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## Cedar Key Woman's Club 2018 Fall Market continues its trend of helping people



Participating in a check presentation Saturday morning (Nov. 24) are (from left) Cedar Key Woman's Club First Vice President Teri Brennan, CKWC President Katherine Dunlop, Cedar Key Community Relief Fund representative Jennie Pinto,

CKWC Treasurer Becky LaFountain, CKWC Corresponding Secretary Robin Jocelyn and CKWC Past President Jane Moore. In this event, Pinto accepted a check from the CKWC for \$500. All of the officers and members of this club are thoughtful, polite and friendly to guests. This and other traditions are bound to be part of the formula for the CKWC's success. As for the Cedar Key Community Relief Fund, it provides gasoline-only pre-paid gas cards for individuals to drive themselves or a loved one for medical treatments. The fund helps people in other manners, however it is for emergencies only and not for long-term assistance. The CKWC joins a host of other organizations, the United Methodist Church of Cedar Key, other churches and individuals who support the Cedar Key Community Relief Fund.

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**LEVY COUNTY** -- A lovely bunch of ladies continue helping others and their annual events are all part of that gracious spirit that brings forth the best parts of being humans.

The Cedar Key Woman's Club 2018 Fall Market offered many opportunities Saturday (Nov. 24) for people to not only give to charitable causes, but to also see an amazing return on their expenditures.

It's not just the pins, amulets, necklaces, paintings, seashells, knickknacks (perhaps even paddy whacks), and a very long list of other physical items that were sold at very reasonable prices, which make the event memorable each year.

There were baked goods and meals available too.

Beyond those key elements that consumers enjoy with high quality and a fair price, this market holds a higher purpose. The money spent during this event goes for a plethora of positive purposes that the Cedar Key Woman's Club supports.

And while some of those missions are for short-term goals, such as those met by the Cedar Key Community Relief Fund, where it helps individuals with immediate emergency needs, another CKWC annual project shows tangible results for the future, where a person will affect others in a progressive manner.

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The Cedar Key Woman's Club is among the organizations providing scholarships to Cedar Key School graduates. The CKWC gives a female CKS graduate a \$1,000 scholarship.

A recent recipient of that gift happened to have returned home for the holidays, and she was at the 2018 CKWC Fall Market.

**Emilie LaVoie-Ingram, a phenomenal young lady and recipient of a 2018 scholarship from the CKWC, grants a photo opportunity request as she pauses next to the 2019 CKWC Calendar Sales Table at the 2018 CKWC Fall Market.**



Emilie LaVoie-Ingram, 18, was the Class of 2018 CKS Valedictorian. She received the CKWS Scholarship upon her graduation and enrollment in college. LaVoie-Ingram has started as a freshman at Jacksonville University.

LaVoie-Ingram is currently majoring in engineering physics, however she said Saturday that her plan is to switch to electrical engineering with a minor in mathematics.

As for her post-graduate plans, LaVoie-Ingram said she is currently undecided, however she will see where events in the space-time continuum take her.



**William Rogers of Cedar Key paints a sand dollar at the CKWC Fall Market.**

Meanwhile, also on the lawn at the Fall Market, there was a gentleman who has become a sand dollar artist.

“Coach” William Rogers, 85, of Cedar Key had some of his sand dollar works for sale. And he even continued creating them right on the grounds of the CKWC during

the Fall Market.

People driving along State Road 24 near the Sumner area of Levy County once again saw the annual hubbub of activity as the Cedar Key Woman's Club's 2018 Fall Market on Saturday (Nov. 24) showed this annual affair continues to be a thriving festive occurrence that provides many treasures and treats, jewelry, fabulous artisan shopping, flea market vendors, home baking, a snack bar and more.

This was the 13th year for the annual event that brings joy to shoppers as well to participating club members.

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The sand dollar art being created at the moment is seen here.

## Cedar Key Garden Club Secretary Sharon Kay is seen selling plants at the CKWC Fall Market.

Sharon Kay, 68, of Cedar Key was among the many vendors at the event, who placed their tables on the front lawn area of the CKWC Clubhouse. Kay is secretary for the Cedar Key Garden Club. She was selling plants to visitors.



