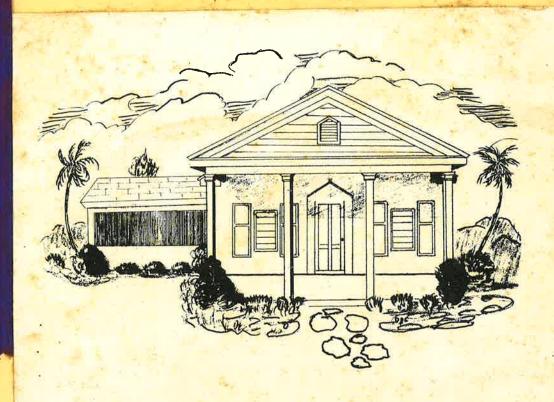
THE FRANCIS TRACY GARDEN CENTER IN 1967

APPLICATION FOR STATE AWARD # 21 (GARDEN CENTER)

Submitted by the Upper Keys Garden Club. Tavernier, Florida, 33070, a member club of District XII.of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.



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Tavernier, Florida

33070

1967

The following account of 1967 activities at the Francis Tracy Garden Center, located nearly halfway between Miami and Key West, at Milestone 94, just north of the village of Tavernier on the Overseas Highway, (U.S. #1), is submitted to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. by the Upper Keys Garden Club as an application for State Award # 21, offered in 1968 for the Garden Center which, in proportion to its size, has given the best information, advice and inspiration to the club members and the community in 1967.

Fifty pages from the Club Scrapbook for 1967 are submitted separately, with newspaper clippings and photographs presented as proof of these activities.

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Photographs In this application were taken by our member Jan Helmle at the Garden Center in August and September, 1967.

The drawing on the outside cover is by our member Dorothy Caswell.



MEMBERSHIP

The Upper Keys Garden Club, founded in the early 1950's, draws its membership from a thirty-eight mile long area from the Inland Waterway crossing south along six leys, Key Largo, Plantation, Windley's, Upper Matecumbe, Lower Matecumbe and Craig. The three villages are Islamorada, Tavernier and Key Largo. In 1964 Dr. Fred Bond onated a beautiful acre of hammock land in Tavernier for a Garden Center, and Mr. leorge Coffin donated his services as architect, choosing a design reminiscent of the phama architecture of the early days of settlement. By common consent the Center was amed in honor of Francis D. Tracy, (Mrs. Roy Tracy), a renowned gardener and student f trees and medicinal plants. Not the least of the 1967 events at the Garden Center as the celebration of Mrs. Tracy's ninetieth birthday, on December 12th. On that ccasion, very close to the third anniversary of the opening, (November 29th, 1964), he membership was able to show her a completely paid up mortgage on the building.

Since that opening and dedication of the Garden Center, membership has more than bubled. The June membership reports, as officially listed the the Books of Information of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs tell the tale.

June 1962.....58
June 1963.....48
June 1964.....79
June 1965....79
June 1966.....125
June 1967.....135

Each year membership has expanded after the official report, but we choose that is the most significant.

The June, 1967 membership list follows on the next three pages.

UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST

June 1st, 1967 - 135 Members

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	Brots, Miss Alma	Rt.1, Box 16B, Islamorada, Fla.	852-3581
	Brunton, Mrs. Robert (Helen)	Box 434, Tavernier, Fla.	852-5150
	Buckle, Mrs. S.H. (Polly)	Box 236, Onancock, Va. 23417	
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	Brown, Mrs.L.C. (Phenia)	Rt.1, Box 221, Islamorada, Fla.	852-5441
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	Carey, Mrs.Francis G. (Sue)	Box 287, Tavernier, Fla.	852-8225
	Carpenter, Mrs. Cliff (Violet)	Box 33, Tavernier, Fla.	852-2311
	Carpenter, Mrs. Feeming (Bea)	Box 312, Islamorada, Fla.	852-5518
	Carter, Mrs. George (Viola)	Box 213, Tavernier, Fla.	852-5952
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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

On the third Tuesday of each month a business meeting followed by a program for members and guests is held at the Garden Center, although the July meeting, traditionally a benefit luncheon, has to be held elsewhere because of problems of space. Monthly programs for 1967 were as follows:

JANUARY: Dr. Robert Schroeder, marine biologist and author, gave an illustrated talk on "The Sea's Green Pastures", with slides of the grassy flats of the Keys and their abundant marine life. Dr. Schroeder, a famous diver and photographer, frequently publishes in the National Geographic Magazine.

