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...continued from page 7. of her energy, artistic creativity, and ability to work so well with children. Brooke Spaulding is a local Keys artist, originally from Seattle, Washington. She moved to the Keys in 1998 with her family in an impulsive move to create a lifestyle of perpetual vacation. Gratefully, her husband's career gives them the freedom to live wherever they desire. Her love is contemporary art and since moving here, a tropical flair with a strong

lessons and along with instructing her 15-20 students, her new project is publishing a book of inspirational words of art with designs that imbue love energy. She loves children and sees herself making a difference in children's lives through her creativity and insights. When discussing the project Brooke had the following to say "I so enjoying working with these kids. They all have their special talents and have impressed me with their gratitude, respect and



esteem for positive energy has been incorporated into to style. She uses mixed mediums to express her abstracts and impressionisms with an array of intense color.

Her current work conveys an enticement towards the subject of the Sea Goddess and her undersea garden. She describes herself as an experimental artist, changing her medium, canvas and style as the mood draws her, always looking for something new to learn. She loves to use the computer to manipulate her work into copied forms such as greeting cards and also enjoys glass etching and painting, stained glass, mosaics, sculpture and especially poetry. Brooke gives private art

helpfulness."

Project Inspiration gained speed when Bob Michael at True Value in Islamorada donated the majority of the supplies needed to begin the project and when Howard Kolbenheyer at Snapper's Restaurant had Lisa Lansden as a quest on the Turtle Club Radio Show on several occasions to discuss the details of the Project. The project is arowing as they now have commitments from internationally known artists Wyland and Adam Scott Rote. They also have a commitment from Key Largo artist Darryl Norem. "We have been so blessed to have the support of such incredible people and I am



be inspired to join in the project!" says Lisa. The children will be able to experience art from many different perspectives and have fun doing so.

Local volunteers are welcomed and will be painting the bedrooms to prepare for the artists. A coat of fresh paint needs to be applied to all of the walls and ceilings before

The next scheduled days for painting are September 12th and 13th from noon until 6 PM. If you are an artist interested in painting a mural with the children, or would like to volunteer to help paint the living areas or donate any of the much needed supplies please contact Lisa Lansden at (305) 942-3546.

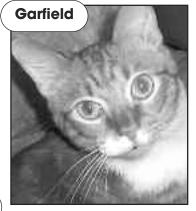
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