**PLANT ID WORKSHOP**

Bring a cutting to Fairchild’s Herbarium and let our scientists uncover its identity! Workshops take place at the Center for Tropical Plant Conservation, 11935 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Fla. For more information, visit www.fairchildgarden.org/Events

Friday, May 3, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, June 7, 1:00 p.m.
Friday, July 5, 1:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY NIGHTS**

Make Fairchild your destination for fun on Thursday evenings! Join us on select Thursday nights for enriching lectures on everything from art to gardening to conservation, and for moonlight tours of the Garden. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

**FESTIVALS**

**THE 21ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MANGO FESTIVAL**
Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**TEAS**

For information or reservations, please call Marnie Valen at 305.663.8059.

**MOTHER’S DAY TEA**
Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m.

**CELEBRATION TEA**
Sunday, June 9, 3:00 p.m.

**MORE FUN AT FAIRCHILD**

**EASTER BRUNCH AT FAIRCHILD**
Sunday, March 31
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
For reservations, please call 305.256.8399

**EARTH DAY AT FAIRCHILD**
Monday, April 22
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
$7.50 admission all day.

**Volunteer Information Days for Prospective Volunteers**
Wednesday, April 24
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Reservations at 305.667.1651 ext. 3360

**FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE: HIGH SCHOOL AND MDC AWARDS CEREMONY**
Monday, May 20
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AWARDS CEREMONY**
Wednesday, May 29
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**FATHER’S DAY BARBEQUE**
Sunday, June 16
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**PLANT SALES**

**PLANT SALE**
Presented by the Tropical Flowering Tree Society
Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
Presented by the South Florida Cactus and Succulent Society
Friday through Sunday, May 24, 25 and 26
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
Presented by the Tropical Fern & Exotic Plant Society
Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS AWARDS CEREMONY**
Wednesday, May 15
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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**PLANTS AND PEOPLE**

Are you or a loved one living with Alzheimer’s? If so, come to Fairchild and experience the power of plants.

Registration is requested one week in advance of each offering. RSVP to 305.667.1651 ext. 3388.

**Alzheimer’s Programs**

Monday, April 29
11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27
11:30 a.m.
Before there was a building, a museum, a garden publication, plant distribution or even very many new plants at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, there were the Occasional Papers. These were a series of papers meant to introduce members of the Garden to new plants with high ornamental and edible potential, which could be easily cultivated in South Florida.
Both Colonel Robert Montgomery and Dr. David Fairchild saw immediately that Garden members’ most important need was a site to learn about the “strange” new subtropical world in which they were living. Most residents then had moved to southern Florida from more temperate areas. They had no experience with their new tropical home, and almost no resources from which to learn how to make their landscapes attractive and healthy. Most soon learned that any temperate-zone plants they introduced, and even plants growing in central and northern Florida, were doomed to die or to languish here.

To help solve this need, the Occasional Papers were born. Wisely not committing himself to a regular schedule, Dr. Fairchild promised to deliver them only occasionally. He was, after all, already 69 years old. Both he and Montgomery envisioned the Occasional Papers as a way to inform Garden members about the new plants coming into the area (mostly from the Garden’s plant-hunting expeditions), the stories behind them and the details of growing them. One of Dr. Fairchild’s goals was to feature plants he thought could be successfully grown in southern Florida.

The Occasional Papers stood as the Garden’s only official serial publication for the first seven years of its existence. It wasn’t until 1945 that the first issue of the Bulletin of the Fairchild Tropical Garden was issued. It included a note asking those members who had received any of the first 10 Occasional Papers to return them if they did not want them. Although 500 of each had been printed, they were out of print and other new members were asking for copies. Apparently, this demand continues today, as copies are occasionally offered for sale on auction and secondhand bookseller websites.

In all, the Garden published 19 Occasional Papers from 1938-1950. Fairchild wrote all but two of them. The majority are about specific plants, with the exception of Nos. 8, 9, and 10. These three include descriptions of dozens of plants written as letters from the library of the Cheng Ho during the 1940 Expedition.
The specific plants featured in the 19 Occasional Papers are listed below. For current names, common names, plot locations and an assessment of current popularity, please visit our website at www.fairchildgarden.org and search for Occasional Papers.

- **Adonidia merrillii** (Becc.) Becc. (Arecaceae)
- **Antidesma montanum** Blume var. montanum (Phyllanthaceae)
- **Artocarpus heterophyllus** Lam. (Moraceae)
- **Borassus flabellifer** L. (Arecaceae)
- **Casimiroa edulis** La Llave (Rutaceae)
- **Casimiroa tetrameria** Millsp. (Rutaceae)
- **Chamaedorea pinnatifrons** (Jacq.) Oerst. (Arecaceae)
- **Clausena lansium** (Lour.) Skeels (Rutaceae)
- **Cocos nucifera** L. (Arecaceae)
- **Combretum grandiflorum** G. Don (Combretaceae)
- **Gaussia maya** (O.F. Cook) H.J. Quero & Read (Arecaceae)
- **Hernandia nymphaefolia** (J.Presl) Kubitzki (Hernandiaceae)
- **Myrciaria cauliflora** (Mart.) O. Berg (Myrtaceae)
- **Pouteria campechiana** (Kunth) Baehni (Sapotaceae)
- **Pseudobombax ellipticum** (Kunth) Dugand (Malvaceae)
- **Psychosperma elegans** (R. Br.) Blume (Arecaceae)
- **Psychosperma macarthurii** (H. J. Veitch) Hook.f. (Arecaceae)
- **Rhapis excelsa** Thunb. Henry (Arecaceae)
- **Rhapis humilis**
- **Sterculia foetida** L. (Sterculiaceae)
- **Thysanolaena latifolia** (Hornem.) Honda (Poaceae)

From Occasional Paper #2.

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**THE 19 OCCASIONAL PAPERS**

Fairchild, David and Robert Montgomery. *Florida Plant Immigrants*; illustrating and describing new or rare plants that have been introduced into Florida in recent years together with suggestions regarding their uses and species deemed worth introducing. Occasional Paper Introduction. 1938.