FEBRUARY: Twelve members of the club, who had completed a ten weeks course in flower arrangement, gave a "Little Flower Show". The Garden Club of Marathon sent four members to act as Judges. This was excellent preparation and instruction for our real flower show, which was shortly to take place. New club officers were elected.

MARCH: Mr. John M. Swift, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a wintertime visitor, gave an illustrated talk on "Flowers of the U.S.A.". After showing many slides, he offered a prize for the most nearly correct identification of twenty flowers. The winner knew 19.

APRIL: Mr. Alexander Sprunt IV, of Tavernier, a National Director of the Audubon Society and Director of Research for the Caribbean area, spoke on "Birds of the Florida Keys", including some migratory birds as well as our native birds and waterfowl.

MAY: Mrs. Frankee Albright, of Islamorada, spoke on "Growing Orchids on the Keys" bringing with her many specimens which she grows professionally, especially vandas.

JUNE: Mr. G. A. Ellis, of Islamorada, a National Director of the Izaak Walton League, spoke on "Conservation", and what our membership can accomplish, especially by letter writing, to help with local and state problems in this difficult field. The account of Mr. Ellis'speech printed in the Key West Citizen, (see our scrapbook), was later reprinted in the national magazine of the Izaak Walton League.

JULY: Our traditional midsummer benefit luncheon, card party and fashion show was held at Jerry's Sunset Inn. This well patronized event cannot be accommodated at the Garden Center.

AUGUST: A panel of five members conducted a meeting on "Plant Identification", followed by a Question-and-Answer period on problems of gardening, and an exchange of plants and cuttings.

SEPTEMBER: Our member and Director, Mrs. Sam Lund of Tavernier, who had recently



entertaining talk was so popular, going back to the hurricane of 1906, that she was a sked to repeat it for the Key Largo Garden Club. She brought old plantation tools and a picture of the boat which was the only connection with the outside world before the railroad.

NCTOBER: Mrs. John D. Chesnut, of Key Biscayne, Miami, spoke on "African Violets" a field in which she is a national authority, and brought with her a large number

of plants which she generously gave to members.

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NOVEMBER: Our member Mrs. S.B.Griscom, of Plantation Key, a former member of the Pittsburgh Garden Center and a vice-president of the Pittsburgh chapter of Ikebana International, spoke on "Japanese Flower Arrangement", and what can be done in a Japanese manner with the native plant materials of the Keys. Mrs. Griscom has been a student of Mr. Hounohara's, Flower Master of the Ohara School in Japan.

DECEMBER: Our traditional Christmas Luncheon at the Garden Center took place, followed by carol singing. In former years gifts were exchanged by members, but since the opening of the Garden Center, each member makes a cash donation instead to be used for the care and improvement of the grounds.

Programs for the new year are being planned, with first a talk on our neighboring Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, and later one on "How To Prepare For A Flower Show". A meeting devoted to Everglades National Park, to be conducted by Park authorities is hopefully planned but is dependent on their free time.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

Flower Arrangement: A ten week course was given in 1966-7 by Mrs. John Cale and Mrs. H.E.Hoff, both Flower Show School graduates and both members of the club.

Corsages and Miniatures: Mrs. Hoff gave a one day course open to all members.

Workshop: A weekly meeting from ten to three was held for most of the year, making decorations from native plant materials and hand made goods to be sold for the benefit of the club. Members also gathered at each other's houses to make table decorations for the autumn meeting of District XII, to which we were Hostess Club.

Card parties, covered dish dinners and an occasional evening social party with cards and games, occur all year round. In our resort and retirement community, these activities are especially welcomed as an opportunity for fellowshipand they bring many new members into our group.



