

produced some fantastic action. Wahoo reports have been increasingly improving by boats high-speed trolling current rips and around wrecks in deeper water. Expect this trend to only get better as we get further into the month of February.

On the reef, Capt. Chan Warner aboard the Gulfstream out of Key Largo Fisheries has had another fantastic week off Key Largo. Capt. Chan reported the hot bite this week to be yellowtail snapper 3 to 4 pounds in 130 feet of water off Molasses Reef. Fishing small 1/0 or 2/0 hooks on light 20-pound leaders while sandballing dead glass minnows or shrimp in the chum slick have produced a solid bite for his customers. While the kingfish bite slowed a little, several mutton snappers 3 to 6 pounds were caught in 40 to 60 feet of water north and south of Molasses on fresh cut ballyhoo and squid.

Over in the park, the redfish could be found just about everywhere this past week. The average fish measures between 17 and 22 inches, but they are being found in

Turn to FISH TALES, 3B

## GARDEN WALK

# Time to tour Upper Keys flora displays

■ 2012 Garden Walk to be held on Feb. 24

PHOTOS AND STORY BY DONNA DIETRICH

Ever wonder what it looks like behind some of those stately gates along the Old Highway, or want to peer into an interesting looking bayside garden? Well your annual chance to satisfy those curiosities can be had with the 2012 Upper Keys Garden Walk on Feb. 24.

Once again the women of the Upper Keys Garden Club have rounded up five new properties for you to tour and enjoy, get new ideas to spruce up your own garden, or just check out how the rich and famous live.

### Pareira-dise

A genuine welcome awaits you at Pareira-dise where Barbara Pareira, along with some

help from her family, has lovingly cared for her Plantation Key bayfront property for the last 24 years. The Miami native is a gracious hostess and will gladly answer your gardening questions.

Red brick paths wind through the flower beds and add a warm, rustic feel. Sculptures, like brass mom and pup manatees or a driftwood fish, pop up here and there among the many natives and easy care plants that are in coral rock edged, terraced beds. Simple seats near the edge of the water provide a tranquil place to gaze out at the bay and the nearby Cow Pens isles.

"When I planted the garden, I had no idea that everything would get as big as it did," said Pareira. "Now I take the pups from the bromeliads and plant

them everywhere," she continued. It was evident that Pareira genuinely cares for her plants when she spoke sadly of trying yet one more tactic to save some old grow sea grape.

Buttonwoods, palms, Ti plants, hibiscus, lots of bromeliad varieties and potted desert rose with interesting gnarly roots are used throughout the landscape. It all seems to work very well with the site, wrapping around the house like a favorite glove.

Pareira laughs heartily about the great view of toilet seat channel from her home.

"My husband loves to take people out there for the first time, not say anything, and just wait till they react when they see all the toilet seats."

She and her husband Alan

also love to kayak out to a small nearby island where all the birds nest, she adds.

### Bali-Hai

If you want to see how the rich and famous live, stop at Jon Landaus' Bali-Hai, but don't bring your camera along because there are restrictions applied to visitors here. No photos allowed, not even for invited press members.

At this ocean front Plantation Key property, the original hammock still exists around the long entry drive, but half way down it transforms into an immaculate, movie set version of a tropical garden. Not a blade of grass is out of place. Even the green plant ID plaques, tacked onto

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## KEY LARGO

# Mrs. Mac's Kitchen expands with second eatery

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
CLAUDIA MILLER  
Special to The Reporter

Anyone driving by Mrs. Mac's Kitchen in Key Largo around lunchtime is likely to slow down at the mini traffic jam caused by diners trying to

more mouths than we can feed," Wittke said. "We're really restricted in space at the original location. We have a lot of guests who would love to eat with us, but we can't accommodate them."

passing through-in the median between the north and southbound lanes of U.S. 1.

"A lot of times we're missed if people don't catch us on the way south," Wittke said. "They definitely don't catch us on the way north because we're not visible."







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**5270 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050**

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We miss you, Sue, and say “Thanks” for sharing your talents with us.



