

INSTRUCTORS



Ricardo Aberle, a native of El Salvador, followed in his father's footsteps as a watercolor artist. He became seriously involved with the medium after moving to Florida as a young adult. As the Grounds Supervisor at Fairchild, he has endless opportunities to capture his subjects in photographs and spends many hours in his home studio on weekends completing his masterpieces. He is a recipient of many awards and spent a month at Monet's Garden in Giverny combining both his love of horticulture and his passion for painting.

Margie Bauer is an accomplished illustrator and teacher whose specialty is in strengthening the connection between people and nature through art. She motivates students to get into the "Zen mode" to depict flora and fauna in a variety of media, enabling them to develop a deep and lasting bond with the environment and care for the earth. On this artistic journey with nature, she leads students to build their fine motor skills, creativity, focus, confidence, and visual learning.

Dan Bondroff has a B.S. in Art/Visual Communication from Towson University. Working with pastels, he enjoys capturing those often overlooked and fleeting moments that occur in the natural world. He also looks forward to guiding his students as they make their own discoveries.

Christopher Bulgarin, a graduate of Johnson and Wales, is well-versed in the workings of the Florida cuisine community. Chef and owner of Delicious Catering, he has worked with many local chefs, taught classes and made guest appearances on television.

Richard Campbell Ph.D. is the Senior Vice President of Global Operations for Ciruli Brothers, LLC. Dr. Campbell leads the global mango initiative for Ciruli Brothers and directs the development of other fruit and vegetable crops for this highly diversified American fruit company. He is the former Director of Horticulture at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and a native of South Florida. With deep experience in tropical fruits, he draws on his years of travel experience collecting and researching tropical fruit in Asia, Africa and the Americas to provide the latest information and innovation on horticultural crops. He has authored hundreds of scientific and popular articles on fruit culture in the last three decades, as well as dozens of chapters and three self-published books. He is a staff writer for Edible South Florida magazine, prolific lecturer on horticulture at the local and international level and a South Florida gardener and mango farmer.

Carlos Causo is a citizen of the world, globetrotter, photographer, explorer and sometimes writer. He has a BS degree in Environmental Science from Florida International University and an MFA degree in Photography, Video and Related Media from the School of Visual

Arts. He is now an adjunct lecturer at FIU and Fairchild welcomes him as a photography instructor.

Andrea Clement is a local fine art photographer and photo encaustic artist whose work focuses on the realm of Florida's nature. She has studied fine art extensively at the American University of Paris and professional photography at Daytona State College. She has trained and assisted with highly acclaimed artists in photography and encaustics, and continually innovates her work by persevering with the possibilities of wax. She was featured on Discovery Health Channel and is a featured artist in the "Best of Worldwide and America Photography" publication. Her work hangs in several local businesses and homes, and she is known for her inspiring and uplifting nature.

Nathaniel Cockshutt is Fairchild Garden's staff arborist and brings nearly 25 years of experience in the tree care industry with him. Nat has in-depth knowledge of the accepted principles and practices of pruning and has developed his own pruning methods based on observations, experience, and conditions unique to South Florida.

Carolyne Coppolo is the owner of the Redland Herb Farm, where she has been a commercial herb grower since 1997. She has taught many organic herb gardening workshops in the community.

Maury Crespo is the chef/owner of Casa Lago Tasting Room, a Pop-Up Cuisine Experience and author of a blog filled with innovative recipes and ideas for your everyday cooking. A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu with over 10 years of experience working as a private chef, he has set a standard for memorable culinary experiences for one-to-one and group dining.

Shirley Drevich holds a BFA from Tulane University in Ceramics with a minor in Photography. She did post graduate work in Jewelry at Boston University's Program in Artisanry. Over the last few years she has been engaged in iPhoneography (photography and processing exclusively on an IOS device). She has exhibited her images in several shows in New York City, Santa Monica, CA, Berkely, CA, Miami, FL, and Naples, Italy.

Carlos Gallostra is a representational artist whose practice has been shaped under numerous celebrated mentors in the U.S. and Italy. He holds a B.F.A. from New World School of the Arts of Miami and an M.F.A. and an M.S. from the Pratt Institute of New York. He taught at New World over the past ten years and takes great joy in imparting ideas, approaches and helping his students find their voices in the arts.