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Monday, October 30th, 1967, to the 68 Garden Clubs of Dade County, (the Miami area) and Monroe County, (the Florida Keys), which comprise District XII, of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. About 100 people were expected, and as the Garden Center is too small for a combined business meeting and luncheon, it was decided to meet at Jerry's Sunset Inn, in Islamorada, at that time owned by our generous and efficient member, Mrs. Carol Pendergast. It was a fortunate decision as 235 people attended the business meeting, and 224 stayed for lunch. The Garden Center was open on Sunday and Monday afternoons, and the Key Largo Club, our neighbors, helped greatly by acting as Sunday hostesses. A great many F.F.G.C. members inspected the clubhouse and grounds and enjoyed light refreshment. The evening before the meeting the State and District Officers were entertained at a Luau, and these charming ladies were an inspiration and a delight to us all. (See Scrapbook, pp. 38-42).

Mrs. Tracy's Birthday Party: On December 12th Open House was held at the Garden Center in honor of Mrs. Tracy's ninetieth berthday, an event noted by The Miami Herald. (Scrapbook pp/47-49.) More than 150 visitors came to pay their respects to this most distinguished and well loved lady, who was for many years Public Health Nurse of Monroe County, and the only medical officer between the towns of Homestead and Marathon. The Director of District XII, Mrs. Henry W. Michaels, and Mrs. Frank Nichols, District XII Parliamentarian, came down from Miami to wish her many happy returns of the day.

The Christmas Bazaar is usually held in Islamorada because of the more central location, and was a success again in early December when Workshop decorations made from native plant materials were, as always, the most outstanding offering.

The Flower Show, "Holidays on the Keys", March 3rd and 4th, 1967, is treated separately, as are Conservation, Junior Gardeners, the Reference Bookshelf, and Civic Beautification and Landscaping.

1967 FLOWER SHOW

Our sixth, seventh and eighth annual flower shows have been held at the Garden Center, and there has been an increase in the quality and quantity of each show each year. However, it was not until our 1966 Judges had urged us to attampt a Standard Show in 1967, and we succeeded in doing it, that we appreciated what an improvement close adherence to National Council Standards can bring about. Entries were much more numerous, the quality of the artistic exhibits much higher, and the horticultural division nearly twice as large and as good as in previous years. Much of this gain in strength came from having a centralized meeting place, but of course the good influence of one of our members, Mrs. S.H. Buckle of Onancoke, Va., and her hard work, teaching abilty and experience, played just as big a part. Unfortunately she no longer winters on the Keys, but we hope to live up to the ideals that she has taught us.

Our schedule was greatly enlarged, not so much in classes as in explanatory material, and thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Horace Tompkins, then State Chairman of Flower Shows, we were able to produce a schedule that received praise from the Judges. Mrs. Buckle sponsored our first Invitational Class in flower arrangement, and we were happy to have exhibits from The Key West Garden Club, the Garden Club of Marathon, the Ocean Reef Garden Club, (not federated), and even one from the Cardinal Club of Kentucky, one of whose members is our wintertime neighbor. However, as many people dreaded the long distance to be traversed to reach the Garden Center from their homes, we will not attempt another Invitational Class this year.

Our show has always been open to amateur gardeners of the Keys, whether or not they are members, and although we have always been grateful to the men in our vicinity who show roses, orchids and other plants at our show, we were delighted to have even more such exhibitors when they read that we had become a Standard Show.

We were very much homored to hear that although our classes of dried material are so few in number that we cannot offer an Award of Distinction, that the Judges in 1967 had decided to give a Special Award of Distinction to one of our members who was exhibiting for the first time after taking our Garden Center course. This exhibit may be seen in our scrapbook, page 15, upper right hand picture.

Attendance at the show was much higher than the year before, although a torn-up highway that year may have been a factor. Altogether it was a rewarding experience to give a Standard Show, and we could not have done it without the Garden Center to give us a centralizing and stabilizing strength.

The schedule of HOLIDAYS ON THE KEYS, our 1967 Flower Show, is appended. Pages 4 to 16 of the scrapbook are devoted to the Flower Show.

THE UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB

Presents

"HOLIDAYS ON THE KEYS"

A Standard Flower Show

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THE FRANCIS TRACY GARDEN CENTER Overseas Highway, Tavernier, Fla.

iday, March 3rd, 1967 00 P.M. to 6:00 P. M.

Saturday, March 4, 1967 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Admissions: \$1.03, including tax
One child free with each adult.
Ticket is valid both days

GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition is open to all amateur gardeners and arrangers on the Upper Keys, as well as to members of the Upper Keys Garden Club.

