

Welcome to the Upper Keys Garden Club

We invite you to attend a meeting, enjoy a wonderful lunch and meet our members. We have Master Gardeners as well as Novice Gardeners in our membership so everyone is welcome! Our monthly meetings consist of socializing, having lunch and updates and reports for future activities. We also have informal forums and interesting guest speakers throughout the year. There are also several field trips to interesting gardening sites. Recent trips have included visits to Fairchild Gardens in Miami and private tours of estates in the Redlands.

In November we host our annual Fall Festival. December is our holiday pot luck and auction. February is our main event, the Garden Walk, when we host beautiful local, private and commercial gardens. Our club house is also on the tour and it is filled with baked goods, plants for sale, raffles and vendors. We are always eager to recruit new members and garden properties for our Annual Garden Walk.

The Garden Club was formed with ten members in 1952 as a "club of civic and cultural advantage to native plant growth in the Keys." Today we have over eighty members and are proud to say we not only maintain our club house and grounds but are dedicated to learning, fellowship and commitment to the beauty of our Keys.

Our property has been designated as a bird sanctuary, native hammock and Peace Park. In September of 2010 our grounds were designated as one of many Community Peace Parks created in honor of International Day of Peace in Monroe County. Our Garden Club welcomes everyone to come by and enjoy the serenity of our beautiful, peaceful garden.

We have planted 15 new native plant species in order to encourage native and migratory birds to visit. We are proud to provide financial support to the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center which survives mostly on donations. With our help they expect to treat 1,500 avian patients this year alone.

We combined efforts with a local Girl Scout Troup to design and maintain the lovely butterfly garden at Island Dolphin Care in Key Largo. We work closely with Island Dolphin Care in fundraising events and we volunteer weekly helping to maintain the beautiful garden we are proud to have helped create.

Our members are actively involved in many other organizations to insure that our community is a better place to live. For example, some of our members volunteer at the food pantry at Burton Memorial Church and at each meeting members bring canned or dry food to our club house food basket in support of feeding the homeless.

We encourage all who have an interest in joining our Garden Club to come to one of our meetings and meet our hard working, fun loving members that work to enhance our community. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, September - May. Our doors are always open to new guests and members.

Potato vine - white flower

Bladder mallow - sm yellow flower

Purslane - yellow flowers
flowers eye around

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