Billo Jolly has been teaching Indian and other international cuisine classes at Fairchild and other South locations for many years. She previously co-owned Taste of India and Punjab Palace restaurants in the Miami area.

Chip Jones has been working with cycad propagation at Fairchild for three years as a volunteer. For the past 15 years he has been operating Jones Landscaping and Nursery in Davie which specializes in cycads, palms, bromeliads, and orchids. Chip enjoys traveling around the world to see cycads in their natural habitat.

Peter Kouchalakos is Past President of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida and the Pan American Orchid Society. A Certified Horticultural Professional with the Florida Nursery Growers Association and a Coral Gables native, Peter has been growing bromeliads for over 20 years.

Diane Lary is a native of Michigan, but has made her home in the Redlands of South Florida. While growing up, Diane had a talent for drawing, but her interest in science prevailed and she received her degree in Biology and began a long career in the biomedical field. It was much later that her early interest in art resurfaced as a desire to pursue watercolor painting. She found time to study watercolor techniques by attending local workshops sponsored by the Miami Watercolor Society and also attended plein air watercolor classes at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden. Here she was able to capture the true beauty of bright light and vibrant color, which expresses the tropical foliage of Florida. Now retired from corporate life, she devotes her time exclusively to watercolor and her efforts have been rewarded with numerous awards and accolades for her paintings.

Pedro Lastra realized his passion for photography in high school and later served as Brown University's yearbook photo editor. After leaving a successful 12-year international corporate career, he is currently pursuing his deferred vocation as a photographer, digital photo printer and digital darkroom expert. A world traveler, his award-winning photographs have appeared on numerous magazine covers.

Noris Ledesma Ph.D. is the Curator of Tropical Fruit and Outreach Specialist for the Tropical Fruit Program at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Noris brings a tropical fruit passion and flare to her programs derived from years of first-hand experience in her native country of Colombia. Her travels around the world have enhanced her knowledge and appreciation for tropical fruit. She is a plant collector and co-author of several books and numerous scientific publications and popular articles; *For the Love of Mangos-India*, (2008), *A Quick Guide of Mangos* (2005), *The Exotic Jackfruit: Growing the World's Largest Fruit* (2003); and *Mangos: A Guide to Mangos in Florida* (1992).

Hillary Parker is a naturalist and international award winning botanical watercolor artist with paintings exhibited and sold worldwide. She has enjoyed a dual career of teaching and painting for over 25 years and works full time to keep up with the demands of private and public commissions, juried exhibitions, lectures, international workshops, private art instruction and solo and group shows with galleries that represent her. See www.hillaryparkerwatercolors.com for more information.

Sandra Schultz Ph.D., Professor Emeritus Miami Dade College, past president of Orchid Society of Coral Gables and South Florida Orchid Society, and native Miamian has grown and exhibited orchids for more than 30 years

Johnson Teh, is executive chef and owner of the following Miami/Coral Gables restaurants, LAN Pan-Asian Café, Ramen-Ya and Burrito San, which specialize in East Asian cuisine. Chef Teh has over 25 years of culinary experience and his style and personality hold a prominent place in the local restaurant scene.

Donna Torres has an M.F.A. from FIU and is an accomplished artist and illustrator. Her artworks have been exhibited widely in the US and abroad. She draws on her extensive travels for inspiration. Mrs. Torres has been teaching botanical art at Fairchild for over 15 years.

Jessica Welsh is the owner/creator of Gringa Flan, a local gourmet flan company that's been baking with love since 2014. Gringa Flan is also a popular vendor at Fairchild

festivals, and was awarded “The Best Flan of Miami” by New Times. Jessica is also the creator of CookingToScore.com <http://score.com/> an online blog and Facebook page that shares recipes and tips to help people score points with their loved ones with easy to prepare meals!

MaiYap is an accomplished self-taught artist celebrated for her realistic close-up flowers, her palette-knife Florida landscapes and her environmental abstracts. She holds a BA in Advertising and Graphic Design from the University of Georgia. She is the founder of Palette Knife Artists of Miami. For 25 years her work has been collected, both corporate and privately around the world. Please see www.maiyap.com for more information.

Marcelle Zanetti has a B.S. in Painting and Art Education from Southern Connecticut State University and attended the University of Massachusetts. Represented by galleries nationwide during the past 25 years, her paintings are in permanent exhibits at museums and corporate and private collections. See www.marcellezanetti.com for more information.