

The Art Box: Big Things in Little Boxes

Jon and Joanna Dreaver have been the owners of The Art Box for more than five years, and over the years the store has acquired many faces, providing many services, from artist supplies to shipping... and even an art gallery with a frame shop! And of course, it's also a place to take art classes.

It is hard to believe that this small store can pack in so many essential services, or that they would work well together, but Jon and Joanna have made their little store a functioning work of art.

The art classes held at The Art Box are hosted by various local artist instructors like Gloria Avner and Jim Mahla as well as owner and artist Jon Dreaver.



James Mahla teaches watercolor.

Jon has been having fun teaching the Friday night 'Wine and Paint' classes for adults, and the Saturday kids classes, for quite some time. Jon chooses these two classes to teach because he says that while working with the kids it's amazing to watch their creative process at work. There is no end to the imagination the kids bring, and with the right instruction, it's rewarding to see the end of a great project... when the little artists hold up their completed paintings so proudly for their photographs.



Proud of their accomplishment.

The Wine and Paint has a similar effect, except the kids are just bigger! Many of the adults have spent their lives thinking they couldn't paint, until they sit down, let the wine take the edge off and just start painting. More often than not, they are more shocked and proud of their creations than the children.



Gloria Avner with one of her classes.

Recently The Art Box has grown more into a framing store than anything else. Island Decor located in Tavernier has closed the retail and framing aspect of the business, but owner Shanti Cope will be continuing to work with interior design clients from her new office located next door to where the gallery was. With the gallery and the framing studio closed, Shanti wants to ensure that her customers continue to receive great quality care and attention, so Island Decor's customer base is transferring to The Art Box for their framing needs.



Jon and Johanna Dreaver have many framing options for you!

Jon and Joanna look forward to all the great changes. They say that it has been an evolving shop since the day they opened the door. If you're looking for any framing, or are interested in an art class, or in booking a private wine and paint party, stop in at Plaza 101 at MM 100 or give The Art Box a call at 305-451-5461.



Adults who paint for the first time are often more proud of it than the kids!

JON & JOANNA DREAVER

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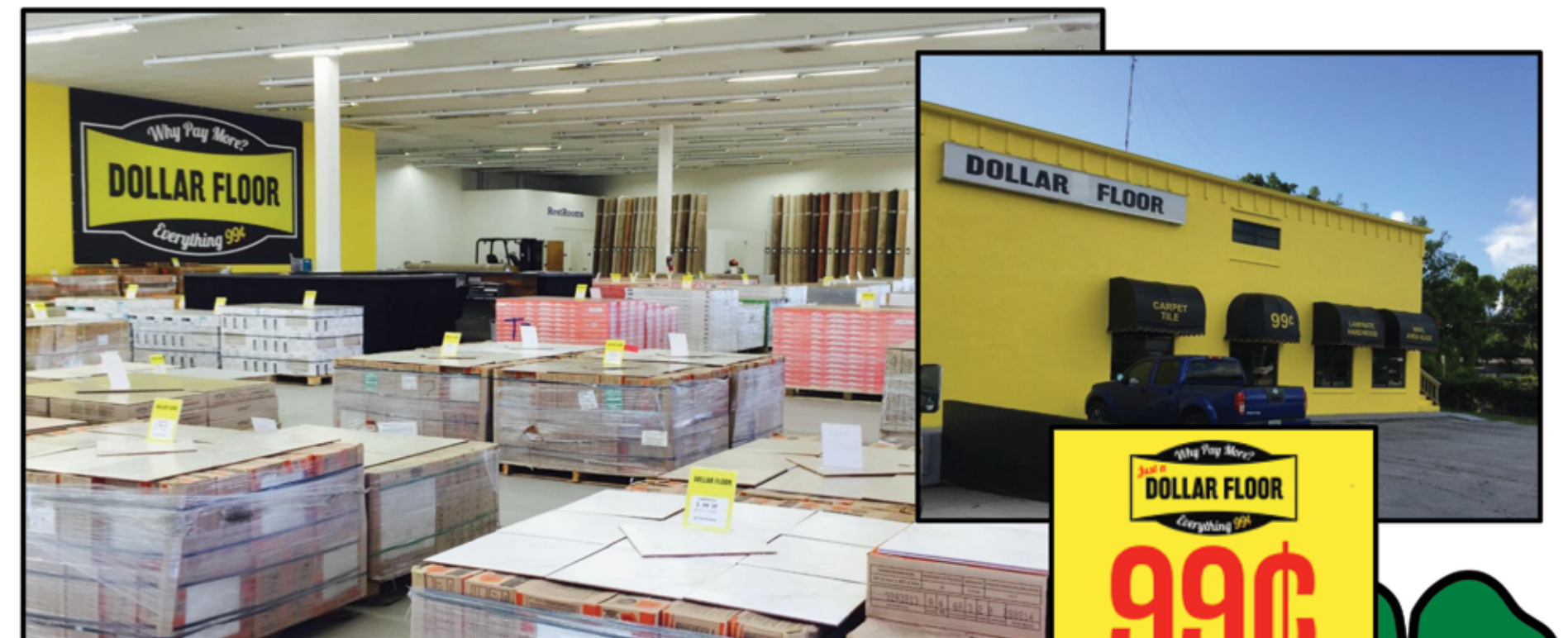


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