

65TH BIRTHDAY BASH
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017
Francis Tracy Garden Center -- MM94
10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
Admission is free

The year was 1952. People flocked to see “The African Queen,” and Disney Studios was producing the movie “Peter Pan” featuring the lush island garden of Neverland. It was also the year when ten ladies from the Upper Keys formed a club “of civic and cultural advantage to native plant growth in the Keys.”

Sixty-five years later the Garden Club of the Upper Keys is still going strong. Come help us celebrate our birthday at our **65th BIRTHDAY BASH**. You are sure to recognize that the Garden Club members seem to be channeling the spirit of Peter Pan. Although the Club is now 65 years old, its members seem to stay young at heart forever.



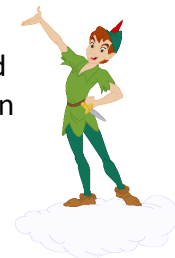
LIVE PERFORMANCES: Our celebration day, an experience like flying with Wendy to Tinkerbell’s Magical Gardens of Neverland, will have with song and dance beginning at 10 am.. There will be numerous performances throughout the day, including the talented guitar player Peter Gomez, the Sunshine Band, Ken and Carol Shryver, small groups from the community Band, and Harmony Holmquist vocalist, to name a few.

BIRTHDAY-PARTY TABLESCAPE DESIGN SHOWCASE: Tablescape is an overall look that addresses an entire subject table, which in turn, complements its immediate surroundings. Garden Club members will display their decorated birthday tables for four in this fun, design competition. A group of official judges draw from the arts community will view the designs that morning and select the best in class. The visiting public will also judge the entries and cast their ballots for *The People’s Choice Award* being named at 3:30 pm

Here are some of the factors the judges and the public may be looking for to choose the winner:

- Use of botanical and/or floral elements
- Effective use of theme.
- Effective use of color
- Evoking an emotional response
- Uniqueness of materials used

BAKE SALE: It just wouldn’t be a birthday celebration without scrumptious baked goods, so a bake sale will be held inside the Francis Tracy Garden Center. Captain Hook’s favorite Brownies, Peter Pan peanut butter cookies, Tinker Bell cupcakes and other baked goods will be offered. Complimentary beverages will be available.



RAFFLE TICKET SALES: Feeling lucky? Our crowd pleasing raffle drawing will give away TWO awesome prizes the day of the Birthday Bash.

1. A **Fishing Trip for Two** on the Captain Michael party boat, out of Robbie's Marina, MM77, Islamorada. The value of that exciting trip is \$80.
2. A luxurious **Foot and Hand Reflexology Massage with Aromatherapy** products. The value is \$164.

Garden Club members will be set up in front of **Publix, Key Largo**, on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, the 5th, from 10 am-2:30 pm. Raffle tickets there will be given in exchange for a \$5 Garden Club donation, or for the purchase of \$5 of delicious, homemade cookies. Garden Members will also be set up the following weekend in front of **Winn Dixie, Tavernier**, on Saturday, February 11th from 10 am-2:30 pm. Raffle tickets will be sold there for \$5 each. Finally, you can also buy raffle tickets the day of the 65th Birthday Bash, right up to the time of the raffle drawings that afternoon at 3 pm.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite "Peter Pan" story character. Prizes will be awarded to the best boy costume and best girl costume. A Tinker Bell School will be in session that day, emphasizing kindness as a virtue. There will be a huge Coloring Roll for children to color to their hearts' content, and theme games to amuse them and their grateful parents. Keep your eyes open because Peter Pan, Tinker Bell and Captain Hook are expected to make an appearance at the Birthday Bash. They are sure to delight all who see them and make the day bright with magic and fun.

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION: Representatives from Key Largo Floral & Gifts will give a Flower Arranging Demonstration featuring native plants in the Garden Center's "Waldorf Wing" at 1 pm. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

SILENT AUCTION: Beautiful gift baskets, filled with gourmet delights, will be offered for sale through a silent auction. Look for them in front of the Francis Tracy Garden Center. Sumptuous baskets will include wine and champagne, gourmet food, bath and beauty products, kitchen and garden items, orchid, gift certificates and more. The silent auction will end at 2:30 pm. Please note, you do not have to be present to win and must pick up your item by 4 pm.



OUR GARDEN FAIR: While the children are engaged with Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, their parents may stroll the Club's subtropical gardens and peruse more than 20 vendors' booths. Unique items for sale include: lush garden plants, gorgeous tropical orchids, artisans' fare, unique art, jewelry, honey, soaps, baskets and so much more.

A local restaurant's food truck will be offering meals at a reasonable price, so plan to have lunch while you are enjoying your day, and celebrating along with us.

It's our 65th Birthday Bash! Look forward to seeing you there!