



**"BEGINNINGS"**  
BY CAROL ELLIS



# CAROL ELLIS

LITTLE SALT

Carol Ellis is one of those rare individuals they call a Florida Native. She was Born Carol Ann Salzlein in Ft. Lauderdale, where she grew up on the Isles of East Las Olas. From Ft. Lauderdale she embarked upon sailing voyages across the Atlantic on the schooner Yacht America. Five years and nearly 50,000 nautical miles later, Carol was warmly welcomed to Ocean Reef by members of the family who commissioned the yacht on which she sailed. Carol had no doubt in her mind, Ocean Reef she would call her home port. Her nickname "Little Salt" comes from the time when people were having a hard time pronouncing her last name. What's in a name? The translation of Salzlein (Salz - Salt Lein - Little). Just call me Little Salt.

Carol has been living and working in Ocean Reef since 1984; longer if you include when the EH Ellis family arrived at Ocean Reef back in the 1960s. For the first 17 years of her career at Ocean Reef, Carol was involved in fitness, working at the ORC Tennis Pro Shop and as Club Manager of The Health and Tennis Club. Her passion for photography eventually became a full-time career as an event and wedding photographer, and family portrait artist.

Carol's earliest memories are of pristine waters and unspoiled open spaces of the real Florida. Carol is focused on "at-risk" natural areas, much like the fragile environment that surrounds Ocean Reef. In 1999 she was recognized by then Florida Gov. Jeb Bush for her photographs documenting "Fisheating Creek" at the moment it transferred from private hands to the people in his "Forever Florida" initiative.

Closer to home, Carol finds endless inspiration around Ocean Reef, near the water and in her garden. Her work is prominently on view at Gianni's Ristorante, The Spa at Ocean Reef, the Ocean Reef Cultural Center, and in residences of Ocean Reef members here and afar.

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To the members of Ocean Reef Club, I'm eternally grateful to have been your resident artist and friend throughout the years, and I'm appreciative of all your support.

Keep growing.



Photo 01

Super Blood Moon at Full Eclipse  
The moment a new decade of my life began



This morning of my special birthday, I declare my intent toward elevating my art and fulfilling my purpose. "Coming to Life" is the first piece.





