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SIGNATURE: CLUB OR CIRCLE PRESIDENT

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Award # 34  
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Upper Keys Garden Club

"BOTANICAL GARDENS  
AT CENTER (4 LARGE AREAS)  
SUNKEN GARDEN 25' x 30';  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
OUR GARDEN CLUB TO PLAN  
multi-bldg. complex. They  
HOUSE. WALKWAYS WERE  
TRAFFIC from Buildings and  
PORT SUPPLY. So we purchas  
grown from seed by Girl Scout  
USED Special Nurse

Detty B. (Mrs. W. W.) Wilson

Mrs. W. W. Wilson

P.O. Box 794, Tavernier, Florida 33070

Fasten this copy to inside of front cover of Book of Evidence and BEFORE JANUARY 30  
(unless otherwise specified in individual award) mail to:

STATE CHAIRMAN OF Landscape Critics' Council, Liaison

NAME Mrs. U. A. Young

ADDRESS 505 Royal Palm Way, Tampa, Fl. 33609



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

APPLICATION FOR AWARD

DISTRICT NO. XII

DATE OF APPLICATION      Dec. 26, 1979

TO BE PRESENTED IN 1981

AWARD NO.    34

CLASS

NAME OF AWARD City Public Planting

APPLICANT'S NAME: (Club(s), Circle and Club, Council, Individual, High School, Intermediate, Junior or other youth unit and sponsoring club.)

NAME      Upper Keys Garden Club

ADDRESS      P.O. Box 794, Tavernier, Florida 33070

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT: "BOTANICAL GARDENS"  
UPPER KEYS GOVERNMENT CENTER (4 LARGE AREAS)  
MALL 300'x85'; HILLSIDE 224'; SUNKEN GARDEN 25'x30';  
RAMP FRONT ENTRANCE 100'x25'. THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED OUR GARDEN CLUB TO PLAN  
THE LANDSCAPING FOR THIS multi-bldg. complex. They  
were finishing a new COURT HOUSE. WALKWAYS WERE  
NEEDED TO CONTROL FOOT TRAFFIC from Buildings and  
Parkings. FUNDS WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY. So we purchased  
young fine NATIVE STOCK (grown from seed by Girl Scouts)  
Augered 36" holes into LIMESTONE BEDROCK. USED Special Nursery  
FINISHED PLANS, BEGAN PLANTING JULY 1980 - Completed Oct 1, 1980  
100 members (1-1-80), 100% participation

SIGNATURE: CLUB OR CIRCLE PRESIDENT Betty B. (Mrs. W. W.) Wilson

ADDRESS Box 794 Tavernier, FL 33070

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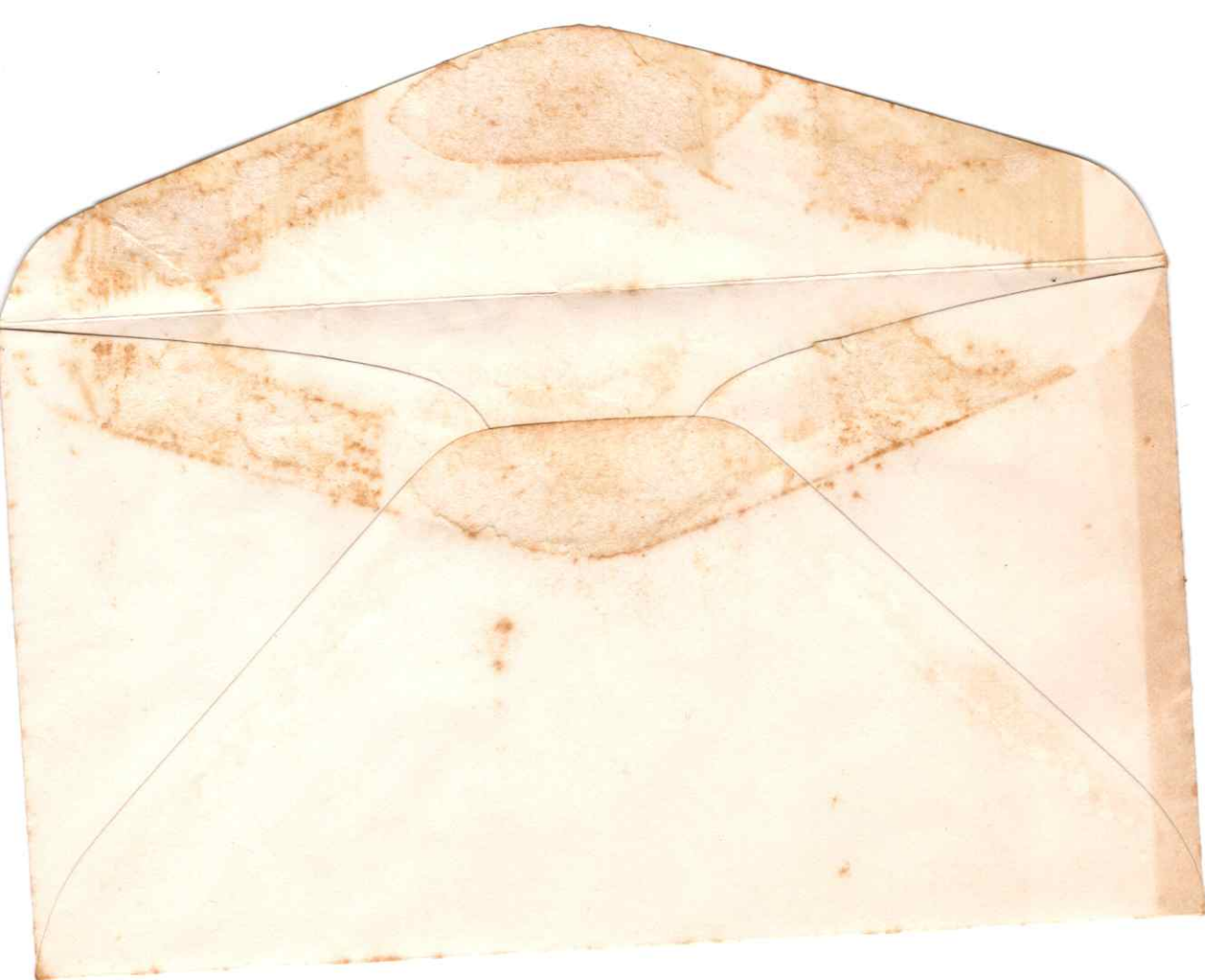
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Scope of Project Impressive. Definitely an  
achievement of Environmental Enhancement.



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UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB  
Florida Keys Garden Club  
Tavernier, Fla. 33070

PLANNING AND PLANTING  
"BOTANICAL GARDENS"  
A project of four areas: Mall - 300' x 85';  
Hillside - 220'; Sunken Garden - 25' x 30'; and  
a Ramp entrance front of 100'.  
MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, FLORIDA KEYS

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6345 Riviera Drive  
Coral Gables, Fla.  
33146  
November 14, 1980

Mrs. U. A. Young, President  
Florida Landscape Critics' Council, Liaison  
505 Royal Palm Way  
Tampa, Fla. 33609

Dear Mrs. Young:

CITY PUBLIC PLANTING  
CIVIC AWARD No. 34  
UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB

I have reviewed the Upper Keys Garden Club project personally: inspecting the pictures before hand and their landscape design layout. I have also visited the finished project at the Upper Keys Government Center on Plantation Key.

There is definitely an achievement of environmental enhancement, since it meets a need for beautification and usefulness. I recognized this project to be a great accomplishment on the part of Upper Keys Garden Club. All plantings are well chosen and appropriately placed according to design.

Many native plants have been used, assuring ease of maintenance. The Garden Club will be assisted by Government Center personnel in the care of the landscape it was hoped.

The plantings fit the environment and style of nearby buildings. Large limestone boulders here and there accent the white buildings and give visual weight to the landscape. Many blooming plants, well grouped, contribute to overall beauty and interest.

This is a project deserving of highest praise.

Sincerely

*Estelle Pullias*

Mrs. George M. Pullias  
Landscape Critic



Dale R. Baldwin

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

REGISTERED

1030 DOVE ROAD  
LIME GROVE ESTATES  
KEY LARGO, FLORIDA 33037  
PHONE 852-3221  
MIAMI 253-5033

November 24, 1980

Upper Keys Garden Club  
Tavernier, Florida 33070

RE: Plantation Government  
Center  
Plantation Key, Florida

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Landscape Architect and a member of the American Institute of Landscape Architects, I have been asked to evaluate the landscape installation at the subject complex.

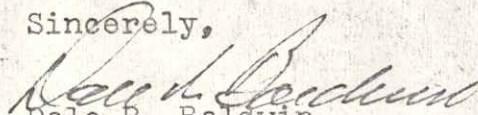
The open areas between the buildings and adjacent to the parking is part of the entry to the Government Center. This is nicely laid out, preserving the existing trees and using small scale flowering trees to highlight this interesting walkway. Planting is small but mostly of native variety and is planted in such a manner that it allows room to grow properly. Existing native trees provide shade to the parking and soften the buildings.

