

## Robin Robinson

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Dear Mayor Cates,

I would like to serve on the Tree Commission because I am impressed by the legacy Key West has created protecting the environment and would like to contribute to the beauty of the paradise I have chosen for my home. My experience writing horticultural columns for the Citizen has broadened my knowledge about our unique subtropical environment. I have published two books on horticulture, *Plants of Paradise* and *Roots, Rocks and Rain: Native Trees of the Florida Keys* which are sold as fundraisers for the Key West Garden Club. Cynthia Domenech-Coogle originally suggested that I contact you about this appointment.

Sincerely,

Robin Robinson

## Resume

### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts – Theatre and Speech, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1965

Graduate work in Special Education and Inner City Studies, Northeastern University, Chicago, Illinois, 1969-1972

Master Gardner Certification, University of Florida Extension Services, Key West, Florida, 2007

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Asbel Art Gallery – Manager, Kalamazoo, Michigan 1963-65

Poole Brothers Printing Company, Production Manager- Montgomery Ward, International Harvester, Playboy, 1965-1968

Chicago Public Schools, Lincoln Park High School, High School Teacher – English 1971-1990, Magnet Four Year Theatre Major program 1990-2000, Procured grant and functioned as co-director of yearly \$80,000 CAPE Grant for Arts Integration, 1991-1999.

### PUBLICATIONS

Chicago Daily News – Weekly Columnist – 1970-1995

Chicago Sun Times – Travel stories – periodical free lance

Key West Citizen – Weekly Horticultural column 2008-current

Author of Books-*Peeling the Onion: Reversing the Ravages of Stroke* – Sora Publishing, 2004, *Plants of Paradise* – Sora Publishing, 2009, *Roots, Rock and Rain: Native Trees of the Florida Keys* - Sora Publishing - 2011

### ORGANIZATIONS

Horticultural Advisory Board for planned assisted living facility in the Waterfront Park. (Family Life Co. – Rick Dover)

Key West Garden Club – Horticultural Columnist, Board Member

Key West Botanical Gardens

Red Barn Theatre Band of Angels

Sunrise Rotary, Scholarship and Essay Review Committee

Key West Women's Club, Bayshore Manor Volunteer

## **AWARDS**

US Forest Service Grant through the Florida Division of Forestry to produce a brochure on *Lignum Vitae* and a book, *Roots, Rock and Rain: Native Trees of the Florida Keys*.  
Master Teacher Award from the State of Illinois. Chicago School District, 1990.