

Mrs. Frederick M. Goodwin, Jr.
GCA National Chairman for Garden History and Design

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

Cuban born, Jacqueline Albarran came to Miami, Florida at age seven. The second daughter of a wealthy, aristocratic, intellectual family of highly educated individuals. Jackie went on to achieve a Diploma in Development Planning from the University of London (UK), a Diploma in Architecture from the University of Los Andes (Bogota, Colombia) and a Diplôme de Langue Française Ecole Lemania in Lausanne, Switzerland. She is a founding partner in SKA Architect & Planner, one of Palm Beach's most prestigious firms, and has had projects in Spain, Switzerland, Colombia and El Salvador as well as extensive work in the United States, primarily in South Florida.

Among her many commissions, Jackie has restored/renovated numerous homes of our garden club members. These have all been major projects with varying styles of architecture: Mediterranean Revival, Faux Tudor, British Colonial and Neo-Georgian. Five of these houses are town landmarks, i.e., any change to the structure has to be granted by the Palm Beach Landmark Preservation Commission. Jackie, as a recognized historical preservation expert, served on that commission for over eleven years.

In March, 2008, Jackie will head up the Town Design Forum, sponsored by the Palm Beach Preservation Foundation. She has also been chosen to be the architect for the extensive renovation and restoration of Sea Gull Cottage, Henry Flagler's first residence built in 1886. Original elements which have been eliminated will be restored and inappropriate additions and alterations will be removed. Sea Gull Cottage is yet another architectural style: Shingle. This will be a huge undertaking.

Jackie is brilliant with such creative vision and insight. Her generosity of spirit allows her to share her expertise with friends who are interested in a landmarked property. She also willingly advises the town when asked.

Jacqueline Albarran is a true Town of Palm Beach treasure, and I hope you will agree she truly deserves this award.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

GARDEN CLUB OF PALM BEACH

The Garden Club of Palm Beach

April 2, 2008

Mrs. Jacqueline Albarran
SKA Architecture & Planning
204 Phipps Plaza
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Dear Mrs. Albarran:

The Garden Club of Palm Beach is happy to announce that you have been selected to receive the GCA Club Historic Preservation Commendation.

Please come to a presentation on April 24th at 3:30 pm at our annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. Brenda Callaway, 250 Barton Ave., Palm Beach.

With our congratulations,

THE GARDEN CLUB OF PALM BEACH

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Geisler".

Connie Geisler, Awards Chairman

A decorative border of various blue-toned floral and leaf illustrations surrounds the central text. The top left features a branch with small flowers and buds. The top right shows a cluster of small, five-petaled flowers. The left side has a vertical arrangement of flowers, including a large bell-shaped one. The bottom left shows a fern-like plant and a small flower. The bottom center has a branch with small, round leaves and tiny flowers. The bottom right features a plant with large, heart-shaped leaves and small flowers. The right side has a vertical arrangement of flowers, including a large bell-shaped one.

The Garden Club of America

gratefully acknowledges the significant
contribution to historic preservation

by

Jacqueline Albarran de Mendoza

"In recognition and appreciation of Jacqueline Albarran's
extensive knowledge and expertise in historic preservation
which guards the architectural history of Palm Beach."

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