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ABOUT the COVER Frances "Cisco" Willison was raised in Point Comfort, TX and attended high school in Port Lavaca. She took art lessons at an early age at the local art guild. She always loved drawing and painting, and took classes in art throughout her early education. She studied engineering at the University of Houston and received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1981. During her studies in Houston, she met and married her husband of over 40 years, Gary Willison. After working in the private and public sectors for over 30 years, Cisco retired from engineering in 2009. She took classes at Glassell School of Art weekdays, but began spending more time in Rockport, Tx. After living in Houston for decades, the couple relocated to Rockport. She continues to serve as a volunteer for many community events, and is still developing her art skills from the basics she learned at Glassell. She enjoys working in watercolor, pastels, charcoal, ceramics and stained glass. Her artwork is available at Wind Way Gallery 203 S. Austin St in downtown Rockport or online at: www.WindWayGallery.com or call at 361-790-8331.

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Calendar of Events

Monthly: Austin Street Art Walk is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10am-7pm. A walkable art experience in the Rockport Cultural Arts District
www.RockportArtCenter.com

Monthly: Downtown Rockport Maker's Market the second Saturday of every month. Shop the outdoor market featuring handmade items from local artisans in the Courtyard of the Daily Grind at 302 S. Austin St. Information contact: Michelle Mock McMahon at the Daily Grind

Trunk Shows: The Bead Studio has trunk shows regularly! (Feb. 13-15th is SILVER HILLS TRIBE) Check out their website for dates and times. www.BeadStudioTexas.com

February 13-14th: 24th Annual LaMardi Gras. A trip over the bridge to Lamar and see how the native "Lamartians" celebrate Mardi Gras, Texas style. Lamar Volunteer Fire Dept. 302 Bois D'Arc. www.LaMardiGras.com

March 5-8th: 47th Annual Fulton Oysterfest a salute to the Oyster Industry with plenty of food, music, arts and crafts.
www.FultonOysterfest.com

July 4-5th: 55th Annual Rockport Art Festival a weekend of full of juried fine art, music and fun to benefit the Rockport Center for the Arts. www.RockportArtCenter.com

April 9th: Taste of Rockport local restaurants serve the best of their culinary arts at 402 Fulton Beach Rd in the Fulton Convention Center. Proceeds go to the **Rockport Rotary Club Scholarship Fund**

May 2n-3rd: 25th Annual Nautical Flea Market at Rockport Harbor. Clean out your dock box, get a booth and seel your treasures. www.RockportYachtClub.org

May 16-17th: 267h Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament the Biggest women's tournament on the planet!
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May 22-24th: 8th Annual Rockport Fishing Expo at Fulton Convention Center 402 Fulton Beach Rd. Explore the newest of boats, gear and everything fishing.

May 23rd: 30th Annual Rockport Festival of Wine and Food at the Maritime Museum. Spend the day and evening with great wines, food and music.
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Vaquero:
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KAY BETZ and VICKIE MERCHANT co-authors of three books about Rockport's heritage are now available at several locations. Legacy and current local artists illustrate the publications. Kay Betz and Vickie Merchant wrote "FOODWAYS: The Culinary Traditions of Aransas County," available at the History Center for Aransas County. "ROCKPORT-FULTON ART COLONY: How a Coastal Texas Town Became an Art Enclave," published by Texas A&M University Press and is available at the Rockport Railroad Depot Museum, the History Center and the Art Museum of South Texas. "THE ABC'S OF THE ROCKPORT ART COLONY" for children is also available at the History Center. All three books can also be ordered on Amazon, with authors donating all proceeds to the HISTORY CENTER OF ARANSAS COUNTY. Information available: <https://www.TheACHistoryCenter.com>

THE ROCKPORT CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT has unveiled the larger than life bronze sculpture series by Steve Russell "Cultural Interface" at the Beach. This is a must see on your trip to Rockport! More information is available on this project and Steve Russell can be found on page 15 of the Rockport Guide. <https://RockportCulturalArtsDistrict.com/Cultural-Interface-Major-Public-Art-Initiative/>.

