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FAIRCHILD GARDEN CELEBRATES THE 14TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE GARDEN

Chocolate Garden Introduces a Refreshed Weekend Lineup, Indulgent Treats and Interactive Experiences

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[Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden](#), the historic botanical garden that is one of the premier conservation and education-based gardens in the world, is welcoming back visitors to celebrate their annual Chocolate Garden, formerly The International Chocolate Weekend. South Florida's favorite weekend of sweets and delights is coming back for the fourteenth consecutive year with new vendors and a fresh take on the event, giving visitors a chance to stroll through the lush 83-acre garden and enjoy a weekend of tasty treats and fun activations throughout.

Kicking off the weekend on Friday, January 24 at 7:30PM, Fairchild members can purchase tickets to *Fete du Chocolat*, an exclusive three-course seated dinner with pairings and access to the after-hours Garden Speakeasy for \$185 a person. *Fete du Chocolat* will feature a multi course dinner with Foley Wines and chocolate pairings throughout the night.

The artisan village and food hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will host local retail vendors, chefs and artisan chocolatiers. On Saturday and Sunday, Fresh from Fairchild Marketplace will feature the Milkshake Shoppe and Chocolate Lab. Miami cult favorite Whip'n Dip Ice Cream Shop will host the Milkshake Shoppe and create ultimate custom milkshakes at their made to order milkshake bar. The Chocolate Lab will turn chocolate into an interactive experience - think chocolate painting, chocolate spin art, plant science and more! Please see below for the Chocolate Garden lineup:

Friday, January 24 – 7:30PM

Fete du Chocolat - three-course seated dinner with pairings and access to after-hour Garden Speakeasy

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 24-26

Artisan Village and Food Hall

Saturday & Sunday, January 25-26

Fresh From Fairchild Marketplace featuring the Milkshake Shoppe and Chocolate Lab

Cinema au Chocolat

Cupcakes & Cocktails Pairing

Mixology Lab: Sweets and Spirits at the Phillips Courtyard

If Chocolate Could Talk Lecture Series

The Garden Kitchen

Chocolate lovers will be sure to learn something new through exploring the life cycle of a cacao plant in Fairchild's very own Rainforest. For many, it may be the first time to see a cacao plant growing firsthand in South Florida. Throughout the day, the community will celebrate the art of chocolate through informative lectures on cooking

with the unique ingredient and demonstrations from Miami's master chefs and chocolatiers. Did we mention there will also be a cupcakes and cocktails paring three times a day on Saturday and Sunday?

To complete the sweet weekend, the community will be able to explore the beer garden, enjoy the bounty of the gardens and explore unique culinary creations that utilize the star of the show, chocolate! Chocolate Garden is truly the most delicious festival in South Florida.

WHEN: January 24-26, 2020
9:30AM – 4:30PM

WHERE: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL. 33156

HOW: Admission is \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors 65 and up, \$12 for children 6-17, and free for Fairchild members and children 5 and under. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is located at 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL. 33156. For more information, please visit www.fairchildgarden.org or call 305 667 1651.

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Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Fairchild Garden is currently celebrating its 81st anniversary in the community. Established in 1938 and comprising of 83 acres, Fairchild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to exploring, explaining and conserving the world of tropical plants. The Garden is recognized both nationally and internationally as the premier leader in conservation and education-based programs with field operations in over 20 countries including support to protected areas globally from Madagascar to Central America. Fairchild has the largest education program of any metropolitan area, reaching more than 300,000 schoolchildren each year with programs like The Fairchild Challenge, The Million Orchid Project, Growing Beyond Earth, and its BioTECH High School. Special events include Chocolate, Mango and Orchid Festivals in addition to art exhibitions, concerts, plant sales and more. Information at www.fairchildgarden.org and follow at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).