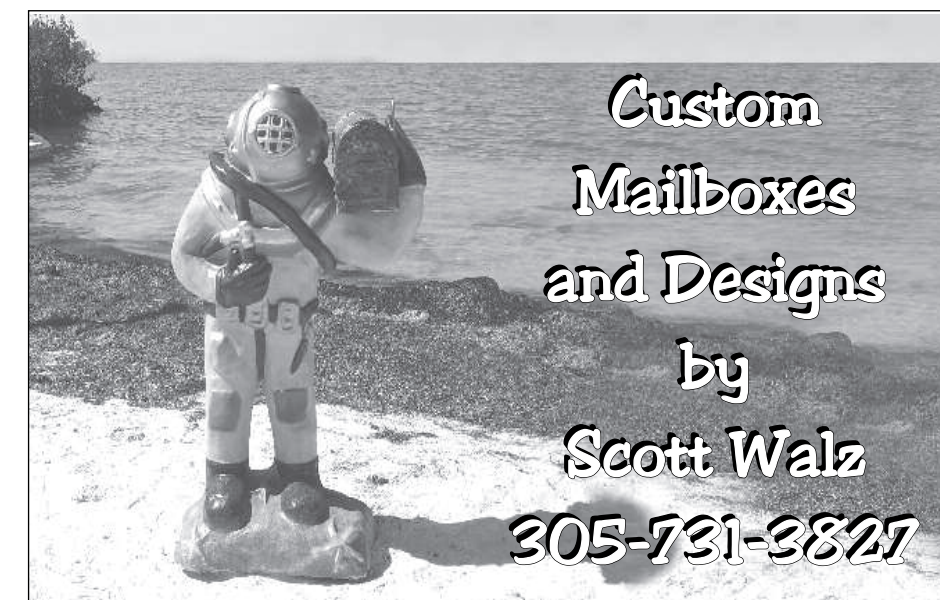
Island Information Services is located at 219 2nd St. (across from Sundowners). Give Sue a call at (305) 451-4601 with your next graphic design

project, and don't forget to look at her pen and ink drawings on the walls. From line drawings to concert tickets, Sue applies both sides of her brain to every project.

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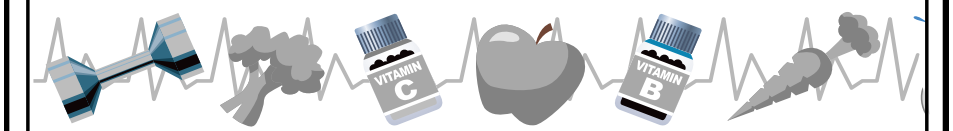
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