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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: Regina "Reggie" Hutson

Do you know Reggie? If you have lived in the upper Keys at one point or another, you've probably met her as she has worked as a waitress or bartender at different establishments over the years... 32 years to be exact! She has retired more times than I can count on my hand because working in the service industry is downright brutal.

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Hutson's husband,
Jamie, a carpenter by
trade, bought her a scroll
saw for Christmas 25
years ago. It ignited her
creative juices and a
woodworking hobby was
born. Reggie started by
using patterns to make
outdoor decorations out
of wood.

She hand paints them in bright colors. Over the years of perfecting her craft she began making

her own designs and tweaking old ones. Her friends encouraged her to sell them, and soon she was setting up her tent at local fairs and flea markets during the winter and spring months when it isn't too hot.

Naturally what Reggie enjoys the most is socializing and meeting new people. She is thrilled when she has a return customer. Reggie's items range in price from \$5 to \$50. Stop by the Key Largo Moose on December 19th (see ad on page 5) and check out the fence peepers, Christmas pot people, pet feeders including the alligator bird feeder, the 'no pooping' signs and her solar lamps. There is something for everyone. Or you can call her at 305-942-1194. Tell her the Coconut Telegraph sent you.



Remember Reggie? Here she is in her booth at the Moose Swap Meet













Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Holiday Season this year!

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