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### UPDATED: FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN REOPENS TO MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Miami's True Natural Wonder Reopens to The Public Saturday, May 23, 2020, Offering Discounts and New Membership Benefits



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**MIAMI, FL. (MAY 22, 2020)** - As South Florida moves towards its new normal during the coronavirus pandemic and begins a phased approach to reopening, <u>Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden</u> is pleased to announce its reopening to members and nonmembers Saturday, May 23, 2020, welcoming back visitors to stroll the garden's sprawling pathways and lush, tropical landscape once more. Heeding the recommended policies issued by Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden will ensure the health and safety of its guests, staff and volunteers.

Situated on 83 acres of manicured and protected green space, the historic garden is filled with more than 6,000 rare, exotic and colorful plants, making Fairchild Garden the ideal outdoor location to visit for those looking to get out of the house while avoiding air travel and densely populated areas.

New operational hours will be from 10:00AM-4:00PM, with visits limited to two (2) hour blocks: 10:00AM; 12:00PM; 2:00PM, each block permits only 300 guests at a time (200 Members and 100 Nonmembers) and will be strictly enforced. Seniors and those who identify as vulnerable have priority and access from 7:00-9:00AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ticket reservations are available starting Friday, May 22, and are solely available online by visiting <u>www.FairchildGarden.org</u>. The box office will not be accepting walk ups. Tickets are priced at \$25 per adult and children are free during Memorial Day Weekend only. For additional information on the gardens policies for a safe and enjoyable experience, please visit <u>www.FairchildGarden.org/Visit/Reopening-COVID-Policies</u> or call 305-667-1651. Not a Fairchild Member or need to renew your membership? Join now and enjoy 20% off in addition to exclusive <u>benefits and privileges</u> the garden has to offer.

From daily plant and fruit deliveries right to your front door, to virtual weddings, DIY home gardening tips, garden renovations and much more, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has a range of new programs and delivery



services designed to connect plant lovers and families with art, nature and conservation. Here are some of Fairchild Gardens programming initiatives that aren't to be missed:

#### Fresh Fairchild Fruit

Fairchild Farm, Fairchild Gardens very own 20-acre working farm in Homestead, Florida that grows some of the most delicious tropical fruit in the world, has launched a nationwide delivery service in partnership with Miami Fruit. Miami Fruit is a fruit company that is dedicated to providing the highest quality tropical fruit from local farms in South Florida to people all over the United States.

#### Virtual Weddings

Fairchild Garden has launched *Garden of Love,* a virtual wedding experience that allows couples to celebrate their moment of a lifetime virtually and say "I do" in front of their friends and family in the romantic, lush landscape that is Fairchild.

#### #MyFairchild

Fairchild Garden has launched #MyFairchild, a multifaceted online resource for those seeking home horticulture knowledge, wellness tips and activities, kids crafts and DIY educational videos. Learn, reconnect and grow with the garden via #MyFairchild and follow along on Facebook at <u>@FairchildGarden</u>, Twitter at <u>@FairchildGarden</u> and Instagram at <u>@fairchildgarden</u>, or log onto <u>www.FairchildGarden.org</u> for regular posted updates.

#### Plant Sale

For 41 years, Fairchild's Spring Plant Sale has served as one of the most sought-after plant sales in South Florida, offering some of the finest plants for home gardening. This year, the garden gives plant lovers access to these wonderful specimens from the safety of their homes as the garden offers the Spring Plant Sale virtually and delivers the selected plants right to their front door.

#### Growing Beyond Earth's Space Garden Challenge

NASA is creating new spacecraft to carry astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond. Some of these trips take two years or more, so it will be important for astronauts to grow healthy food to eat along the way. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is helping NASA scientists gather new ideas on how to grow plants on spacecrafts.

#### Online Classes

Join Fairchild Garden for family friendly, interactive online classes including water gardening, virtual painting, the art and science of ferns, and more. Visit the garden's Facebook page at <u>@FairchildGarden</u> for a full list of classes and times.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is located at 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL. 33156. Stay up to date by following along on Facebook at <u>@FairchildGarden</u>, Twitter at <u>@FairchildGarden</u> and Instagram at <u>@fairchildgarden</u>.

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## Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Fairchild Garden is currently celebrating its 82<sup>nd</sup> 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.