## Esta Johnston of Cedar Key Handprints holds a shirt she was selling.

Esta Johnston, 78, was selling her art. Johnston, a member of the CKWC, is an illustrator, art instructor and printmaker. She owns Cedar Key Handprints and creates silkscreen works on clothes, as well as conceiving and bringing to fruition other works of art that may be bought.

The CKWC has scores of members and several of them were on the grounds of the big yellow two-story clubhouse on SR 24



Saturday helping with this annual event.

Traditional cornerstones for this Fall Market were present.

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**CKWC Member Rosemary Danesi (left) wears a hat that is reminiscent of what a character from the CKWC Fashion Show might wear, as she and CKWC Member Susan Rosenthal are among the members helping people be served with baked goods, or hotdog or barbecue sandwich meals, and drinks.**

There was the snack bar, where members provided guests with meals that included baked beans and chips with each of the main course meals of -- pulled pork sandwiches and hotdog meals with coleslaw and baked beans were available.

Those two forms of a wonderful lunch were selling for \$5 a plate.

Soda pop drinks and coffee were selling as well.

Granny's Cupboard was the place for patrons to purchase homemade breads and many, many other baked goods. This bake sale aspect of the Fall Market helped add to the mix of donations from volunteers to aid the Cedar Key Woman's Club in its efforts to raise money for the community of Cedar Key.

## **CALENDAR SALES**

One hot-selling item again this year is the 2018 calendar. Vicki Crumpley is the fearless CKWC leader in this campaign.

Crumpley has been a champion of the club's calendar efforts for years now.

Photos for the 2019 calendars came from many contributors who are club members and other photographers. Calendars are selling for \$10 each. These calendars sell like hotcakes.

They are available at various island locations. The best first place to visit is the Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in beautiful, relatively historic downtown Cedar Key. Even after the calendars sell out from that location, the Chamber folks are very friendly and can direct calendar buyers to other locales.

As has been noted, this successful project, like the other ventures by the CKWC is a combined effort that takes everyone's input.

Proceeds from the calendar all return to the island city, supporting causes such as the Cedar Key Relief Fund, the Cedar Key School, the Cedar Key Food Pantry, the Cedar Key Public Library, the Cedar Key Volunteer Fire Department, and the arts center program for children.

Work on the calendar continues all year.

The support from businesses which carry the calendar is an important partnership for the Cedar Key Woman's Club and is very much appreciated by the club.

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## INDOOR VENDORS

Inside the clubhouse, there were people selling a very wide range of items.

Once again, for the person who missed this year, it might be a good idea to be alert for the excellent opportunities at the Cedar Key Woman's Club's Fall Market coming in 2019. Thanksgiving turkey might trigger that reminder.

Another method to remind oneself about the 2019 Cedar Key Woman's Club Fall Market is to buy a 2019 Cedar Key Woman's Club Calendar and mark it on there.

This market traditionally is on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, just as it unfolded that way this year.



**Lynn Sylver of Frog Cottage Jewelry was among the indoor vendors. Sylver makes eco-friendly and people-friendly jewelry. She buys beads and other parts for her works or jewelry art from very small businesses rather than from big corporations. Seen here, Sylver is holding a Tibetan amulet that is 300 to 400 years old. She bought two, one for herself and one to sell. The price of that amulet on Saturday was \$40.**

**There were many other indoor vendors, including none other than Emily Colson of Cedar Key Scrubs. And yet another indoor vendor, Trinkets & Treasures of Cedar Key, provided an opportunity for a visiting journalist to locate three beautiful pins for his wife as Thanksgiving Weekend gifts.**

## YARD SALES

The turnout of people selling items in the front yard as well as inside the big yellow house on State Road 24 showed plenty of items for interested buyers.

In addition to the various aforementioned causes, the club provides assistance to the Cedar Key health fair, hurricane preparedness, the coastal cleanup, a domestic violence shelter and weekly seniors' luncheons.

Cedar Key Woman's Club members greeted all of their visitors with the warmth for which those members are known throughout the world. They are a friendly group of ladies. They made every single shopper feel welcome.

