



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

APPLICATION FOR AWARD

DISTRICT NO. XII

DATE OF APPLICATION Nov. 13, 1980

TO BE PRESENTED IN 1981

AWARD NO. 45 CLASS A NAME OF AWARD FLOWERING TREE

APPLICANT'S NAME: (Club(s), Circle and Club, Council, Individual, High School, Intermediate, Junior or other youth unit and sponsoring club.)

NAME UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB 100% 100 MEMBERS 1-1-80

ADDRESS Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Pres., P.O. Box 794, Tavernier, Fl. 33070

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT: "BOTANICAL GARDENS"

PLANNING - LOCATING - PLANTING (IN SOLID CORAL) FOUR LARGE AREAS

INVITED TO PLAN THE PROJECT BY BOARD OF MONROE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE "UPPER KEYS

GOVERNMENT CENTER". NATIVE (and/or Indigenous)

TREES (grown from seed by Girl Scouts) MOSTLY YELLOW
TO GOLD - ORANGE FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS (200)

INCLUDING: TABERUA ARGENTEA, CASSIA BANAMENSIS, GOLDEN
ELDER, SWEET ACACIA, GEIGER, AFRICAN TULIP, HYBRID BUTTERCUP,
COMPLEMENTED WITH THE BLUE VIOLET OF THE "PLUMBAGO" and
edged with NATIVE GOLDEN LANTANA. ALL IN A

300' x 85' MALL. (OTHER AREAS COMPLETED WERE HILLSIDE 224'
SUNKEN GARDEN
RAMP ENTRANCE

SIGNATURE: CLUB OR CIRCLE PRESIDENT Betty D. (Mrs. W.W.) Wilson

ADDRESS PO Box 794 Tavernier, FL 33070

NAME OF LOCAL AWARDS CHMN. Betty Wilson - JUNE THORPE

ADDRESS OF LOCAL AWARDS CHMN. PO Box 794 TAVERNIER, FL 33070

Fasten this copy to inside of front cover of Book of Evidence and BEFORE JANUARY 30 (unless otherwise specified in individual award) mail to:

STATE CHAIRMAN OF TREES

NAME Mrs. Robert E. Mills

ADDRESS 9735 S.W. 138th St., Miami, Fl. 33176

DISTRICT XII
UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB
AWARD #45
FLOWERING TREE
CLASS A

*PLANNING and PLANTING
"BOTANICAL GARDENS"
A project of four areas: Mall - 300' x 85'
Hillside - 220'; Sunken Garden - 25' x 30'; and
a front Ramp entrance 100'.
MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, FLORIDA KEYS*

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OUR STORY BEGINS...

In September, 1979, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners contacted Mrs. Betty Wilson, President of the Upper Keys Garden Club: would the Club be interested in a landscaping project at the new Government Center on Plantation Key?

We came--we looked--would the membership be able to transform a dead-grass sunken garden and a coral rock expanse of earth into an attractive, eye-catching inviting area?

Well, it was certainly a challenge, if nothing else, so in October all those interested members of our 100 member Club met with Don Schloesser, Chairman of the County Commission at our Francis Tracy Garden Center at Mile Marker 94 on U.S. Highway 1.

Our thirty year old Club has been involved in several landscaping projects at schools and public buildings through the years.

So we said "Yes", after the details were explained:

1) The Public Works Dept. of the County would be doing the labor. (That turned out to be an exaggeration!)

2) \$3500 was the amount stipulated, but more funds would be made available. (\$5000 additional was allowed at the September 18th Commission meeting.)

3) The County would maintain the area after planting was complete. (As of this date, we're still watering!)

So now we had a real job before us--what to do first? Study the areas, photograph them, measure all the space to be planted, and decide WHO...WHAT...WHEN...WHERE...HOW...

So what was there? A 300 foot mall, a 220 foot hill-side entry up to the first level, a 24 x 30 foot sunken garden, and a building entrance from High Point Road. (All uninviting, dull, and plant-less, we might add.)



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Committee members began their tasks after determining that the plan should,

1) Utilize native trees and shrubs in the mall, using low maintenance plantings for texture and color harmony.

2) Control foot traffic making easy access to all of the buildings from the parking area, using curving side-walks and ramps for the handicapped.

3) Shading and screening the near-by old zoning building, (a nice conservation measure, too).

4) Partially screen the mall from the parking area.

5) Screen from view the unsightly road equipment stored at the end of the mall.

6) Last, but not least, take this delightful opportunity to carry out the PLANT GOLD theme of the Florida State Federation of Garden Clubs golden anniversary.

At just the right time, the Monroe County Agent, Ray Zerba, gave a course in Landscape Design for the Florida Keys, and nine of our club members received one credit from the University of Florida for taking the course.

The final plans were drafted, presented to the County Commission, accepted unanimously, and so in March, 1980, we were on our way!

