



# Fairchild Challenge

## E-NEWS

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Dear Educator,

Summer is officially here and thanks to a warm, dry season, the mangos are plentiful. We, at the Fairchild Challenge, are busy preparing for the upcoming program year and greatly anticipate an amazing one!

We are in the process of finalizing our program booklet, which will be made available soon. We look forward to hearing from you and will send invitations for our annual Information Brunch to kick off our program year in August! Until then, enjoy your time away from the formal school year and, if you can find a mango, eat it and enjoy it!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DUE DATES

#### Membership Discount for Teachers

We would like to offer teachers in Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties a 25% discount on a [Fairchild Membership](#). Please call 305-667-1651 ext. 3301 or 3362 for further details. Hurry, this offer is valid only until September 15, 2011.

#### Alumni Keep in Touch!

We would like to keep in touch with Fairchild Challenge alumni, as scholarships, internships and other opportunities arise for our talented alumni! Please encourage any interested graduating students to stay in touch by sending us ([challenge9-12@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:challenge9-12@fairchildgarden.org)) their contact information and career/college plans.



#### Fairchild Challenge Informational Brunch Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar now (invitation to follow) and plan to attend our Teachers' Informational Brunch with current and prospective Fairchild Challenge teachers.

### RESOURCES

#### Grant Opportunities

Visit our website for **NEW** grant opportunities for schools and teachers in our [Additional Opportunities](#) page.

#### New Program Booklets!!!

No, they are not yet ready but they will be available in August. Keep an eye on our [website](#) for developments. [Registration forms](#) are available now for schools to get an early start on coordinating with motivated teachers, media specialists, and administrators to participate in the Fairchild Challenge for the 2011-2012 school year.

## Plant ID Workshop

First Friday of every month

1 pm at the Fairchild Herbarium

Do you have a plant that you can't ID? Bring it to our experts for help. Please let us know if you plan on attending one of these [Plant ID Workshops](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Environmental Action Workshop

Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This one-day workshop specifically addresses the Environmental Action Challenge. Limited to Fairchild Challenge teachers, this workshop covers topics of energy, water, and biodiversity, providing hands-on activities and ideas that can be implemented at school, home and in the community. To register, please visit <http://calendar.dadeschools.net>. For more information, contact Kiki Mutis at 305-667-1651 ext. 3330 or [kmutis@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:kmutis@fairchildgarden.org).

For more classes offered to teachers in Miami-Dade County by the Education Department at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, please visit our [Teacher Professional Development](#) page.

## IN THE GARDEN

### 19th Annual International Mango Festival

Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate the magnificent Mango at the [19th annual International Mango Festival](#), featuring the mangos of Hawaii. Shop [Curator's Choice Mango](#) trees and fresh fruit, enjoy mango lectures and smoothies, view the world's largest display of mangos, take part in the world's only mango auction and buy mango merchandise and botanical art! There will also be mango culinary demonstrations, our one of a kind [mango brunch](#), a fantastic International Fruit Market and fun activities for kids.



For more information on events happening throughout the month of July, please visit Fairchild's [Events website](#).

**Sincerely,**

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