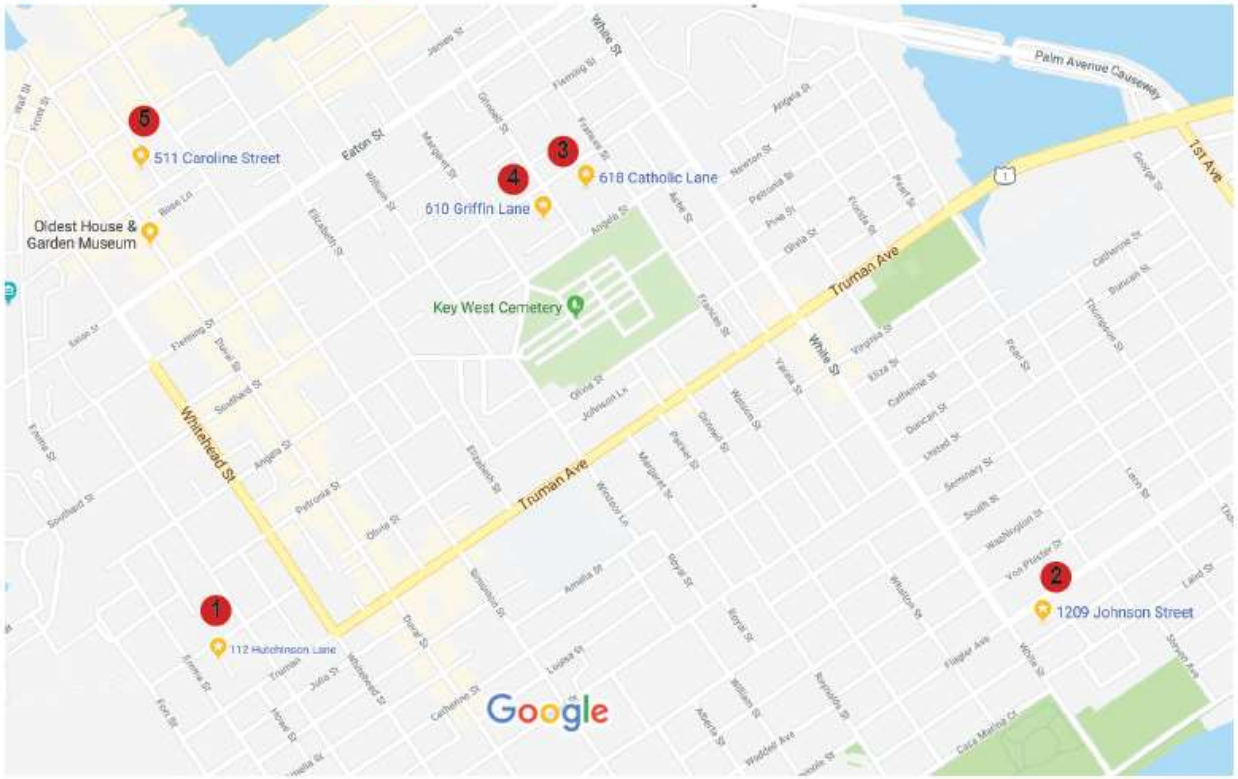
Holiday Tour, December 27-28, 2017



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Delights can be found in packages of any size, shape or wrappings. Key West houses – from shotguns to mansions – are like that. Cross the threshold this holiday season and explore the wonders inside during the premier Home Tour of Old Island Restoration Foundation's 58th season.

Surprise Packages, Great & Small

1 112 HUTCHINSON LANE* *(off Olivia)*

The lowly shotgun house exterior is deceptive. The humble, albeit renovated, façade masks a just-completed, thoroughly 21st C. home that is also a tutorial on efficient space-utilization.

2 1209 JOHNSON STREET

Wrapped in layers of tropical plants, rustic stairway posts mark the raised entry point to an airy c. 1980's pavilion home. Hidden behind is a 21st C. addition and pool garden.

3 618 CATHOLIC LANE* *(off Angela)*

At a dead end near the cemetery, a carved gate shields an exotic garden. The 19th C. conch cottage seems to have been transported to a Pacific island, but retained its quirky Key West character.

4 610 GRIFFIN LANE* *(off Southard)*

Tucked aside the lane's end, a renovated cottage is swathed in flower beds and holiday decorations. The kaleidoscope of colors and textures continues inside and back out its many doors. The guests house is an extra gift.

5 511 CAROLINE STREET, CURRY MANSION

Decked out for the holidays, this Georgian Revival confection beckons you to ascend to the broad porch – and continue upward all the way to the widow's walk. An astoundingly well-preserved interior features carved paneling and a collection of period antiques. You are welcome to linger awhile in the past...and enjoy some refreshments.

**Please do not attempt to drive down these lanes. Please park on nearby through streets.*