Two areas are under the overhang or roof areas and are nicely handled as these areas slope up to the entry or floor elevation. This is done with low ground covers, cypress dowels, boulders, and highlighted by the use of Brassaia Arbocola as a back ground.

Once one is on the upper or floor level you immediately view a sunken boulder rock garden bordered by a wood boardwalk. This area features three small cascading waterfalls on different levels with native fern, Philodendron and other tropicals that tolerate the shade. It is quite unique in the treatment of this area and the light sound of the water coming over the waterfalls is quite a relaxing atmosphere when visiting this center.

The landscaping is nicely designed and is definitely a credit to the entire area and the citizens of Monroe County.

Sincerely,

  
Dale R. Baldwin  
Landscape Architects

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## OUR STORY BEGINS...

In September, 1979, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners contacted Mrs. Betty Wilson, President of the Upper Keys Garden Club: would the Club be interested in a landscaping project at the new Government Center on Plantation Key?

We came--we looked--would the membership be able to transform a dead-grass sunken garden and a coral rock expanse of earth into an attractive, eye-catching inviting area?

Well, it was certainly a challenge, if nothing else, so in October all those interested members of our 100 member Club met with Don Schloesser, Chairman of the County Commission at our Francis Tracy Garden Center at Mile Marker 94 on U.S. Highway 1. (photo below)

Our thirty year old Club has been involved in several landscaping projects at schools and public buildings through the years.

So we said "Yes", after the details were explained:

1) The Public Works Dept. of the County would be doing the labor. (That turned out to be an exaggeration!)

2) \$3500 was the amount stipulated, but more funds would be made available. (\$5000 additional was allowed at the September 18th Commission meeting.)

3) The County would maintain the area after planting was complete. (As of this date, we're still watering!)

So now we had a real job before us--what to do first? Study the areas, photograph them, measure all the space to be planted, and decide WHO...WHAT...WHEN...WHERE...HOW...

So what was there? A 300 foot mall, a 220 foot hillside entry up to the first level, a 24 x 30 foot sunken garden, and a building entrance from High Point Road. (All uninviting, dull, and plant-less, we might add.)





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Committee members began their tasks after determining that the plan should,

1) Utilize native trees and shrubs in the mall, using low maintenance plantings for texture and color harmony.

2) Control foot traffic making easy access to all of the buildings from the parking area, using curving sidewalks and ramps for the handicapped.

3) Shading and screening the near-by old zoning building, (a nice conservation measure, too).

4) Partially screen the mall from the parking area.

5) Screen from view the unsightly road equipment stored at the end of the mall.

6) Last, but not least, take this delightful opportunity to carry out the PLANT GOLD theme of the Florida State Federation of Garden Clubs golden anniversary.

At just the right time, the Monroe County Agent, Ray Zerba, gave a course in Landscape Design for the Florida Keys, and nine of our club members received one credit from the University of Florida for taking the course.

The final plans were drafted, presented to the County Commission, accepted unanimously, and so in March, 1980, we were on our way!

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### OUR INVITATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

9-8-79

Highway Beautification Committee. Motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to refer this matter to the Interim County Administrator for investigation and a full report. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kerr was to discuss fuel for County Government. This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Chairman Schloesser made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to designate the Upper Keys Garden Club as the agency responsible for the landscaping for the Upper Keys Governmental Center and authorizing the use





BEFORE PHOTOS  
OF NEW COURT BLDG.  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

AREA WHERE  
WE WERE TO  
CREATE A  
300' X 85'  
MALL



HIGHTLOW BLDGS.  
OLD CONVERTED  
MOTEL-BLDG+ZONING  
OFFICES  
ONE SIDE OF MALL

RAMP  
ENTRANCE







COUNTY AGENT  
ZERBA ... TAKES  
TIME OUT OF  
CLASS TO CONFER  
WITH US ON  
SOIL CONDITIONS

MANY PROBLEM AREAS  
EXIST... SCREENING ROAD  
EQUIPMENT AT BACK END  
OF MALL

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# FREE LANDSCAPING COURSE

The Florida Cooperative Extension Service is offering a Saturday short course entitled "Landscaping in the Keys" to be held Saturday, Nov. 10th and Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1979 at the cafeteria in Coral Shores High School. One Continuing Education Credit will be offered to all those who attend both sessions. The course is designed to look in detail at the various plants that are commonly grown in the Keys.

This course has never been offered in the Upper Keys area before. It is realized that a lot of information is being presented all at once and that the sessions are long, but restrictions on travel and a desire to conserve energy dictate this type of presentation.

Please call toll free 664-9190 or 664-2581, ext. 263 to let us know if you'll be coming.

## SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 10th, 1979:

- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Plants as Environmental Modifiers
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM Understanding Our Growing Conditions
- 11:30 - 12:00 N. Questions and Answers
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Landscape Design Principles and Examples
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Ground Covers for the Keys
- 3:00 - 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 - 4:15 PM Hedges for the Keys

Saturday, November 17th, 1979:

- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Specimen Plants for the Keys
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM Trees for Shade
- 11:30 - 12:00 N. Questions and Answers
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Flowering Trees for the Keys
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Fruit Trees for the Keys
- 3:00 - 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 - 4:15 PM Vegetables for the Keys

STANDING ON BEDROCK  
ANOTHER PROBLEM IN  
PLANTING... BUT A FINE  
POINCIANA SPECIMEN





# from the desk

of

## COMMISSIONER

only the beginning of a new year, but the g of a decade. In this column, I have tried to informed, not only as to what has been why I have taken the stands I have on the issues. For the purpose of this column, I k through my records to see what this ion could claim as its accomplishments. The eys has had its fair share of good things. wing is a partial list.

ost substantial accomplishment is the made at the Government Center. Back in re was parking space in front of the area for about 10 cars. People attending the Commission meetings had to park on ders of U.S. 1 and along Key Heights ur first purchase was the lot just north of ation. This area was made into a parking ut 30 cars. The lot cost about \$12,000. Our hase was the land with the motel for the of the new building. The motel was d into offices for Building & Zoning, Social and the Employment Office. With the help 00 of Federal funds, along with almost County money, we have the almost new Government Center. The budget this ates \$200,000 to complete the interior of ng. The parking lot is finished and it will late about 60 more cars. The Upper Keys ub is master-planning the landscaping and ear everything should be finished. The total at will be slightly over one million dollars. e Upper Keys may have had to wait until et the facilities, but they are the most and functional. There has been a us amount of energy that has gone into t, and there were times it appeared that it fly.

es and nomes in our area, it appears e has all the work they want.

ew parking lot at the Government Center is along. The Upper Keys Garden Club is on a master plan for landscaping the area. anting will start shortly after the first of the

# from the desk

don {chloesser of

## COMMISSIONER

**NEXT MEETING: 4/8 at Marathon Subcourthouse at 10:00 AM.**

The first public hearing on the amendment to our noise ordinance will be held on April 22 at 10 AM at the Key West meeting. The second hearing will be held at the Plantation Key meeting on May 6th, again at 10 AM. Essentially, what the change entails is that the playing, or reproduction of music will be prohibited outside of a building from 10 PM until 7 AM. This amendment has become necessary because of a few inconsiderate night spots who are destroying the peace and quiet of our residents.

We held the final hearing on lowering the shock waves of blasting in the Keys. The vote to lower the limits by 50% was unanimous by the Commission. Because of an error on the agenda at Key West which put the time for the hearing at 5 PM, that is the time I announced in this column. The hearing was actually advertised formally in the newspaper for 10 AM. Had there been any doubt of its passage, I would have had the hearing continued until 5 PM, but with the pre-vote, public consensus that the entire Commission was in favor of passage, holding over seemed moot. However, I must apologize for the error in time as stated in this column.

Last summer we authorized the Upper Keys Garden Club to develop a plant to landscape the Government Center grounds. They presented their plan to the Commission at our meeting last Tuesday. It was very obvious that they had spent a great deal of time on this project. When completed, which should be by the end of summer, we will have, modern facilities, well landscaped. Our Public Works Department will cooperate with the ladies in digging the necessary holes along with the necessary craftsmen to complete the project. On behalf of the Commission, and I'm sure, the public, we all extend our gratitude for a job well done.

After having advertised three times, once with no bids and another time on the wrong specifications, we have finally accepted a proposal to build Andros Road in Ocean Isles Estates. The contractor usually commences about a month after getting the contract. It should only take a month or so to do the job.

the money we take in goes. I'll also go into details as to the source of revenue. As a teaser to you, I can assure you that you may very well be surprised at both the sources and expenditures of funds. I've had many misconceptions cleared up since being a part of government. This will be the kind of column that is going to require many hours of research and then corroboration with the Finance Department for accuracy. I've been planning to do this for quite a while. So far, the only hang-up has been to find the time to do the research and get it down on paper. It just may be a good project during our "vacation."