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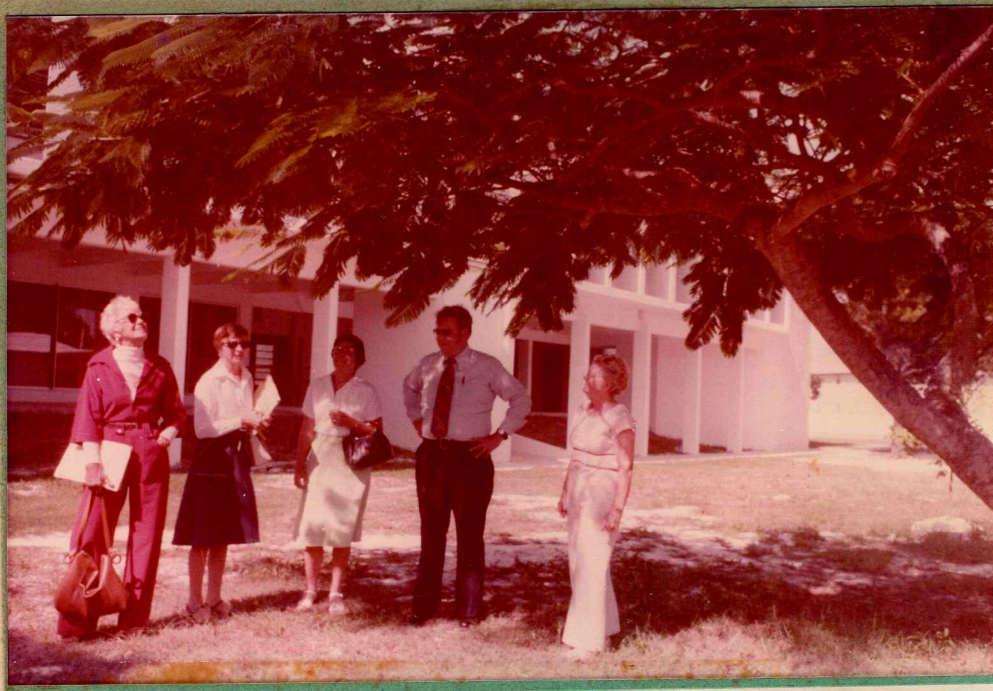
AFTER OUR INVITATIONAL
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

9-8-79

Highway Beautification Committee. Motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to refer this matter to the Interim County Administrator for investigation and a full report. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kerr was to discuss fuel for County Government. This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Chairman Schloesser made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to designate the Upper Keys Garden Club as the agency responsible for the landscaping for the Upper Keys Governmental Center and authorizing the use



AGRICULTURE AGENT
TAKES TIME OFF
TO LOOK OVER THE
AREAS WE WERE TO
LANDSCAPE.

DISCUSS SOIL (BEDROCK)
AT THIS POINT) AND THE
PLANTS WE WERE
PLANNING TO USE

NINE MEMBERS OF
OUR CLUB TOOK THE
LANDSCAPING COURSE

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HILLSIDE ENTRANCE
IN THE BACKGROUND

COUNTY AGENT
LOOKS AT THE
SCREENING PROBLEM
(ROAD DEPT EQUIP.),
WE HAD BEEN
OFFERED 100 ARELIA
PLANTS FOR A
HEDGE HERE



OLD MOTEL BLDG.
CONVERTED INTO
BLDG. & ZONING OFFICE
NEEDED SCREENING
TO FIT INTO THE
MALL PLAN WITH
THE NEW COURT
BLDG. NEXT PAGE
(ALSO WEST
EXPOSURE)



AREA DESIGNATED
FOR 300'x 85' MALL
IN THIS MULTI-BLDG.
COMPLEX.
FUNDING WAS
VERY LIMITED

PLEASE LIFT

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FREE LANDSCAPING COURSE

The Florida Cooperative Extension Service offering a Saturday short course entitled "Landscaping in the Keys" to be held Saturday, Nov. 10th and Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1979 at the cafeteria in Coral Shores High School. On Continuing Education Credit will be offered to those who attend both sessions. The course is designed to look in detail at the various plants that are commonly grown in the Keys.

This course has never been offered in the Upper Keys area before. It is realized that a lot of information is being presented all at once and that the sessions are long, but restrictions on travel and a desire to conserve energy dictate this type of presentation.

Please call toll free 664-9190 or 664-2581, ext. 266 to let us know if you'll be coming.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 10th, 1979:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Plants as Environmental Modifiers

10:30 - 11:30 AM Understanding Our Growing Conditions

11:30 - 12:00 N. Questions and Answers

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:00 PM Landscape Design Principles and Examples

2:00 - 3:00 PM Ground Covers for the Keys

3:00 - 3:15 PM Break

3:15 - 4:15 PM Hedges for the Keys

Saturday, November 17th, 1979:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Specimen Plants for the Keys

10:30 - 11:30 AM Trees for Shade

11:30 - 12:00 N. Questions and Answers

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:00 PM Flowering Trees for the Keys

2:00 - 3:00 PM Fruit Trees for the Keys

3:00 - 3:15 PM Break

3:15 - 4:15 PM Vegetables for the Keys

NORTH RAMP
ENTRANCE
NO PARKING.



from the desk of

COMMISSIONER

ot only the beginning of a new year, but the end of a decade. In this column, I have tried to inform you, not only as to what has been going on, but why I have taken the stands I have on the issues. For the purpose of this column, I will look back through my records to see what this Commission could claim as its accomplishments. The Keys has had its fair share of good things. Following is a partial list.

