

*INTRODUCTION to the 1986 GARDEN WALK*  
*Sponsored by the Upper Keys Garden Club*

As you go through the garden gate at 210 Ocean Drive the first thing you notice through the lattice work is the wrap-around ocean view. Walk through the garden; there are three paths leading to the water. One goes to Pi Point, with its silver buttonwood tree and wedelia ground cover. The other two paths lead to the beach and swimming dock. Low maintenance plants, a mahoe tree and coconut palms landscape the area. Notice the grape vine on the fence which has grapes most of the year. Return to the deck to now see the garden as a sheltered spot shaded by the giant eucalyptus tree.

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At 144 Mohawk Street you will find a property that has been designed to encourage the growth of native plants, leaving the tall trees and resulting shade undisturbed. The owners, nevertheless, also wanted a vegetable garden and cut flowers. They have a practical and innovative answer to the problem by the construction of a roof garden which you may see by climbing a short flight of steps. You will be surprised by the variety of plants growing here - native at ground level, cultivated above.

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Number 140 Rolling Hill Road is owned by an enthusiastic gardener. His attractively landscaped waterfront home is proof that he has met the challenge of gardening in the Keys. Native trees, exotic palms and cycads, bromeliads and especially orchids abound. Colorful blooms of Vandas, his favorite, dominate the landscape and combine with orchids of all classifications to amaze and delight the visitor.

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At 154 and 156 Key Heights Drive neighbors have comparatively new homes. Both families find that with little time for gardening they have developed, in those few years, outstandingly attractive yards doing most of the planning and labor themselves. Low maintenance has been their found objective.

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On Plantation Blvd., No. 178, you will find an amateur orchid growers dream house. This family hobby has been developed over several years and in several locations. The building houses many specimens to attract your attention. Take notice, also, of the varieties of bromeliads growing up in the trees on this beautiful wooded lot.

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What began as a hobby 25 years ago has made Frankee Albright a horticultural legend in the Florida Keys. She has won numerous awards for her orchids and bromeliads and she shares these beautiful exotics with us today in her home nursery. Her grounds are surrounded by native hammock trees and shrubs, many of which are showcases for her plants which grow and hang in profusion everywhere. Mrs. Albright cross-pollinates some hybrids herself and countless collectors in South Florida are proud to boast of an original "Frankee Albright" creation.



Tropical Colors Nursery  
off Quail Forest Rd.

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