I'll also try to use one of these columns for a full explanation of the "why" and "how" of the Special Tax Districts. I realize I've touched on these subjects when necessary to explain some of the actions we've taken, but have never gone into the full details. All too often, we take too much for granted when it comes to the information we think the public has. We're so close to the situation, what seems obvious to us, isn't that clear to you.

We have moved one big step closer to the full utilization of the new Upper Keys Government Center. The Office of the Clerk moved into their new quarters on the ground floor last week. Upstairs, the offices and conference room for the judges are almost panelled. The next step will be installing the shelves for the law books. Then, the final work will be to panel the office for the State Attorney. Once that is completed, and all personnel are moved in, we can approach the judicial for the creation of the new jury district. The new district will encompass the Upper Keys and Marathon. No longer will it be necessary to serve in Key West when called for jury duty.

Even after all personnel are moved in there will be some work to be done. The sunken area at the entrance will have to be finished as per plans of the Upper Keys Garden Club. The area between the new building and the "annex" will be landscaped. We also have to build a fenced-in walkway from the jail to the courthouse for the purpose of moving prisoners over for trial.

chloesser





PARKING AREA  
SHAPES UP AREAS

100 ARELIAS  
TO SCREEN  
ROAD DEP'T.  
  
PLUS  
ADONIDIA PALMS  
SET OUT 10'  
IN GROUP.



PICK-AXE  
WHEEL-BARRELS  
SHOVELS  
ALL PART OF  
OUR ACT





HILLSIDE  
WORKING  
ON  
THROUGH THE  
HEAT OF  
SEPT. IN THE  
KEYS.

OVER 200 TREES  
AND SHRUBS  
GOING INTO  
36' AUGURED  
HOLES



ON THIS  
PLANTING DAY  
ALL OF THESE  
PLANTS WERE  
DONATED BY OUR  
GARDEN CLUB  
MEMBERS AND  
PLANTED



THE STORY CONTINUES...

In May, the workmen completed the first project, the building of decking around the sunken garden, (still full of dead sod!). Key West and Upper Keys Public Works departments were the helping hands.

Work continued all summer with many of our 100 members "actively" (that means with shovels, mulch and dirty hands) participating while others donated plants that they had grown. County Agent Ray Zerba helped us, also.

The Key Largo and Marathon Garden Clubs were invited to plant a tree in the Mall Area, so the "participating circle" was enlarged.

Also, local nurseries contributed plants, trees, time and talents.

Making walkways, moving rocks and boulders, placing waterfalls in the sunken garden for the Patio de Cascada (Courtyard of the Waterfalls), 200-plus plantings, mulching, designating 168 holes to auger, attending to every detail...this was our challenge...and we had to have it completed by the end of the County's fiscal year, October first.

Eleven days wrought the transformation!

Thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to our area were utilized to live in harmony with the old poinciana, mahogany and sapodilla trees already there...to provide shade, a place to rest, and also a place to learn, (as soon as all the trees bear markers).





don Schloesser



**NEXT MEETING:** 9/11 (Thursday) at Plantation Government Center.

Once again, let me remind you of the many vitally important items on the agenda at the September 11th meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, instead of the normal Tuesday, because of the Primary Election.

We will have public hearings in the Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Planning Act. There will be changes in the text of the Zoning Ordinance relative to definitions of "story" and "height" along with appeal procedure changes. We will have the appeal hearing on the Port Largo Airport. The extremely controversial Lobster Trap ordinance will have its first public hearing, along with two other zoning change appeals. Our new courtroom seats 135 people, but I believe we will be playing to a full house next Thursday. The "routine" items start at 10:00 AM. However, nothing seems to be "routine" anymore in a growing county like ours. As people live closer together, a very small segment of the population, who care nothing about their neighbors, create problems that affect the other 90%. Each year we have more of these problems to solve.

We had the cornerstone ceremony for the new Upper Keys Government Center on Saturday, August 23. The Masons conducted their ancient ceremony for this event. I hereby express my thanks to the Masons and all the other people, including County staff, that did the behind-the-scenes detail work to make the ceremony a success. It was just about a year ago to the day that we formally opened the Government Center for court and Commission meeting purposes. According to the schedule, both the Judges and State Attorney should be moved into their new quarters by now, in the upstairs part of the building.

The Garden Club designed the landscaping, including the waterfalls that will ultimately be finished. We may have been last in getting our building, but when fully landscaped, it will be the most attractive of all the county buildings.

At our August 26th meeting we opened the bid for new daymarkers in Tavernier Creek Channel. For both this channel and one near Key West, we received only one bid. Staff will review the bid. If it meets specifications, and is reasonable, it will be awarded. Some day I've got to get my boat running and see what the Keys look like from the water. It's been on the trailer for two years now without having been run.

All too often "a" Commissioner is either criticized or given credit for something that is done in the County. It takes the vote of at least three County Commissioners to authorize various projects. "We" Commissioners authorized the expenditure of the last \$1,000. in our discretionary account for recreational use at Harris Park. By law, we cannot give any group funds. What we do is authorize legitimate expenditures, purchased by an through the County, for worthwhile purposes.

We passed the Resolution agreeing to the cooperative effort with the City of Key West concerning the disposition of the Navy Submarine

AND WE WERE STILL  
PLANTING... HOWEVER  
MORE FUNDS WERE  
ALLOCATED TO HIRE LABOR  
WHICH THE COUNTY SAID  
THEY WOULD FURNISH IN  
THE BEGINNING.

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## NT CENTER CORNERSTONE



l cornerstone laying ceremony was  
d at the government center on  
n Key last Sat., conducted by the  
Lodge. Present Chairman of the Monroe  
ommission Don Schloesser, who was



# The Conch Shell

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## BOTANICAL GARDEN IS PROJECT OF GARDEN CLUB

Photos by Michael Craven

The Upper Keys Garden Club is planning and planting the "Botanical Gardens" at the new Upper Keys County Government Center. Over a year in the planning stages, the finishing touches are being given by the members of the Garden Club.

Over thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area have been located and planted at the Center, along with many large, old mahogany and sapodilla trees. They are there for the enjoyment of all residents and a showcase for their Northern visitors. Markers are planned to identify the trees and there will be benches for visitors to sit and relax while enjoying the shade of the many larger trees.



Camille Kloski (l) and Orpha Wainwright (r) apply finishing touches to the "Sunken Garden" part of the landscaping project at the Government Center on Plantation Key.



Mrs. Betty Wilson, Pres. of the Garden Club



L to R Bonnie Runde, Lottie Deloriae, Evelyn Oliver, Millie Gasser, Jean Vecella



Jerry Brehme (L) and Myra Stedman (R) Ms. Brehme is a "Long time member," and Ms. Stedman is 1st V. President.





## Court to get new plantings

UPPER KEYS — The Upper Keys Garden Club will meet at the Plantation Key Governmental Center at 9:30 a.m. Friday to place plantings around the building.

Members are requested to bring their trowels and plant donations.

The club's board of directors will meet 9:30 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Francis Tracy Garden Center.

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## COURTHOUSE GETS 'GREEN THUMB'

The Upper Keys Garden Club began the final phase of their 'Botanical Garden' for the new government center last Friday.

The 30 year old organization, which has taken on many other landscaping tasks in the Upper Keys such as schools and other public buildings has turned their sights to the new courthouse facility in an effort to plant an array of Keys native botanical specimens. The challenge, a three-hundred foot mall with 200 feet of hillside at the entrance to the building and a sunken garden, the 'Pation de Casada', which features three beautiful waterfalls.

The Department of Public works gave the go-ahead to the Garden Club after the County Commission approved of the project noting that it would give the new center 'the feel of the Keys natural beauty'. The final objectives arrived at by everyone concerned were: 1.) utilize native trees and shrubs, 2.) control foot traffic, making an easier access to parking, 3.) shade the older zoning building, 4.) act as a screen from the parking lot, 5.) screen the view of the road equipment stored nearby, 6.) to implement the theme of the National and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 'Golden Anniversary', 'Plant Gold'.

All 125 members of the garden club are currently involved in the project in some form as are representatives from the Key Largo and Marathon Garden Clubs.

Over thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area are planted there, most due to contributions from members, friends and local nurseries Darr's Rain Barrel, Albright's Tropical Nurseries, Sprunt's Native Nursery and Droney's on Plantation Key.

"We want all of the people in the Upper Keys to come and enjoy the variety of nature that we have in the Keys," said Betty Wilson of the Garden Club,

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## from the desl of COMMISSION

NEXT MEETING/ 10/21 Plantation Government Center at 10 A.M.

Our fiscal year ended on September 30th. Just like last year, the last two or three weeks were a flurry of activity. We finally got down to the bottom line on what was going to be left over in the Government Center account. At our meeting in Marathon on September 23rd, we made the necessary transfers of funds so that we could complete the landscaping at the Government Center, have delivered all the material for the remodelling of the old courtroom for the Sheriff and dredge the pool at Harris Park. Everything was accomplished on time.