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Creative Shopping

SEW BY THE BAY QUILT SHOP This is the place for creative sewing types! Owner Darleena Lanier invites you to stop in and find all of your stitching and sewing needs, including quilt kits, patterns and threads. Their fabrics can be used for quilting, home decor and wearables. They offer a large selection of coastal prints to decorate with a local theme or to remember an awesome vacation spent on the coast. A growing collection of Cotton Fabrics, Batiks and specialized fabrics will be coming to the Shop on a regular basis. Customer requests are welcome! Enjoy the Classroom that is available for public use to socialize and create with other Quilters and Crafters. A large selection of DMC Threads is now available! Currently over 500 colors are available with more colors coming! Classes, BOM's and other fun things will be going on year round. Friendly, helpful and fun! Visit Darleena's web-site for front page news, class schedules and seasonal hours. New Location at 722 East Market Suite "B". Check out their website at www.SewByTheBay.net or call **361-729-7873**

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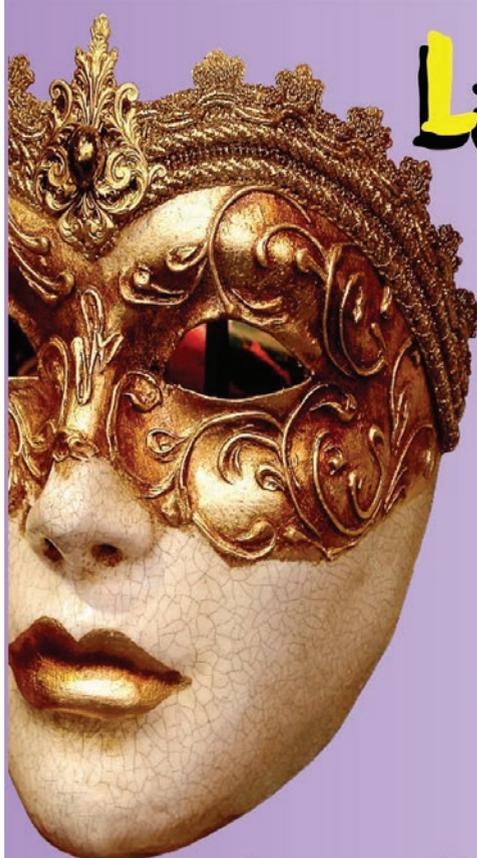
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2026

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Galleries

STEVE RUSSELL is a native Rockport artist well known for his coastal scenes of the Texas Coast and now he is back also working in glass. Look forward to more pieces to come! Steve captures the simplicity, natural beauty and tranquility of the vanishing Texas Gulf Coast fishing communities with a durable clarity. His work has expanded with scenes of his travels of United States and Europe. He has originals, Giclee prints on canvas and archival paper in sizes from 8 x 10 in up to 30 x 40 in. Many of the prints have been individual enhanced by the artist's hand which makes them each one of a kind. Visit Steve's website to see some of his amazing artwork at www.SteveRussellArt.com or call Steve for inquiries on pricing, sizes or to make an appointment at **361-205-0118**

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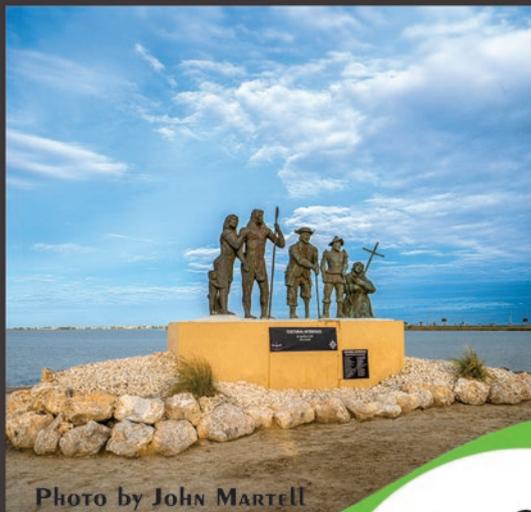