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Photo 04

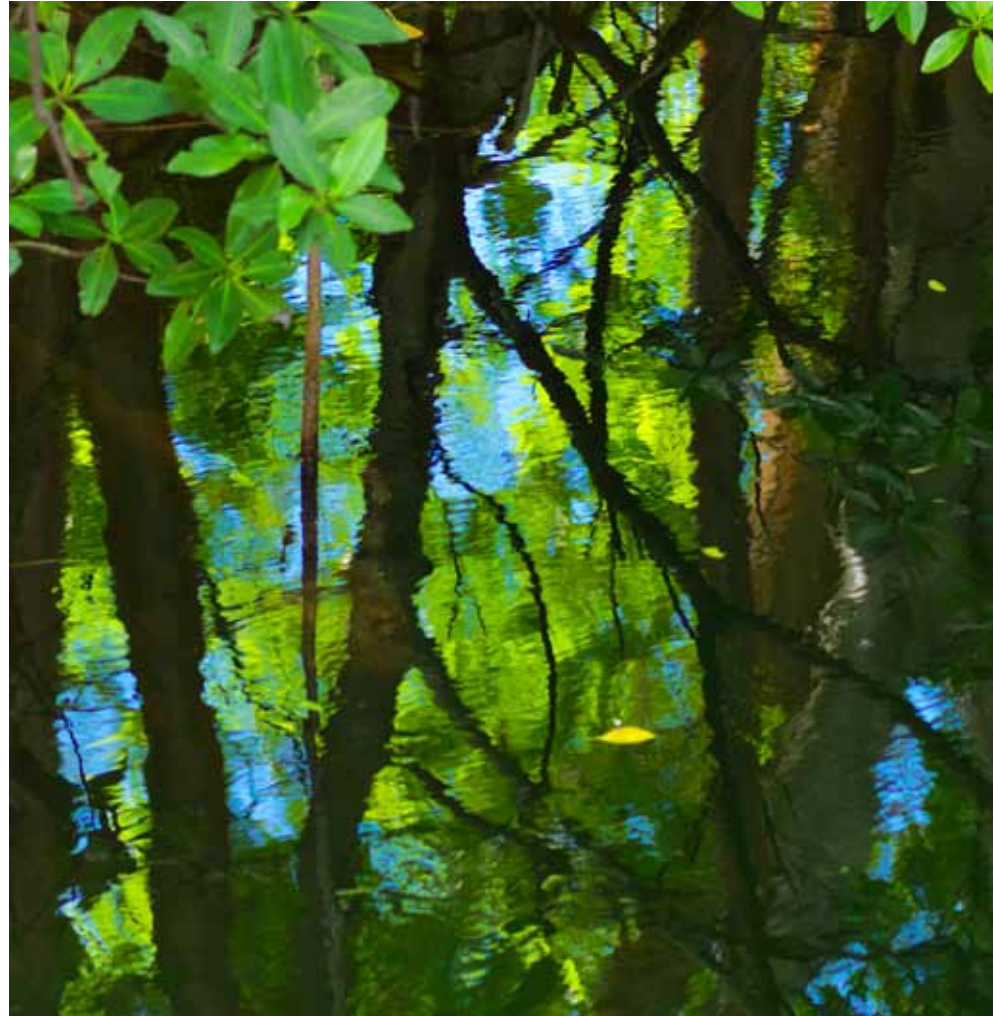


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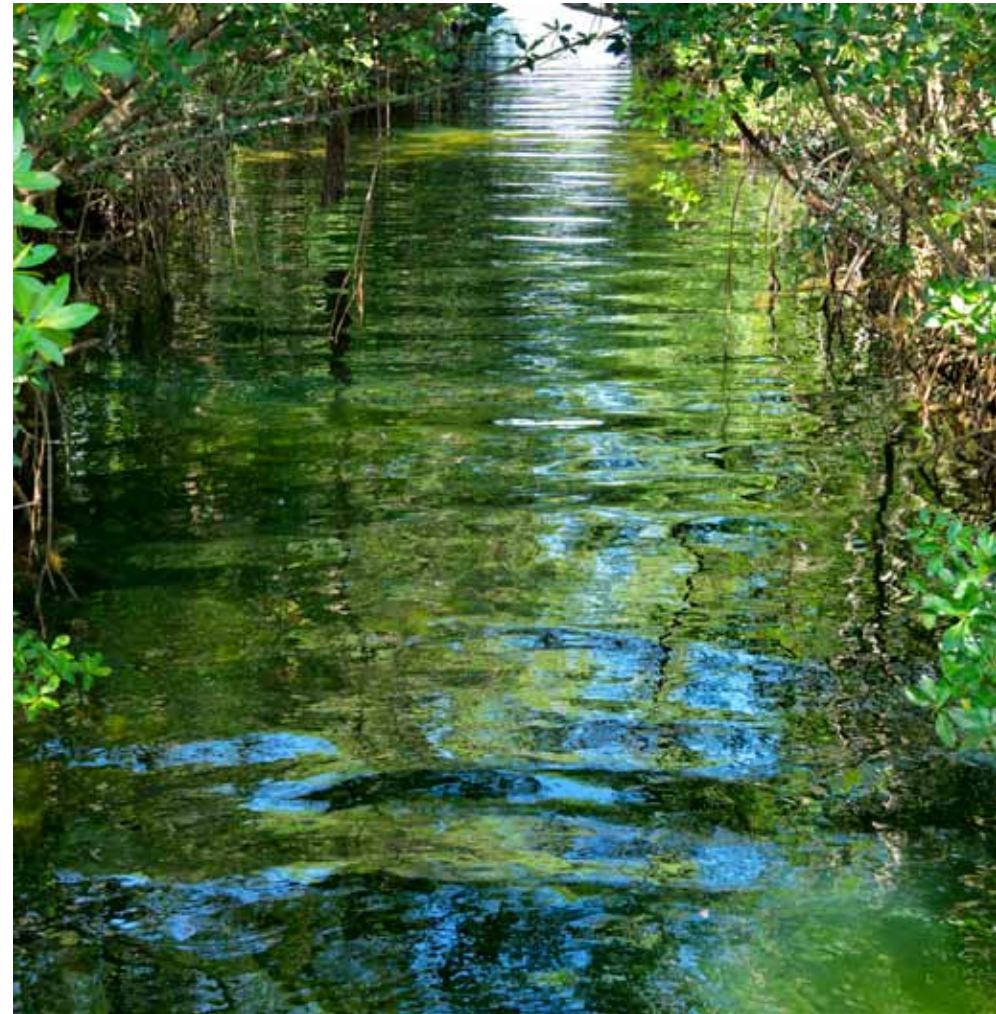