most substantial accomplishment is the new Government Center. Back in 1970, there was parking space in front of the Government Center for about 10 cars. People attending Commission meetings had to park on the shoulders of U.S. 1 and along Key Heights. Our first purchase was the lot just north of the Government Center. This area was made into a parking station. This area was made into a parking lot for about 30 cars. The lot cost about \$12,000. Our first purchase was the land with the motel for the Government Center. The motel was sold into offices for Building & Zoning, Social Services and the Employment Office. With the help of \$10,000 of Federal funds, along with almost \$100,000 of County money, we have the almost new Government Center. The budget this year locates \$200,000 to complete the interior of the building. The parking lot is finished and it will accommodate about 60 more cars. The Upper Keys Club is master-planning the landscaping and everything should be finished. The total cost will be slightly over one million dollars. The Upper Keys may have had to wait until the facilities, but they are the most beautiful and functional. There has been a tremendous amount of energy that has gone into the project, and there were times it appeared that it would not fly.

adversely again. If we get no bid this time, we will build it ourselves. With all the construction jobs and homes in our area, it appears we have all the work they want.

new parking lot at the Government Center is being done. The Upper Keys Garden Club is planning on a master plan for landscaping the area. The planning will start shortly after the first of the

from the desk

don Schoessler of

COMMISSIONER

NEXT MEETING: 4/8 at Marathon Subcourthouse at 10:00 AM.

The first public hearing on the amendment to our noise ordinance will be held on April 22 at 10 AM at the Key West meeting. The second hearing will be held at the Plantation Key meeting on May 6th, again at 10 AM. Essentially, what the change entails is that the playing, or reproduction of music will be prohibited outside of a building from 10 PM until 7 AM. This amendment has become necessary because of a few inconsiderate night spots who are destroying the peace and quiet of our residents.

We held the final hearing on lowering the shock waves of blasting in the Keys. The vote to lower the limits by 50% was unanimous by the Commission. Because of an error on the agenda at Key West which put the time for the hearing at 5 PM, that is the time I announce in this column. The hearing was actually advertised formally in the newspaper for 10 AM. Had there been any doubt of its passage, I would have had the hearing continued until 5 PM, but with the pre-vote, public consensus that the entire Commission was in favor of passage, holding over seemed moot. However, I must apologize for the error in time as stated in this column.

Last summer we authorized the Upper Keys Garden Club to develop a plant to landscape the Government Center grounds. They presented their plan to the Commission at our meeting last Tuesday. It was very obvious that they had spent a great deal of time on this project. When completed, which should be by the end of summer, we will have modern facilities, well landscaped. Our Public Works Department will cooperate with the ladies in digging the necessary holes along with the necessary craftsmen to complete the project. On behalf of the Commission, and I'm sure, the public, we all extend our gratitude for a job well done.

After having advertised three times, once with no bids and another time on the wrong specifications, we have finally accepted a proposal to build Andros Road in Ocean Isles Estates. The contractor usually commences about a month after getting the contract. It should only take a month or so to do the

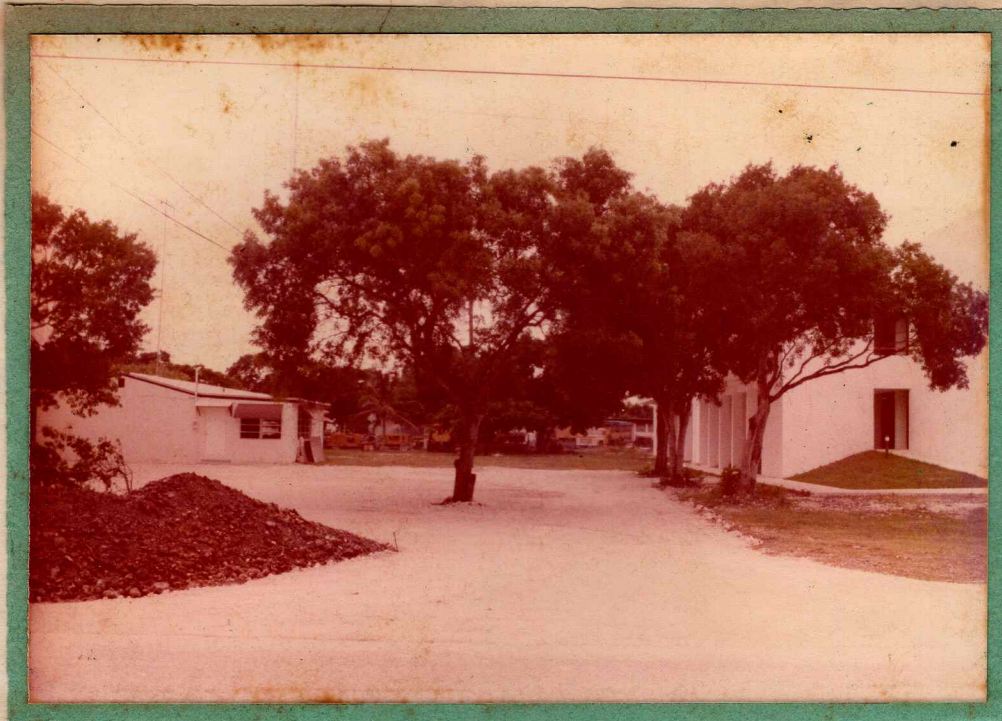
the money we take in goes. I'll also go into details as to the source of revenue. As a teaser to you, I can assure you that you may very well be surprised at both the sources and expenditures of funds. I've had many misconceptions cleared up since being a part of government. This will be the kind of column that is going to require many hours of research and then corroboration with the Finance Department for accuracy. I've been planning to do this for quite a while. So far, the only hang-up has been to find the time to do the research and get it down on paper. It just may be a good project during our "vacation."