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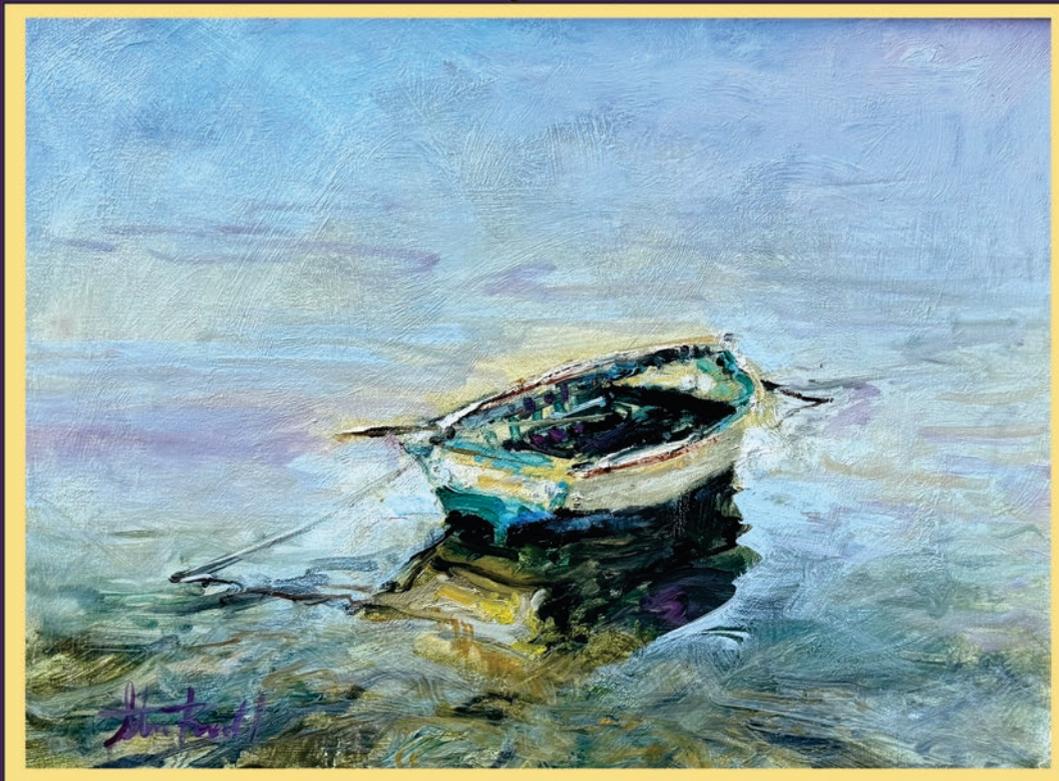
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"**CULTURAL INTERFACE**" by noted Texas artist Steve Russell is located on the shores of Little Bay in Rockport. Spearheaded by the Rockport Cultural Arts District (RCAD), the initiative has been a joint project with the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND), and privately funded through donations from foundations, businesses, patrons, and fellow artists. The bronze sculptures recognize the multicultural heritage of Rockport, honoring those who have inhabited and explored Aransas County. A native of Rockport, Russell was chosen as the cover artist for a 2022 Texas A&M University Press book, "The Story of the Rockport-Fulton Art Colony: How A Coastal Texas Town Became an Art Enclave." Throughout his career, Russell has been a supporter of historical, environmental and conservation causes and organizations. <https://RockportCulturalArtsDistrict.com/support/>

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GOIN' COASTAL OUTFITTERS is one of the newer addition to our downtown shopping and has already expanded! You can't leave Rockport without grabbing a scoop of Blue Bell at the Ice Cream Bar inside of Goin' Coastal, and strolling the streets of Historical Downtown Rockport. Stop by and shop the "Coolest T-Shirt Shop in Town". It is not just your average T-Shirt Shop, their shirts are designed in house and are uniquely Rockport. They are in love with gulf coast sunsets, puny statements, and everything beachy. They are not just T-Shirts! They carry jeans, tops, shoes, purses and every thing you need for a casual outing or hanging around the house. Goin' Coastal is a family owned business by Rockport Natives, that strive to make sure your visit to our small town is memorable. GC is located at 105 S. Austin St. in the Cultural Arts District. Call at **361-450-0768** or visit our website for seasonal hours. **www.GoinCoastalTx.com**

Restaurants

BOATMENS CLUB looking for a cool place to relax and enjoy a drink but not be cooped up inside? Look no further than the Boatmens Club at Cove Harbor North in Rockport Texas. Everyone's a member! Bring your friends or mingle with the locals and fishermen. This place offers a full bar on the water with the feeling of being outdoors but the comfort of being inside. Stop by, have a drink and check out the game on one of their multiple TVs. The bartenders are amazing and the owners are extremely friendly. Open Daily: Sunday-Wednesday 12pm-10pm, Thursday 12pm-11pm, Friday 12pm-11:59pm, Saturday 11am-11:59. Hours subject to change with the seasons. Located at 140 Cove Harbor North just south of Rockport or call at **361-556-5069**





