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## Art Box Artist of the Month: Chris Weakley

Two years ago Chris Weakley, a longtime Key Largo local, came into The Art Box and said he wanted to try something new. He wanted to know about sculpting coral rock. Chris said that when he picked up random coral rocks he could sometimes see, in the rough stone, an image like a fish or a lizard. Chris felt that with a little bit of work he could make the image stand out for the rest of the world to see. Determined in his pursuit, he set out with hand tools, a small dremel drill, and paint... and over the next few months Chris began bringing in a few pieces of his work to show his progress.

Chris was a nomad prior to his Keys life! Born in Japan 1954, Chris was raised in California, Mississippi, Germany, Arizona, and New Mexico! He served in the USCG 1972-76 including two tours to the North Pole and a tour to the South Pole. He was living In Washington State in a teepee when Mt. St Helens blew just 45 miles north. In the 80s he worked oil fields of Wyoming, and in the 90s moved

> to the Keys, where he became a dive instructor and boat captain.

Now he has an elaborate collection on display for the month of August at The Art Box for everyone to enjoy. You will have a chance to meet Chris at the third Thursday of August Morada Way Art Walk in Islamorada at mm 82. If you would









like to see Chris's artwork or have any questions please visit The Art Box at mm100.6 bayside or call 305-451-5461.



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