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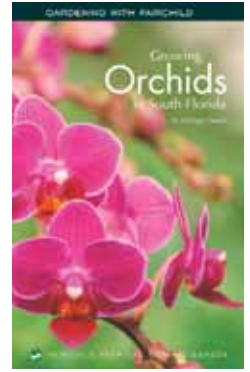
Lemon: First Place Option 1A - Luca Medina, Gulliver South Miami Campus, 1st grade

CHALLENGE ART

In its third year, the Fairchild Challenge Pilot Program for Elementary Schools received more than 240 pieces of art from 24 local elementary schools for Challenge Option 1, Fruit of the Tropics. Pre-K through fifth grade students chose their favorite tropical fruit and created an original painting or drawing. Art was judged Jan. 14 by a panel of community experts, educators and volunteers based on creativity, artistry, relevance to theme and accuracy. The winners were Luca Medina, Gulliver SMC; Anna Nickless, David Lawrence K-8 Center; Jovanie Ambross, R.R. Moton Elementary; Lianeli Sanchez, W.J. Bryan Elementary; and Asjia O'Neal, Gulliver SMC. Congratulations to these schools and students!



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GEORGIA TASKER'S NEW BOOK: GROWING ORCHIDS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

During the Eighth Annual International Orchid Festival, Fairchild unveiled the latest book in the "Gardening with Fairchild" series, entitled *Growing Orchids in South Florida*, by Georgia Tasker. This wonderful book is a complete guide to growing orchids in South Florida. In it you will find detailed information on orchid types, orchid care and orchid pests and diseases. *Growing Orchids in South Florida* is a must for anyone interested in growing or learning about orchids and is available at The Shop at Fairchild.



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Lisa Lopez, Halland Chen, Palms President John Malloy and Jennifer Hohman.

FINE WINES AT FAIRCHILD

Fine Wines at Fairchild, a signature annual event organized by the Fairchild Palms young professionals group, was a smashing, sold-out success. Guests at the January 29 event at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden enjoyed a wine tasting paired with delicious gourmet cuisine from a top local chef, moonlight tram rides, a silent auction and a special live performance by internationally renowned jazz vocalist Nicole Henry. The event, which garnered publicity in the local news media thanks to Roar Media, benefits the Fairchild Challenge environmental education outreach program. For more information about Fairchild Palms, go to www.fairchildpalms.org or send an e-mail to thefairchildpalms@gmail.com.



Artwork by Jane Reilly

WE HAVE LOST A FRIEND

In early March, our dear friend Kemper McCue left us. Kemper was a very special friend of Fairchild, the staff and volunteers. He was a dedicated visitor since becoming a member in 1954, and as a retiree he visited the garden every day, rain or shine. If you were in the garden during the week, you would see him reading on his favorite bench, meditating, contemplating or having his favorite turkey and Swiss cheese whole wheat wrap at the Café, every day at 11:30 a.m. sharp. Kemper would often share his thoughts and tales with you, always with a great smile and he used to say "I love the garden in the summer because I can have it to myself". Kemper, we miss you already.



CORRECTION

Our apologies for omitting the cover credit in our Winter 2010 issue. The photograph was taken in Koror State, Palau in 2008 by Carl Lewis while on expedition.