



IN CLAUDE MONET'S GARDEN

In early 2010, members of The Versailles Foundation visited Fairchild and extended an invitation to our very own Ricardo Aberle to intern for one month at Claude Monet's home and garden in the Village of Giverny, France, as part of the Munn Volunteer Program.

Claude Monet was known not only as a painter, but also as a gardener. He once said, "Apart from painting and gardening, I'm good for nothing." So, internships are part of the Munn Volunteer Program at Giverny are shared between horticulturists and artists.

Aberle was selected for the horticulture program, not only for his horticultural knowledge but also because he is talented as an watercolor artist. His goal was to find inspiration at the Monet Garden and Kew Gardens (in London).

He had this to say about his experience: "Claude Monet's garden is tremendous and is rightfully one of the most visited gardens in the world. This was an incredible visual learning experience for me, and I have many ideas that will push Fairchild forward and maintain it as a premier botanical garden."



FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE RECOGNIZED AT 4TH ANNUAL BOTANIC GARDEN CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL

This past June, Fairchild's director of education, Amy Padolf, attended the 4th Annual Botanic Garden Congress International in Dublin, Ireland. The conference brought together delegates from 37 countries to consider urgent priorities for implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the future roles of partnerships in plant conservation.

During this conference, the Fairchild Challenge was recognized as a positive tool for educating youth about the importance of plant conservation and diversity. Several new organizations showed overwhelming interest in being trained to conduct the Fairchild Challenge within their organizations—including Nezahat Gökyigit Botanic Garden in Turkey, Les Jardins Botanique de Cayes in Haiti and Al Ain Wildlife Park & Resort in Abu Dhabi. In addition, Botanic Gardens Conservation International and Fairchild solidified plans to expand their partnership with additional Fairchild Challenge Global Options and Showcases, in which students share conservation initiatives in their communities with an international audience.



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CONNECT TO PROTECT NETWORK GAINS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC CORRIDOR

Fairchild is happy to welcome the Town of Cutler Bay to the **Connect-to-Protect Network**. During the next two years—as part of a new roadway improvement project along Old Cutler Road—new sidewalks, traffic circles and landscaping will appear between SW 97th Avenue and SW 87th Avenue. Consulting with project landscape architects Rosenberg Gardner Design, Fairchild has made recommendations for native plantings in conjunction with the improvements. A designated Pine Rockland Garden is planned for the intersection of Marlin and Old Cutler roads. The garden will feature beautiful pine rockland plants, including little strongbark, locustberry and pineland clustervine. The garden will offer great possibilities for improving the plight of the globally endangered pine rockland ecosystem, involving community members in rare plant conservation and showcasing the potential of native plantings in public landscapes.

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