I was in Key West all last week and upon my return was amazed at what had been accomplished in landscaping the grounds of our new Government Center. The biggest gold star has to go to Betty Wilson of the Garden Club for her complete dedication to getting this job done well and on time. Many other members of the Club helped her, but she alone was there early on the job and worked all day, every day, to achieve what is almost a miracle. The people of our community will be able to enjoy the beauty of the area for many years to come. In addition to Betty, who donates all her time, Charlie Moore, head of our Upper Keys Public Works Department and Dick Phelps of Key West Public Works did the necessary coordination and some of the physical work. It is there....it is almost finished....and I urge you to come by and see what your tax dollars have wrought.

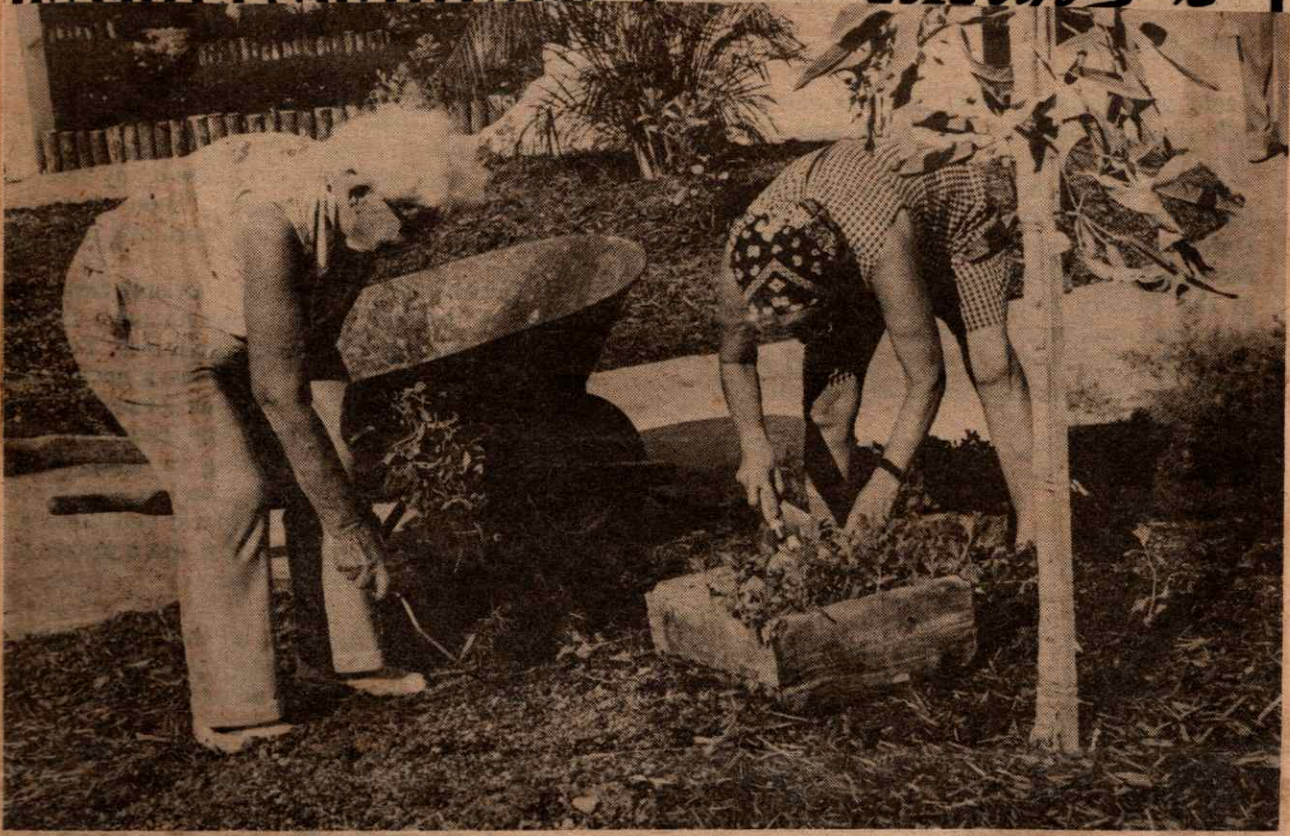
I assume the daily papers will have had headlines on the translator situation. Although I only got to part of it, I sat in on a meeting in Key West with our engineers, Marie Landry, head of the Translator



The Readers Forum is intended to provide our readers with an opportunity to voice their opinion on any subject pertinent to the Upper Keys. All letters must include your signature and address which will be published with your letter.

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# The Reporter



WE  
MADE  
FRONT  
PAGE

Members of the Upper Keys Garden Club celebrated their state and national golden anniversary as they kicked off the final phase of planting last Friday at the new Plantation Key Sub Court House. Ruth Yates on the left and

Hazel Mac Shane labored in the autumn heat as did over a dozen other volunteers who donated their time to complete the beautification of the Court House Mall.

MARATHON & KEY LARGO  
CLUBS PLANT A TREE  
WITH US CASSIA  
BAHAMENSIS



DIST. XII DIRECTOR  
LOUISE HILL VISITS OUR  
PROJECT, ALONG WITH



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERSTuesday - October 21, 1980 - Plantation Key, Fla.

Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. Plantation Key  
Governmental CenterRESOLUTION NO. -1980RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
THE UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB

WHEREAS, The Upper Keys Garden Club has expended considerable time and effort in landscaping the grounds surrounding the Upper Keys Governmental Center at Plantation Key, Florida, and

WHEREAS, said landscaping has beautified and enhanced said governmental facility, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, desires to publicly express its deep appreciation for said contribution, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, does hereby publicly express its deep and grateful appreciation to The Upper Keys Garden Club and all its members who helped with the landscaping of the grounds surrounding the Upper Keys Governmental Center at Plantation Key, Florida.

2. That the Clerk of said Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to The Upper



## OUR STORY ENDS...

You could never believe it unless you had been here to see it all happen!...a transformation of ugliness into beauty...a public service, but a personal satisfaction for each person who was involved, with a hope that others will enjoy the fruits of our labor...through a restful moment as they hear the waterfalls...a lift in spirits as they view the flowering gold...or a nature stroll through the gardens.

The formal dedication of the building, October 21, included a special proclamation of gratitude to the Upper Keys Garden Club.

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### GARDEN CLUB GETS 'GREEN THUMB' AWARD



Betty Wilson, President of the Upper Keys Garden Club, accepts a resolution from County Commission Chairman, Don Schloesser citing the Garden Club for their achievements in the beautification of the Upper Keys Governmental Center. Standing behind the beaming smiles of Garden Club members, Commissioners Jerry Hernandez, Richard Kerr, George Dolezal and Curt Blair look on. The Board of Commissioners awarded the Garden Club for their efforts supervising the landscaping of the new courthouse facilities on Plantation Key. (Story on Pg. 16)

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### COMMISSION HONORS GARDEN CLUB

The Upper Keys Garden Club was honored at last week's County Commission meeting for the work they did in organizing and overseeing the landscaping of the Upper Keys Governmental Center. A resolution commending the Club for its time and effort was read to the public just prior to the award presentation by the Commissioners.

"Whereas the landscaping has beautified and enhanced the governmental facility," the resolution stated, "the Board of County Commissioners desires to publicly express its deep appreciation for their contribution."

Betty Wilson accepted the award for the Upper Keys Garden Club and afterward cited the Commission for the "confidence" that was placed in the Garden Club to oversee all the planning and implementation of the project. Mrs. Wilson, current President of the Club, also commended her assistants, Doris Sturn, Polly Krider and Kami Kloski who helped with the supervision during different phases of the landscaping work.



## RAMP ENTRANCE

HOSPITAL ACROSS ROAD

(a)

(b)

the ramp (tis needed)

THREE

LARGE

MAHOGONY  
TREES

BENCH.

and Hospital.)

