

...nyllum oliviforme) small  
... foliage; green above copper  
... left on Upper Keys, & should be

**WHITE WOOD** (*Drypetes diversifolia*) beautiful tree to 25 ft. Shiny dark green leaves, striking white bark, mottled pale yellow; small green flowers; white berries.

**BAY BERRY** (*Myrica cerifera*) Shrub to 15 ft. Leaves aromatic; bluish berries wax-covered.

**WILD COFFEE** (*Psychotria nervosa*) Shrub with white flower, red fruit. Very decorative, but being destroyed. Should be protected.

**DARLING PLUM, RED IRON WOOD** (*Reynosa septentrionalis*) common in the hammocks. Resembles Pigeon Plum, but smaller leaves and fruit. Makes fine shade tree when cared for.

**CAT'S CLAW** (*Pithecellobium unguis-cati*) small tree, blooms in round heads. Yellow pods curl, making dry arrangements. Black seeds.

**THRINAX PALM, THATCH PALM** (*Thrinax microcarpa*) Only real Key native palm; does not do well on mainland, but should be left where it is; usually in clusters; wind resistant; decorative and hard to move.

**BUTTERBOUGH, INKWOOD** (*Exothea paniculata*) found in hammocks on Upper Keys. Fine shade tree on lawns; clusters of cream colored flowers; purple fruit in late winter.

**MASTIC** (*Sideroxylon foetidissimum*) very hard wood, long green leaf to point; grows to large shade tree if cleared around. Yellow flowers in bunches; yellow fruit like plum, single seed.

**BAY CEDAR** (*Suriana maritima*) Fine shrub for ocean front; flowers in yellow clusters among dark green leaves; very decorative, often destroyed.

**SEA GRAPE** (*Coccoloba uvifera*) Hardy, wind resistant; large, leathery leaves, from bronze to green. White spikes of bloom in Spring, fruit in Fall like bunches of grapes.

The above list of trees is necessarily short and far from complete. There are so many that we could not begin to give all of them.

Our one desire is to acquaint you with the pressing need for conservation of our native beauty . . . to enlist your help . . . and offer every possible assistance to the end that the Upper Keys in general, and your own bit of Paradise in particular, will retain all of its native splendor.

## Upper Keys Garden Club

For Further Information and Consultation  
Ask Your Real Estate Broker

*Help Save the Natural Beauty  
of Florida's Upper Keys*

## The Prayer of the Trees



You who pass by and would raise a hand against us, heed well our prayer before you harm us.

We are the fuel for your fires on cold nights, the friendly shade protecting you from the fierce sun and our fruits are refreshments to quench your thirst and cheer you as you journey on.

We are the rafters of your roofs, the bodies of your boats, the seats of your stools and the boards of your beds.

We are the handles of your hoes, the gates of your homes, the wood of your cradles and the shells of your coffins.

We are the saviours of your soil from loss by rain and wind and to your soil we give richness and life for the benefit of all men.

We are the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty.

You who pass by, listen to our prayer and harm us not.





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## Welcome to the Upper Keys of Florida

... We're glad to know you are interested in this glorious part of the "Flower and Sunshine State."

We don't have too many problems in this area of quiet comfort ... however there is one, and we think you can help us toward a solution.

We are concerned because some of the beauty of this area is being demolished ... when land is cleared (as it must be for the new homes and business places) many of the fine and distinctive trees are destroyed ... sometimes because there is a desire to have a completely cleared area ... and sometimes because the owners are not familiar with the actual value they are sacrificing.

That's where we offer our assistance.

You know we have approximately 300 trees indigenous to Florida ... about 100 of them are right here on our Upper Keys. Some are becoming very rare. We hope you agree with us that every effort should be made to save them. Some have grown for many years and cannot be replaced without large expenditures of money and time ... if at all.

We ask that you give thought to **selective clearing**.

First, know the names of some of our trees. We will be happy to consult with you and, if you wish, place a marker on the trees that should be retained. Second, instruct the men who clear your property to respect those signs ... insist upon protecting this valuable native beauty.

Then, you won't say, as many have said in the past, "Now what shall I plant here?" The answer is, "the same lovely trees you have just paid money to have removed."

Here are some trees you may expect to find: **GUMBO-LIMBO** (*Bursera Simaruba*) Very common; reddish brown, ragged bark that peels; flowers in winter & spring; red fruit in summer that splits in 3 parts. (May be mistaken for Poisonwood which should be removed—but carefully.)