I'll also try to use one of these columns for a full explanation of the "why" and "how" of the Special Tax Districts. I realize I've touched on these subjects when necessary to explain some of the actions we've taken, but have never gone into the full details. All too often, we take too much for granted when it comes to the information we think the public has. We're so close to the situation, what seems obvious to us, isn't that clear to you.

We have moved one big step closer to the full utilization of the new Upper Keys Government Center. The Office of the Clerk moved into their new quarters on the ground floor last week. Upstairs, the offices and conference room for the judges are almost panelled. The next step will be installing the shelves for the law books. Then, the final work will be to panel the office for the State Attorney. Once that is completed, and all personnel are moved in, we can approach the judicial for the creation of the new jury district. The new district will encompass the Upper Keys and Marathon. No longer will it be necessary to serve in Key West when called for jury duty.

Even after all personnel are moved in there will be some work to be done. The sunken area at the entrance will have to be finished as per plans of the Upper Keys Garden Club. The area between the new building and the "annex" will be landscaped. We also have to build a fenced-in walkway from the jail to the courthouse for the purpose of moving prisoners over for trial.

chloesser



THE PARKING WAS
STARTED AND PLANTING
AREAS BEGIN TO TAKE
SHAPE. JAN. 1980

SINCE THE
COUNTY WORKERS
WERE BUSY
FINISHING THE
INTERIOR OF
THE NEW COURT
HOUSE --- WE
DECIDED TO
BEGIN THE
WORK OURSELVES,
SINCE TIME
WAS LIMITED.



PLANTING THE
100 ARELIAS FOR
SCREENING.
ALSO GROUPINGS
OF (SMALL) ADONIRIA
PALM

- PICK - AXE
- SHOVELS
- WHEEL - BARREL
- FORMS FOR
WALKWAYS



BUILT FORMS -
(HAD HELP TO POUR
CONCRETE)
MALL IS TAKING
SHAPE SEPT. 1980



PLANTINGS ARE
SMALL BUT
HEALTHY. 36'
AUGERED HOLES
INTO SOLID CORAL.
FINE NURSERY
MIX IN EACH HOLE.
PLANTINGS WILL
GROW FAST HERE.



THREE CASSIA
(BAHAMENSIS) TREES
IN THIS AREA WERE
PLANTED BY MARATHON
CLUB MEMBERS, KEY
LARGO AND OUR CLUB.
IN HONOR OF PAST
PRESIDENT LOUISE

THE STORY CONTINUES...

In May, the workmen completed the first project, the building of decking around the sunken garden, (still full of dead sod!). Key West and Upper Keys Public Works departments were the helping hands.

Work continued all summer with many of our 100 members "actively" (that means with shovels, mulch and dirty hands) participating while others donated plants that they had grown. County Agent Ray Zerba helped us, also.

The Key Largo and Marathon Garden Clubs were invited to plant a tree in the Mall Area, so the "participating circle" was enlarged.

Also, local nurseries contributed plants, trees, time and talents.

Making walkways, moving rocks and boulders, placing waterfalls in the sunken garden for the Patio de Cascada (Courtyard of the Waterfalls), 200-plus plantings, mulching, designating 168 holes to auger, attending to every detail...this was our challenge...and we had to have it completed by the end of the County's fiscal year, October first.

Eleven days wrought the transformation!

Thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to our area were utilized to live in harmony with the old poinciana, mahogany and sapodilla trees already there...to provide shade, a place to rest, and also a place to learn, (as soon as all the trees bear markers).



LOUISE HILL
OUR
DIST. XII
DIRECTOR,
AND OTHER
GARDEN CLUBS
COME TO VISIT
OUR PROJECT

from the desk of COMMISSIONER

don schloesser

NEXT MEETING: 9/11 (Thursday) at Plantation Government Center.

Once again, let me remind you of the many vitally important items on the agenda at the September 11th meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, instead of the normal Tuesday, because of the Primary Election.

We will have public hearings in the Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Planning Act. There will be changes in the text of the Zoning Ordinance relative to definitions of "story" and "height" along with appeal procedure changes. We will have the appeal hearing on the Port Largo Airport. The extremely controversial Lobster Trap ordinance will have its first public hearing, along with two other zoning change appeals. Our new courtroom seats 135 people, but I believe we will be playing to a full house next Thursday. The "routine" items start at 10:00 AM. However, nothing seems to be "routine" anymore in a growing county like ours. As people live closer together, a very small segment of the population, who care nothing about their neighbors, create problems that affect the other 90%. Each year we have more of these problems to solve.

We had the cornerstone ceremony for the new Upper Keys Government Center on Saturday, August 23. The Masons conducted their ancient ceremony for this event. I hereby express my thanks to the Masons and all the other people, including County staff, that did the behind-the-scenes detail work to make the ceremony a success. It was just about a year ago to the day that we formally opened the Government Center for court and Commission meeting purposes. According to the schedule, both the Judges and State Attorney should be moved into their new quarters by now, in the upstairs part of the building.

The Garden Club designed the landscaping, including the waterfalls that will ultimately be finished. We may have been last in getting our building, but when fully landscaped, it will be the most attractive of all the county buildings.

At our August 26th meeting we opened the bid for new daymarkers in Tavernier Creek Channel. For both this channel and one near Key West, we received only one bid. Staff will review the bid. If it meets specifications, and is reasonable, it will be awarded. Some day I've got to get my boat running and see what the Keys look like from the water. It's been on the trailer for two years now without having been run.