105.00

2.50

CANCEL  
(BRASS HAS GROWN  
BACK)

5.00

Margo  
Ellis  
Betty NelsonNORFOLK  
IS. PINEFOR  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
IF  
DESIRECLUMP OF  
3 SABAL PALMS  
FL. STATE TREE

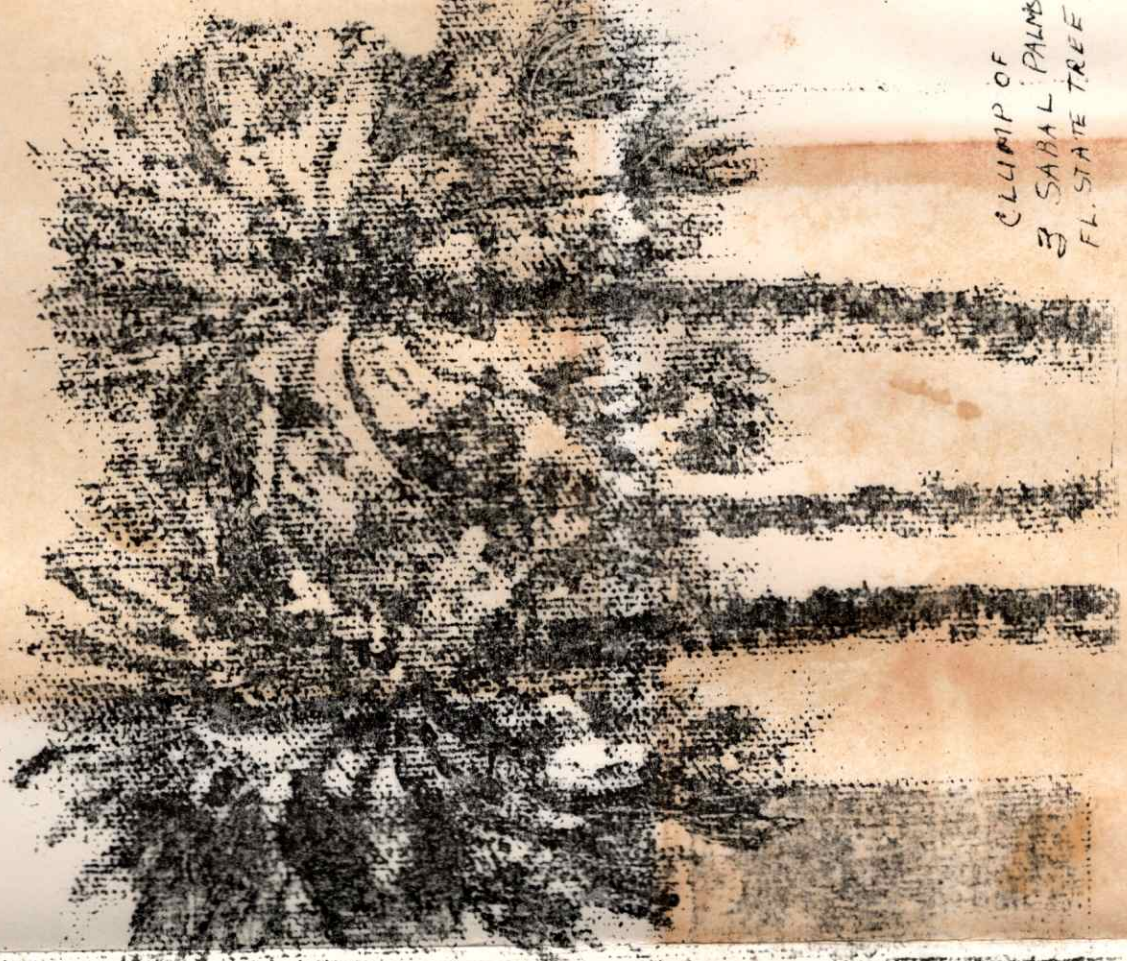


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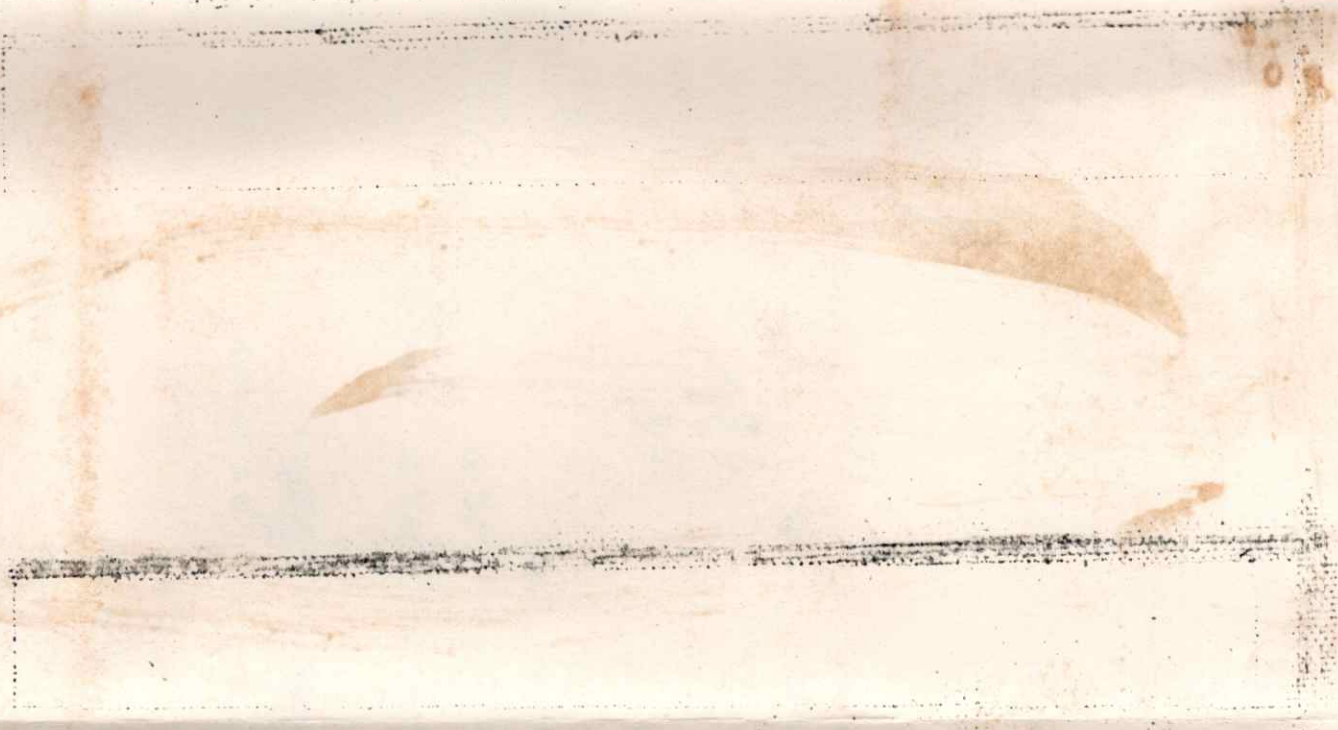
HOSPITAL ACROSS ROAD

HIGH POINT DRIVE ENTRANCE

CHAIR RAMP



CLUMP OF  
3 SABAL PALMS  
FL. STATE TREE



RAMP



# RAMP ENTRANCE

Plantation Gov't Center...North entrance....High Point Rd.

(18)

Landscaping planned by the Upper Keys Garden Club.

NOTE: please place one more wheel chair sign, on the west side of the ramp (tis needed)  
leave the grass (erst front) except for a 8' hole for planting one

one NORFOLK ISLAND PINE.....\$35.00

(to decorate ~~at~~ the Holidays. It can be seen from the Highway and Hospital.)

three CABBAGE PALMS planted in a clump (west side of front).....\$405.00

The Florida state tree.

live Carissa (dwarf) 2.50 @.....12.50

four bags of pine bark.....15.00

five large flat Boulders Coral..... OMIT

no grass in center front

did want Chatahouchee rock (brown)  
but too expensive

NE FRONT (RAISED AREA)

BED OF 4 CLUMPS OF CHAMAEDOREA PALMS,  
5 DWARF CARISSISA, 5 BOULDERS, CLUMPS OF  
LIRIOPE MUSCARI.

CANCEL  
(GRASS HAS GROWN  
BACK)

Margo  
Ellis  
Betty Nelson



ENTRANCE TO  
THE LOWER LEVEL  
HILLSIDE AND  
SUNKEN GARDEN.  
MAIN COURT ROOM



JUST PLANTED  
THE  
FL STATE TREE  
SABAL PALMS  
BANK SEEDED  
WITH WHITE  
PERI-WINKLE



RAMP  
NORFOLK IS. PINE  
COULD BE USED  
TO DECORATE  
AT CHRISTMAS,  
NOTE LARGE





Landscape plan for Mall  
of  
Plantation Government Center

## Objectives:

1. Control foot traffic, making easy access from parking lot, Building and Zoning and Sub-station.
2. Utilize native trees and plants for lowest possible maintenance.
3. Soften and shade Building and Zoning building.
4. Partially screen Mall from parking lot.
5. Make Mall an attractive retreat for people and birds.

WITH "PLANT GOLD" IN MIND

## Plant materials needed:

<u>Plant or tree</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Price</u>
1 Tabebuia argentea	Morey's Garden Center Homestead 1-247-3535	\$10.00
1 Areca cane palm	" " "	8.00
1 Satin leaf (Chrysophyllum oliviforme)	Florida Keys Native Nursery D.N. Sprunt 852-5515	3.50
1 Key Thatch Palm (Thrinax microcarpa)	" " "	3.50
1 Paradise Tree (Simarouba glauca)	" " "	3.00
1 Pigeon plum (Coccoloba diversifolia)	" " "	2.50
1 Lancewood (Nectandra coriacea)	" " "	3.00
2 Eucaneer Palms (Pseudophoenix sargentii)	SUBSTITUTE 2 LARGE ARECA CANE PALM - 90.00 " " " 14.00	8.00
1 Lignum vitae (Guaiacum santum)	" " "	4.00
5 Cocoplum (Chrysobalanus icaco pellocarpus)	" " " 12.50	12.50
3 Wild Coffee (Psychotria undata)	" " " 2.75	8.25

SCALE DRAWING

MALL 300' x 85'

please  
OPEN OUT  
Then down.

