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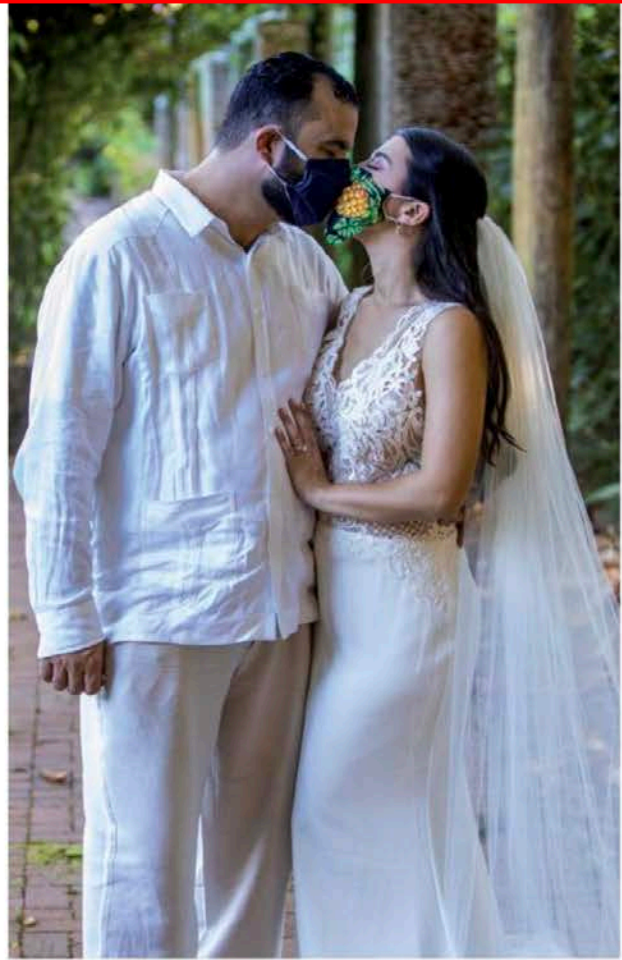
BY LIZZIE WILCOX

We've all seen stories on the news about couples getting married on their balconies while neighbors "attend" from their respective balconies. Now Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is upping the virtual wedding ante with their Garden of Love package. For \$1,400, soon-to-be-wed couples get a videographer, full audio and video setup, an officiant and a virtual Prosecco toast with family and friends after the ceremony. "We are all being challenged to come up with out-of-the-box, innovative ideas that are also in tune with current county mandates," says Kelley Ramer, Fairchild's director of event design and sponsorship.

Couples can choose between five locations throughout the garden to tie the knot – like the secret sunken garden

featuring a waterfall or inside the conservatory surrounded by a koi pond. "A lot of these ceremony sites have never been used as ceremony sites," Ramer says. "These are a little smaller, a little more intimate."

For those who want to customize, you can add a bouquet from the garden for \$55, a musician for \$250 or a one-hour photography session throughout the grounds for \$850. Weddings can be scheduled on Tues., Thur., Sat. and Sun. from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. or any day of the week from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. "You can't stop love, and couples are still going to push through and try to find a way to have that official celebration and to make it special," says Ramer. "So we're trying to help with that." For questions email lovelive@fairchildgarden.org. ■



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