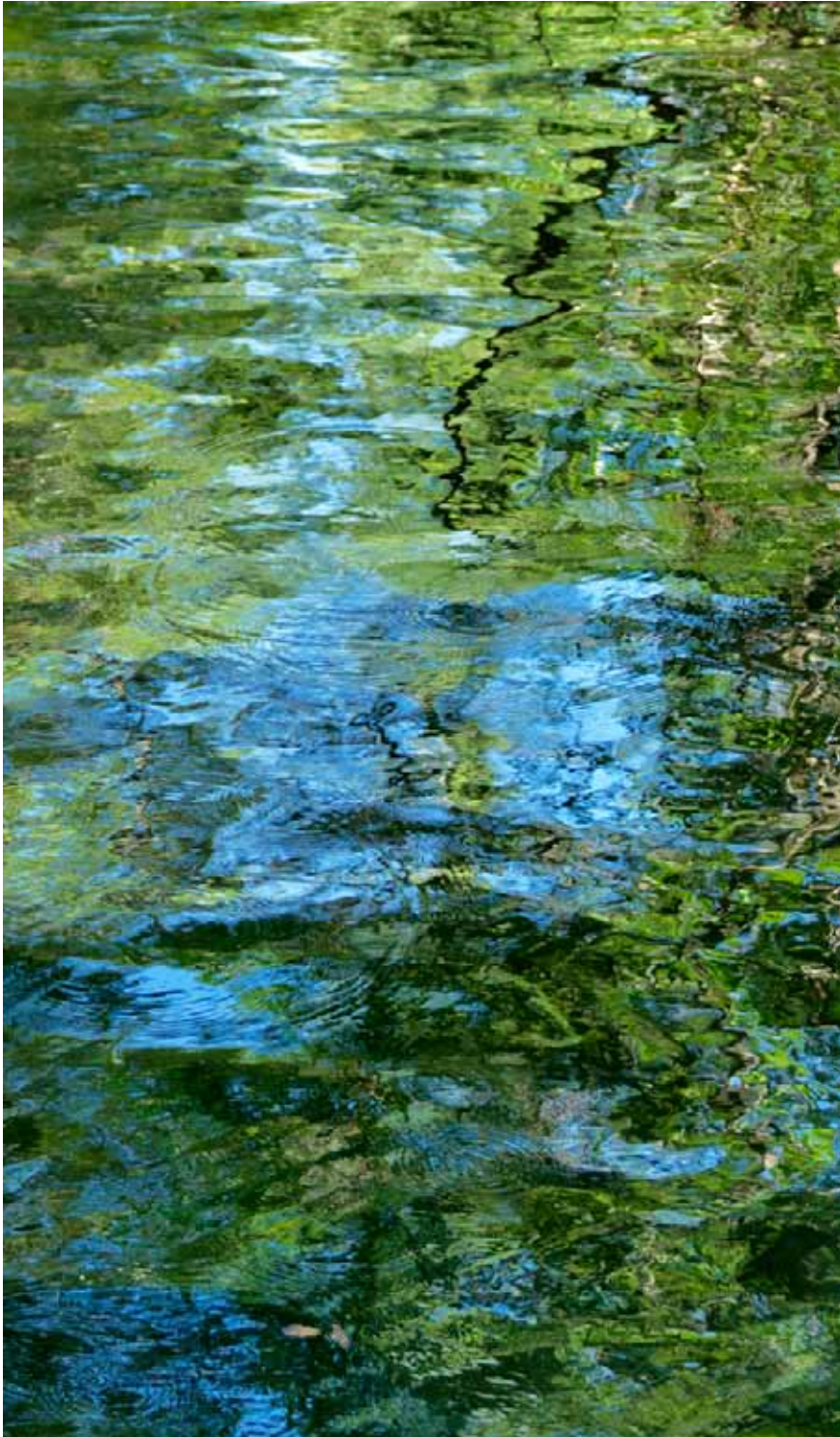


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Photo 12



Clean water - not only is it vital for all life,  
It's essential for the human spirit and creativity

