

# Art Box Artist of the Month: Jason Barth



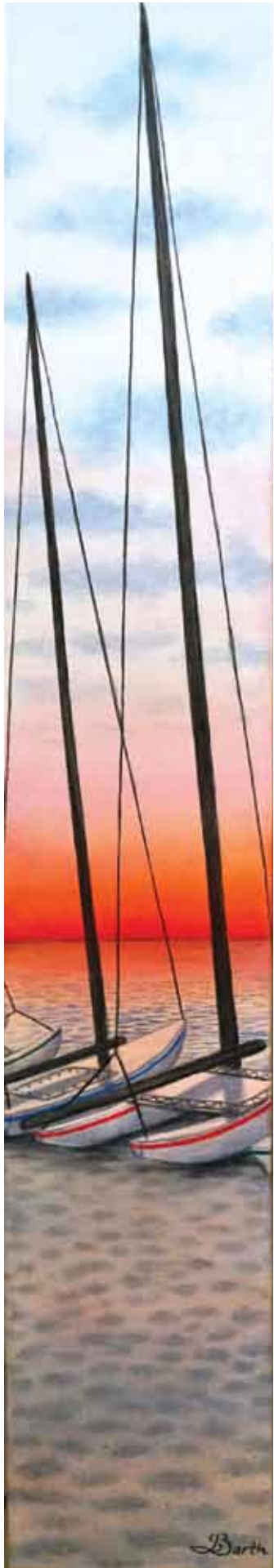
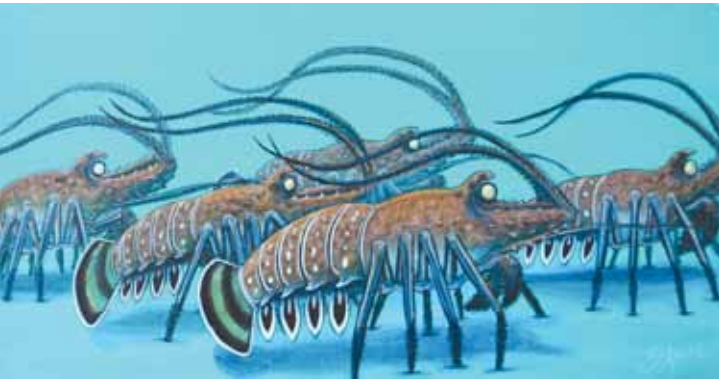
The Art Box featured artist for the month for May is Jason Barth who was born on Plattsburg Air Force Base in 1968 but he moved to South Florida as a child and never left. "As long as I can remember I knew art was my passion and the path I wanted to take," says Jason.

Barth had his first paid commission when he designed the cover of Miami-What-Where-When, a guide for visitors and tourists. Next he provided the cover and over twenty-five illustrations for the Dade County Environmental Store by the Friends of the Everglades. At that time he was fortunate to meet and talk with Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who inspires and influences him and his art to this day.

When Barth was 22 and had been working a full time job he had a near-death event that forced him to quit work for almost a decade. It was then that he found his art to be not only therapeutic but he also found it gave him a purpose and goal.

Jason began doing commissioned drawings, portraits and paintings, and discovered a true passion for murals and faux finishes, trompe-l'oeil designs and murals. He says "My primary focus now is pouring my creative energy onto canvas with acrylics creating a wide variety of land and seascapes, botanicals and so much more. I also continue to welcome and enjoy working on custom murals, portraits and commissioned canvas pieces."

Stop by Island Decor in Tavernier where they proudly display his amazing paintings.



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Shane Duncan Band, a favorite at Gilberts. Photo by Rob LeBrun.

Felix the Catt & Baga Tricks at The Big Chill, every third Saturday 7-11. Photo by Susan Ptomey.

Luke Sommer Glenn Band at Bayside Grille. Kick off your shoes and dance in the sand!

Mainstreet Band at Gilberts.

Stephen is back at the Mindful Mermaid Cafe, next to Publix. Try the new Reuben!

Dalton Collins at Gilbert's.

Stone Mojo at Gilbert's.

Scott Youngberg and his wife Susie perform the Government Chees song at the 21st Annual Bayjam.