

RICHARD AND LAURINE PAULL: TON SUNSET GARDEN DRIVE (BETWEEN OUR CLUB AND THE RED CROSSBLDG) DRIVE DOWN THE ROAD TO THE GARDEN WALK SIGN FOR PARKING. THERE YOU WILL VISIT "OUR ORCHIDS" KEY LARGO RANGE [A WORKING NURSERY NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND NOT A SALES AREA]. YOU WILL SEE ORCHIDS FROM 80 TROPICAL COUNTRIES, GROWN OUTDOORS BY THE AUTHOR OF "ORCHID GROWING IN THE KINGDOM OF THE COCONUT PALM". THEIR CONSERVATION PROGRAM BREEDS RARE SPECIES FOR THE FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDENS RARE PLANT HOUSE AND OTHERS, INCLUDING HYBRIDS AND IMPORTED PLANTS, ARE ADAPTED HERE TO THE KEYS CONDITIONS TO PROSPER IN OUR CUSTOMERS CARE. ENJOY THE FRAGRANCE AND BEAUTY OF FOX-TAIL ORCHIDS FROM LAOS AND THAILAND THAT ARE IN BLOOM.

JIM AND JOYCE MONTGOMERY: AT THIS LOVELY TAVERNIER CREEK HOME, THE CIRCULAR LANDSCAPING WILL INVITE YOU AND YOU WILL BE DRAWN INTO THEIR YARD THROUGH THE CHINESE FAN PALMS AND MALAYAN COCONUT PALMS, AND THE BRIGHT DWARF BOUGANVILLEA. THEY HAVE USED THE LOW MAINTENANCE SILVER BUTTONWOOD HEDGE ALONG THE EAST FENCE FOR SCREENING AND FIRECRACKER HEDGE ALONG THE WEST, WHICH IS ALSO THE LOCATION THAT JOYCE CHOSE FOR HER MIAMI SUPREME GARDENIA TREE. OTHER PALMS ARE SURROUNDED BY YELLOW IXORA AND PHILODENDRON SELLOUM. ON THE WATER SIDE YOU WILL SEE SUCH SALT RESISTANT PLANTINGS: TAIWANESE IXORA, AND SCAVOIA PLUMERII, VARIEGATED PITTOSPORAN. BE SURE TO WALK THROUGH HER ORCHID AREA UNDER THE MAIN HOUSE.

JACK AND MARIE DENSON: WHEN THEY RETIRED TO THE KEYS 3 YEARS AGO AND BUILT THEIR HOME, THEY PLANTED PALMS TO MAKE IT LOOK AS TROPICAL AS POSSIBLE, BUT SINCE THAT TIME THEY HAVE ADDED MANY NATIVE TREES, AS WELL AS FRUIT AND NUT TREES, SUCH AS PAPAYA, KEY LIME, ORANGE, SAPOTE, CARAMBOLA, PINEAPPLE, CASHEW AND MACADAMIA TREES. A NEWLY PLANTED AREA OF SMALL RARE PALMS SURROUNDS THE CHARMING BOHIO (CHICKEE), ALL OF THESE PLANTINGS AND THE BUILDING DONE BY JACK WITH GREAT PRECISION AND LOVE. BE SURE TO ADMIRE THE ROSES

JERRY AND WENDY DRONEY: (NEXT DOOR SOUTH OF SUB-STATION AND DESERT PALM MOTEL, PARK IN FRONT) HERE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WALK THROUGH A WONDERLAND SEEING THE POSSIBILITIES OF LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS AND MATERIALS, SUCH AS THE ROCK WALLS AND STEPS. WORKING YOUR WAY AROUND THE MANY PATHWAYS, YOU WILL SEE THE MANY NATIVE TREES (PARADISE, SATIN LEAF, PIGEON PLUM, COCO PLUM, BUTTONWOODS AND OTHER, AS WELL AS SUCH SPECIMEN PLANTS AS THE LARGE NATIVE COONTIE...ALL SET IN THEIR NATIVE HABITAT. THERE ARE THATCH PALMS, SEGO CYCADS, AND PHONIX ROBBELINII, AS WELL AS MANY EXOTICA PLANTS.

JOHN AND LUCILLE OVERLOCK: TURNING OCEANSIDE AT TREASURE HARBOR, TAKE THE NORTH TURN AROUND THE LAKE, TO 228 TREASURE HARBOR DR. THE BLUE PLUMBAGO HEDGE HIDING THE FENCED YARD, AND THE GATE IS OPEN WIDE TO GREET YOU. BOARD WALKS CARRY YOU AROUND THE HOUSE TO THE HARBOR. AS YOU PASS BY HERE YOU WILL SEE THE PANDANAS, DRACENA MARGINATA, AND MANY BEDDING PLANTS, SUCH AS THE RIO PLANT, AND LOW MAINTENANCE GROUND COVERS, AND THE PURPLE PASSION FRUIT CLIMBING AT THE WATERFRONT NEXT TO THE CONCRETE SEAWALL A HEDGE OF CARRISA GIVES PRIVACY TO THEIR YARD, ROUNDING THE CORNER OF THE HOUSE ARE HIBISCUS AND PALMS, AND BACK IN FRONT YOU WILL FIND THAT THE ARICA PALM ARE IS CONCEALING THEIR SPA AND GIVING THEM PRIVACY, AS WELL AS THE LARGE SEGO AND DRACENA MARGINATA.

JERRY AND PAT RUST: IN VENETIAN SHORES TAKE THE MAIN BLVD. TO VALENCIA DR.#134, PARKING NEXT DOOR. AS YOU ENTER FROM THE STREET, PAST THE TALL BUTTONWOOD HEDGE, THERE IS A SMALL RAISED VEGETABLE GARDEN, AND THE FRANGI-PANJI ON EACH SIDE OF THE DRIVES WILL GREET YOU WITH THEIR FRAGRANCE. UNDER THE STAIRWAY ARE MANY BROMELIA AND FERNS, THERE ARE HANGING HIBISCUS AND TRICOLOR PHILODENDRON, AND MANY ROSES. THE BACK, NEXT TO THE WATER FRONT, HAS TWO LATH HOUSES WITH ABOUT 200 ORCHIDS, AND THERE IS A COMPOST BED (IMPORTANT TO EVERY GARDEN). CENTER STAGE IS A VERY LARGE TRAVLER PALM BESIDE A POOL AND WATERFALL SURROUNDED BY ORCHIDS.

HOME OF GARY NIEMANN: BACK TO THE MAIN BLVD IN VENETIAN SHORES AND CONTINUE ON FOR SEVERAL BLOCKS TO GIARDINO DR. 105 IS 2ND HOUSE ON LEFT. A MODERNISTIC HEXAGON HOME, LANDSCAPED TASTEFULLY IN LOW MAINTENANCE PLANTINGS AROUND THE BRICK DRIVEWAY AND PATIOS. THESE PLANTS INCLUDE TRAVELERS PALMS, PALMETTO, COCONUT, TABEBUIA ARGENTIA, AND FOR LOW PLANTINGS THERE ARE CROWN OF THORNS AND BORDERS OF LIROPE. HE HAS DIVIDED HIS GARDEN IN MANY INTERESTING SECTIONS, WITH VARIOUS HEDGES OF CARRISA AND SILVER BUTTONWOOD, AND PITTOSPORAN. THE MANY DECKINGS ALSO SET HIS GARDEN AT DIFFERENT LEVELS, ALL DONE IN WOOD.