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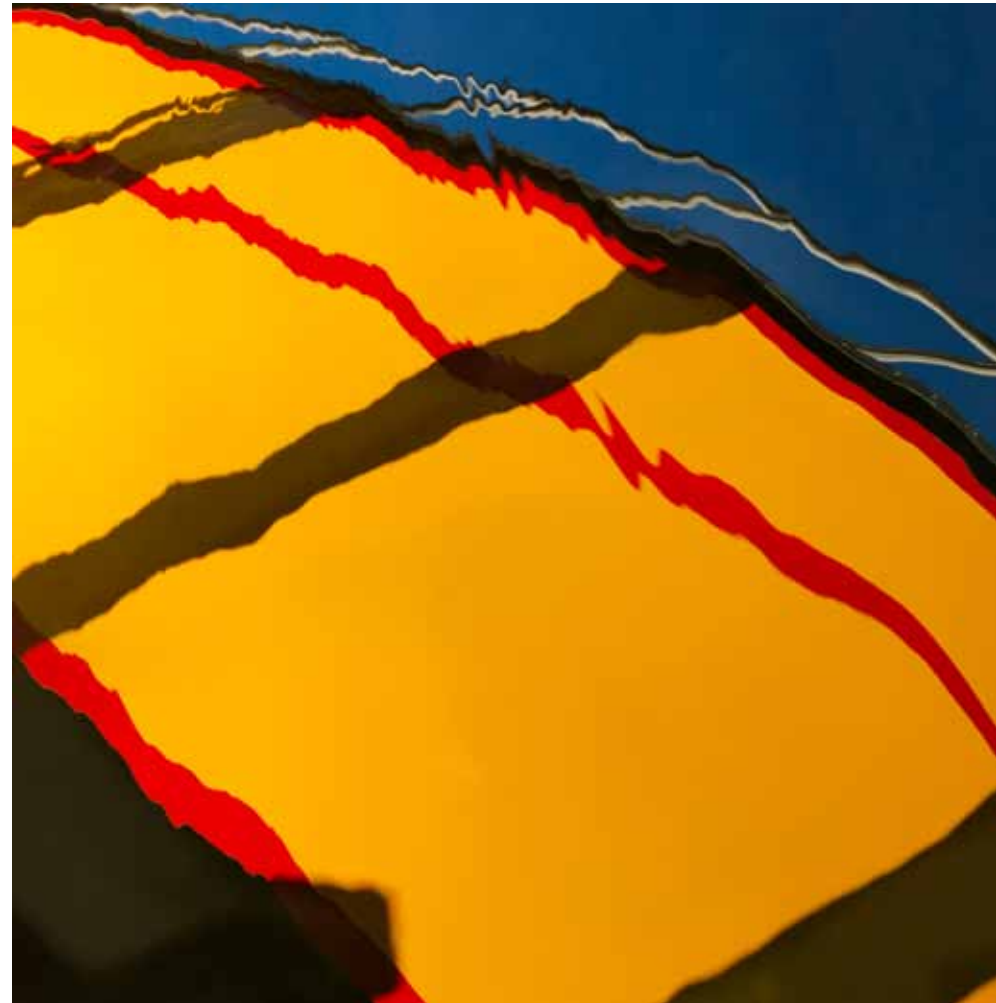
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An hour in the garden puts life's problems in perspective.



SOLD





Photo 19



The inspiration for this image, Gianni's interior designer's concept of "Italy at Ocean Reef".

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“I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way – things I had no words for.”

Georgia O'Keeffe







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## PHOTOGRAPHY

The Natural Environment

## EDUCATION

BA: University of Florida College of Journalism

Photographic Workshops Worldwide

## AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Media Photographers

Florida Keys Council of the Arts - Advisory Board | 2001-2006

Ocean Reef Art League Member and Instructor

Leadership Monroe County Class IX

Monroe County Master Gardener

Vermont Studio Center - Artist in Residence | 2014

Little Salt Photography - Owner

## EXHIBITIONS

N. Key Largo Hammocks Botanical Site | 1999

The Seasons of Fisheating Creek | 2000

*Transitions* - Ocean Reef Art League | 2001

Art in Public Places: Commissioner Nelson's Office | 2001

Art in Public Places: Key West Airport | 2002

Art in Public Places: Commissioner Murphy's Office | 2006

Crocodile Lake Centennial Celebration | 2003

*Be The Bee* - Ocean Reef Art League | 2007

*After the Cold* - Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge | 2010

*Human - Nature* - Ocean Reef Art League | 2014

*Beginnings* - Island Interiors | March 2016

## DOCUMENTARY

*The Fragile Keys* - PBS; Photographer and Post Production | 2001

## PUBLICATIONS

*Florida 24/7* - Published 2004, DK Publishing Co.

Photographs of the Florida Keys

## RECOGNITION

GLEE 2009 Individual Green Living Award Recipient



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