**BUTTONWOOD; BUTTON-MANGROVE** (*Conocarpus Erectus*) Shore tree & shore builder; numerous roots; dark brown bark with furrows; marked with thin flakes; leaves covered with silky down; flowers all year; cone-like fruit.

**MAHOGANY; WEST INDIES MAHOGANY** (*Swietenia Mahogoni*) reddish-brown bark; conspicuous fruit splits from base; valuable for shade; rapid growth; copious evergreen foliage; many of large trees have been cut for lumber, but small trees are numerous.

**IRONWOOD; LEADWOOD** (*Krugiodendron Ferreum*) usually crowded with other vegetation; red-brown wood that resembles the myrtaceous trees; unique as heaviest wood in U. S.

**WILD TAMARIND** (*Lysiloma bahamensis*) — Limited to Florida Keys, especially Upper Keys; bunches of large, brown pods; small flowers; delicate pinnate leaves.

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**CRABWOOD; OYSTERWOOD** (*Conchocarpus*) veined, leathery leaves; flowers; light brown grained wood variegated in shades of yellow-brown will take high polish.

**PALMS** (*Palmae*) numerous types such as Sabal, Thrinax, etc. truly characteristic of this area.

**SAPODILLAS** (*Sapotaceae*) beautiful shape; evergreen, wind resistant; spicy fruit. One type is prized for dark green foliage on top and rich satiny brown on back.

**TAMARIND** (*Tamarindus indica*) enormous domed top, feathery foliage; yellow & red flowers. On Upper Keys are used for jellies and drinks.

**KEY LIME** (*Citrus aurantifolia*) bright green leaves, fragrant white flowers; delicious small round fruit. Source of famous Key Lime pies.

**SPANISH LIME** (*Melicocca bijuga*) rare on mainland; white flowers; fruit in grape-like clusters.

**CHINABERRY; PRIDE OF INDIA; PERSIAN LILAC** (*Melia azedarach*) lavender flowers with lilac fragrance; dense symmetrical umbrella top.

**WILD DILLY** (*Mimusops emarginata*) thick, leathery leaves clustered at ends of twigs; fleshy rusty-brown fruit with milky juice and one seed.

**MARLBERRY** (*ICACOREA paniculata*) flowers in large clusters, white & purple with yellow stamens; fragrant, shiny black fruit.

**GEIGER** (*Cordia sebestena*) lovely umbrella-like tree with bright orange flowers and dark green foliage. Valuable ornamental.

**GOLDEN FIG; FLORIDA STRANGLER FIG** (*Ficus aurea*) seedlings develop on other trees and when roots reach earth host is dead and fig self-supporting; green oblong leaves; red fruit.

**AUSTRALIAN PINE** (*Casuarina*) introduced from Asia. Not a true pine, but very hard wood; wind and salt resistant; excellent wind-break. Makes a large tree, or may be trimmed to hedges or bushes.

**PARADISE TREE** (*Simarouba glauca*) found wild in hammocks; beautiful tree, clusters of yellow bloom in winter, followed by purple and yellow sprays of seeds. Should be saved from extinction.

**WILD CINNAMON** (*Canella Winterana*) limited to subtropical part of state; striking contrast of pale bark & dark green foliage; dark crimson fruit in spring.

**PIGEON PLUM; DOVE PLUM** (*Coccolobis Laurifolia*) related to the seagrape; dark red fruit; papery collars around twigs above each joint; rounded crowns; dark green leaves; an important element of natural vegetation.

**STOPPERS** (*Myrtaceae*) Several varieties; trunk has mottled appearance; persistent glossy leaves & fragrant flowers; fruit attractive to birds.

**SEVEN YEAR APPLE** (*Casasia clusiaefolia*) small tree to 12 ft. Salt resistant; white star-shaped flowers; fruit green to dark purple when ripe; edible, but tasteless, size 1" like small apple; plant decorative.

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# Upper Keys Garden Club has Sand Dollar style showing

ISLAMORADA — Members of Upper Keys Garden Club will model apparel from the Sand Dollar at the club's annual fashion show lun-

cheon at noon, Feb. 9, at Cheeca Lodge in Islamorada. The social hour will start at 11 a.m.

Chairman of this event to

raise money for club projects is Mrs. Robert Wittmann. She will be assisted by Mrs. Robert Barker.

