



**Community Appearance Board
WOW Award Winner
January 2013**

**Tom and Jean Giordano
621 Solar Isle Drive
Fort Lauderdale**

Riviera Isles Homeowners – District II (Open)

Welcome Community Appearance Board member Tamara Tennant to present

Tom and Jean Giordano bought their home on Solar Isle Drive in March 1999 after briefly locating to Weston; they fell in love with boating and wanted to live on the water. Riviera Isles offered them the tranquil, friendly neighborhood they were looking for.

Originally built in 1949, the house at 621 Solar Isle had been designed with an art deco influence; over the ensuing years previous owners made architectural and structural changes to the house, giving it a different flavor and feel. After living in the house for 10 years and considering different options and projects, the Giordanos decided to redesign and remodel their home the way they had always envisioned.

With the help of local architect Bill Storrs, the exterior of the home was completely redone in a Key West style. A master bedroom suite was added on the first floor and the family room, kitchen, and a bathroom were totally remodeled. A large open porch was added on the rear of the house facing the water, which features a cedar tongue and groove ceiling, architectural columns, and travertine flooring.

The landscaping was redesigned to incorporate an expanded Chicago brick driveway, travertine front porch and walkways, and a remodeled pool and spa, all bordered by lush foliage and palm trees, including native Florida species. After returning to the house from an eight-month temporary relocation, the Giordano's are enjoying their "new" old Florida home. They have received numerous compliments from neighbors and strangers as well - one of who described the transformed property as "storybook!"

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly present the WOW Award for January 2013 to Tom and Jean Giordano and thank them for enhancing their neighborhood and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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

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