Entertainer of the Month Mike Mitzner at Sharkey's Pub

again!" No, your eyes are not playing tricks on you. Mike Mitzner is the only musician in the history of the Coconut Telegraph to ever be featured as Entertainer of the Month three times.

The musical phenomenon was first featured in the April 2008 issue (see the conchtele graph.com archives for the original story) as one half of the extraordinary duo Mike and Drein Drein Vernon was Mike's partner, girlfriend and best friend. Together they were one of the most sought after singing sensations to ever rock the Keys. They even produced a CD together called "Live, Loud, and Proud" which was recorded live at the Caribbean Club.

We are very sad to say that shortly after the article appeared in the Coconut Telegraph Drein, then age 43, passed away in her sleep. While all the Conch Republic mourned Mitzner was devastated. Most people

would have crawled into their shell, but he grabbed his guitar and sat in with any entertainer who would let him.

"Music is my therapy. It's my balance," explains Mitzner. "When life starts to spiral out of control music pulls me back and keeps me grounded. Life goes on."

In June of 2009. Mitzner and Dwayne McGregor had formed the duo "Just Not Right" and were featured as

The great Yogi Berra once said "This is like deja vu all over Entertainer's of the Month. They both later went on to play

And this month Mitzner is featured solo. Mitzner discovered music at age six when he sat at his

grandmother's piano and started played along with the

commercials on TV, finding the melody by ear. He is completely self-taught on the quitar as well.

"No lessons, just using my ears and watching others", he

From sixth grade through college he has played baritone, trombone and trumpet in symphonic and concert bands.

He is also an A.S.E. 24 years experience and for the last 14 years he has been working at Vic's Auto on Plantation Key.

by Sharkey's Pub any Tuesday

Sharkey's because it is like family, laughter and good

cleaning up afterward!"

For more about his music you can contact Mike Mitzner at 305-394-0235



certified auto technician with

To hear Mitzner play stop

"I love playing at playing at my house! Friends,

times," Mike tells us. "Plus I don't have to worry about

In his free time Mitzner hangs out at home with his four cats and dog, cruises around on his boat and checks out local music, dives and fishes.

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Eighth Annual Locals' Art Show, Feb. 12 and 13

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thoughts to duck and cover, artists and locals have been flocking to the show for eight years. Also know as the "Locals' Art Show," artists will be displaying their work February 12 and 13 in front of the Marathon Winn Dixie right on US 1 at MM 50.2

The success of the event can be attributed to the diverse group of artists assembled by organizers and the enthusiasm of participants who enjoy taking part in an event with a colorful history. The show was originally started by local

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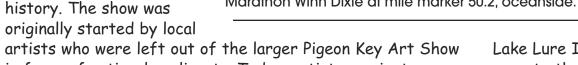
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strong following of its own. This year over 50 artists will participate including award winning painters, metal workers,

wood workers, potters, fabric artists, glass artists, photographers, and jewelers. A mix of new and returning artists, as well as selected national artists keeps the show interesting.

Adding to this year's excitement is a book signing by John and Bette Mojjis, former owners of the Dirty Dancing movie site. This is the first time their book Dirty Dancina! Hey Baby Let's Dirty Dance will be presented. It tells of the before, during, and after filming and features many photographs from their private collection. The Ghosts of



Feb. 14th is Valentine's Day!

Saturday 12. Luke & Dave 1:30-5:30 Justa Head 6-10 15. Luke 1-5 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10 19. Luke & Truesdell 1-5 pm and Harry French 6 – 10 pm Hawkins 1-5 pm Kevin Hurley m Bankston du Band Breaks Mr.Nice Guy 6-24. Luke 26.Luke & o.Mr.Nice Guv Truesdell 1-5 pm and Harry French 6 – 10 pm 1-5 pm Gypsy Road Band 6-10 Dave1:30-5:30 Whipping Post 6-10 01.Luke 1-5 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10 02. Allen 03.Felix Hawkin 1-5 pm Kevin Hurley 05.Luke & Truesdell 1-5 pm and Harry French 6 – 10 pm 1-5 pm The REGS Mosquito Heads 6-10 10 Luke Somn 06.ECLIPSE Come by Car or Boat

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