



**JOE CELLA MEMORIAL AWARD: THE 'BIRDS IN NATURE' ART SHOW  
2018 Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> to Sat. March 3<sup>rd</sup> MM 101.4 Oceanside  
Trade Winds Plaza, Key Largo Public Library Community Room**

Annual competition for the Joe Cella Memorial Award is open to all AGPI members for their original works of birds in nature either native or migratory to the Florida Keys. (Parrots, chickens and domestic fowl are not appropriate for this category). The Art Show is limited to fine art paintings, photography and sculpture.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY MIDNIGHT: ENTRY DEADLINE**

To sign-up go to [www: agpi.us](http://www.agpi.us) for the link Shows/Joe Cella

Members may submit one entry. Judging will be completed before the show's opening and the ribbons will be hung on the prize winning pieces.

**FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY: 9:30 am DELIVERY ENTRIES for Joe Cella Art Show**

Trade Winds Plaza Public Library Community Room. Be Prompt Please.

1. Make sure you have attached a wire across the back for hanging
2. Attach a card with your name and phone number on the back.
3. Bring your entry fee of \$5.00 check or exact cash.

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY: OPENING OF JOE CELLA MEMORIAL ART SHOW**

The Show is open for viewing during the Library hours and/or Community Room hours until closing time on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY: CLOSING OF JOE CELLA ART SHOW – PICK-UP OF ENTRIES 4:00 PM**

We will be taking down and string the hanging system at that time and will not be responsible for entries that are not collected. Please note that all entries are entered into the show are at the owners' sole risk and responsibility and all entrants hold harmless AGPI and the Key Largo Library for any loss, damage or liabilities that may occur.

**Purple Isles Art Guild Member : JOE CELLA**



Joe Cella (1936-1993) was a well-known and respected artist who specialized in woodcarvings of birds in nature in a wildlife setting. He was born in 1936 in Long Island, New York, in a home that his grandfather built. He became an apprentice for a furniture maker when he was a teenager, attended college and became an industrial arts teacher teaching shop and wood working to high school students. Joe was a member of The Long Island Woodcarvers Association for many years.

When he retired to the Florida Keys, Joe became a member of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles where he continued his love of art with full time carving of birds found in our natural surroundings. He was recognized nationally for his carvings; most known for carefully staining each piece so that the natural wood grain could show through. Joe was a wonderful gentleman as well as an outstanding artisan. You may view one of his birds, a beautiful "EGRET", which is on permanent display at the Key Largo Public Library in the Trade Winds Plaza MM 101.4

He passed away in 1993 and The Art Guild of the Purple Isles has been continuing his passion for birds by dedicating this annual art show to his memory where AGPI artists are invited to depict in various mediums only indigenous or migratory birds to Florida.