



# GLEE's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Green Living Awards

## Agency/Organization Category

For Cumulative Efforts leading up to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

Name of Agency/Organization: Keys to Peace

Tavernier

City/Island

Name of Applicant and relation to Agency/Org: Denise Downing

Member

### Summary

Keys to Peace is a grass roots organization committed to building and awareness of peace through education, outreach, community activities. Through our local Peace Academy, we support the mission of the National Peace Academy which addresses the root causes of violence. Some of these include supporting restorative justice, mediation, conflict resolution, peace education, bullying and gang prevention, etc. We believe these are the Keys to a Sustainable Future, as we learn and understand the complex relationship between the individual and community actions and its affect on the health of the planet. We challenge our neighbors to grow with us to cultivate a compassionate, balanced and sustainable community.

### Part 1: The Keyswide Sustain-Ability Project

**GLEE's Goal:** Involve all major policy makers in the Keys in systematic emissions reductions & conservation actions. Involving all 6 municipalities, 3 utilities, federal, state and local agencies, non-profits, mentor governments from the mainland, and other national resources, the Keyswide Sustain-Ability Project (KSAP) aims to meet quarterly, researching and convening experts on subjects requested by its participants. The projects strengths include economy of scale, cross pollination of ideas and collaboration on new projects and funding opportunities.

- My Ag/Org is not currently a KSAP member, but we do intend to and can check off some KSAP tenets.
- My Ag/Org is not currently a KSAP member, and will probably not become one.
- I am a KSAP member, but I do intend to become one

#### *The KSAP checklist:*

- Adopt [Mayors Climate Protection Agreement tenets](#) (date signed):
- Establish a Green Team, & Staff liaison: Liaison & Team Names: Debra Stucki
- Hold monthly Green Team meetings: # of Meetings Held: Dec. 18, 2008 and Jan.8, 2008
- Develop a baseline of emissions: Date Began, Completed:
- Create an action plan: Date Began, Completed, Acted on:
- Participate in quarterly KSAP meetings: # Mtgs Attended:

## **Part 2: Accomplishments**

<b><u>Renewable Energy</u></b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of appropriate solar, wind and bio generated sources of renewable energy.
<b><u>Clean Transportation</u></b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of smart, clean and economically efficient uses of biodiesel, fuel cells, and hybrid vehicles. Or no vehicles at all!
<b><u>Clean Boating</u></b>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of eco-friendly actions whilst on the water, including cleaning products, propulsion, water conservation, fisheries conservation, catch and release techniques, and use of <a href="#">Florida Clean Marinas, Boatyards, and Retailers</a> .
<b><u>Energy Conservation</u></b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of energy-efficient appliances, energy audits, and retrofits for financial savings and pollution reduction.
<b><u>Green Building</u></b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of green techniques and technologies during retrofits on existing buildings and efficient designs for new buildings.
Keys to Peace is collaborating with a local property owner to provide a Sustainable Green Center in the Florida Keys. We are also focused on establishing a permanent location for Keys to Peace to strengthen community connections and partnerships through educational and shared outreach.	

<b><u>Green Financing</u></b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of tax credits, rebates, and other incentive programs that help finance, sustainability projects. Also includes Socially Responsible Investing.
<b><u>Healthy Living</u></b>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of green procurement, green consumerism and healthy choices through buying organic foods and other non-toxic, healthy and sustainable products.
<p>Keys to Peace is dedicated to building a culture of Global Peace by sponsoring local activities that support sustainable communities through teaching - acceptance, respect, unity, nonviolence and green living in our community. We support interfaith activities that bring other cultures together, such as the Tibetan monks praying at a synagogue service. Our Peace Academy has held three events to bring an awareness to peace, health and green living. Topics have included meditation, live food, ayurveda, yoga, kids classes on healthy communication, peaceful parenting and stress reduction.</p>	
<b><u>Land Conservation</u></b>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of conservation of natural habitats by using Keys-Friendly landscaping practices and use of <a href="#">GreenThumb Certified Nurseries</a> .
<b><u>R4 #1: Reduce</u></b>	Demonstrated reduction of waste through bulk buying, refillable products, double-sided printing, avoiding over-packaged products, closing the loop by purchasing products made of recycled, post consumer content; implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate waste reduction.
<b><u>R4 #2: Reuse</u></b>	Demonstrated reuse of products, buy second hand, donate unneeded items, and avoid disposables, and share magazines /other publications before recycling them.

