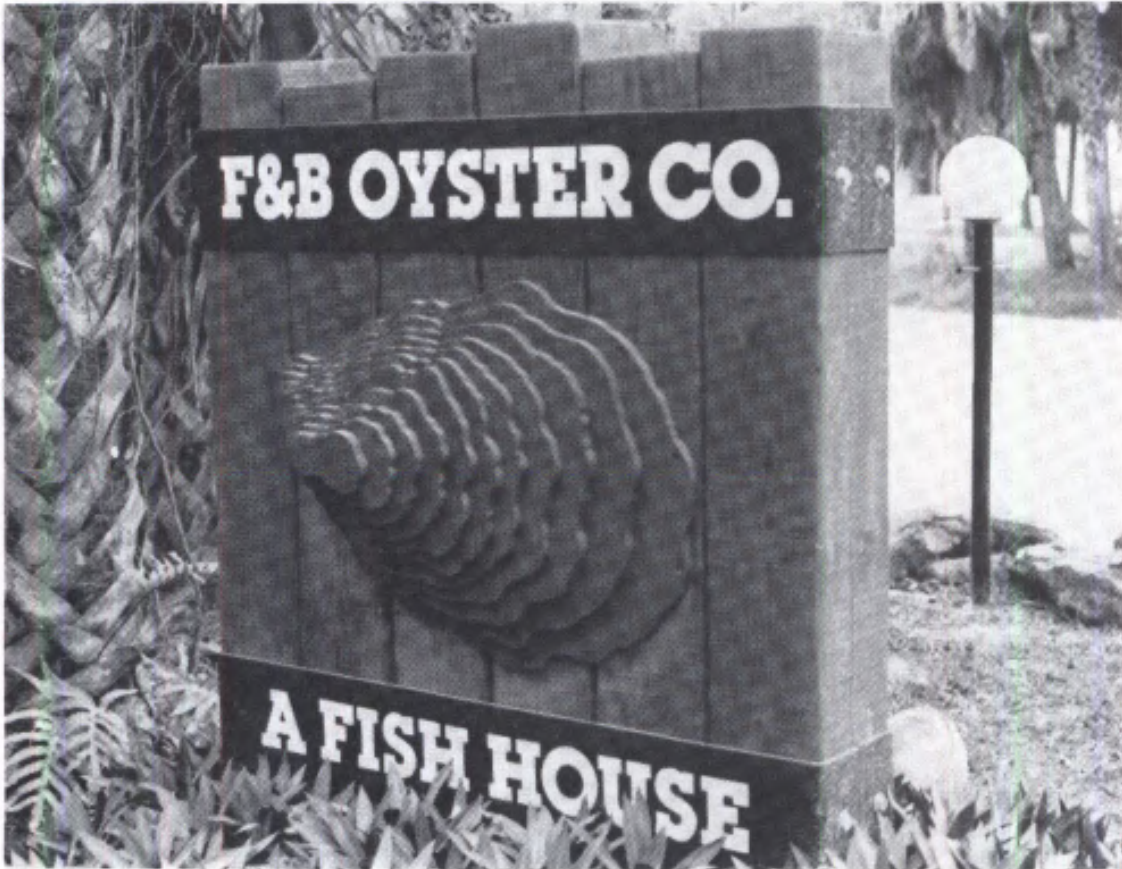
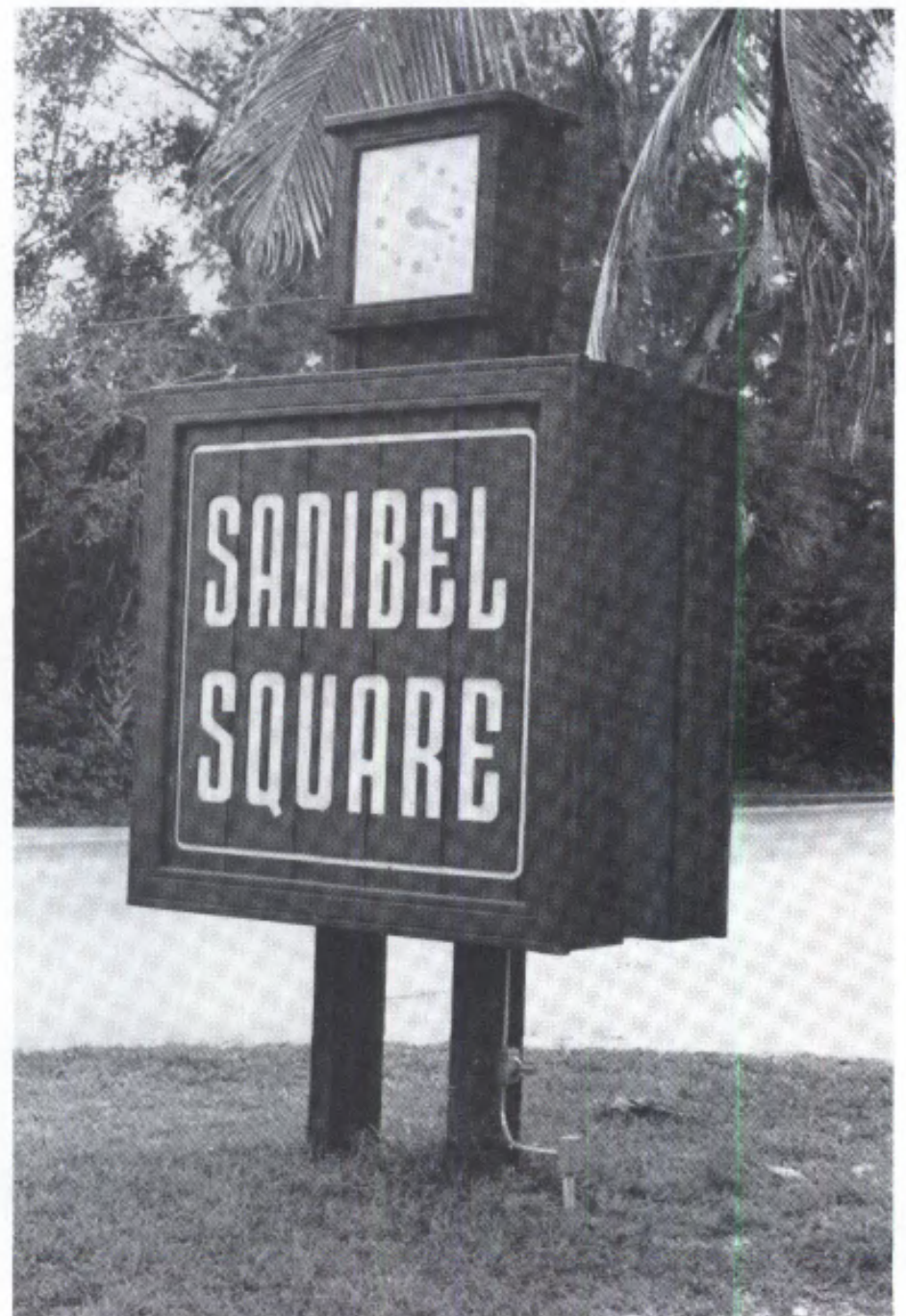