\$21.00

???

\$60.00

\$30.00

\$17.50

\$9.90

1 204.6  
\$184.1

(e)

Future sidewalk

(a)



too much sun

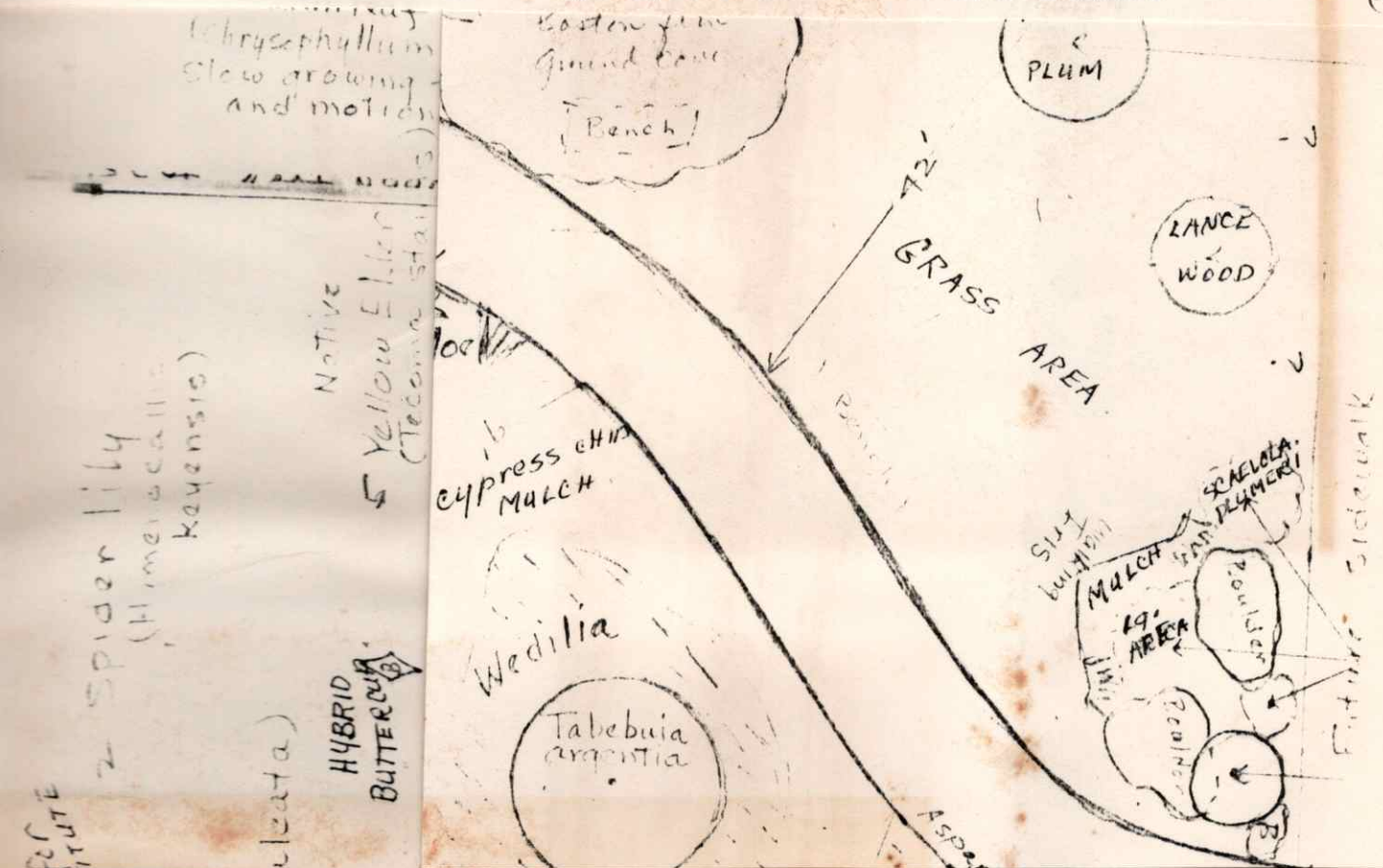
SUBSTITUTE SW. ACACIA

7	Randia aculeata	Florida Keys Native Nursery	\$3.00 @	\$21.00
5	Yellow Elder (Tecoma stans)	Native Tree Nursery Silver Palm Dr. 1-665-2039	\$5.00 @ TOTAL OF 9 (some will be donated by Garden Club members)	???
3	Cassia bahamensis	" " " 20 gal. size	\$20.00@ (will try for smaller size.)	\$60.00
25	Dwarf Yellow Lantana (Lantana depressa)	Tropics North Nursery South Dade 1-245-8011	\$1.20 @	\$30.00
7	Plumbago capensis	Key Islander Tropical Gardens	\$2.50@	\$17.50
2	Philodendron Selloum	" " "	\$4.95@	\$9.90
6	Florida Keys Lily Hymenocallis keyensis	Florida Keys Native Nursery .25 to \$2.50 @ (most will be donated)		

Approx. total 204.0  
\$184.11

Remaining shrubs and ground cover will  
be donated by Upper Keys Garden Club members

(8)



SCALE DRAWING  
MALL 300' x 85'

please  
OPEN OUT  
Then down.

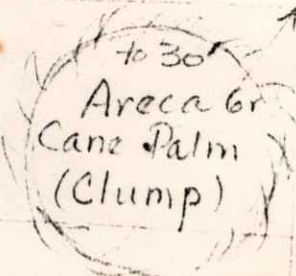


THE UPPER KEYS AT 8' FENCE TO SCREEN MALL FROM ROAD EQUIP  
 TO HELP IN SCREENING

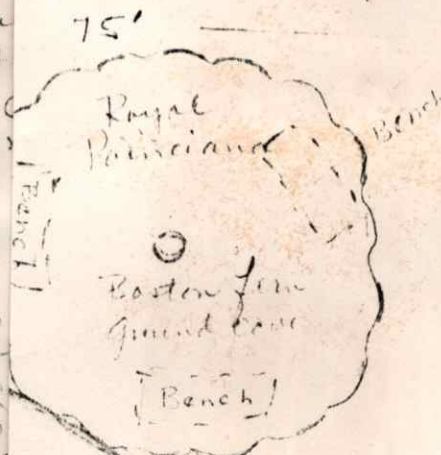


Building  
 dble w. = door  
 Low shrub  
 D = door, not  
 Remove

PARADISE



Native  
 Satin leaf  
 (Phrysophyllum)  
 Slow growing  
 and motion



GRASS AREA

2 Spider lily  
 (Hemerocallis  
 karensis)

Native  
 Yellow Elder  
 (Tecoma stans)

cypress chin  
 MALCH

Wedelia



HYBRID BUTTERFLY  
 (leata)

SCALE DRAWING  
 MALL 300' x 85'

please  
 OPEN OUT  
 Then down.



dble w. = double window  
 draw shade under there.  
 D = door, not in use.  
 Remove cement from in  
 front of each.

Native  
 Satin leaf  
 (Chrysophyllum chinensis)  
 Slow growing - gives grass  
 and motion - and color

Native  
 Yellow Elder  
 (Tecoma stans)

HYBRID  
 BUTTERFLY

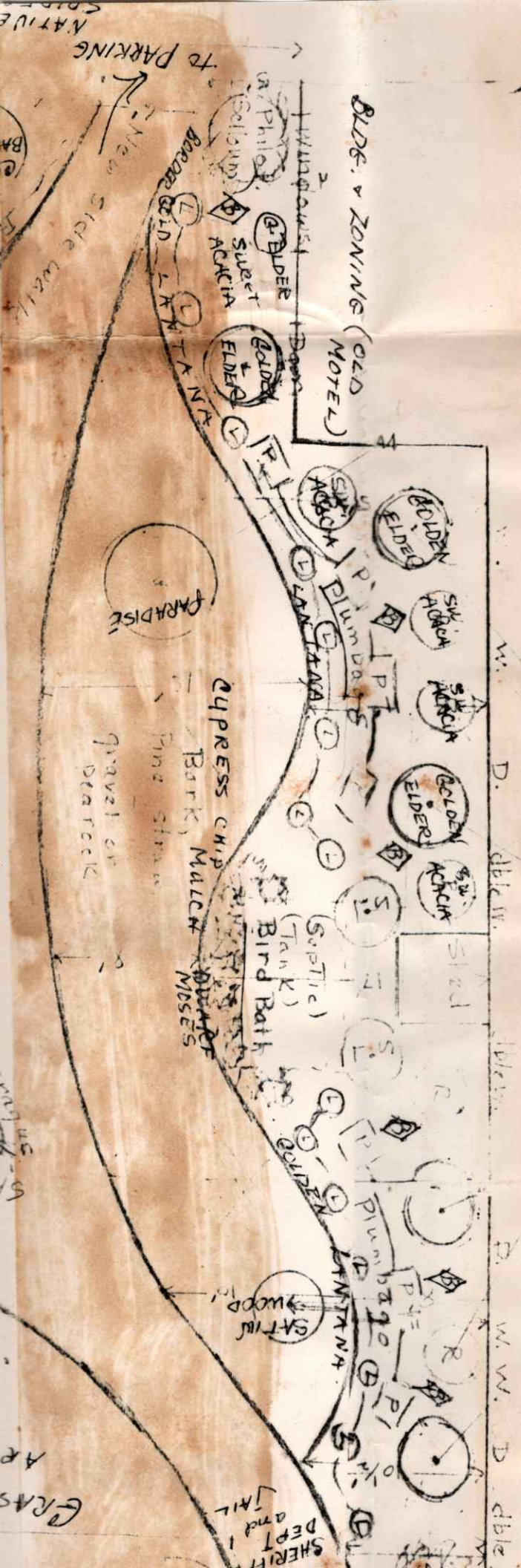
Native  
 (Randia aculeata)

