

NEWS REPORT
of
Pres. & Board of Directors
of
UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB
Francis Tracy Garden Center
Tavernier, Florida.
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Greetings Garden Club members and welcome back to all who have been away. We have been missing you and hope to have you back with us soon.

At this writing, our beloved Mrs. Francis Tracy (for whom our center was named) is gravely ill in the Keys Community Hospital. Also, our faithful Gertrude Thompson is very ill in Baptist Hospital. We are deeply grieved and our prayers are asked for both.

This has been a busy and interesting club year for our members, our junior gardeners included. Sixth graders of the Coral Shores School participated in Arbor Day planting on the school grounds of a Norfolk Pine tree, gift of Mrs. Tracy, and under supervision of Mrs. Susan Lund, Mrs. Ivan Taylor, Mrs. Arthur Muzzy and Mrs. H.E. Hoff. Congratulations to others who worked with them--Eleanor Townsend, Ingrid Nelson, and Eleanor Fredericks. The Juniors had a large and beautiful display of dish gardens and other arrangements in our Flower Show. Due to crowded conditions in the school, work with the Juniors has not started yet, but, we hope soon.

Our "Time in Flowers" flower show, held on March 6 and 7, was a successful one. We are very proud of it and two of our ladies who had their entries selected by State edition of Flower Arrangements Calendar, for Fla. Mrs. Earl W. Lau, for her 1971-1972 Garden Club Calendar. Congratulations Susan Lund and Dorothy Caswell!

A BIG THANK YOU, Hilda Faircloth, for keeping the work shop program at the club house on Mondays going all summer, and to all of the ladies who came and made ceramics and lots of pretty things for our Christmas Bazaar. Work is still going on Mondays, and our Finance chairman, Millie Gasser, needs your help with items to sell; white elephants you don't want, pretties to sell and lots of baked goods. They always sell fast.

Our Style Show luncheon to be held at the Cheeca Lodge early in February, date not confirmed, will be announced later. Our Flower Show Committee are busy with plans and you will be hearing from them often. Committee Chairmen--Horticulture, Mrs. Wm. Jurgens and Mrs. M. Waldin; Artistic, Mrs. S. B. Griscom and Mrs. Dwight Caswell. Date --March 11 and 12. If you have never entered a plant in a show, do so this year, and start something soon for it. Our Program Chairman, Elizabeth Thackeray, has some fine programs lined up. One, an exchange with our neighbor club, Key Largo. Another speaker from Monroe County Recreation and Conservation Council, a volunteer group of men and women concerned with good laws and conservation of our Keys. Mr. Alex Sprunt, who is the chairman for the National Brown Pelican Committee will tell us of problems facing the birds all over our country. Bernice Prime will show us pictures she and her husband made last summer in Europe.

Remember, too, our Dec. 15th meeting will be a carry-in dish luncheon, 12 noon, followed by a short program. Don't forget our Wednesday card games! All of you who like to play cards--1.30 p.m. -- Bridge, Canasta and other card games at the club house.

Our membership stands at 205. We are proud of our growth, and your president and Board of Directors thank all of our workers and loyal members. The Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday, and regular meetings each 3rd Tuesday at 2 p.m.