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## FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN ANNOUNCES REOPENING

*Miami's True Natural Wonder Reopens Wednesday, May 6, 2020 With New Social Distancing Guidelines In Place* 



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**MIAMI, FL. (MAY 4, 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 on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, available exclusively to Fairchild Members followed by full a reopening to the general public at a later date. 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 while welcoming back a limited number of visitors to stroll the garden's sprawling pathways and lush, tropical landscape.

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.

As an exclusive benefit of membership, Fairchild Garden is welcoming Members before the full reopening to the general public. 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 100 guests at a time 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 Monday, May 4, and are solely available online by visiting www.FairchildGarden.org. The box office will not be accepting walk ups. For additional information on the gardens policies for a safe and enjoyable experience, please visit www.FairchildGarden.org/Visit/Reopening-COVID-Policies or call 305-667-1651. Not a Fairchild Member or need to renew your membership? Join now and enjoy exclusive benefits and privileges 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.

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.