2 Spider Lily  
 (Himerocallis  
 kayensis)  
 much sun ferre  
 100 much substitute  
 RANDIA ACACIA  
 SW.

Border of  
 Lantana  
 Native  
 (25 to 30)

Native  
 Paradise  
 Tree  
 (Simarouba glauca)  
 to 50'

Louise Kuppold, Betty Rankau and  
 Doris STEARNS (drawing by)









ARKING  
35  
WE



MALL







PARKING AREA  
1<sup>ST</sup> STEP  
BEFORE  
WE PLANTED

HILLSIDE





OFF-SET DECKING AND

BENCH TO  
ACT AS FENCERAILROAD TIES -  
SOIL RETAINER

CARISSA - DWARF

SCHEFFLERA - DWARF  
(Arborescens)

WALK FROM RAMP

NORTH HILLSIDE

FLAT  
BOULDERFLAT  
BOULDERFLAT  
BOULDER

ASPARAGUS SPRENGER

CYPRESS STOCKADE OR  
RAILROAD TIES -  
SOIL RETAINERLIRIOPE MUSCARI  
"VARIEGATA"LIRIOPE SPICATA -  
CREEPING LILY TURFPEPEROMIA -  
CRASSIFOLIA

WALK

HOLLY MALPIGHIA

ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED WITH  
OPHIPOGON JAPONICUS  
"MONDO GRASS"

RIGHT SIDE

PARKING

proposed landscaping for

HILLSIDE(embankment to lower level and  
court room)

R.R. ties or landscaping timbers... O.R. CYPRESS STOCKADE \$4.00 per 8'

Flat rock boulders (furnished by county).....

12 Carissa (dwarf) \$2.50 @..... (27)..... 32.00

9 Schefflera (dwarf) 5.00 @..... (24)..... 45.00

12 Holly Malpighia 2.50 @..... (30)..... 30.00

20 Liriope Spicata 2.00 (for 6-8 plants per row)..... (60)..... 40.00

15 Liriope Muscari " " " (30)..... 30.00

50 Mondo Grass " " " (100)..... 100.00

12 Peperomia Crassifolia 2.00 @..... cancel..... 24.00

24 Asparagus Sprenger 2.00 @..... cancel..... 48.00

TOTAL proposed materials for

347.00

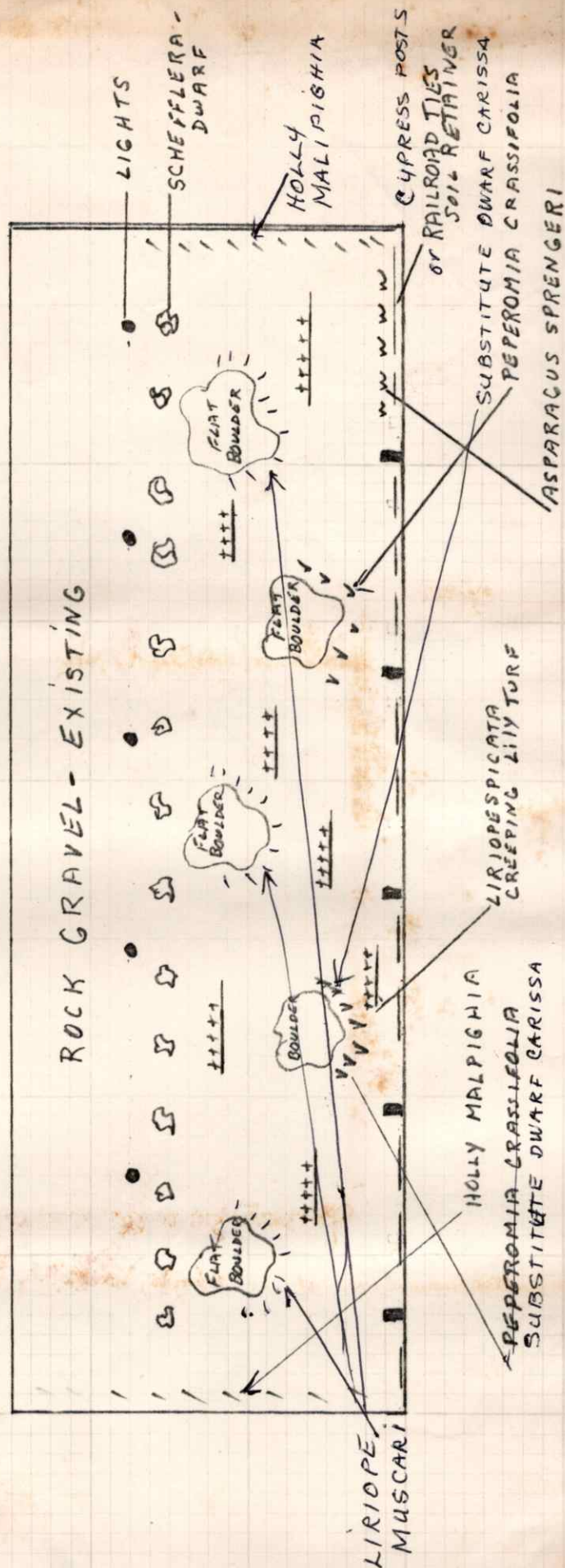
Pally Kriden  
 Mar 1968  
 J. T. Palmeyer  
 (a) (b)



HILL SIDE SOUTH

BESIDE

COURT ROOM



ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED WITH  
OPHIPOGON JAPONICUS  
"MONDO GRASS"



25' x 30' - COURTYARD  
W CORNER (FACING STEPS)  
4' ABOVE GROUND LEVEL

No. 1

3 waterfalls  
By many ferns,  
and coral (boulders)  
THE PLANTS TO BE C  
PLANTED BY "UPPER  
OF FAVERNIER. ALL  
FURNISHING A PLANT



(a)

ON GROUND  
IN GARDEN  
WITH WEST CORNER  
CING STEPS



25' x 50' - COURTYARD  
(STEPS)  
EVEL

3 waterfalls surrounded  
By many ferns, philodendrons  
and coral (boulders 12" to 24").

THE PLANTS TO BE CARED FOR AND  
PLANTED BY "UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB"  
OF FAVERNIER. ALL MEMBERS ARE  
FURNISHING A PLANT FOR THE COURTYARD.



Approved &  
By of 4/10/80. 1360.12  
allowed.



25' x 30' - COURTYARD

SUNKEN GARDEN (8)

"COURT OF THE WATERFALLS"

(#4) Waterfall Recycling pump.  
"Rainbarrel" - MM 87

DELIVERED - SET UP.

all - 3 FOR \$1150 AT THIS TIME  
(PRICES HAVE RAISED TWICE SINCE  
HE QUOTED ABOVE BUT HE SAID HE  
WOULD GO ALONG WITH IT, IF WE DO  
IT RIGHT AWAY.)

