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FAIRCHILD GARDEN PRESENTS "PARADISE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD," INVITING LOCALS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UNMATCHED BEAUTY IN THEIR CITY

Fairchild Creates Programming Throughout the Month of August to Highlight Beauty and Bounty in South Florida



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MIAMI, FL. (AUGUST 2020) – Imagine traversing through a tropical rain forest or exploring the landscape of Madagascar, one of the most unique ecosystems in the world. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, a recent recipient of USA Today's 10Best Awards 2020 for botanical gardens, has launched Paradise in Your Neighborhood with the intention of reintroducing locals to a lush oasis right in their backyard. As many travel plans have been put on hold, Fairchild encourages guests to step into the garden and rediscover a slice of paradise. From the Richard H. Simons Rainforest, which is riddled with bright purple and fuchsia orchids along its many waterfalls and cascades, to the Lin Lougheed Spiny Forest of Madagascar, guests are instantly transported to exotic locations without ever having to leave the comfort of their own city.

August is for Avocados, so this month the garden will shine a spotlight on the velvety green fruit that's grown right here at the Fairchild Farm in Homestead, FL., home to one of the world's best collections of tropical fruits, including avocado varietals: Bernecker, Beta, Donnie, Hall, Miguel, and Simmonds. From Saturdays at the Garden, to educational avo-themed videos, and exclusive al fresco dinners with South Florida's top chefs, the month-long program will allow visitors to celebrate this versatile and nutritious fruit all throughout August.

Additionally, members and visitors are invited to bring their furry friends to the garden every Thursday evening from 5:30 – 7:30PM to wander the 83-acress of green space as the sun sets over Fairchild Garden. Enjoy '\$12 Days in Paradise' pricing with 50% off admission during August, lowering adult tickets to \$12 and \$5 for children.

Please see the list below for additional programming:

- Saturdays at the Garden
 - Ouests are encouraged to explore Fairchild Garden every Saturday and purchase all things avocado, including \$5 avocado smoothies, and \$3 avocados picked from the Fairchild Farm. Supply is limited and will vary each weekend. From plants to food and artisan goods, guests can visit their favorite small businesses every Saturday in August. Visit www.fairchildgarden.org for the latest information.

- Dog Date at the Garden
 - Tired of the same walk with Fido? Fairchild will open its gates to owners and their dogs for an afterhours evening walk. From 5:30 – 7:30 pm on Thursdays in August, wander among the lush plants and gardens with Fluffy and spend some time exploring the 83-acres of green space as the sun sets.
- A is for Avocado: Educational Videos
 - To continue the tradition of hosting educational videos on tropical plant education and conservation, Fairchild Garden will be posting how-to videos on social media each week, giving listeners an inside look at how to plant avocados, make the best avocado toast, and more.
- Eat. Drink, Garden.
 - On Saturday, August 29, the Garden will open in the evening for an exclusive dining experience in partnership with one of South Florida's top chefs, Allen Susser. Guests will dine al fresco under the stars and trees and savor Caribbean and Floridian-inspired dishes with fresh ingredients from The Fairchild Farm. The dinner is limited to 50 guests and tables will be socially distanced.

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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About Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Fairchild Garden is currently celebrating its 82nd anniversary in the community. Established in 1938 and comprising 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. For additional information on the gardens policies for a safe and enjoyable experience, please call 305-667-1651 or visit www.FaircildGarden.org/Visit/Reopening-COVID-Policies. Follow along on social media at Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.