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Documents  
Garden

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Carol Robertson



**2012-2013 Calendar**  
**Garden Club of the Upper Keys**

Francis Tracy Garden Center  
94040 Overseas Highway  
Tavernier, FL 33070  
Mile Marker 94 Bayside

**September 18**-Monthly Membership Meeting-1:00-Kim Gabel-  
Insects, Pests, ID and Treatment

**October 3**-9:00 am-Tim Matthews-Pruning Workshop

**October 16**-Monthly Membership Meeting-1:00-Janice Duquesnel-  
Native Plants

**October 20**-10:00 am-3:00 pm Fall Festival

**November 13**-Monthly Membership Evening Meeting-7:00 pm-  
Hydroponics and Gardening – Teena's Pride

**December 4**-9:00-Tour of Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammock  
State Park

**December 6**-10:30 am-Tour of Kona Kai Botanical Gardens-Limit of  
6 people

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The Garden Club of the Upper Keys begins the 2012-13 year with a new name and new frontiers.

Membership 175

The Club is committed to continuing our strong community presence and to use our property as a teaching & learning aid on our unique horticulture in the Keys. (The Keys have a new designation as Zone 11b.)

Men Night Clubs

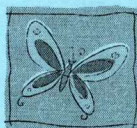
We've had very strong turnout at our recent hands-on workshops & membership speaker meetings. Our program for the year consists of tours, lectures, hands-on workshops, learning & sharing opportunities. (Complete Schedule at end.)

Our members are returning to the Keys and we anticipate another banner year of increased membership and activities. Our two big events are Fall Festival (Oct. 20) and Garden Walk (Feb. 22). We have officially changed our name & other legal entities, and are making a smooth, quiet transition to full use.

### Some key facts:

- Our property is designated as a bird sanctuary and native hammock. We have planted 15 new native plant species to encourage native and migratory birds to visit our gardens. We actively support our local Laura Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary, where injured wild birds are cared for & nurtured.
- Our garden has been dedicated as a Community Peace Park to promote peace and to honor the International Day of Peace every September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our members voted to post a welcoming plaque saying: **"Enter this garden and be at peace"**.)
- Our club members have helped start, work and maintain the lovely garden at Island Dolphin Care. IDC, located in Key Largo, is a therapeutic center that allows special needs children





## **Call to District XII Spring Meeting**

**To: Former State Presidents, Former District Directors, State and District Board Members, Club Presidents and Members of District XII**

**From: District XII Director, Marylou Ruiz**

**Date: Friday, May 17, 2013 @ Coral Reef Yacht Club**

**2484 South Bayshore Drive,**

**Coconut Grove, FL 33133**

**Phone: 305 858-1733**

**Hosted by: South Miami Garden Club**

**\$35 per person, including tax and tip**

**Guest Speaker: Martin Feather, Curator, "Wings of the Tropics" Butterfly Exhibit Fairchild Tropic Botanic Garden**

**Menu: House Salad, choice of Chicken Picatta or Salmon Macadamia, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Brandy Ice for dessert with coffee or tea.**

<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Reception and Registration (Coffee and assorted pastries)</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Meeting Call to Order</b>
	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Luncheon</b>
	<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Guest Lecture - Martin Feather</b>
	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Raffle</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meeting to be adjourned</b>

**RSVP: No later than Friday, May 10, 2013.**

**Details: Tickets for Wine with lunch may be purchased from South Miami Garden Club at the luncheon.**

**We are also asking each club to bring ONE filled basket with a plant or other items to be used for the raffle instead of individual items.**

**Note: Club Treasurers are responsible for completing the registration forms and collecting registration fees. Forms and checks made payable to FFGC District XII and are to be mailed to:**

**Pat McLeod, 15460 S.W. 143 Terrace, Miami, FL 33196**

**Please encourage your Garden Club Members to attend! This will be a great event and an opportunity to get to know your fellow District XII members!  
Thank you.**

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**Per BOI, Bylaws, Article XI, each Club is entitled to delegates as follows:**