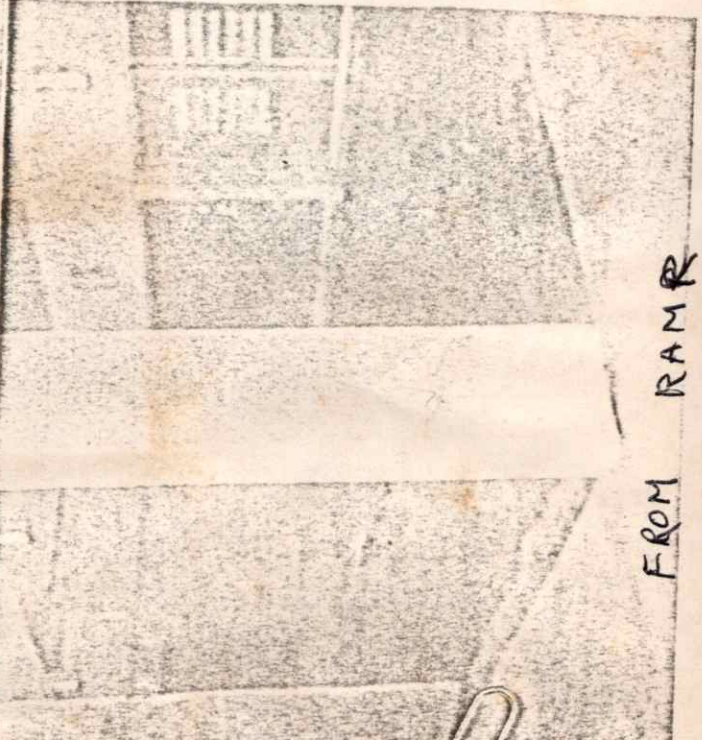
PLEASE NOTE: - ELECTRIC HOOK-UPS FOR  
FOUNTAINS and special lighting

COURTYARD FOR A SAFETY FACTOR

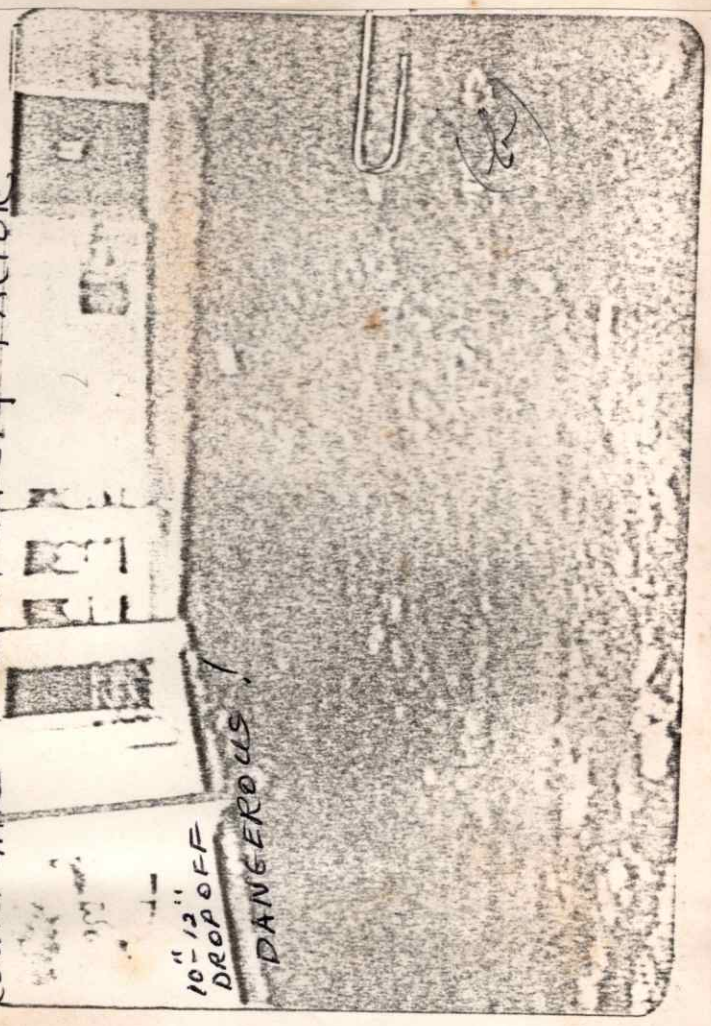


CYPRESS

DECKING SHOULD BE PLACED AROUND



FROM RAMP



10-12"  
DROP OFF

DANGEROUS!



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Nursery supplied:

Plants	2,200.00
Labor	1,014.50
Mulch (50 yds.)	1,250.00
Soil (90 yds.)	1,350.00
Nursery mix (22 yds.)	365.00
Tractor (front loader for hauling)	140.00
Hole driller (36" auger, \$45 per hr.)	315.00

## Girl Scouts' Native Nursery

Plants	200.00
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Contracted for, and supervised by Upper Keys  
Garden Club members:

(Clearing land, building sidewalks)	
Bulldozer	105.00
Forms, concrete, labor for walkways	737.35
Concrete	720.00

Indian labor and cypress for making deck 1,000.00

Purchased from local supplier:

3 Waterfalls for sunken garden	1,135.00
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Total expenditure: 10,531.85

The project was funded through special appropriations  
by the Monroe County Commission, and contributions by  
Monroe County individuals and organizations.

UNDER BUILDING  
SUNKEN AREA  
DEAD GRASS

(SOME WANTED TO  
JUST FILL IT)



PATIO de CASCADA  
FERNs, PHILODENDRON  
BROMELIADS - WATERFALLS



FOUR LETTERS



FLORIDA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

REPLY TO:

P.O. Box 2545  
Key West, Florida 33040

October 27, 1980

Mrs. Betty Wilson, President  
Upper Keys Garden Club  
P.O. Box 794  
Tavernier, Fla. 33070

Dear Betty:

As a follow up to my on site visit to the Upper Keys Government Center in Plantation on Thursday, Oct. 23, 1980, I wanted to again give my praise for a landscaping job well done by the Garden Club. I was particularly impressed with the health of the plants used in the planting as well as the plant selections. Your reliance on native plants should mean reduced maintenance requirement for the county in the future. I would encourage anyone who is intending to plant an area where continued maintenance would be difficult to achieve, to go to only low maintenance plantings. The Upper Key's Garden Club I feel had good insight into which plants would provide just such a situation. I also feel that the finished project refutes those who complain that natives are "so unattractive". They only need to look at the way in which you displayed them to have living proof that this does not need to be the case.

My greatest hope is that the County will over the years not forget who provided them this planting so that what you have done here can be a perpetual memorial to the dedication for public service which the Upper Key's Garden Club exhibits in all of its endeavors.

Hoping to work closely with you in the future to support your other worthy projects.

Sincerely,

Raymond H. Zerba, Jr.  
Extension Agent II

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS, STATE OF FLORIDA, IFAS, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COOPERATING

COUNTY AGENT

(a)



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DAVID P. KIRWAN  
COUNTY COURT JUDGE  
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida



Upper Keys Government Center  
Plantation Key, Florida 33070  
305/852-5927

November 3, 1980

Mrs. Betty Wilson, President  
Upper Keys Garden Club  
P. O. Box 373  
Tavernier, FL 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Please accept my congratulations and thanks for a job well done on the landscaping of the Upper Keys Government Center. It is obvious to anyone who views your work that you have spent many long hours in accomplishing the task. The quality of the landscaping reflects those long hours as well as your expertise. Those of us who work at the government center will be the daily beneficiaries of your efforts. Please accept my warmest thanks.

Sincerely,

*David P. Kirwan*  
DAVID PL KIRWAN

DPK:mr



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## County Court

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040



Paul E. Esquinaldo, Judge

October 20, 1980

TELEPHONE  
294-4641  
Ext.  
220 or 230

Mrs. W. Wilson  
Pres., Upper Keys Gardening Club  
Tavernier Post Office  
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I sat in Plantation Key on Friday, October 17, and noticed a lot of gardening activity around the Courthouse and was advised the Upper Keys Gardening Club should get the credit for the beautification of the courthouse grounds.

You are to be congratulated. The plants and walkways are beautiful and they've changed the drab-look of the building. The green of the plants seem to give visitors to the Court peace-of-mind, tempers don't flare up.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

*Paul E. Esquinaldo*  
Paul E. Esquinaldo

PEE/acr



# State Attorney

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
SUITE #9  
TUREK BLDG.  
TAVERNIER, FLORIDA 33070



JEFF D. GAUTIER

November 18, 1980

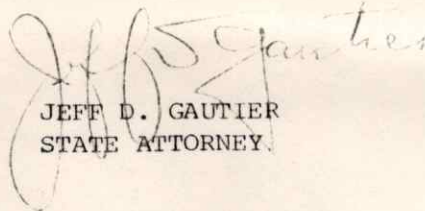
Mrs. W. W. Wilson  
Upper Keys Government Center  
P.O. Box 794  
Tavernier, FL 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

My staff and I would like to take this opportunity to inform you and your fellow garden club members how much we are enjoying the beautiful landscaping which you provided in the Plantation Key Government Center.

All of your fine effort and hard work has paid off and you can be very proud of your accomplishment.

Sincerely

  
JEFF D. GAUTIER  
STATE ATTORNEY

JDG/kp



I have reviewed this Upper Keys Garden Club project personally: inspecting the pictures before hand and their landscape design layout. I have also visited the finished project of the Upper Keys Government Center on Plantation Key.

It is functional and useful. This is a splendid example of how proper landscaping can enhance the attractiveness of public buildings, small triangles, ovals, parks, recreation areas, as well as streets and boulevards in new subdivisions outside city limits.

The proper placement of plants and shrubs by the Club will not make for traffic hazards. Native trees and plantings are a wise choice and afford ease of maintenance. The Garden Club will see to overall care by enlisting aid from other groups.

Upper Keys Garden Club sets a good example of civic pride through their own efforts and willingness to do and share.

A worthy project, deserving of a high Award!

Sincerely,

*Estelle Pullias*  
Mrs. George M. Pullias  
Landscape Critic

F.F.G.C.

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THE MEAD CORPORATION, DAYTON, OHIO 45463