All too often "a" Commissioner is either criticized or given credit for something that is done in the County. It takes the vote of at least three County Commissioners to authorize various projects. "We" Commissioners authorized the expenditure of the last \$1,000. in our discretionary account for recreational use at Harris Park. By law, we cannot give any group funds. What we do is authorize legitimate expenditures, purchased by an through the County, for worthwhile purposes.

WE WERE STILL
PLANTING, HOWEVER
THE COUNTY DID
ALLOCATE MORE
FUNDS TO HIRE
LABOR. SINCE

WE ONLY HAD 11 DAYS LEFT
ON THE FISCAL YEAR.

ENT CENTER CORNERSTONE



mal cornerstone laying ceremony was
cted at the government center on
tion Key last Sat., conducted by the
ic Lodge. Present Chairman of the Monroe
Commission Don Schloesser, who was
also Chairman when the facility was planned in

Court to get new plantings

UPPER KEYS — The Upper Keys Garden Club will meet at the Plantation Key Governmental Center at 9:30 a.m. Friday to place plantings around the building.

Members are requested to bring their trowels and plant donations.

The club's board of directors will meet 9:30 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Francis Tracy Garden Center.

BOTANICAL GARDEN IS PROJECT OF GARDEN CLUB

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October 8, 1980

Photos by

The Upper Keys Garden Club is planning and planting the "Botanical Garden" at the Upper Keys County Government Center. Over a year in the planning stage, touches are being given by the members of the Garden Club.

Over thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area have been and will be planted at the Center, along with many large, old mahogany and sapodilla trees. They are there for the enjoyment of all residents and a showcase for their Northern visitors. Markers are planned to identify the trees and there will be benches for visitors to sit and relax while enjoying the shade of the many larger trees.



Camille Kloski (l) and Orpha Wainwright (r) apply finishing touches to the "Sunken Garden" part of the landscaping project at the Government Center on Plantation Key.



Mrs. Betty Wilson, Pres. of the Garden Club





RAMP SIDEWALKS
WERE BUILT INTO
ALL AREAS

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COURTHOUSE GETS 'GREEN THUMB'

The Upper Keys Garden Club began the final phase of their 'Botanical Garden' for the new government center last Friday.

The 30 year old organization, which has taken on many other landscaping tasks in the Upper Keys such as schools and other public buildings has turned their sights to the new courthouse facility in an effort to plant an array of Keys native botanical specimens. The challenge, a three-hundred foot mall with 200 feet of hillside at the entrance to the building and a sunken garden, the 'Pation de Casada', which features three beautiful waterfalls.

The Department of Public works gave the go-ahead to the Garden Club after the County Commission approved of the project noting that it would give the new center 'the feel of the Keys natural beauty'. The final objectives arrived at by everyone concerned were: 1.) utilize native trees and shrubs, 2.) control foot traffic, making an easier access to parking, 3.) shade the older zoning building, 4.) act as a screen from the parking lot, 5.) screen the view of the road equipment stored nearby, 6.) to implement the theme of the National and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 'Golden Anniversary', 'Plant Gold'.

All 125 members of the garden club are currently involved in the project in some form as are representatives from the Key Largo and Marathon Garden Clubs.

Over thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area are planted there, most due to contributions from members, friends and local nurseries Darr's Rain Barrel, Albright's Tropical Nurseries, Sprunt's Native Nursery and Droney's on Plantation Key.

"We want all of the people in the Upper Keys to come and enjoy the variety of nature that we have in the Keys," said Betty Wilson of the Garden Club, "and more to get involved in learning more about

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from the desk of COMMISSION

NEXT MEETING/ 10/21 Plantation Government Center at 10 A.M.

Our fiscal year ended on September 30th. Just like last year, the last two or three weeks were a flurry of activity. We finally got down to the bottom line on what was going to be left over in the Government Center account. At our meeting in Marathon on September 23rd, we made the necessary transfers of funds so that we could complete the landscaping at the Government Center, have delivered all the material for the remodelling of the old courtroom for the Sheriff and dredge the pool at Harris Park. Everything was accomplished on time.

I was in Key West all last week and upon my return was amazed at what had been accomplished in landscaping the grounds of our new Government Center. The biggest gold star has to go to Betty Wilson of the Garden Club for her complete dedication to getting this job done well and on time. Many other members of the Club helped her, but she alone was there early on the job and worked all day, every day, to achieve what is almost a miracle. The people of our community will be able to enjoy the beauty of the area for many years to come. In addition to Betty, who donates all her time, Charlie Moore, head of our Upper Keys Public Works Department and Dick Phelps of Key West Public Works did the necessary coordination and some of the physical work. It is there....it is almost finished....and I urge you to come by and see what your tax dollars have wrought.

I assume the daily papers will have had headlines on the translator situation. Although I only got to part of it, I sat in on a meeting in Key West with our engineers, Marie Landry, head of the Translator Committee, and our staff. It appears that the low bid was for just slightly over one million dollars. The

The Reporter

ADDS GREENERY TO COURTHOUSE



Members of the Upper Keys Garden Club celebrated their state and national golden anniversary as they kicked off the final phase of planting last Friday at the new Plantation Key Sub Court House. Ruth Yates on the left and

Hazel Mac Shane labored in the autumn heat as did over a dozen other volunteers who donated their time to complete the beautification of the Court House Mall.

