

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB FROM 1990 TO FEBRUARY 2007

THE "GARDEN CLUB" HAD DEVELOPED INTO A GREAT ORGANIZATION BY THE 1980'S. THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERED APPROXIMATELY 100 AND PARTICIPATED IN YARD SALES, PLANT SALES, FLORIDA FEDERATION SANCTIONED FLOWER SHOWS, FIELD TRIPS AND CONTINUED THE WELL ESTABLISHED GARDEN WALK. THE DUES HAD BEEN INCREASED TO \$20.00 AND FINALLY \$25.00 ANNUALLY DUE TO THE RISE OF EXPENSES.

IT WAS SOON REALIZED THAT THE YARD SALES WERE TOO LABOR INTENSIVE FOR THE AMOUNT EARNED. THE PLANT SALES ORIGINALLY CONSISTED OF PLANTS THAT MEMBERS DONATED, CULTIVATED AND FROM THEIR PROPAGATION. IT EVOLVED INTO A SALE OF PLANTS BOUGHT AT A DISCOUNT PRICE AND RESOLD. THIS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

THE FLOWER SHOWS WERE GRATIFYING BUT BECAUSE OF POOR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IT HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM OUR ACTIVITIES. THE ANNUAL GARDEN WALK HAS BEEN OUR MOST CONSTANT AND SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE GREAT CHOICES OF PROPERTIES. NOT ONLY HAS THE WALK APPRECIATED BUT THE CHANGE TO AN OUTSIDE GARDEN PARTY WITH MUSIC AND TEA AND DESSERTS WITH THE INCLUSION OF A MINI ART SHOW BE LOCAL ARTISTS HAS PROVED TO BE AN EVENT LOOKED FORWARD TO BY THE UPPER KEYS IN GENERAL.

A FUND RAISER THAT PROVED VERY ENTERTAINING AS WELL AS PROFITABLE WAS AN AUCTION HELD AT THE CHRISTMAS MEETINGS. NO COST TO THE CLUB, JUST MONEY FOR ITEMS DONATED.

OUR MEETINGS START AT 11:30AM TO 11: 45AM WITH A LIGHT LUNCH, A BUSINESS MEETING AND A GUEST SPEAKER. OUR TABLES ARE BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED EACH MONTH BY OUR MEMBERS.

IN THE MEANTIME THE GARDENS HAVE DEVELOPED INTO A PLACE OF BEAUTY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FEW QUALIFIED, DEDICATED PEOPLE. THE POND HAS BEEN REJUVENATED AND AUGMENTED WITH A FOUNTAIN.

THE BUILDING HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND BEAUTIFIED. A NEW ROOF WAS PUT ON IN THE 90'S. THE PANELING REPAIRED AND PAINTED A CHEERY PASTEL GREEN. THE CEILING PAINTED WHITE. THE ELECTRICAL WIRING HAS BEEN UPDATED. THE PATIO ROOM PAINTED

**WHITE AND THE CEILING BEAMS PAINTED SKY BLUE. THE KITCHEN
FLOOR TILED WITH CERAMIC TILE AFTER THE CARPETING WAS
REMOVED. WE NOW HAVE A NEW REFRIGERATOR AND ALL IS WELL
INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.**