Members who are taking reservations for the event which they expect will be a highlight of the winter social season are: Mrs. Dee Castor, 852-8730; Mrs. Jens Olsen, 852-5439; Mrs. Al Page, 852-5521; and Miss Betty Drugich, 664-39931, from whom tickets may be purchased.

Mrs. James Anderson, of Coconut Grove and Severn Acres, will present a program of chamber music on the piano. She is sister of the club president, Miss Clarice Parker.

Door prices will be awarded.

## UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB

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(Frances Tracy Garden Club)  
By Edith L. Garden

Orchids to all of you for making our Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show a fantastic success.

Margaret Griscom, our Pro-

gram Chairman announced at our regular meeting on Tuesday February 20 at 1:30 PM that Mrs. Frederic F. Shoup, a professional Graphologist, a part time resident of Islamorada and New Jersey will speak on Graphology. She became interested in handwriting analysis after World War II because of the number of college dropouts. Mrs. Shoup studied with the international authority, Dr. Irene Marcuse who arrived in the United States in the 1940's. Graphology has become a valuable character and personality diagnostic tool for business, education, government, marital and family relationships. There are fundamental aspects of this science which can be employed in every day living for the greater understanding of a family or neighbor. These fundamentals can be learned by the average person. Mrs. Shoup will welcome questions from the audience. The Nominating Slate will be read and election of officers will be held. Don't miss this interesting and stimulating meeting.

## Betty H. Quinlan

Betty H. Quinlan, 85, of Tavernier passed away on Jan. 14. She was a Keys resident for 10 years coming from Putnam Valley, N.Y.

Mrs. Quinlan is survived by a son John J. Quinlan of Villanova, Pa.; three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Services were held Jan. 18 in the Beyer Funeral Home, Key Largo. Interment followed in Palms Memorial Park, Naranja.

## FRANCIS TRACY UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB

By Edith L. Garden

Our Program Chairman, Margaret Griscom, announces a very special Splash and Picnic Party and meeting at the Bayfront home of Mrs. Dalton (Margaret) Wood - Mile marker 102 (at the north driveway side of their home. (Opposite Martha's Restaurant) on Tuesday, August 21, at 12 Noon. Please bring your own picnic lunch. Our three Shirleys will be hostesses: Chairman, Shirley Uhrek, Shirley Peckham and Shirley Strumer. They will serve cold beverages and dessert.

We are indeed fortunate that our own Mrs. Alexander (Donna Sprunt) will show slides and speak on the activities of Camp O'Leno sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Sprunt has been Camp Nurse for the past two years and you will see pictures of some of our junior members in the Keys. Camp O'Leno is a fine nature camp, which teaches crafts, problems of ecology, pollution and conservation, among other useful subjects.

Let's have fun.

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We are happy to tell you that Jan Helmle is home from the hospital and we all wish her the speediest of recoveries. See you at the Swim and Splash Party, Jan.

Photo by GEORGE HERMAN

JANIE St. Croix shows a daytime fashion from the Sand Dollar in Islamorada. At recent Cheeca Lodge luncheon show.

## Upper Keys

# KEY NOTES

By JAN HELMLE

Persons who see pelicans which are tagged should notify the local Audubon Society, advises Alexander Sprunt IV, director of the Audubon Society headquarters on Plantation Key. "Persons should also note color of tag and its location on the pelican," he requests.

After a year's "vacation," Mrs. Malcolm Knox was elected president of the Upper Keys garden club. She served two years as president from 1968-70.

Other officers are Mrs. Richard Snyder, first vice president; Mrs. Warren Small, second vice president; Mrs. Stanley Castor, recording secretary; Miss Betty Drugich, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sam Oliver, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. L. C. Brown, immediate past president; Mrs. Arthur Gasser, Mrs. Ronald Bell, Mrs. Leslie Prime, Mrs. William Holzhauer and Mrs. Thomas Simmons. Officers will be installed at the March 16 meeting.

Members are busy getting clubhouse ready for the annual Flower Show, March 12 and 13. New draperies have been purchased but before they can be hung, the walls have to be painted. This week's project for paint brush wielders.

Visitors at the Wednesday card games at Francis Tracy Garden Center include George Blank, father of Mrs. Ziggy Stocki; Mrs. Edwin Hein, Mrs. Clarence Brenner,

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## Upper Keys

# KEY NOTES

By GERRY SMITH

The Upper Keys Garden Club met at the Frances Tracy Garden Center last week with Mrs. Malcolm Knox presiding. Mrs. S. B. Griscom was door hostess and Mrs. M. B. Waldin, Dr. Irene Lindstrom and Mrs. Mae Wallace were refreshment hostesses.

Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, Tavernier, presented a program on conservation and Mrs. Amy Nichols gave members some timely "tips for gardeners." Mrs. Hilda Faircloth displayed some of the things that the workshop members are making for the annual bazaar and invited those interested to join the classes held each Monday morning.

Mrs. Knox presented the following standing committee chairman for the 1969-70 club year: awards, Myra Taylor; anti-litter Shirley Petrossi; budget, Ann Thompson; chaplain, Susan Lund; civic beautification, Martha Flancher; conservation and wildlife, Gertrude Thompson; grounds Gertrude Nolte and Hilda Faircloth; hospitality and hostesses, Bernice Prime; historian Frances Tracy; house, Lillian Strange and Ada Million; librarian, Deborah Harlow; membership, Eleanor Frederick; parliamentary and program, Vivian Gross; publicity, Phenia Brown; telephone, Hilda Snyder; ways and means, Millie Gasser.

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## COURTHOUSE GETS 'GREEN THUMB'

The Upper Keys Garden Club began the final phase of their 'Botanical Garden' for the new government center last Friday.

The 30 year old organization, which has taken on many other landscaping tasks in the Upper Keys such as schools and other public buildings has turned their sights to the new courthouse facility in an effort to plant an array of Keys native botanical specimens. The challenge, a three-hundred foot mall with 200 feet of hillside at the entrance to the building and a sunken garden, the 'Pation de Casada', which features three beautiful waterfalls.

The Department of Public works gave the go-ahead to the Garden Club after the County Commission approved of the project noting that it would give the new center 'the feel of the Keys natural beauty'. The final objectives arrived at by everyone concerned were: 1.) utilize native trees and shrubs, 2.) control foot traffic, making an easier access to parking, 3.) shade the older zoning building, 4.) act as a screen from the parking lot, 5.) screen the view of the road equipment stored nearby, 6.) to implement the theme of the National and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 'Golden Anniversary', "Plant Gold".

All 125 members of the garden club are currently involved in the project in some form as are representatives from the Key Largo and Marathon Garden Clubs.

Over thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area are planted there, most due to contributions from members, friends and local nurseries Darr's Rain Barrel, Albright's Tropical Nurseries, Sprunt's Native Nursery and Droney's on Plantation Key.

"We want all of the people in the Upper Keys to come and enjoy the variety of nature that we have in the Keys," said Betty Wilson of the Garden Club, "and more to get involved in learning more about our natural beauty."

## Obituaries

### Eunice Bell

Eunice Bell of Plantation Key passed away on May 22 in South Miami Hospital.

She was resident of the Keys for six years coming from California.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband, Roland, Plantation Key; one son George Oakley of Silver City, N.M.; one sister Mrs. Irene Schreiber of West Hollywood and three grandchildren.

She belonged to the Garden Club, Hospital Auxiliary, Firemen's Auxiliary and Coral Isle Church.

Memorial Services were conducted May 27 in Coral Isles Church with the Rev. William North officiating.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Branam Funeral Home, Homestead.

### Richard Russell

Richard Warren Russell, 54, of Islamorada passed away May 24, in Veterans Hospital, Miami.

He was a native of Key West and a life time resident of the Keys.

He was a member of the Matecumbe Methodist Church. A Veteran of World War II, Mr. Russell was a foreman for Cothron Construction Company.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Islamorada; a daughter, Juanita and a son, Richard, both of Islamorada.

Funeral services were held May 26, in the Matecumbe Methodist Church with the Rev. William Heslop officiating. Burial was in Palms Memorial Park Cemetery, Naranja.

All arrangements were handled by Branam Funeral Home, Homestead.





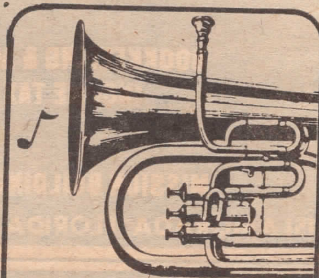
# Stedman heads garden club

By JAN HELMLE

Mary (Mrs. Francis) Stedman is starting her second year as president of Upper Keys Garden Club. She was elected at the Feb. 19 meeting. Also elected were Mrs. G.R. McRae, first vice-president; Mrs. Robert Roselle, second vice-president; Mrs. Willard Noe, recording secretary; Mrs. John Lupold, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lee Stahl, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. Jorge Mullenhoff, Mrs. John Cale, Mrs. Taylor Van Allen, Mrs. Frank Birch, Mrs. Fred Flancher and Mrs. Frank Hodges. They will be installed at the March 19 meeting.

