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THE UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB
GARDEN & HISTORICAL HOME TOUR INFORMATION

THE LAIN HOUSE & GARDEN, at MM 91.9 and Albury Blvd in Tavernier, built in 1880 by Simon Johnson in Planter, was moved by Rodney Albury in 1917 to its present location. The house remained in the Albury family until purchased by Mr. & Mrs. David Lain in 1987. Extensive renovation, careful remodeling, and the interesting landscaping make this house and garden a highlight of your tour. There are many native trees and plants as well as interesting exotics.

THE GALLAGHER GARDENS, on Ocean View and Tarpon Streets in Tavernier, are an exciting example of how to combine native shoreline trees with roses, orchids, and bromelads. Mr. & Mrs. Gallagher started working on their garden 27 years ago, at that time he planted a small cactus near their front door. Today it is almost as tall as the house. Mr. Gallagher's hand-laid brick walkways wend their casual way through this beautiful garden.

THE MUSE HOUSE & GARDEN, 150 Redwing on Plantation Key, offers prime examples of professionalism in landscaping and eclecticism in decorating. The beautiful tree-framed views of Florida Bay and the Muse' stylish collection of antiques and Art Deco pieces make this stop a highlight of your tour.

THE LEEF GARDENS, located at MM 81.3 Old Highway in Islamorada, creates a tapestry of tall palms, a hammock of native trees, sun and shadows that will offer a retreat from busy roads and rushing about. Ocean side there are bay cedar and seaside mahoe. Please note the variety of fruit trees along the drive. Mr. Leef has planted bamboo along one fence. The Leef garden is a study in greens, textures and light.

THE ROSENTHAL HOUSE AND GARDEN, MM 81 in Islamorada, was built in the early 50's, the second floor was added later. The Rosenthal yard is home to many peacock who delight in displaying for visitors. There are lovebirds in the courtyard. The charming Spanish-style house tucked in a lush tropical forest and the island-filled bay view will make this a memorable stop.

THE EATON HOUSE AND GARDEN, off Columbus Drive on Lower Matacumbe, is the second oldest house on the Tour. Built in Tavernier in 1922, it was cut in half, loaded on trucks and moved to Lower Matacumbe in 1971 by Mrs. Cyrus Eaton. The kitchen wing was added in 1976. Decorated by Mrs. Eaton, the house offers a look at what life in the Keys should be. Airy rooms, ceiling fans, colorful memorabilia of good times and world travel. The landscaping is a frame for the house; as untouched as possible, yet offering a vegetable garden and annual flowers for cutting. The Eaton house and garden is a 'must see'!

The Upper Keys Garden Club is located at MM 94 Bayside, Key Largo