8 members in all planted 5 flats of WEDELIA

XII DIST. DIRECTOR
LOUISE HILL (on left)
COMES TO VIEW
OUR ENTIRE
PROJECT MALL;
HILLSIDE, SUNKEN
GARDEN (IN. BLDG)



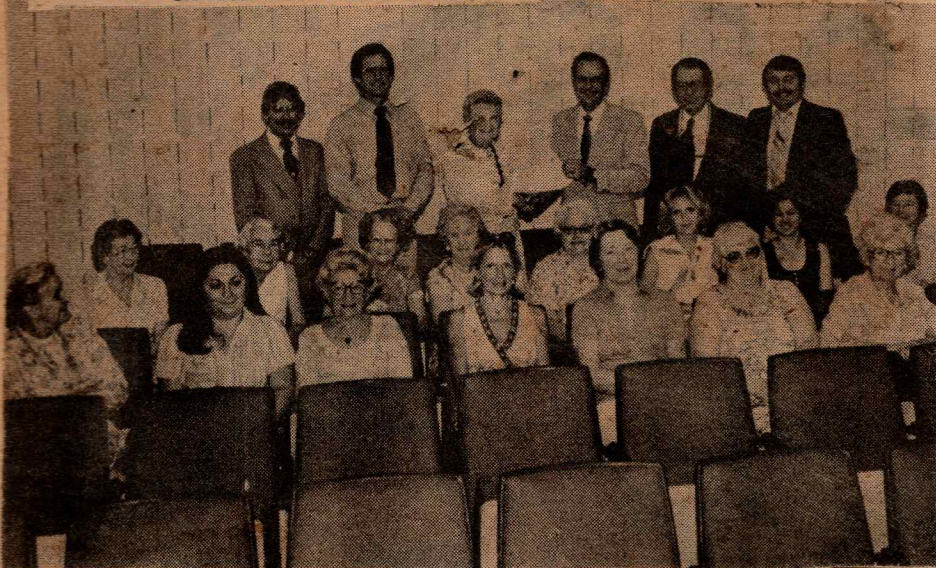
OUR STORY ENDS...

You could never believe it unless you had been here to see it all happen!...a transformation of ugliness into beauty...a public service, but a personal satisfaction for each person who was involved, with a hope that others will enjoy the fruits of our labor...through a restful moment as they hear the waterfalls...a lift in spirits as they view the flowering gold...or a nature stroll through the gardens.

The formal dedication of the building, October 21, included a special proclamation of gratitude to the Upper Keys Garden Club.

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GARDEN CLUB GETS 'GREEN THUMB' AWARD



Betty Wilson, President of the Upper Keys Garden Club, accepts a resolution from County Commission Chairman, Don Schloesser citing the Garden Club for their achievements in the beautification of the Upper Keys Governmental Center. Standing behind the beaming smiles of Garden Club members, Commissioners Jerry Hernandez, Richard Kerr, George Dolezal and Curt Blair look on. The Board of Commissioners awarded the Garden Club for their efforts supervising the landscaping of the new courthouse facilities on Plantation Key. (Story on Pg. 16)

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COMMISSION HONORS GARDEN CLUB

The Upper Keys Garden Club was honored at last week's County Commission meeting for the work they did in organizing and overseeing the landscaping of the Upper Keys Governmental Center. A resolution commending the Club for its time and effort was read to the public just prior to the award presentation by the Commissioners.

"Whereas the landscaping has beautified and enhanced the governmental facility," the resolution stated, "the Board of County Commissioners desires to publicly express its deep appreciation for their contribution."

Betty Wilson accepted the award for the Upper Keys Garden Club and afterward cited the Commission for the "confidence" that was placed in the Garden Club to oversee all the planning and implementation of the project. Mrs. Wilson, current President of the Club, also commended her assistants Doris Sturn, Polly Krider and Kami

Landscape plan for Mall
of
Plantation Government Center

Objectives:

1. Control foot traffic, making easy access from parking lot, Building and Zoning and Sub-station.
2. Utilize native trees and plants for lowest possible maintenance.
3. Soften and shade Building and Zoning building.
4. Partially screen Mall from parking lot.
5. Make Mall an attractive retreat for people and birds.

WITH "PLANT GOLD" IN MIND

Plant materials needed:

Plant or tree	Source	Price
1 Tabebuia argentea	Morey's Garden Center Homestead 1-247-3535	35.00 \$10.00
3 Areca cane palm	@ " 35.00 " "	105.00 8.00
1 Satin leaf (Chrysophyllum oliviforme)	(GIRL SCOUTS Florida Keys Native Nursery D.N. Sprunt 852-5515	3.50
1 Key Thatch Palm (Thrinax microcarpa)	" " "	3.50
2 Paradise Trees (Simarouba glauca)	" " "	3.00
1 Pigeon plum (Coccoloba diversifolia)	" " "	2.50
1 Lancewood (Nectandra coriacea)	" " "	3.00
2 Eucaneer Palms (Pseudophoenix sargentii)	SUBSTITUTE 2 LARGE ARECA CANE PALM - 90.00 " " 14.00	8.00
1 Lignum vitae (Guaiacum santum)	" " "	4.00
5 Cocoplum (Chrysobalanus icaco pellocarpus)	" " " 12.50	12.50
3 Wild Coffee (Psychotrin undata)	" " " 2.75	8.25