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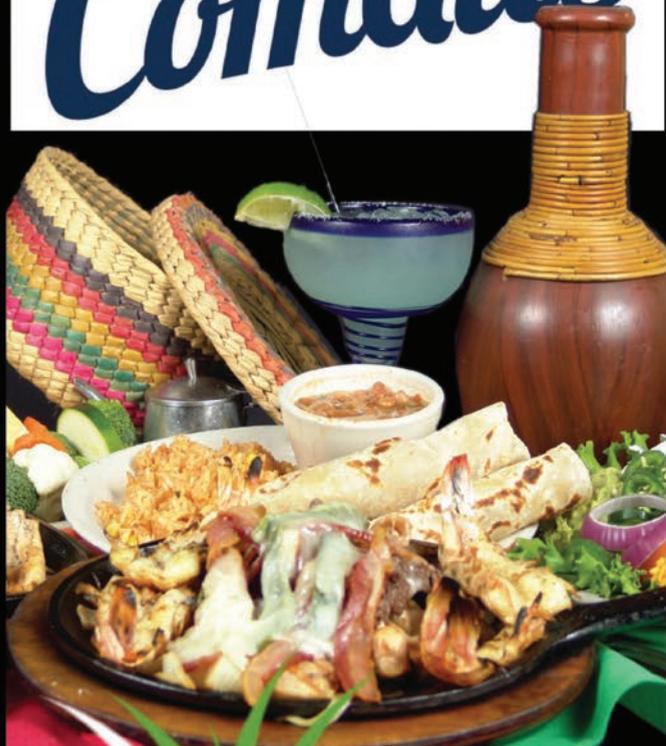
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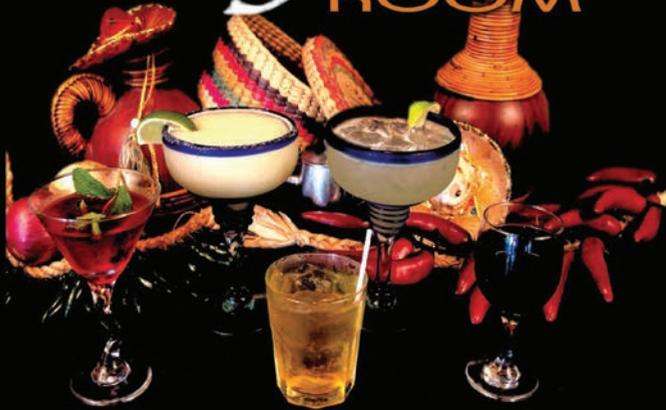
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PARADISE KEY DOCKSIDE BAR & GRILL has rebuilt/ remodeled and is one of the coolest places in town with ice cold beer, A/C, great food and great views of Aransas Bay and the Intercoastal Waterway. The whole family will enjoy watching the boats and fishermen coming in from a day on the Bay. Paradise shrimp is a favorite, but the menu features choice steaks, seafood sandwiches, crisp salads, and home style desserts. Unique appetizers, grilled choices, pasta, fresh fish 'n chips, crab cakes, along with the Catch of the Day are featured. This is a popular stop for both visitors and locals with cool and comfortable inside dining or outside shaded deck on the water. Full bar with live music is comfortable and breezy with all of your drink favorites and a great place to while away a Rockport afternoon. Serving lunch and dinner ... watch the board for fresh seafood specials. Childrens menu. To-Go orders welcome. Party Here! ... To book your private party or arrange for catering your event, contact Jim at **www.RockportGrill.com**. Open From 11 AM until 9PM or later. 165 Cove Harbor North. **361-729-6000**

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POOR MAN'S COUNTRY CLUB BAR & GRILL is the perfect place to enjoy views of jet skis and kayakers in Little Bay. The spacious cedar interior invites you to sit a spell and catch up with your favorite team on one of the many TV screens. Burgers, baskets and appetizers are served ... fried shrimp, shrimp taco basket, juicy cheeseburgers, stuffed jalapenos and much more. High rollers can get their picture on the wall by ordering the Famous \$150 Hamburger! Don't forget to check out "The Player's Club" on the upper deck offering cool breezes and great views of Rockport Beach. They have Wi-Fi, the NFL ticket, SEC and Big 10 Network with plenty of parking! Let's all meet at "the Club"! FULL BAR. Open Thursday-Monday 11am-10pm and Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.
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