



# Connections

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**CONNECT TO PROTECT NETWORK**

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## CONNECTING MEMBERS

One of the main goals of the Connect to Protect Network is to develop an active network of members that assist each other with garden maintenance, plantings, and advice. We want to see the network flourish! To facilitate network exchange, we created *Connections*, a bimonthly newsletter, and we've recently launched a Fan page on *Facebook* called - *Connect to Protect Network*. If you already use *Facebook*, please check us out and become a Fan. We will regularly post useful information, including opportunities to assist with CTPN related activities throughout Miami.

Our Facebook page is an excellent way to meet other CTPN members, and we encourage you to share ideas by posting relevant information. If you do not use Facebook, you can still view the page by visiting this address - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Connect-to-Protect-Network/268594849719> You can also learn about upcoming events and recent developments through *Connections*. If you have information that you would like us to distribute through the newsletter, please email Joyce Maschinski ([jmaschinski@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:jmaschinski@fairchildgarden.org)) or Devon Powell ([dpowell@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:dpowell@fairchildgarden.org)).

## GARDEN IN FOCUS

In each issue of *Connections*, we will highlight a garden in the Connect to Protect Network. Our very first issue focuses on the pine rockland garden at Fairchild.

This garden is meant to showcase our unique pine rockland plants, while providing a nice example of how to use them in your landscape.



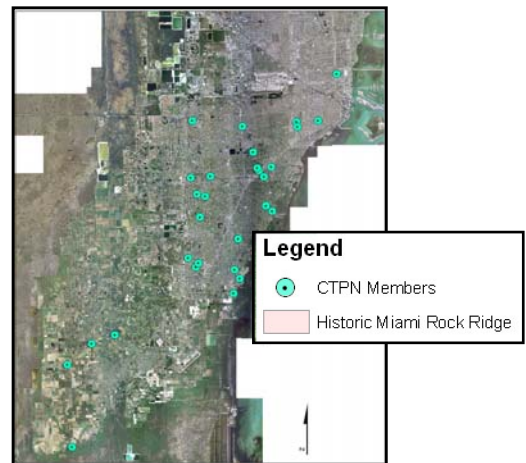
Photo by Devon Powell



Photo by Hillary Burgess

Next time you visit Fairchild, check out the pine rockland display garden in Plots 176 & 97B.

## CTPN IS GROWING



Visit us at [www.fairchildgarden.org/centerfortropicalplantconservation/connecttoprotect/](http://www.fairchildgarden.org/centerfortropicalplantconservation/connecttoprotect/)

## PLEASE SEND US YOUR INFORMATION

In January we experienced sustained cold temperatures not seen in South Florida for 40 years. How did your plants fare? We've noted that within Fairchild and our own yards, some species behaved differently. So, planting location makes a difference. Most didn't show any signs of stress including *Byrsonima lucida*, *Chiococca parvifolia*, *Lantana involucrata*, *Senna mexicana* var *chapmanii*, *Eragrostis elliottii*, *Tetrazygia bicolor* and more. More sensitive species that dropped their leaves, but will resprout included *Tephrosia angustissima* var. *corallicola* and *Amorpha herbacea* var. *crenulata*. Please remember to send us your bi-annual data you agreed to collect in your pine rockland stepping stone gardens. You can send them via fax: 305-665-8032, regular mail: 11935 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, 33156, or email them to Devon Powell at [dpowell@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:dpowell@fairchildgarden.org). The report does not have to be complicated; it should simply be a copy of the datasheet you've been using to collect information about your plants. If you need more data sheets, please let Devon know and she will send them to you.

Remember that this information is greatly appreciated as it helps us understand how our pine rockland species are behaving in cultivation. Should your plants have died, please do not feel embarrassed to report that to us. We'd like to have that information so we know under which conditions these plants thrive or die. As more folks are inquiring about using pine rockland natives in landscaping, your information will help us provide the best advice to homeowners and landscape architects.

## Pine Rockland Private Landowners' Workshop

Saturday Feb. 13th 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at Bill Sadowski Park (17555 SW 79th Avenue, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157)

If you are interested in learning more about how to manage your pine rockland, this workshop is for you. For more information about how to register for this event, please contact the Institute for Regional Conservation (305-247-6547) or Jim Duquesnel (cell #305 505 9192). Please link to the Bill Sadowski Park website for directions: [http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/parks/bill\\_sadowski.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/parks/bill_sadowski.asp).

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

To all those that participated in the Fairchild Challenge restoration workday at Tropical Park several weeks ago, you accomplished an incredible amount of work! The endangered crenulate lead plant, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, and Miami-Dade County thank you!



Students removing overgrown Bracken fern at Fairchild Challenge restoration workday  
Photo by Lisa Krueger

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

What: Endangered species habitat restoration  
Where: Tropical Park  
When: February 27th, 2010 9a.m. -12p.m.  
\*you can receive service hours for attending

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