DONATED

- 1 AFRICAN TULIP
- 3 GEIGER
- 100 ARELIA'S (HEDGE)
- 15 ADONIDIA PALM (SCREENING)

Scale PLAN
CUT FROM

Please
Fold Out

21.00

60.00

30.00

17.50

9.90

204.6

\$184.1

(b)

- J

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side view

ROOM
MRS
P
1ST
EL
nd
SCADA

(a)

too much sun

SUBSTITUTE SW. ACACIA (yellow-ORANGE)

7 Randia aculeata Florida Keys Native Nursery \$3.00 @ \$21.00

8 Yellow Elder (GIRL SCOUTS Native Tree Nursery) \$5.00 @ TOTAL of 9 ???
(Tecoma stans) Silver Palm Dr. (some will be donated by Garden Club members)
1-665-2039

3 Cassia bahamensis " " " 20 gal. size \$20.00 @ \$60.00
(will try for smaller size.)

25 Dwarf Yellow Lantana Tropics North Nursery \$1.20 @ \$30.00
(Lantana depressa) South Dade 1-245-8011

7 Plumbago capensis Key Islander Tropical \$2.50 @ \$17.50
Gardens

2 Philodendron Selloum " (GIRL SCOUTS \$4.95 @ \$9.90

6 Florida Keys Lily (Florida Keys Native Nursery
Hymenocallis keyensis .25 to \$2.50 @
(most will be donated)

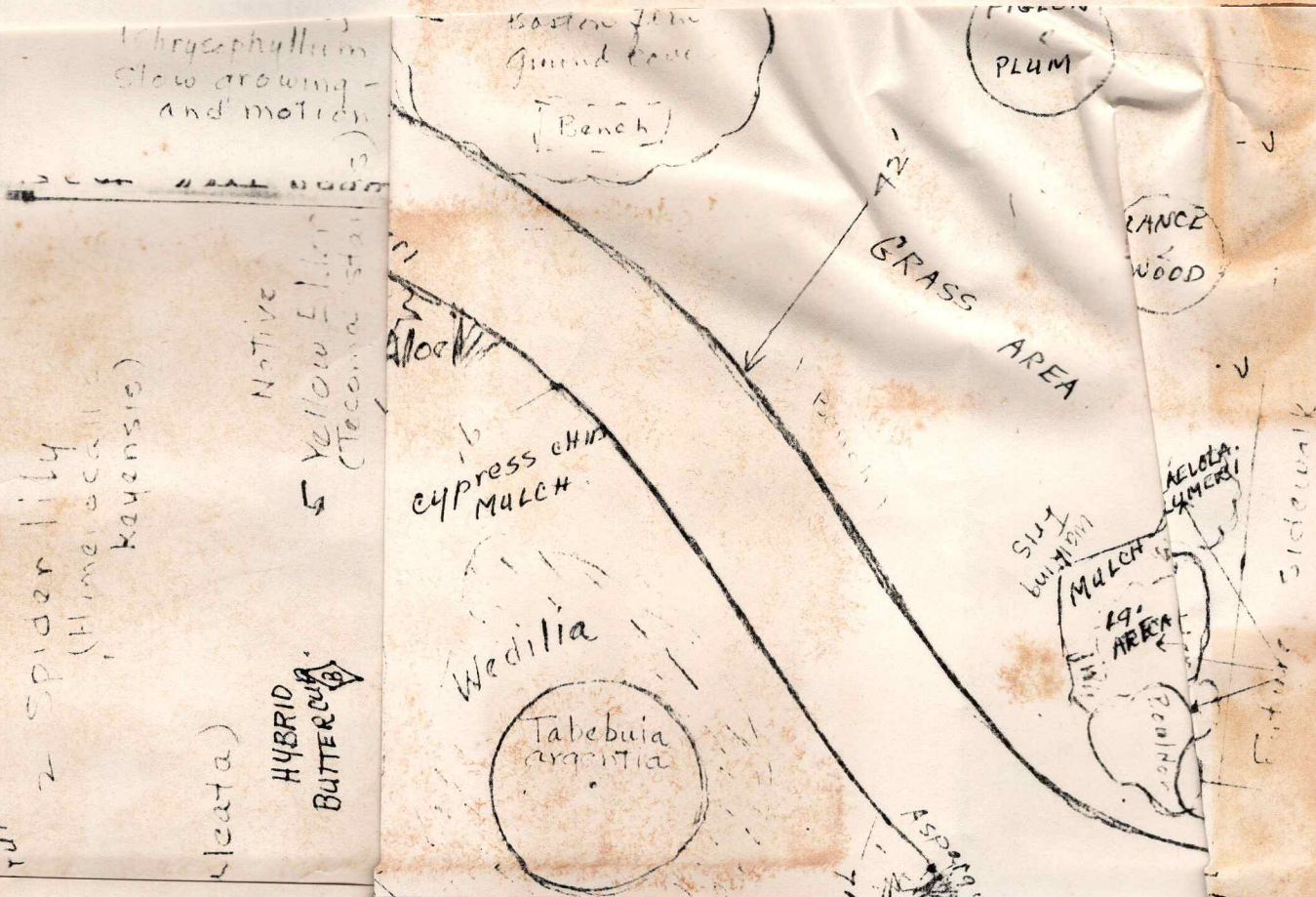
DONATED

10-HYBRID BUTTERCUP SHRUBS

Approx. total 204.6
\$184.1

Remaining shrubs and ground cover will
be donated by Upper Keys Garden Club members

