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Student Showcase

Johamary Pena
Summer Intern

Dear Fairchild Challenge,

The FIU-USDA summer internship sounded like a priceless opportunity for me to get go. I've always loved the natural sciences and Fairchild Tropical Gardens, so this internship seemed a perfect way to enhance my summer. The combination of research, field work, and learning about a topic I wasn't so familiar with was incredibly appealing. I must say that the collaborative efforts of such well established organizations (Fairchild, FIU, and USDA) involved with this internship hinted at the prospect of a valuable experience.

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Dear Challenge6-8,

Congratulations to all who participated in last weekend's Botanic Fashion Show and thanks to all who attended! We had 64 elementary, middle and high schools participate in one incredible event. Congratulations again!!! It was truly an amazing show of creativity, cultural representation and teamwork. Check us out on [Flickr](#) over the holidays to view photos from this amazing event!

We also want to congratulate all schools that participated in our design competitions: Challenges 2A (FC t-shirt), 2B (Baynanza t-shirt) and the Educator design. The [representatives from DERM](#) had a difficult time selecting one winner, but thoroughly enjoyed evaluating all the Baynanza entries.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DUE DATES

Art: Fabulous Flowers of Florida (Challenge 5A and 5B)

Due: Wednesday, January 18, 2012, by 5:00 pm

Students will closely examine the various flora found throughout Florida and **choose one native or naturalized flowering plant species** to feature and research in this [art challenge](#). Each design submitted must be accompanied with the [Challenge 5 Table](#). Top entries in this challenge will be featured online and showcased to international audiences as part of [The 2011-2012 Fairchild Challenge Global Showcase](#).

CHALLENGE RESOURCES

Art Workshop "Fabulous Flowers of Florida" (Challenge 5A and 5B)

Saturday, December 10, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

This three-hour workshop specifically addresses the art challenge, "Fabulous Flowers of Florida." See our [Art Workshop flyer](#) for more information.

Pine Rockland Workday with Fairchild's Scientists

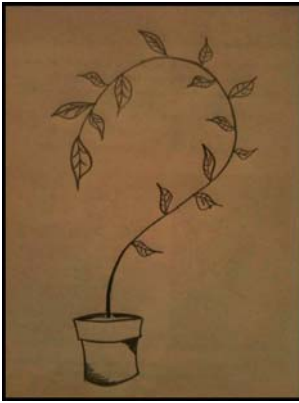
Tropical Park, Saturday, January 21, 2012

Join Fairchild's scientists and help your community restore pine rockland habitat! Schools interested in participating must RSVP with Devon Powell at dpowell@fairchildgarden.org

School Garden: Grant Money and Free Garden Consultations

Congratulations to the 15 middle schools that were awarded grant money for their school gardens! We can't wait to visit them in March 2012 to see

Question of the Month



Question: Does the diagram of the flower need to be part of the drawing or collage for Challenge 5: Fabulous Flowers of Florida?

Answer: No, the diagram does not have to be part of the drawing or collage. It must, though, be done and submitted with the Challenge 5 table. A labeled floral diagram is a scientific depiction of a flower showing/labeling its major parts.

To find out more answers to some frequently asked questions visit our website's [FAQ's](#). If you have a question that needs an immediate answer or that has not been asked, please [contact us](#).

If you have any current or past student(s) that you would like to highlight, please send us a picture of the student(s) and a 250-word article to be featured in our monthly E-newsletter. Staff will select featured articles.

how you've created and expanded your outdoor classrooms! Planning to participate in the school garden/habitat restoration challenge? Need help getting started? Fairchild will provide [free garden consultations](#) to all Fairchild Challenge schools. [Email us](#) to schedule a consultation today.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & OPPORTUNITIES



School Garden / Habitat Restoration

Saturday, January 7, 2012

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

This one-day workshop offers teachers the opportunity to explore how to create a school garden with their students. Teachers will learn the basics of planning, designing, and implementing a school garden, as well as how to integrate garden activities into the curriculum.

To register, please visit <http://calendar.dadeschools.net>. For more information, contact Kiki Mutis at kmutis@fairchildgarden.org or 305.667.1651 x3330.

Raised Bed Garden Workshop

Saturday, January 14, 2012

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Interested in starting or improving your school's raised bed garden? Join us for this workshop! To register, please email the elementary challenge program at challengepk-5@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 Courses](#) page.

AT THE GARDEN



Everything is Coming up Roses!

The art of Will Ryman at Fairchild

Dec. 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden presents the unveiling of new, large-scale works by American artist Will Ryman, as part of its renowned annual visual art program. This will be Mr. Ryman's largest outdoor exhibition to date and will include three

massive, new monochrome rose sculptures in blue, yellow, and red, ranging from five to 30 feet in height. For more information, visit [Art at Fairchild](#).

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

Sincerely,

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