





house at 1:00 P.M.

The ladies were enjoying home made cherry cake and coffee along with the apropos decorations dedicated to the honor of George Washington --- namely, red, white, and blue.

The hostess for the day was Ester Dawson, chairman, and her assistants, Doris Clark, Carolyn Young, and Crystal Jurgens.

Mrs. Mary Stedman, President of the Garden Club, introduced the nominating committee which is chaired by Mrs. Myra Taylor and assisted by Mrs. May Pryor and Mary Gourd. The nominating committee came up with the following slate for the 1974 officers. President- Mrs. Francis Stedman; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. George R. McRae; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Robert Rosella; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Willard Noe; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Luppold; Treasurer, Mrs. Lee A. Stahl. The Directors are: Mrs. Jorge Mullenhoff, Mrs. Taylor Van Allen, Mrs. Frank Birch, Mrs. Fred Flancher, Mrs. Frank Hodges and Mrs. John Cale.

The meeting room was filled with 49 members and their 13 guests, all looking forward to the demonstration of arrangements and formal centerpieces done first by club member Mrs. Hester Oliver of Plantation Key, who used flowers and plants found around the yard (including weeds) informally designing from Nature. I called it "Beauty from Junk." Hester is an artist of the area and quickly and with a few words, literally threw together beautiful arrangements from nothing and did it artistically.

She was followed by Mr. Harold MacShane of Tavernier, Florida, a gentleman who has been in the florist business for several years. He used Gladiolus, Bouganvillia, Galardia and Oleanders or Peri-winkles and made a marvelous formal centerpiece in just a few minutes. Mr. MacShane followed this with a driftwood Chinese arrangement using a dried branch of a Christmas Palm, sea shells, pelican (made from sea shells) and figurines. His last arrangement of assorted greens also followed the theme of red, white and blue for Washington's Birthday.

The Garden Club bought a Malayou Palm Tree that was planted at the Coral Shores School on Jan. 23rd to commemorate Arbor Day.

The Tree was planted at 8:45 a.m. by the Junior Garden Club members. . . Ruth Hoff, Roa Birch, Virginia Burgess, Myra Taylor and Pres. Mrs. Mary Stedman. Later the group went into the cafeteria to see slides of Camp O'Lana ( a Florida Federation Garden Club). The Upper Keys Garden Club is sending four children to camp this year.

## HAROLD MAC SHANE AND HESTER OLIVER

There is a workshop each week, if you are interested please bring a container and some plant material for your arrangement.

During the month of July, Aug. and Sept., the Garden Club will have no meetings. If the members wish to meet for picnics or swim parties this can be done, but no formal meetings.

Donna Sprunt applied for an application to take the Blanch Coverington Nature Course offered by the Fla. Federation Garden Club. Donna Sprunt has been excepted.

It was a lovely meeting and everyone enjoyed the afternoon and I was glad I went - I learned so much.



HAROLD MAC SHANE



MRS. HESTER OLIVER &  
PRES. MARY STEDMAN



## Virginia Eaton

Virginia Eaton passed away June 19 in New Hope, Pa. where she had resided since last September.

She had been a resident of Lower Matecumbe and Islamorada for 15 years where both she and her late husband, Charles, had been active members of the Islamorada Fishing Club. Mrs. Eaton was a life member of the Keys Community Hospital Auxiliary and was very active in the Upper Keys Garden Club. She was also a member of Coral Isles Church, Plantation Key.

Memorial services will be held today (Thursday), at 10 a.m. in the Coral Isles Church by Rev. W. V. North. Following the services, her ashes will be scattered in the Gulf Stream as were those of her late husband.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Coral Isles Church Building Fund.

Mrs. Eaton is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Cheyne of Northfield, N.J., two sons, Charles A. Eaton, Jr. of New Hope, Pa. and

James Poe of Reno, Nev.; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

REGULAR MEETING OF UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB, NOVEMBER 19, 1974

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held November 19, 1974. Mrs. Mary Stedman, president presiding.

Prayer by Virginia Burgess, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Visitors were introduced by Mrs. Stedman. Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurers report read and filed for audit.

Corresponding secretary reported that Mrs. Shirley Peckman lost her husband. Letter from State giving many reasons for not putting in a bike walk, mainly not enough funds because money must go to repair bridges.

Flower Show Chairman, Mr. McShane, gave report that progress is being made. Posters are being made by the children at Coral Shores School. Their will be a contest for the best poster. The theme of the Flower Show is "Keys, Hearts and Flowers". Show will be on February 14th and 15th. Ruth Hoff will give lessons to any one who has never participated in a flower show, beginning in mid December. The tickets will be \$1.00.

Donna Sprunt needs an assistant or two for the Junior Garden Club.

Ingrid Nelson volunteered to bake 100 cup cakes for the Flea Market and several members donated money towards the cup cakes.

Virginia Burgess has placed 29 posters in stores in Islamorada and will place more in Tavernier.

Old Business: Trees were removed by Mr. Droney on October 29th for \$195.50. On November 5th, grounds were cleared by raking, burning etc, by Mr. Warren Small, Frank Hodges, Bob Barker, Bud Stedman and Dan Brown. Mary Stedman, Helen Barker, Adelaide Hodges, Jo Small served the men lunch. November 8th, dirt was spread & rocks placed along driveway. Work was done by Bud Stedman, Bob Barker & Dave Brown. The total cost of clearing trees & brush, Dirt graded was \$ 316.35.

New Business: Course on Fruits & Flowers will be held at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale on January 28th and 29th.

Next meeting will be the Christmas party. Members to bring a \$2.00 gift and covered dish.

Clarice Gale ~~met~~ showed color slides of beautiful flower arrangements, and her sister, Eunice Anderson entertained us with her descriptions and clever wit. This was a most enjoyable meeting and we thank Clarice & Eunice.

The hostesses were, Chairman Ann Revere, Lisa Hokansen, Lucille Raiff and Evelyn Sorensen. There were 52 members present and 9 visitors. Door prize was won by Hilda Snyder.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted by

Margaret E Noe