Only one entry per person per class is permitted. As many classes as desired may be entered by each exhibitor, but each entry must be individually labelled. The entry fee for each exhibitor is the purchase of a single ticket to the show, good for both days and covering all of one person's exhibits.

All entries must be in place by 9:00 A.M. on Friday, March 3rd. Anything arriving later will be marked "Not in Competition." Potted plants, dried arrangements, etc., may be entered on Thursday afternoon. No exhibits may be removed before the closing hour of 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, but all exhibits must be removed that evening.

No plant on the Conservation List of the State of Florida, which is attached to this schedule, may be placed in competition in the Horticultural or Artistic Divisions. They may appear in the Educational Division, but entries in Divisions I, II and III will be disqualified if such material, even if home grown, is used.

All decisions of the Judges are final. Classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the Judges, and they may withhold awards in classes where the entries are not adequate. Points used in judging the various classes are appended to this schedule.

The Upper Keys Garden Club will not assume liability for personal injury or for damage to or loss of private property. Every effort will be made to safeguard persons and property.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SOLD ON THE GROUNDS

ENTRY BLANKS BY COURTESY OF ARMOUR & CO.

The Upper Keys Garden Club extends its warmest thanks to the First National Bank of Tavernier and to the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association

AWARDS

- All awards are made or withheld at the discretion of the Judges.
- All decisions of the Judges shall be final.
- Blue ribbons indicate First Place, red ribbons Second Place and yellow ribbons Third Place. White ribbons are for Honorable Mention. Only one blue, red or vellow ribbon is given in each class, but there may be several awards for Honorary Mention, if the entries so warrant.
- Pink ribbons may be given as a Special Award for Educational and Professional exhibits not in competition.
- Two AWARDS OF MERIT, (orange ribbon rosette), may be awarded in the Horticultural Division, one for the best cut specimen and one for best potted plant.
- The TRICOLOR AWARD, (blue, red and yellow rosette), may be given in the Artistic Division for the best exhibit in Classes E-1, E-2, E-4 and E-6.
- The JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, (red, white and blue rosette), may be given to the outstanding artistic or educational exhibit in the Student Division.
- Two SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS, (green and white rosette), will be given, one to the highest winner of blue ribbons in Horticulture, and one to the highest winner of blue ribbons in the Artistic Division. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted to break it.
- A Prize of a \$25,00 U.S. Savings Bond, donated by the First National Bank of Tavernier, will be given to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons in both the Horticultural and Artistic Divisions.
- Four Prizes, each a \$5,00 Savings Account, donated by the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, will be given for excellence in the Student Division, two for elementary school students in Horticulture and Artistic Design, and two for the intermediate and high school classes.

COMMITTEE

Chairman Mrs. S.H. Buckle Assit. Chairman ... Mrs. John Cale

aging: Dr. & Mrs. Fred Bond Mr. & Mrs. John Cale

rticulture Classification: Mrs, A.H. Gross Entries: Mrs. A.R. Shreffler Placement: Mrs. George McMahan

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Properties: Mrs. Robert Brunton Mrs. H. Fischer

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Merchandise Mart: Mrs. Malcolm Knox Mrs. Joe Kroll

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DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

"Holidays in Our Gardens "

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Both potted plants and cut specimens must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 90 days (three months) before the show.

Each entry tag must be filled in with the common or botanical name of the plant

Growing plants in unsightly containers must be wrapped in brown paper by the exhibitor.

Leaves of all specimens must be free of residue and must not be oiled or waxed.

Containers for all cut specimens will be furnished by the Committee.

Plants on the State Conservation List (appended) are not eligible for competitive exhibition.