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MALL
COMPLETED
OCT 30, 1980



4" OF CYPRESS MULCH
COVERES ALL PLANTINGS
FOR LOW MAINTENANCE



FOUR LETTERS



FLORIDA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

REPLY TO:

P.O. Box 2545
Key West, Florida 33040

October 27, 1980

Mrs. Betty Wilson, President
Upper Keys Garden Club
P.O. Box 794
Tavernier, Fla. 33070

Dear Betty:

As a follow up to my on site visit to the Upper Keys Government Center in Plantation on Thursday, Oct. 23, 1980, I wanted to again give my praise for a landscaping job well done by the Garden Club. I was particularly impressed with the health of the plants used in the planting as well as the plant selections. Your reliance on native plants should mean reduced maintenance requirement for the county in the future. I would encourage anyone who is intending to plant an area where continued maintenance would be difficult to achieve, to go to only low maintenance plantings. The Upper Key's Garden Club I feel had good insight into which plants would provide just such a situation. I also feel that the finished project refutes those who complain that natives are "so unattractive". They only need to look at the way in which you displayed them to have living proof that this does not need to be the case.

My greatest hope is that the County will over the years not forget who provided them this planting so that what you have done here can be a perpetual memorial to the dedication for public service which the Upper Key's Garden Club exhibits in all of its endeavors.

Hoping to work closely with you in the future to support your other worthy projects.

Sincerely,

Raymond H. Zerba, Jr.
Extension Agent II

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS, STATE OF FLORIDA, IFAS, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COOPERATING

(2) COUNTY AGENT



County Court

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040

Paul E. Esquinaldo, Judge

October 20, 1980

TELEPHONE
294-4641
Ext.
220 or 230

Mrs. W. Wilson
Pres., Upper Keys Gardening Club
Tavernier Post Office
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I sat in Plantation Key on Friday, October 17, and noticed a lot of gardening activity around the Courthouse and was advised the Upper Keys Gardening Club should get the credit for the beautification of the courthouse grounds.

You are to be congratulated. The plants and walkways are beautiful and they've changed the drab-look of the building. The green of the plants seem to give visitors to the Court peace-of-mind, tempers don't flare up.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Paul E. Esquinaldo
Paul E. Esquinaldo

PEE/acr

State Attorney

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

SUITE #9

TUREK BLDG.

TAVERNIER, FLORIDA 33070



JEFF D. GAUTIER

November 18, 1980

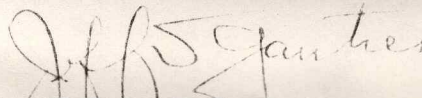
Mrs. W. W. Wilson
Upper Keys Government Center
P.O. Box 794
Tavernier, FL 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

My staff and I would like to take this opportunity to inform you and your fellow garden club members how much we are enjoying the beautiful landscaping which you provided in the Plantation Key Government Center.

All of your fine effort and hard work has paid off and you can be very proud of your accomplishment.

Sincerely


JEFF D. GAUTIER
STATE ATTORNEY

JDG/kp

TWO CRITIQUES

Dale R. Baldwin

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

REGISTERED

1030 DOVE ROAD
LIME GROVE ESTATES
KEY LARGO, FLORIDA 33037
PHONE 852-3221
MIAMI 253-5033

November 24, 1980

Upper Keys Garden Club
Tavernier, Florida 33070

RE: Plantation Government
Center
Plantation Key, Florida

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Landscape Architect and a member of the American Institute of Landscape Architects, I have been asked to evaluate the landscape installation at the subject complex.

The open areas between the buildings and adjacent to the parking is part of the entry to the Government Center. This is nicely laid out, preserving the existing trees and using small scale flowering trees to highlight this interesting walkway. Planting is small but mostly of native variety and is planted in such a manner that it allows room to grow properly. Existing native trees provide shade to the parking and soften the buildings.

Two areas are under the overhang or roof areas and are nicely handled as these areas slope up to the entry or floor elevation. This is done with low ground covers, cypress dowels, boulders, and highlighted by the use of Brassaia Arbocola as a back ground.

Once one is on the upper or floor level you immediately view a sunken boulder rock garden bordered by a wood boardwalk. This area features three small cascading waterfalls on different levels with native fern, Philodendron and other tropicals that tolerate the shade. It is quite unique in the treatment of this area and the light sound of the water coming over the waterfalls is quite a relaxing atmosphere when visiting this center.

The landscaping is nicely designed and is definitely a credit to the entire area and the citizens of Monroe County.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Baldwin
Dale R. Baldwin
Landscape Architects

DRB/kl

I have reviewed this Upper Keys Garden Club project personally: inspecting the pictures before hand and their landscape design layout. I have also visited the finished project of the Upper Keys Government Center on Plantation Key.

It is functional and useful. This is a splendid example of how proper landscaping can enhance the attractiveness of public buildings, small triangles, ovals, parks, recreation areas, as well as streets and boulevards in new subdivisions outside city oimits.

The proper placement of plants and shrubs by the Club will not make for traffic hazards. Native trees and plantings are a wise choice and afford ease of maintenance. The Garden Club will see to overall care by enlisting aid from other groups.

Upper Keys Garden Club sets a good example of civic pride through their own efforts and willingness to do and share.

A worthy project, deserving of a high Award!

Sincerely,

Estelle Pullen