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Subject: Garden Club News and Notes

Presidents Message: APRIL MEETING –A 'MUST' FOR ALL GC MEMBERS!

Be sure to bring your lunch for what promises to be a fun & filling April meeting! First off, we will host noted author Roger Hammer @11:00 am -- and then we will be creating what we want to do next year –

- input into possible PROGRAMS for next year
- discussion & vote on proposed BYLAWS to implement Board recommended changes (Going INDEPENDENT)
- election of OFFICERS!

Our Club works when we all pitch in and do our active part.....We have lots to do in this important meeting – please come and join in the fun of planning 2014-15 – our 50th year in our wonderful Clubhouse!

PROGRAM: Roger Hammer will be the guest speaker at the April meeting of The Garden Club of the Upper Keys! The meeting will be on April 15th at 11:00 am at the Frances Tracy Garden Center, MM 94 B/S. The program title is Wildflowers of the Florida Keys. Roger is a prolific author and will have books and cards available for sale at the meeting. Please bring a bag lunch. Visitors are welcome! Call Paula with questions. [305-453-4799](tel:305-453-4799).

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

~~COMMITTEE UPDATES~~

Garden Walk: Please keep your eyes open for Garden Walk properties for our walk Feb. 2015. It is not too early to start looking! Call me with an address and mile marker if you see an interesting garden. I can look up the property owner's name and phone number. My cell is (305) 393-2976 and my email is:

donnahanson@bellsouth.net

Would you consider your own yard? Would your neighbor or property you have driven past be a good garden for our tour? Please consider any garden that is interesting. It does not have to be big. If you do not want to ask them, the committee chair Donna Hanson will be happy to approach them.

Hospitality:

Publicity: Photos from the Garden Walk 2014 have been added to the Gallery on our website: www.gardenclubupperkeys.org.

General meeting minutes are available on our website. Login to the Members Only section (under the Login tab). The username is *member12* and password *auntmary*. www.gardenclubupperkeys.org.

Garden Club of the Upper Keys has a Facebook page. Go to facebook.com/pages/Garden-Club-of-the-Upper-Keys or follow the link from our website to "like" the page.

Community Service: We had a great time at the Plantation Key Nursing Center celebrating St. Patrick's Day with flowers and then played Bingo! Helping Nicole and I were Ellen Berosh, Carolyn Jimenez and Mary Powell. We will be going there on Wednesday, April 16 to make Easter arrangements. If you would like to help, please contact Nicole MacLean or Jean Simmons.

Remember to bring, General Mills, Campbell's products and Box Tops for Education, we donate to FFGC to help with Wekiva Youth Camp.

Try to bring a can good or two to donate to the Burton Memorial Food Pantry.

Clubhouse/property: Any questions or concerns please contact Terry Estep grumpyndkeys8@aol.com

Special Events: There's still time to join the committee working on the 50th anniversary celebration of the Francis Tracy Garden Center opening. The committee has met once and outlined an overall plan for the celebration in November 2014. Please contact Lonell Rice 248 318 7751 or lonellrice@yahoo.com if you're interested in helping.

Membership: Let's all welcome Stephen and Carol Steinbock to our club ~ We are very happy to have new and renewing members to our wonderful club. If I missed you please email me kljanco@gmail.com

Nomination Committee: Please, if you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee please agree to serve on our board. The meetings are monthly in season and we try to keep them short. This is a great way to get to know each other and to get involved. We all share the work and have a lot of fun at the same time. We all know we will sometimes miss a meeting or event and the others always step in to help. You do not have to be a full time resident. We are also going to change most of the positions to be a one year commitment. In order for the Garden Club of the Upper Keys to stay strong and survive, we need our members to serve on the Board. Get involved...I promise you will have a good time! If you would like more information what each job entails log onto our web site at www.gardenclubupperkeys.org go to the members only section and take a look / read at the Upper Keys Garden Club Orientation Booklet. Please do your part. The board is asking for "a year" of your time. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please call or email Kathy (305) 394-1604 kljanco@gmail.com

~~Other Clubs/Friends/Events~~

Monthly Reminders; If you feel up to it, feel free to come early or stay late on meeting days to help a little in our fabulous garden.