All exhibitors guarantee to replace faded cut specimens on the second day of the show and to pick off faded blossoms and withered leaves in potted specimens

The Committee reserves the right to reject any inferior specimens and the Judges reserve the right to withhold an award in any class failing to meet the highest standards. The scales of points used by the Judges are appended.

asses: (Growing plants)

- I-A ORCHIDS (in bloom)
 - 1. Cattleya
 - 2. Dendrobium
 - 3. Phalaenopsis
 - 4. Vanda
 - 5. All other species
- I-B AFRICAN VIOLETS (in bloom)
 - 1. Single crown
 - 2. Multiple crown
- I-C OTHER GROWING PLANTS (including cacti and succulents)
 - 1. Flowering
 - a. In bloom
 - b. Dormant
 - 2. Foliage
 - a. Single plant in container
 - b. Multiple plants (same species) in container
 - 3. Mixed plants (multiple species, at least two) in container

asses: (Cut Specimens)

- I-D ROSES
 - 1. Tea (single blossom)
 - 2. Hybrid Tea (single blossom)
 - Floribunda (single blossom)Any other species (single blossom)
 - 5. Collection (3 to 5 blossoms of differing species)

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE continued

lasses: (Cut Specimens continued)

IWE ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS (One spray of foliage is permitted. One flower stem only, unless otherwise noted)

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1. Ageratum (3 stems)
                                        13. Pansies (3 stems)
 2. Alyssum (3 stems)
                                       14. Pentas (1 stem)
 3. Asters (1 stem)
                                       15. Petunias
                                           a. Single (3 stems)
 4. Bells of Ireland
 5. Calendula (3 stems)
                                           b. Double (3 stems)
 6. Candytuft (3 stems)
                                           c. Ruffled (1 stem)
                                       16. Perlargoniums (geraniums)
      Dianthus, all varieties
 8. Galliardia (3 stems
                                       17. Phlox (1 stem)
                                       18. Salvia (3 stems)
 9. Gerbera (daisies)
    a. Single (3 stems)
                                       19. Snapdragon (1 stem)
    b. Double (3 stems)
                                       20. Sweet Peas (3 stems)
10. Hollyhock (1 stem)
                                       21. Verbena (3 stems)
                                       22. Vinca rosea (periwinkles)
11. Marigold
                                                                   (1 stem)
    a. Standard (1 stem)
    b. Dwarf (one color, 3 stems)
                                       23. Any other species
12. Nasturtiums
    a. Single(one color, 3 stems)
    b. Double (one color, 3 stems)
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I-F BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS (1 stalk only)

1. Amaryllis	9. Gloriosa Lily
2. Amazon Lily (Eucharis	10. Gloxinia
grandiflora)	11.Heliconia
3. Anthurium	12. Orchids (cut)
4. Begonia	13. Strelitzia regina
5. Calla Lily	14. Zingiber
6. Day Lily (hemerocallis)	15. Any other species
7. Crinum	•
8. Easter Lily	

I-G FLOWERING OR FRUITED SHRUB, TREE OR VINE (1 branch, not to exceed 24")

18. Any other species

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1. Allamanda
                                      10. Jasmine (all varieties)
2. Bottlebrush (Callistomen)
                                      11. Passion Flower
3. Bougainvillea
                                      12. Plumbage
4. Brazilian Pepper
                                      13. Poinsettia
5. Carissa
                                      14. Oleander
6. Crown of Thorns
                                      15. Powderpuff (Calliandra)
7. Flame Vine
                                      16. Pyracantha
8. Gardenia
                                      17. Shrimp Plant
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I-H HIBISCUS (1 flower only, no foliage)

1. Single

9. Ixora

- 2. Double
- 3. Other Variety

asses: Cut specimens, continued

I-I CUT FOLIAGE (1 stalk, not to exceed 18", or 3 leaves of stemless plant, such as, Dracaena)

1. Acalypha
2. Aglaonema (Chinese Evergreen)
3. Aralia
4. Aspidistra
5. Coleus
6. Croton
7. Dieffenbachia
8. Dracaena
9. Fern
10. Ivy
11. Pandanus
12. Papyrus
13. Any other species

DIVISION II - ARTISTIC DIVISION "Holidays In Our Homes"

JLES:

Flowers and leaves used in arrangements need not be grown by exhibitors, but if they were so grown should be marked with a GCLD STAR to be provided by the Committee, which will be taken into consideration by the Judges.

Artificial flowers and foliage may not be used, with the single exception of artificial grapes, (not including leaves), which may be used in those classes where accessories are permitted.

Flower arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor.

Some foliage is permitted in all classes, fresh or dried, as called for.

All plant material used must be listed on the entry card.

A card may be obtained (3" x 5"), giving explanatory information for the benefit of the Judges.

No plants on the State Conservation List may be used. The list is attached.

