

Exhibition at the Glen Gallery 2003
Long Boat Key Center for the Arts
Long Boat Key, FL

ART IS POETRY.

You are invited to an exhibition
Of watercolors and oil paintings
By Bill Buchman
At the Longboat Key Center of the Arts:
Glen Gallery.
The opening reception will be
January 10, from 5 to 7 PM.
Light refreshments served.

Thru January 25.
Longboat Key Center for The Arts
6860 Longboat Drive South
Longboat Key, FL 34228
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 AM to 4 PM
Phone: 941 383-2345

*Bill's work may also be seen at Gallerie Des Artes
75 Cocoanut Avenue, Sarasota, FL.*

'Bill Buchman'

Glen Gallery, Longboat Key Center for the Arts

It's easy to see that Buchman, besides being a painter, is also a musician — and a jazz musician at that. Where most visual artists are telling stories, he's making music. He even makes musician's puns.

Consider his "Key of Longboat" series, or the various permutations of the "Key of Blue II." These are pure abstractions, writhing organic forms of thick impasto. A key, of course, is either an island, a musical octave, or a range of harmonious color. That's the joke ...

But the real joke he's playing is with your eye — like the playful color music of his "Sea of Color." It's a wide, horizontal triptych where hot spots of foreground color dance around the cool fields of color behind them. Look at it long enough, and, almost against its will, the painting will open up to a sense of oceanic depth. It's like some lively, loopy-jive Rorschach blot on which you can't help but project some picture. The eye will have its stories.

For such a cool abstractionist, Buchman has a fine command of the figurative. His "Female figure I" is masterful. With astonishing economy of line, deep blue outline and ochre shadow, he suggests mass and modeling, even personality. Its loose, gestural lines makes it clear he paints quickly ...

And thinks even quicker. □

Annual town exhibit to open at Arts Center

BY DORA WALTERS
Senior Editor

The 12th annual Town of Longboat Key Exhibit at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10. The exhibit will be in the Joan M. Durante Pavilion.

Special awards include a \$1,000 Commissioners' Award and the \$200 Longboat Key Award, for the best scene of Longboat Key.

Following tradition, the Arts

Center board will present the commissioners with a work of art to be hung at Town Hall.

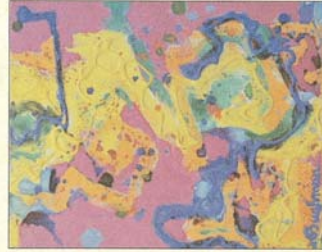
In a concurrent exhibit at the Glen Gallery at the Arts Center, works by local artist Bill Buchman will be on display. Buchman lived in Denmark for 16 years and returned to the United States two years ago. He has exhibited extensively in Denmark, Sweden and England and recently began an affiliation with the Anita Shapolsky Gallery in New York.

Buchman's work will remain on exhibit through Jan. 25; the Town of Longboat Key Exhibit continues through Feb. 3.

The next exhibit at the Glen Gallery will be watercolors by Anne Abgott, opening Jan. 26. The Longboat Key Club Exhibit opens Feb. 15.

The Arts Center is located at 6960 Longboat Drive South at the north end of the Key.

For information on classes and workshops offered, call 383-2345. □



Longboat Key artist Bill Buchman's work will be on display in the Glen Gallery at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts.

Dora Walters

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Longboat Key Observer

Double header

Two impressive exhibits are gearing up at The Longboat Key Center for the Arts. "Bill Buchman" features riffs on the interplay between color and form by the popular jazz musician/artist, and runs from Jan. 5 through 25, in the Glen Gallery. Twelfth annual "Town of Longboat Key Exhibit" is an eclectic, all-media show running through Feb. 5, in the Joan M. Durante Pavilion. A combined opening reception takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10. Call 383-2345.



Bill Buchman's "Aurora"