Cedar Key Woman's Club members sincerely thanked all of their visiting vendors and shoppers too.

## OTHER FUNDRAISERS

The Annual Fall Market event is not the biggest fundraiser for the club, but like the it does for the other events, this woman's club puts the "fun" in fundraiser.

Several shoppers again found items they wanted for themselves, relatives, spouses, friends, coworkers, colleagues and acquaintances.

The other places where this club raises funds are its annual fashion show, its potluck lunch, the annual spaghetti dinner and through its participation with the Cedar Key Lions Club, which hosts the extraordinary annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival.

The relatively recently past Seafood Festival by the Lions Club broke all previous records for attendance. And the 2019 Cedar Key Lions Club Seafood Festival will be its 50th annual festival,

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which could indicate something even better than the new phone app for the event, which was introduced this year.

## THE QUILT

The quilt being raffled by The Cedar Key Woman's Club this year shows an ongoing commitment to help The Fisher House, which is a facility for injured veterans' families.

The title for the quilt this year is "Dolphins At Play."

It is during the Fashion Show (scheduled for March 14, 2019) when a winning ticket is selected from the 500 tickets sold.

CKWC member Eileen Senecal, and a winner of one year's quilt, was the person who for only the second time in all of history was a Cedar Key Woman's Club member who won that raffle.

This 2019 quilt, Senecal said on Saturday, is unique beyond all of the other previous quilts.

All previous quilts were not completed entirely by Cedar Key Woman's Club members. This one is, however. Therefore, when it is entered in competition in Gainesville for the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) District Art Show in early 2019, not only may the quilt be an award-winner, but the CKWC quilters can enjoy the warmth from that title being with them.

Even if the 2019 "Dolphins At Play" Quilt is not an award-winner, the CKWC ladies will have the warmth in their hearts from helping families of veterans seeking medical care in Gainesville at the VA.

The GFWC was founded in 1890 during the Progressive Movement. It is a federation of more than 3,000 women's clubs in the United States of America, which promote civic improvements through volunteer service.

Senecal has felt quilt warmth as a winner, too. She was busy preparing for her part in the 2017 CKWC Fashion Show when a fellow member told her she won that year. She thought she had won the 50-50 event that year, only to learn she was the quilt winner.

<https://youtu.be/gVbdsF45s5s>

**In this video, the moment of truth is found. The Tacky Tourist – Eileen Senecal wins the 2017 quilt.**

**This embroidery on the 2019 quilt shows its origin. It notes 'Lovingly Made by the Ladies of the Cedar Key Woman's Club To Benefit The Fisher House of Gainesville, FL.'**



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**Eileen Senecal stands with the quilt named Dolphins At Play. Tickets will be available at the Salty Needle Quilt Shop on Second Avenue in December to win this quilt. Tickets are also available from any CKWC member. The 500 tickets are anticipated to sell out again. They are often even available at the last minute during the Fashion Show, which is set for March 14, 2019. However, they may sell out before then -- therefore, please buy a quilt ticket before then.**

That 2017 quilt won Best Of Show at the General Federation of Woman's Clubs District 5 Art Show. Back then, members of the GFWC District 5 leadership team volunteered to transport that quilt for entry in the GFWC State Art Show to compete at the state level.

That 2017 quilt won the 2017 GFWC State Art Show title as well. Senecal, therefore, won a multiple award-winning quilt in 2017.

Funds raised by the exchange of donations for tickets for the annual quilt go to the Fisher House in Gainesville. The Fisher House is for veterans' families as their family member is cared for at the VA hospital in Gainesville.

To stay at the Gainesville Fisher House, please contact the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville.

The Cedar Key Woman's Club, which was first established in 1960, is a member in good standing of the GFWC.

Becoming a member of the Cedar Key Woman's Club is relatively easy. The process starts by a woman letting a current member know that they would like to join.

The 2019 CKWC Fall Market proved to be another success by the island women.

By the way, it would be correct to presume that some men are granted the privilege to help their spouses and loved ones in these CKWC ventures, but it is the women who put the "w" in "wonderful" for all of these fun fundraisers.