The scales of points used in judging the classes in this division are appended.

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II-A SHADOW BOXES

Exhibits must be titled, keeping the overall theme of "Holidays on the Keys".

Electrical outlets will be provided. Outside dimendsions must not exceed 16" wide, 24" high and 16" deep, including frame.

II-B CORSAGES
Each must represent a Holiday, with titled card attached.

a. All fresh material
b. All dried material

II-C DISH GARDENS
An artistically planted arrangement of one or more species or varieties, growing in a dish. Accessories are permitted.

MINIATURES

a. "Key Largo Holiday," all fresh material not to exceed 5" in all dimension.

DIVISION II - ARTISTIC DIVISION continued

"Holidays in Our Homes"

Arrangements

Arrangements in the first five classes will be by reservation only. Please all Mrs. Townsend at 664-4985 to reserve space. The sixth class, (II-E-6) will by invitation only.

Backgrounds will be provided by the Committee except in Class II-E-5, where exhibitor must provide background material.

Dimensions must not exceed 20" wide, 30" high and 15" deep.

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- II-E-1 MARCH HOLIDAY Five entries. Eligible for the TRICOLOR AWARD.

 A line arrangement, using all fresh materials, with green foliage and white blossoms only. Accessories are not permitted.
 - A line or line-mass arrangement, using all fresh materials. Flowers should be in pastel colors only. No accessories may be used.
 - II-E-3 MIDSUMMER HOLIDAY Five entries. Eligible for a blue ribbon, but not for the TRICOLOR AWARD.

An arrangement of dried materials, shells or driftwood, although one fresh blossom or spray of flowers may be used. Accessories are permitted. This is the Novice Class for those who have never won a blue ribbon.

- II-E-4 THANKSGIVING Five entries. Eligible for the TRICOLOR AWARD.

 Fresh vegetables, fresh fruit or both must be used, and any other material used must be fresh. Accessories are permitted.
- Either fresh or dried material or both may be used, also painted or varnished plant material. Accessories are permitted. The exhibitor must furnish the background material.
- I-E-6 SENTIMENTAL HOLIDAY Five entries. This is the invitational class.

All materials must be fresh. Containers are preferably white. Only red, white or pink blossoms should be used. Accessories are permitted. Consultant: Mrs. S.H. Buckle

DIVISION III - JUNIOR DIVISION

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III-A Elementary School Students

III-A-1 HORTICULTURE

a. Potted plants

b. Cut specimens

III-A-2 ARTISTIC DIVISION

a. Dish gardens. Accessories are permitted.

b. "My Favorite Holiday". An arrangement of fresh or dried flowers and foliage, fruit or vegetables. Accessories are permitted.

III-B High School and Junior High Students

III-B-1 HORTICULTURE

a. Potted plants

b. Cut specimens

III-B-2 ARTISTIC DIVISION

a. Dish gardens. Accessories are permitted.

 b. "Holiday Joy." An arrangement of fresh or dried flowers, fruit, vegetables or foliage. Accessories are permitted.

DIVISION IV - EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITS

Not In Competition

Hibiscus	Mrs. Dwight Caswell, Tavernier, Fla.
Bromeliads	Mr. G. A. Ellis, Islamorada, Fla.
Orchids	The Fuchs Nursery, Naranja & Homestead, Fla
Conservation of Native Plants	Mrs. Sam Lund, Plantation Key, Fla. Mr. Conrad Byrd, Izaak Walton League, Keys Chapter
Rare Subtropical Fruits	University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Homestead, Fla.

Display of Exotic Plants Mr. Howard Shanley, Coral Shores Nursery,

Plantation Key, Islamorada, Fla.

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CONSERVATION

Besides Mr. G.A. Ellis's talk at our June heeting, we have been concerned in many other ways with conservation. In 1967 we had the good news that our 1966 campaign against the construction of a causeway to Lignum Vitae Key, when we joined the Monroe County Council in order to make our opposition more effective, had been a success. Letters were written opposing the sale of land in the White Heron Sanctuary in the Lower Keys for shrimp farming, and opposing the cut through the Everglades to Bi scayne Bay to the north of us. We recommended dredging the Key Largo Cut. We contributed a small sum to the F.F.G.C. fund for the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary at Immokalee. We supported the Izaak Walton Society in its efforts to support conservation all over Florida, as well as locally.

