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several opportunities to welcome our community into our clubhouse. Our membership has increased. We are busy with projects which will benefit our community and our Sensory Garden is nearing completion. We are very proud to have been able to support the girl scouts and appreciate the great job they have been doing. You have all been willing to contribute your time and talents to make 2007 – 2008 a very successful year.

I especially want to thank Julie Mead for her strong support and concern for making our club the best!! Karin Wolfe has been such a benefit. Her work with GLEE has enabled her to get us all on track for "greening" our lives as well as our garden club. Ellen Alderman has been doing an excellent job with our minutes as well as creating an awesome newsletter. Heartfelt thanks to Edna Waldorf, our ever gracious hostess – she's always ready, willing and able to help wherever she's needed. Evelyn McGlone has kept us in good financial condition. Thank you, Evelyn. Sherry Coussens

has always been there with a willing hand and heart, helping in so many ways! Susan Matthews and her husband, Ralph continue to keep our clubhouse in great shape. Mary Lee has always been such a benefit caring for our grounds.. and thank all of you who have helped her. Our grounds are looking beautiful!! Again, this year we had a successful Plant Sale and Garden Walk; two important annual events.. thank you Gay Sacharoff and all who've contributed to make these events fun and profitable! There are too many of you to list; thank you all who have been a part of our dynamic club; making this a great year.

Our website is finally nearing completion -- you can view it at www.upperkeysgardenclub.com – it will benefit us to post our newsletter on this website to eliminate unnecessary waste and printing costs. We will have copies available at our meeting for those without computers.

As we take a break for the summer and begin our new year in the fall, I wish to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve you as president for two exciting and memorable years. May our club continue to prosper and our love of gardening grow!!

Have a great summer!

Fondly, Mary Nelson

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History Highlights of the Upper Keys Garden Club 1970 to 1980

In December 1970 there were 209 members. We held weekly card parties, work shops, had an annual flower show, and fashion shows to raise funds.

We organized a junior garden club at the high school and each year sent 4 to 6 students to summer camp. Paying \$40.00 per student.

Our club gave \$100.00 toward the purchase of lignum vitae key. We gave out many awards to individuals for horticulture and artistic abilities with flowers.

Mrs. Frances Tracy died October 19, 1970 from a stroke suffered on September 21, 1970.

March 1971 we had 206 members. We sold calendars and cook books, held flea markets, bazaars, had flower shows and card games as ways to earn monies.

In 1972 the membership dropped to 152 paid members. During this time there was also a Key Largo garden club. Our average attendance in 1970 to 1975 was 60 including guests.

Some of our programs during the 1970's: hanging baskets, dish gardens and terrariums; landscaping with natives; horticulture basics like soil media, propagation, feeding, watering, and pruning; ikebana – flower designs in the Japanese manner; growth and care of bromeliads; growth and care of begonias; wild life in the keys; use of driftwood in making picture frames and decorative items; plants of the bible; raising orchids; the tree snail; and what every hibiscus grower should know, just to name a few.

The garden club always had a Christmas party with pink champagne where all members brought a covered dish and a gift exchange. An annual picnic was held in the summer. The club met 12 months a year until February when they voted to not have formal meetings in July, august, and September.

In 1972 the Florida federation of garden clubs had 28,900 members.
The upper keys garden club had 146 members in April of 1973 and 150 members in May of 1974.

In 1974 seeds were distributed to our members to encourage every member to plant a tree.

Annual dues were \$5.00

Starting in 1976 average attendance dropped to 35.

January 1977 Florida state federation of garden clubs is the largest of all state federations comprised of 396 clubs and 31,000 members.

September 1977 dues were increased from \$5.00 to \$8.00 because of increased expenses.



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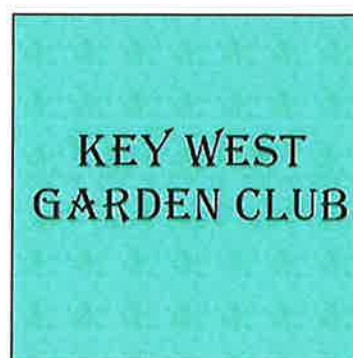
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