Artists of the Month Pantaleo & Crocker Keys to Life Gallery

The Florida Keys are home to many of the finest artists in the world. They are attracted to our islands because of our laid-back atmosphere and the abundant beauty of our land. But there are few that can capture the vibrancies and spirit of the Keys as well as Pasta Pantaleo. He is truly in a class of his own.

I learned of Pantaleo through my friend Teresa Crocker who makes beautiful handcrafted driftwood frames. She teamed up with Pantaleo and they made a trade, art for frames. The combination of Pantaleo's Keys to Life painting of the sunlit mangroves in Teresa's handcrafted driftwood frame is absolutely stunning.

Pantaleo is a premier marine life artist who "is focused on capturing the visions, both experienced and dreamed, that he shares with sport fishing anglers and art lovers everywhere." To view Pantaleo's work go to his website ArtByPantaleo.com or stop by his gallery in Islamorada on the Oceanside at mile marker 84.7 to witness him bring the beauty of our islands to life on canvas.

Pantaleo and Crocker both donated their work to the benefit for the Buckles family

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Loving the Light Color Therapy

Color therapy allows us to harness the power of individual color frequencies to heal our bodies and allow harmony.

The wondrous displays of color that define the world around us are manifestations of light and, as such, each possesses a unique frequency. The attraction we feel to certain colors is not a matter of pure chance—we experience the beneficial affects of color even while blindfolded. We are naturally drawn to those colors that lift our mood, expand consciousness, and restore health. Color therapy, also known as chromo therapy, allows us to harness the power of individual color frequencies to heal the body, positively influence our emotions, and achieve a renewed sense of inner harmony through sympathetic resonance. Colors do not directly affect the composition of our physical, mental, or aura, but they noninvasively alter the vibrational characteristics of diverse elements of the self so that each resonates at its proper healthy frequency. It is easy to overlook the colors that saturate our personal and professional environments. Yet these, whether in the form of the paint on our walls or the clothing we wear, can influence our thoughts, behaviors,

and feelings to an extraordinary degree. The colors we like best are often those that we need most in our lives, and there are many ways we can utilize them. Basking under a colored light bulb or gazing at an area of color can stimulate or calm us depending on the color we choose. For example, red stimulates the brain, circulatory systems, and first chakra, giving us an energy boost, while blue acts on the throat chakra, soothing the body and mind. And when we do not feel drawn to any one color, we can still benefit from the healing effects of white light, which is an amalgamation of all the colors of the visible spectrum. It is a cleansing color, one that can purify us on many levels. Human beings evolved to delight in vivid sunsets and rainbows, to enjoy the sensations awakened by particularly eye-catching color and to decorate our spaces and ourselves with bright colors. In essence, we evolved to love the light because of its harmonizing influence on every aspect of the self. When we pay attention to the potential affects of individual colors, we can modify our spaces, wardrobes, and habits to ensure that we introduce the colors that speak to us most deeply in our everyday lives.

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