We made a permanent conservation exhibit on our own acre of ground, by asking Mr. Conrad Byrd, a local botanist, to put weatherproof identification tagws on all of the native trees, shrubs and plants on our grounds. A start has been made at placing them on our exotic plants too. Some of Mr. Byrd's markers are in the pictures above, but some smaller ones are too hard to photograph.

Although all of Monroe County is a Wildlife Sanctuary, and the shooting of birds and game is forbidden, we plan to put a Bird Sanctuary marker on our grounds as soon as possible.

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AND LANDSCAPING

Although our early years at the Garden Center were years of debt, so that we could not take as much part in civic improvements as we did before we had mortgage payments to make, we are now out of debt and eager to be of service. We have been pleased at being asked to take part in the landscaping of Russell Park in Islamorada, our local ball field, which the merchants of the Keys are fitting up with trees and shrubs as well as lights for night games. A committee of three members of the Club has been appointed to advise them, although the project, beyond the lights, is still in a fund raising phase.

The school which serves all children of the Upper Keys is the Coral Shores School, in Tavernier. In its beginnings in the 1950's, we planted their grounds and preserved many rare native trees from the bulldozer. Now as the school expands, it is adding new buildings and the Principal invited us to do the landscaping and planting for an extensive new wing comtaining a library and classrooms. We have applied to Sears Roebuck for financial assistance, but have not yet heard from them. If they are unable to help us, we will at least make a start at our own expense, and will certainly plant a tree there in January of 1968, when our new Junior Gardeners celebrate Arbor Day.

USE OF THE GARDEN CENTER BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Christian Science Group of the Upper Keys hold Sunday services at the Garden Center every week, all year round, for a nominal rental, and are as interested in the care of grounds and building as we are. The Key Largo Garden Club, our neighbor, has also rented it occasionally for some of their larger meetings. The burgeoning Republican Club has also used it, and the Order of the Fastern Star uses it several times each year. The club is occasionally engaged for private parties.

THE F.F.G.C. and other GARDEN CLUBS

We have received a great deal of help from our District Chairman, Mrs. Henry W. Michaels, a frequent visitor, and of course from many State and District Chairmen. Our President has been District Chairman of Junior Gardeners this year. We sent two delegates to last spring's State Convention in Jacksonville, and will send a larger delegation to Palm Beach, as we did to the District Presidents' Meeting in Miami last spring. We were asked for help in organizing by a new club, at Layton, just south of us, which now has provisional membership in the Federation. We have had the most friendly relations with the Key West, Marathon and Key Largo clubs, also with the unfederated Ocean Reef Club. We are indeed grateful to all the people who have given us support and help in establishing a successful working Garden Center.



REFERENCE BOOKSHELF

Our Reference Bookshelf was begun in 1965 and has doubled in number of titles are then, and is well used. Members may borrow freely, and visitors are reminded to the clubhouse will be opened by appointment if they wish to consult it. Since is photograph was taken there have been additions, but there are now fewer magazines back copies of Natural History (American Museum of Natural History, N.Y.), and The rida Naturalist, have been donated to Coral Shores School for the use of our Junior deners. A copy of the title list in our catalogue will be found on the next pages, rided by subject matter, Horticulture, Design, Conservation, Birds, Club work, etc.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

In 1967 for the first time we were able to sponsor a Junior Club, called mior Gardeners of the Upper Keys". We asked permission at the Coral Shores School, ich serves all 900 children of the Upper Keys, to start such a group, and were very the pleased to be given all three sections of the 6th Grade, about 100 Juniors. We can the last Thursday in November with notebooks and our Junior Pledge. Bulbs and addings are getting under way. A program on Conservation was very popular, as was sent the principles of horticulture. Later there will be a Litterbug program, and son Dish Gardens, and perhaps corsages. Trees and native flowers have always been cluded in an Izaak Walton League program at school, with which we interact and corrate. In addition to the 6th grade we have a faithful band of flower show exhibitors school, who could not include a club in their schedules. We hope to have a handsome play at flower show time. Our Principal, at present, is not in favor of a High nool Gardener group, but may change his mind next year.

CATALOGUE OF THE REFERENCE BOOKSHELF

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