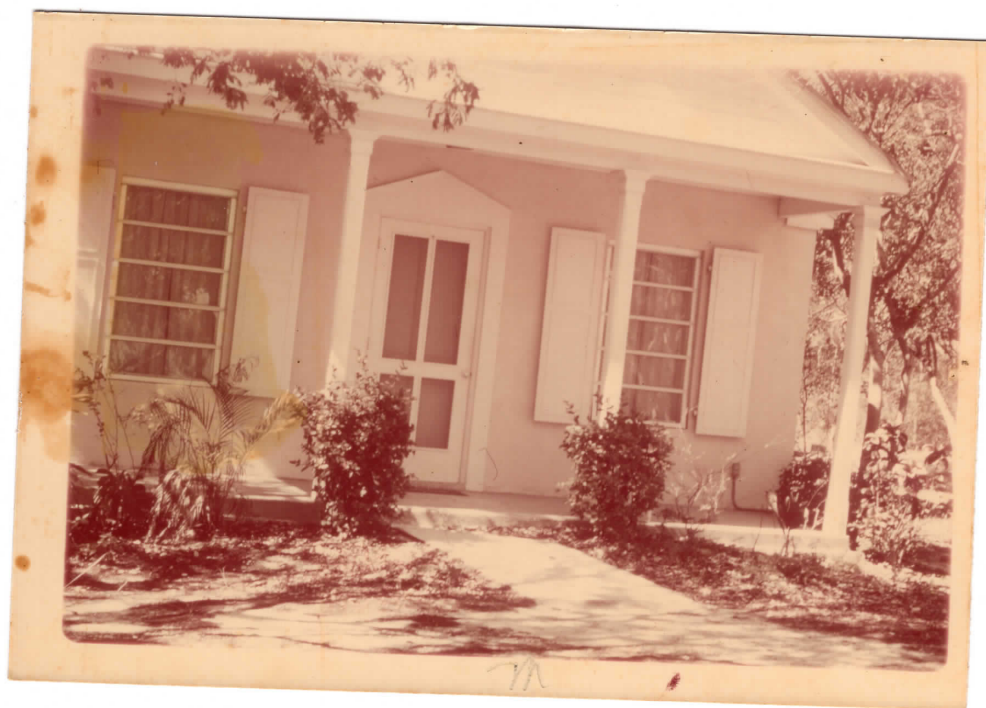
A George Washington's Birthday flower arrangement was one of a collection created at the meeting by Harold McShane, local florist. Club member Mrs. Sam Oliver also demonstrated principles of flower arranging.

Hostesses were Mrs. Leslie Dawson, chairman; Mrs. Carl Young, Mrs. William Jeurgens and Mrs. Doris Clark.



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KEYNOTES





# HEAR YE!

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THIS IS A PROCLAMATION!  
SAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL  
PALMS

By Edith L. Garden

The Upper Keys Garden Club  
(Frances Tracy Garden Center)  
is sponsoring an Open Forum  
on Monday, April 23 at 8 PM  
at the Coral Shores School in  
the cafeteria. Please come  
and bring your friends.  
Can you imagine what Florida  
would look like without our  
Palms.

We were fortunate to get the  
following speakers who will  
tell you all about the lethal  
yellow poisoning and how to  
discourage and stamp out this  
disease and will show inter-  
esting slides!

Mr. Dennis Clinton of the Pest  
Control Bureau of Ft. Lauder-  
dale, Mr. James Knowles, Jr.  
of the Department of Agricul-  
ture and Dr. P.D. Moore, of  
Monroe County who is the Ex-  
tension Director.

These interesting and informa-  
tive speakers will stay over-  
night, so please bring your lists  
and locations of the palms which  
you think have this disease and  
they will come to your homes  
and inspect your palms and tell  
you what to do to save your  
palms, or any palms which  
you have noticed which have  
this yellow lethal condition.  
The Upper Keys Garden Club  
invites everyone's participation  
Please come and tell all your  
friends.

AS SET BY THE BOARD OF A TREE IS CONCERN



Miniature

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Fresh - Dry

