



**Community Appearance Board
WOW Award Winner**

**June 2013
Alfonso and Nora Barnes
841 Indiana Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312**

Melrose Manors Homeowner Association – District III Commissioner DuBose

Welcome Community Appearance Board members – Marilyn Mammano

Alfonso and Nora Barnes have lived in Melrose Manors in the house at 841 Indiana Avenue since 1985. The traditional Florida style house with its ceramic tile roof and turquoise awnings is preserved. They work on their extraordinary garden together, and have ever since they moved in. Nora started on the garden even before she had furniture in the house. They raised two children who are now grown and on their own. They are fond of telling her "Mama you are never going to stop working on that garden"

Indeed this corner home is a joy to behold with its whimsical fountains, sculptures and flowers. There is even a miniature windmill and a fishpond. Even the trees are smiling with ceramic faces winking out from behind clipped hedges. Mrs. Barnes was a beautician and no doubt the precision clips are hers. This explosion of color and texture is contained by the cool immaculate green lawn. Passerby's often stop to admire their handiwork which extends in a neighborly fashion onto the public swales.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly present the WOW Award for June 2013 to Alfonso and Nora Barnes and thank them 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 and an orchid donated by Home Depot to celebrate the recognition.



