Did You Know?

Fun Fishing Facts...

One in every \$10 spent in the United States on fishing is spent in Florida.

43% of anglers in the United States call the southeast

Overall, nearly \$20 billion in fishing retail sales are realized annually in the southeastern market.

The sport fishing industry generates more state revenue than the citris and cattle industries combined.

Recreational fishing in America supports over one million

The more than one million jobs supported by anglers are more than the number of people employed by Home Depot, Target and General Electric combined.

There are 13 million saltwater anglers in the United States.

Commercial fishing operations are responsible for 97% percent of all marine fish landed; recreational anglers land only 3%.

Florida fishermen bring in about 90 million pounds of seafood a year.

Over 98 different kinds of seafood are harvested in Florida.

Fish have been on our earth for more than 450 million years, even before the dinosaurs started to roam around.

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REEF Fishing and Friends

Hear the tale of the Spiny Lobster

Guest speaker Martin Moe talks about the importance of the Spiny Lobster, the crustacians life cycle and why the tale of the spiny lobster is more than a tail.

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 6:30 p.m. social · 7p.m. presentation **REEF Headquarters at MM 98.3**

Reef Environmental Education Foundation and the Sanctuary Friends Foundation of the Florida Keys cosponsor a series of monthly seminars that offer informative discussion about fishing and diving.



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Artist of the Month Kati Meroni

See her art on display at Tropical Arts & Crafts Supplies

Tropical Arts & Crafts Supplies, located in the Tradewinds Plaza next to Publix, now displays a different artist's work each month. This month it is native Key Largo resident Kati Meroni whose art hangs on the wall. Her use of different mediums is what caught my eye.

Meroni was born in Homestead and moved to the Keys when she was 4-years-old. She graduated from Island Christian School in 2005 and went on to attend the University of North Florida where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, her concentration being in painting and drawing. Meroni also studied abroad at Hellenic International Studies in the Arts



(HISA) in Paros, Greece.

Now back in Key Largo full time, Meroni is currently exploring job options and working on getting involved in the art community. She is available for painting on commission and you can contact her at (305) 610-

Stop in Tropical Arts and Crafts Supplies and check out her extraordinary talent. She will also be showing her work at the Islamorada Art Walk on August

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