The Signs of Sanibel Island



Sanibel Island is a tropical resort island off the Gulf coast of south Florida. The casual, relaxed atmosphere of Sanibel, and its sister island, Captiva is reflected in much of the sign work. Most of the business is tourist oriented — there are many shops, motels, and restaurants.

Much of the architecture and signage is designed with the island's natural setting in mind. This generally provides an opportunity to create an interesting, different sign. We have featured here some of the signs of the islands, and a brief description of each.



F & B Oyster Co. uses 8" by 8" rough sawn cedar timbers to create the 4 by 4 double faced sign. The timbers, stained light brown, are banded by 6" wide steel, painted black. The lettering is all pale yellow. The oyster is cut from textured cedar plywood, stained deep maroon.



Periwinkle Place has a 5 by 5 pale green sign face, framed with 6" by 6" pressure treated posts left unfinished. The copy is orange with black outlines.

Sanibel Square is a 5 by 5 interior illuminated sign. The letters, border, and clockface are cut out, backed up with white plastic sheet. The sign face is textured board and batten cedar, stained medium brown. The rest of the sign, all cedar, is also medium brown.

Harbor House Restaurant is cut out MDO plywood letters, one foot tall. The letters are chrome yellow on the dark brown textured plywood fascia.



Tops & Bottoms is a lighted sign, 2 by 8, framed in natural rough cedar. 'Tops & Bottoms' is dark blue, 'For Guys and Gals' is red, on a cream background.

Bank of the Islands is cedar with a clear finish, and a medium brown cedar frame. The outline of the islands is black enamel. The letters are white enamel MDO plywood. The sign is 2 by 10.



Ed. Note: Unfortunately, we were unable to determine who designed and fabricated most of these signs. If we should find out, we'll let you know next issue.