Membership of 10-25	President or Alternate
Membership of 26-50	President plus one
Membership of 51 – 75	President plus two
Membership of 76-100	President plus three
Membership of 101 – 125	President plus four
Membership over 125	President plus 4, plus 1 for every additional 25 count over 125

Additional delegates are District Director, Assistant District Director, Past District Directors, District Officers, District Chairman and FFGC Officers or State Chairmen living in District XII

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14 GARDEN CLUB UPPER KEYS, INC

### **For Publicity** (not in any particular order)

- increased presence in local newspaper with photos of speakers with members at monthly meetings
- showed our community services effort when photo of directors giving bromeliads at PKNC during the holidays was published. This was the big article that got away as the Free Press editor canceled the article and just showed the photo.
- established a new website for our new name
- completed publicity for Garden Walk 2013 resulting in coverage in the Free Press, The Reporter, Keynoter, Citizen, The Weekly, inclusion in over 10 website calendars, and our first color ad in the *FL Gardener*
- developed marketing-media plan and media spending plan for Cultural Umbrella grant application

**Fall Festival...**Oct. 20, 2012 We had a total of 20 vendors on our beautiful grounds incl. delicious pumpkin ice cream from a local ice cream vendor. We sold everything from hand crafts to orchids to bamboo trees. Jewelry, honey, hand bags, native plants, books and more. Inside our club house we had a members bake sale that was a delight to all who participated. People from all over the country as well as locals enjoyed the festive day. Our grounds were decorated with pumpkins and hay stacks in the true Fall atmosphere.

### **2012-13 PROGRAMS**

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October 16- Janice Duquesnel- "Native Plants"

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December & January - Tour of Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Park

December 11- Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon and Nursing Center visit



- Helped host an event with Hospice
- Installed new lights and switch in storage room
- Worked with Edna and cleaned up said storeroom
- Conducted two yard clean up attempts in prep for events
- Pressure washed for 8 hours at the Island Dolphin Care facility
- For Garden walk and the October event- set up flags, help set up the club, helped vendors unload wares, hosted a property, removed flags, recruited a volunteer to host a property, secured Special Event insurance, twice rented ADA compatible toilets, supervised their delivery and removal, and went to one of the properties and helped drink wine,
- Coordinated with AGPI for the use of our club
- On a couple of occasions was Ms. Mitchells backup for special events
- Conducted the vision of our garden group meeting
- Constructed and installed two window flower boxes (100% Ralph)
- Supported the president throughout the year! – thank you Terry – and all the Board members & many volunteers!

## **OVERALL REVIEW OF THE YEAR & PROGRESS**

FROM: Linda Gonsalves, Secretary

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  - Website redesigned ( Mica Alex, Lonell Rice, & Lourdes Whittington)
  - Improving Money Flow  
– through applying for TDC Cultural Arts of America Umbrella Grant
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3. Clubhouse & Property Improvements
  - Graveled driveway
  - Installed 2 window boxes with plants
  - Mulched grounds
  - Replacing Air Conditioner
  - Purchasing 3 conference tables for meeting room
  - Purchasing 1 flag to identify property
  - Purchasing additional metal Name Tag Board
  - Purchasing Microphone
4. FFGC Award Competition – Sorry to say...not a winner (Linda Gonsalves)



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**January 8-9:00-Tour of Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Park**

**January 15-Monthly Membership Meeting-1:00-Bob Fuchs RF Orchids**

**January 29-10:30-Tour of Bullis Bromeliads and Speaker**

**February 19-Monthly Membership Meeting-The Garden Box-Jennifer Hagood-Composting**

**February 22-The 2013 Garden Walk**

**March 19-Monthly Membership Evening Meeting-7:00-Bill Sears-“Eat Your Garden”**

**April 2-10:00-Members and Friends Garden Walk**

**April 16-Monthly Meeting-Julie Mead-Planting a Butterfly Garden**

**April 30-10:00-Tour of RF Orchids**

**May 21-1:00 Monthly Membership Meeting-Farewell Pot Luck Luncheon**