## HOSTESS COMMITTEE TELEPHONE SUGGESTIONS II

### INTRODUCTION for club members on the 2011 Hostess Committee List

- This is \_\_\_\_\_, I am a member of the Upper Keys Garden Club.
  - I noticed that you volunteered to be a hostess/host at the 2011 Garden Walk. Did you enjoy being a hostess/host? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve the job of Hostess/host?
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- As you know, the Garden Walk is always held on the last Friday in February. The 2012 Garden Walk will be held on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Dee Dee Barreto, the 2012 Garden Walk Chairperson, and Jerri Grossman have been working for the past 5-6 months to locate the 5 houses that will be on the 2012 Garden Walk.
- You are familiar with the fact that each property has an AM and a PM shift of "Hostesses/Hosts" assign to it. The members who serve as Hostesses & Hosts play an important role in making sure that our "guests" on the Garden Walk have an enjoyable time.
- Once again, as a Special Thank You for the time you will spend in being a Hostess/Host at a home on the Garden Walk, you are invited to see all of the properties, **free of charge**, on Wednesday morning, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Only the assigned Hostesses/Hosts are invited to this function. No guests allowed.**
- I am hoping that I can sign you up today to be a hostess/host at one of the homes on the February 24<sup>th</sup> Garden Walk. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
Maybe \_\_\_\_\_ If "Maybe", when may I call you back? \_\_\_\_\_

*Ask Weeks -  
maybe  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup>*

#### For those who say "Yes"

- The actual home assignments are made closer to the event.
- I will be contacting you 2-3 more times before the event. The communication of choice is "email"; but if you do not open your emails every 1-2 days then would you prefer me to mail/phone the information to you?  
If we communicate by email, the email heading will always be **UKGC Hostess Committee.**
- If something occurs and you are unable to meet your Hostess obligations, please contact me immediately so we can work to get your replacement ASAP.

Leave your Name and phone number with them.



## Agenda

1. Property Placement
2. Letter to team members
  - Careful to fill in the correct information
  - Information about water & chair
  - Call them back if you do not receive an email in 2-3 days
3. List of email addresses
4. Box of materials for each property front desk

- Tickets and recording sheet
- Red Magic Markers
- Membership Applications
- Sheet with important information: names & cell phone #'s of scheduled volunteers; other needed information.
- Property information sheets
- Brown expandable envelopes for Money. Manila envelope is for cash & checks to give to Treasurer. Paper clip money in \$200 chunks. Paper clip checks & include sheet with ticket information.
- Paper clips & notepad; pens

On front of envelope  
Write Total  
- cash  
- check  
sign

History Sheets

Cash - note your  
cash in at  
beginning of  
envelope

- 5. Leis--- enough for one shift & collect nametags
6. UKGC Pins- responsible to return them to the Club's magnetic Board
  7. Return box to Club House. **Take manila money envelope out & give to Donna Nussenblat, Treasurer or Evelyn McClone, President.**
  8. Return name tag pins to the magnetic board



2011 2010

Rogers, Marilyn		2011	2010	Club Member Hostesses			
✓	Handelsman, Valerie		(305) 887-6910	keyscoach@gmail.com	PM-P		
call back in Feb	Schwalbert, Elizabeth	664-4898	(305) 395-9832	vhandelsman@att.net		yes	have somebody w/ her voice problem
Im	Whitney, Janel	(305) 923-6468	(305) 942-5359	GregandBeth@bellsouth.net			
				ja9nel@gmail.com			
	Stoner-Mari-Etta	852-5827	(412) 531-2223	mariettastoner@gmail.com			
✓	Kocol, John (Martha Edwards)	664-6051	(305) 395-9471	skipperiak42@yahoo.com		No	
✓	Paradis, Sandra	(978) 423-9767	(508) 292-5430	aeparadis@gmail.com	AM-P	No	
✗	Smith, Melinda		(305) 505-1453	msgardenkeeper@aol.com		yes	
✗	Downing, Denise		(305) 619-0534	ddmermaid22@bellsouth.net		yes	No

concern re: Ash Week  
either call or voice mail

PM

can't commit

<b>Team Captain</b>		<b>The Garden Box</b>		<b>MM 81.6</b>		
Mari-Etta Stoner		(412) 531-2223				
	<b>AM Hostesess/Hosts</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>		9:15-1:00	<b>AM Docents</b>	<b>Phone</b>
				0		
	<b>Front Desk Tickets</b>					
1	Shirley Abraham*	(260) 325-4013				
2	Jim Abraham*	(260) 325 4013				
	<b>PM Hostesess/Hosts</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>		12:30-4:30	<b>PM Docents</b>	
				0		
	<b>Front Desk Tickets</b>					
1	Valerie Handelsman	(305) 395-9832				
	<b>Property</b>					
2	Ron Cole	(303) 725-5594				



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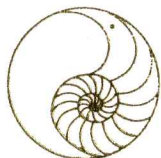
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