



**Community Appearance Board  
WOW Award Winner  
December 2014**

**Fred Gray and Ron Stuart  
5741 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Road  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308**

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***Imperial Point Homeowners Association – District I Commissioner Roberts  
Welcome Community Appearance Board Members – David Bowles***

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The Imperial Point neighborhood has always been our first choice when house hunting for a full time retirement home.

During the housing boom about 10 years ago, houses in Imperial Point were in high demand with accompanying higher prices. Therefore we bought this house which was smaller in size than we wanted but since interior renovations had already been done with spectacular marble/granite bathrooms and new kitchen redesign and cabinetry, we purchased with the plan to add extra living space as soon as possible. Therefore, renovations internally were the only solution. Our builder, Greg Beach of First Choice Renovations, converted the 2 car garage into a family room, laundry area and large pantry. From the street, the old garage exterior blends well with the house facade. Far too many garage conversions in the neighborhood are not attractive.

We had the front windows finished in Craftsman mission style. The porch and new front were finished in warm appearing dry stacked rock popular in buildings today. Again the window surrounds were done in a Craftsman style and painted a darker contrasting color to the exterior walls. Dark corbels at the roof line accentuate the Mission look along with similar style post lamps and hanging lamp inside the porch. The new roofline produced a look of Wright styled rooflines.

Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't stop and compliment the house and landscaping and the attractiveness it has added to the neighborhood. Many people love all the blooming plants and greenery. We eliminated all grass. When the housing bust happened, far too many houses close by were foreclosed and went into disrepair. Fortunately, all these homes have been repurchased by responsible neighbors who now have also done tremendous interior and exterior

renovations and landscaping. Once again, Imperial Point has returned to the pleasant attractive neighborhood where we walk our dogs, kids play safely, and wave happily to our neighbors.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly present the WOW Award for December 2014 to Fred Gray and Ron Stuart and thank you for enhancing the neighborhood and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

We are pleased to present you with a certificate of appreciation from the City Commission, a gift certificate from RedCow and an orchid donated by Home Depot to celebrate the recognition.



Gray/Stuart Before PHOTO



Gray/Stuart After PHOTO