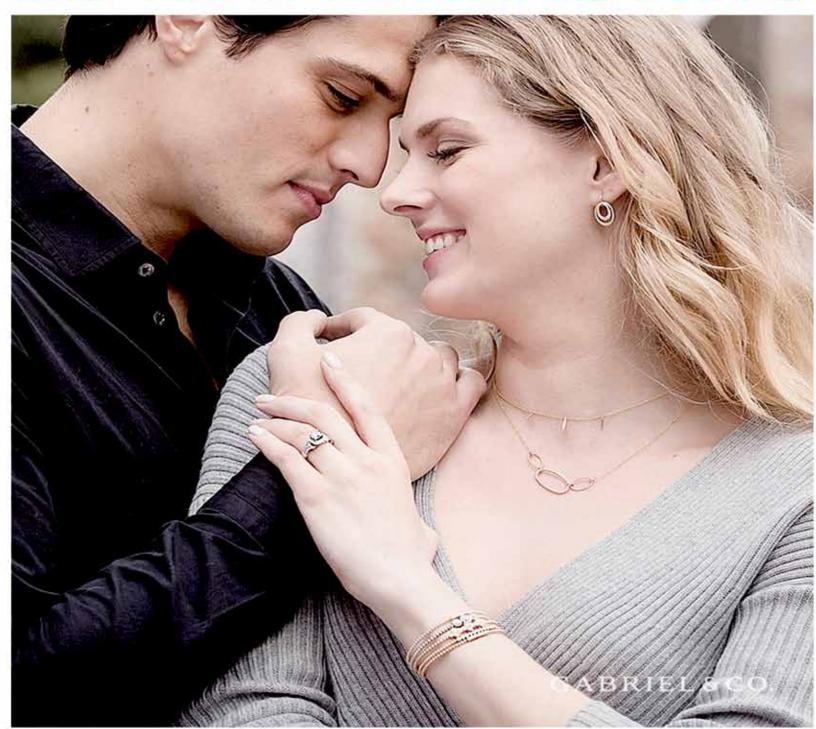
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Art Guild of the Purple Isles - Attention All Artists!



In 1966, a small group of artists began to meet at the Islamorada studio of Miami artist, Bernice Shambaugh and this group became known as the Purple Isles Fine Arts Guild. They exhibited artwork throughout Florida as part of the Florida Federation of Art and in February 1968, hosted their first art show in the Keys.

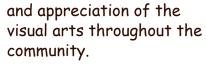
In 1974, after withdrawing from the Florida Federation of Art, the Guild decided to operate independently to expand its membership, evolving to a fine arts Guild including photography.

The Guild changed its name to Art Guild of the Purple Isles or AGPI. Over the years AGPI has become an active group of more than 100 artists who are:

- at the center of visual fine art activities in the Upper Florida Keys,
- supportive and encourage fellow visual artists,
- committed to making art a prominent part of the community.

The mission of the Guild is to:

- foster camaraderie within our membership,
- support and encourage
 visual artists by providing
 venues for exhibiting their work,
- provide educational activities in the arts,
- develop a public awareness



Student Art Education

The AGPI mission statement in the bylaws of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles states the Guild will support students in Upper Keys schools with supplies and mentoring from our artist members.

- AGPI has a long standing history of involvement with community student art education as follows:
- AGPI mentored, promoted and assisted Art Teachers and students in local schools by completing many interior wall murals at the Key Largo School and Plantation Keys School. (We plan to resume school murals when the COVID threat is over).
- AGPI and The History of Diving Museum collabo-

rated for the third year on its 2021 exhibit entitled "The Art of the Abyss." This was funded through a grant from the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys. Students from Plantation Key School, Key Largo Middle and Elementary, Ocean Studies Montessori and Coral Shores High School created art Sculptures depicting creatures from the Abyss and was displayed in combination with artworks by AGPI artists in the Spring of 2021.

AGPI looks forward to 2022's collaboration with The History of Diving Museum and students of Florida Keys schools for an exhibit entitled, "Fanta-Sea".

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