

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at the home of Alida Tjader, Lower Matecumbe. Called to order at 2:10 pm by the vice-president, Gertrude Holzinger.

Minutes of the August meeting approved as read.

Treasurers report showed a balance of \$116.57, filed.

There were 16 members and 2 guests present.

Communications read: Letter of thanks from Upper Keys Youth Council for donation from last meeting; letter from Youth Council urging attendance of delegates; identification of two plants from Nixon Smiley.

Raffle of stephanotis, donated by president Booth, brought \$4.20 for Youth Council. Won by Mary Easton.

Roll call of members for flowers in bloom showed the following: frangipangi, zinnia, Florida gardenia, periwinkle, pom-pom jasmine; hibiscus, caladium, penta, lady of the night, orange jasmine, white bougainvillea, pink & red begonia, yellow elder, alamander, white four o'clock.

Scrap book to Margaret Bond.

Next meeting will be at home of Mary Easton.

Announced Bazaar ^{of} ~~xx~~/Tavernier Methodist Church on November 8, 5pm at Fire House. Donations of flowers and plants will be welcomed.

Mrs. Tracy read a paper on Medicinal and Useful plants of the Keys- both imported and native.

Aloe vera- used externally and internally-active principle aloin. of great value for burns, infections and for several internal conditions.

Century plant- roots are used for cough medicine-honey is added.

Sandalwood- tea may be made from this

Woman's Tongue- bark, seed and leaf are ground and tonic made

Lipstick Tree- cosmetic & dye- can use it to dye underwear. Also used to color oleomargarine.

Gumbo Limbo- rosin on side of tree is used for dressings. Good for sores and insect bites.

Butterfly bush- both wild and domestic. Sage-like flavor. Natives chew the leaves.

Wild Cinnamon- roots are boiled and flavor used in pudding and other baked article.

Croton- roots and leaves make a tonic and laxative

Cocoanut Palms and Kapok- Rubber trees- many used

Jimson Weed- datura- seeds are poisonous. Active principle is atropine.

Native Fig trees- for oil and the latex

Horseradish tree, Melaleuca

Castor Oil Tree- being planted on large plantations on west coast as commercial crop

Sapodilla- latex -chicle(chewing gum)

FOODS- many are native, and most of them need large amounts of water, are: