



Key West's Oldest House Newsletter

June 2017



The Oldest House in Key West, built in 1829, is located at 322 Duval Street. Tours are free. The house is open daily 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Closed Sunday and Wednesday.

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Our Mission: To Celebrate and sustain Key West's unique culture, history, and architecture.

Our Newest Board Member Mark A. Certonio

Mark is currently the Director of Events for DOLCE Events & Marketing, and Co-founder of the Key West Food and Wine Festival & WINEDINE KEYWEST. In his role he is responsible for all aspects of producing these events.

Mark graduated from the University of Utah with a major in Architectural Engineering, then embarked on a career in the food and beverage/hospitality industry by joining the Marriott Corporation retiring after his 25 year career as Director of



Catering at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City.

He then moved to Brussels, Belgium and was the International Director of Sales for Meeting Matrix, a hospitality software company. He also taught at the Centre de Manage-

ment Hôtelier International in Paris, France.

After moving back to Key West in 2002, Mark worked in two fine dining establishments as General Manager at Café Marquesa and Latitudes on Sunset Key.

He has volunteered, successfully producing the Taste of Key West & Vintners Dinner.

Mark is currently serving on the Board of Directors of The Old Island Restoration Fund.

As a member of the Key West Business Guild, Mark served on the Board of Directors, and is a member of the Key West Chamber of Commerce and American Institute of Wine & Food-South Florida Chapter.

His hobbies are photography, travel, cycling, web site design and great food & wine.

Restoration Work Completed at The Oldest House

Foundation

- 26 new concrete piers replaced piles of lime stone rock
- New support system placed under entire structure
- Completed in December 2016
- Total cost \$82,400



The old decaying limestone piers supporting the house were replaced with new concrete piers.

New Roof

The old roof was removed, sealed with underlayment and replaced with Victorian roof shingles and flashing was replaced at dormer walls. The roof project was completed December 2016 at a total cost of \$26,700.

Bathroom Renovation

The existing men's restroom was converted to a compliant ADA bathroom and the old unisex restroom was converted to a men's restroom. Walls and trim were repaired and painted. The total cost of this project was \$21,800.

Parlor & Dining Room Floor

The existing flooring was removed, a new subfloor and vapor barrier installed and the old flooring was reinstalled. Total cost \$8,500



Flooring removed in a section of the parlor.

Painting and Plaster Repair

The plaster was repaired where damaged by leaks and the walls were primed and painted with lime paint. That paint was recommended by the Florida Division of Historical Resources, and is made from the mineral lime, a plentiful asset in the Keys. It's hard to work with but is historically accurate. We got our paint from "Mineral Life", a company in Miami. We also primed and painted the woodwork and the floor. Cost of the complete project was \$3,500.



Peeling walls before preparation and re-paint.

Recent Events in the Garden

Our tropical garden is a great place to get married, have a party, hold your next family reunion or just relax and enjoy the Key West weather. Contact Teri at 305-294-9501 for more information or see our website at www.oirf.org



The Bahama Village Music Program recital May 24th in the garden behind the Oldest House.

Upcoming Events 2017-18

October 29, 2017: Parade Viewing Party at the Oldest House, 6 pm
 November 9, 2017: 58th Annual Home Tour Kickoff Party
 December 27 & 28, 2017: Holiday Home Tour, 3 - 7 pm
 January 11, 2018: Speaker TBA
 January 12 & 13, 2018: Home Tour, 3 - 7 pm
 Conch Train
 February 8, 2018: Plein Aire Painters Reception 5 - 7 p.m.
 February 16 & 17, 2018: Home Tour, 10 am - 4 pm
 March 16 & 17, 2018: Home Tour, 10 am - 4 pm
 March 3, 2018: 56th Annual Conch Shell Blowing Contest, 12 noon
 March 4, 2018: Docent Appreciation Luncheon, 12 - 2 pm
 April, 2018: Annual Meeting TBA



Four weddings were held in the Garden behind the Oldest House during the month of May. The venue can accommodate up to 120 seated guests for dinner, or more for a cocktail party. For more information contact Teri at 305-294-9501 or go to www.OldIslandWeddings.com.



The 2017 Old Island Restoration Foundation preservation grants were awarded on March 5, 2017 at the Oldest House Museum garden. Recipients were Trinity Presbyterian Church, Key West Art Center and Gallery, Bethel AME Church and Key West Art & Historical Society.

2017 Grant Awards

Old Island Restoration Foundation issues grants annually for projects that demonstrate historic architectural significance. This year applications were judged on the following criteria:

- Historic Significance
- Demonstrated Need
- Probable Success
- Benefit to the Community
- Cost Sharing
- Financial Need

The following organizations were selected to receive grants:

Bethel AME Church	\$8,400
Key West Art Center	\$4,200
Trinity Presbyterian	\$8,400
Key West Art & Historical Society	\$4,000
Totaling	\$25,000

We are working to increase our grant monies in the coming years.

New Staff Member Andy Herdan

Our new coordinator is Andy Herdan. Andy served as an officer in the British Merchant Navy and has traveled every corner of the world working with numerous cultures. Andy has worked with many non-profits volunteering as a field archaeologist, leading Historical Societies, helping to set up Museum Associations and writing articles and books on regional history.

Andy also is a member of the Key West Art & Historical Society Advisory Board and provides frequent support for special events and exhibitions.

Andy's role with Old Island Restoration Foundation is to attain volunteer support giving tours through the Oldest House Museum. Future projects include museum exhibits and incorporating children's programs to provide education to the community of Key West.



Stop by and be sure to say hi to Andy.



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