<b><u>R4 #3: Rot (Compost)</u></b>	Demonstrated waste diversion through composting of food scraps and yard trimmings
<b><u>R4 #4: Recycle</u></b>	Demonstrated recycling of items accepted by local waste hauler and/or other items which may be recycled elsewhere (e.g., electronics, CFL light bulbs, cell phones, printer cartridges); implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate recycling practices
<b><u>Water Conservation</u></b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of water use reduction through efficient irrigation, xeriscaping, cisterns, rain barrels, water audits and/or use of reclaimed water.
<b>Water Quality</b>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of wastewater treatment, storm water retention, phosphorus free products, slow release fertilizers, animal waste reduction, etc.
<b>Youth Leadership</b>	Involve local students in projects and research for healthy long-term choices in any of the above for the future of all.
<p>Keys to Peace supports Monroe Youth Challenge Program in seeking volunteers and has donated resources to the Student Peace Alliance at Coral Shores High School. The Peace Academy was established to build a culture of Peace and has had three school programs. Classes included Positive Parenting, kids classes called "Cool School Where Peace Rules", self awareness and self esteem workshops, healthy living, and nature awareness.</p>	

<b>GLEE Participation</b>	Actively involved with GLEE via ideas, time and/or membership to help further GLEE's <a href="#">Mission and Goals</a> .
<p>Keys to Peace has supported GLEE at two R4 fairs and several cleanups. This year we plan to participate at the EXPO with a booth that fosters awareness of sustainable communities. We propose that healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet Earth are interdependent. We are pursuing a permanent facility where we can establish a space for civic engagement, compassionate communication, cultural literacy and connecting with nature.</p>	
<b>Other Factors</b>	Have you done something else not included in the scope of this application? Let us know!
<p>Keys to Peace supports sustainable communities, not only in the environment, but through participatory democracy, social justice, peace, local economies, and more. Our community efforts have reached out to many individuals, visitors and groups that support a global peace initiative. In June 2008, our organization raised 1000 peace flags for the first Keys to Peace Academy. We have recently established a Keys to Peace Lending Library at Earth Naturals in Islamorada which encourages sharing of books and DVD's on peace and wellness.</p>	

**Part 3: Other Agency/Organization Factors**

<b>Team Commitment</b>	List staff or other supportive people on your "Green Team"
<p>Keys to Peace is supported by many businesses and organizations in the community. Some of these include: Montessori Schools, Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, Coral Isles Church, Unity of Marathon, Gyros King, Midway Cafe, Meejas Design, Coral Rock Sound, Island Dolphin Care, Coral Shores High School, Stone Ledge Paradise Inn, Moore Books, Boy Scouts Camp, Elaine Silver, Dave Feder (musicians), Earth Naturals, and Garrett Chiropractic. Our individual volunteers support global peace, understand the importance of sustainable spaces and bring experience from diverse backgrounds.</p>	
<b>Communications</b>	How are your environmental efforts visibly communicated to staff, locals, tourists, shareholders, customers and/or vendors?
<p>The Keys to Peace website (<a href="http://www.keystopeace.org">www.keystopeace.org</a>), is our forum for communicating with the public where we can share events and what is happening in the community. Participation at our local events has raised peace awareness for thousands of residents and visitors. As a result our database of interested and new members is growing each day.</p>	
<b>Certifications/Memberships</b>	Do you currently hold any green certifications or memberships?
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**Part 4: Green Pledge**

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

