THANKS AND LOOKING AHEAD!

A Huge Thank You to Our Summertime Volunteers

This summer flew by with the support of our exceptional volunteers, including talented high school and college students, who engaged visitors and kept the Garden growing and looking great! Fairchild volunteers gave over 14,000 hours this summer and over 300 volunteers assisted with the Mango Festival. Many thanks to you all!

….And Welcome to New and Returning Volunteers

This time of year at Fairchild is especially exciting as we look forward to the season ahead and to working with all our great new and veteran volunteers! Required trainings for volunteers are listed on page two. Please review the list to see which apply to you, then mark your calendars and RSVP as indicated. Seasonal Art Training will be offered in November and December; dates will be announced in the next issue of Volunteer Views.

RAMBLE VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

Fairchild will celebrate the 74th Annual Ramble, A Fall Garden Festival, on November 7, 8 and 9 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Ramble Antiques and Collectibles and Old and Rare Books Committees need your donations. If you have china, silver, art, jewelry, ceramics or linen to donate, call Dorothy at 305.666.3010. To donate high quality books, DVDs or books on CD, call Stuart at 305.665.8572 or email fairbook@hotmail.com. All proceeds support Fairchild! Volunteers are needed to help at Ramble, please call 305.667.1651, ext. 3324.

BIRD FESTIVAL PHOTO CONTEST & MEMBERS’ DAY PLANT SALE

Submit your digital photos of South Florida birds to Fairchild's Bird Festival Photo Contest for a chance to win a Garden membership and to have your winning photos posted on Fairchild’s Facebook page and displayed digitally in the Garden during the Bird Festival. Visit Fairchild’s website or call Vanessa at 305.663.8044 to obtain an application. There is no fee to enter! The Bird Festival begins on October 2 and 3 with field trips, and continues at the Garden on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5. On Saturday, October 4 Fairchild will hold its 76th Annual Members’ Day Plant Sale. Visit www.fairchildgarden.org for more about the Bird Festival and the fabulous Members Day Plant Sale. We hope to see you there!

FRIENDS OF FAIRCHILD

All active Fairchild volunteers are members of the Friends of Fairchild. FOF meetings are held from October-May and include lectures, a field trip, and the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Mark your calendars for the following Fall Programs:

Wednesday, October 8 – Dr. James Kushlan and Kirsten Hines, “Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens - Birds of Fairchild,” Garden House. Dr. Kushlan and Ms. Hines are the authors of two new books, Birds of Fairchild and Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens. Volunteers can purchase the books and have them signed by the authors following the meeting!

Wednesday, December 10 - Dr. Carl Lewis, “Director’s Report,” Science Village Classroom. Come and learn about the Garden’s most recent programs and achievements! Refreshments begin at 9:30 am, meeting begins at 10:00

IN MEMORIAM

Fairchild mourns the recent loss of volunteers Mike Elder, Elane Nuehring and Jayna Payak. Mike, Elane and Jayna each made many unique and invaluable contributions which helped to create and sustain Fairchild’s growth. They will be missed by their many friends at the Garden.
Fall classes and meetings have been scheduled to prepare volunteers for the season ahead. Please review the list of classes below, mark your calendar, and register as indicated. Some classes are required for all volunteers, others are intended for a particular group. We look forward to seeing you in class!

### All Volunteers

**Volunteer Core Courses**
Core Classes are required for all volunteers. They are offered twice each year, in the fall and spring. Take them as soon as you can and earn a Fairchild Ambassador Pin!

- **Fairchild’s Landscape Design**
  - Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Joanna Lombard, Professor, UM School of Architecture, Visitor Center Ballroom
- **Fairchild’s Plant Collections**
  - Saturday, October 11, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Mary Collins, Senior Horticulturist, Visitor Center Ballroom
- **Fairchild’s History, Mission, and Science Programs**
  - Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Dr. Carl Lewis, Director, Science Village Classroom

**New! Fairchild’s Education Philosophy and Programs**

- **Tuesday, October 7, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Corbin A**
- **Wednesday, September 24, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**
- **Sunday, October 12, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Corbin B**

**Required for all new guides, open to all volunteers.**

- **Weekday tours include a visit to the Natural History Collections & Nursery. Tours begin at 10:00 a.m. and require walking a half mile; accommodations can be made in advance for those unable to walk this distance.**

**ORIENTATION TOURS**

**Required for all new volunteers.**

- **Weekday tours include a visit to the Natural History Collections & Nursery. Tours begin at 10:00 a.m. and require walking a half mile; accommodations can be made in advance for those unable to walk this distance.**

**Basic Botany**

**Required for all guides, open to all volunteers.**

- **Thursdays, January 8, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Corbin A; wear walking shoes and bring lunch. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3360 to register.**

**Visitor Services, Visitor Experience and Membership Volunteers**

**Visitor Services Training & Meeting Dates**

**Hosts/Information Desk/Shop/South Gate Volunteers:**
- (choose one):
  - **Sunday, October 12, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**
  - **Monday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Science Village Classroom**

**Shuttle Drivers Meeting:**
- **Sunday, October 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Science Village Classroom**

**Walking Tour Guides Meeting:**
- **Monday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Science Village Classroom**

**Plants and People Horticultural Therapy Program Meeting:**
- **Monday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Science Village Classroom**

**Tram Guides Lunch and Meeting:**
- **Monday, November 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**

**Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3328 to register.**

**Visitor Experience Trainings & Meeting Dates**

**Wings of the Tropics Training:**
- **Butterflies 101:**
  - **Wednesday, September 24, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**
- **USDA and Visitor Interaction:**
  - **Sunday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**
- **Butterflies 102:**
  - **Wednesday, October 29, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**

**Weekend Educators Training:**
- **Required for all weekend educators, open to all volunteers.**

**Edible Gardening**

- (choose one):
  - **Saturday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Science Village Classroom**
  - **Tuesday, September 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Corbin A**

**Tropical Plant Conservatory**

- (choose one):
  - **Thursday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Corbin A**
  - **Saturday, September 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Corbin A**

**To register or for information email visitorexperience@fairchildgarden.org**

**Membership Services Volunteer Welcome Back Meeting**

- **Tuesday, October 7, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Visitor Center Ballroom. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3301 to register.**

**Explorers Program**

Training required for all guides.

- **Monday, September 8 & 15 - Room B, September 29 - Garden House**

**Our Native Ecosystems**

- **Tuesday, September 9 & 16 - Room B, September 30 - Corbin A**

**Tropical Rainforest Exploration**

- **Wednesday, September 10 & 17 - Room B, October 1 - Corbin B**

**Secret Lives of Plants**

- **Thursday, September 11 & 18, October 2 - Corbin B**

**Butterflies, Botany and Beyond**

- **Fridays, September 12 & 19 - Corbin B, October 3 - Garden House**

**For more information call 305.667.1651, ext. 3311.**

**Discovery Program**

Training required for all guides.

- **All sessions run from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Biomimicry: Nature Inspired Design & Technology**
- **Tuesdays, September 16 - Corbin A, September 23 & 30 - Davis House**

**Symbiosis: Butterflies and Plants**
- **Wednesdays, September 17 - TBD, September 24 - Corbin B, October 1 - TBD**

**Biodiversity: Cultivating Healthy Ecosystems**
- **Fridays, September 19 - Science Village, September 26 - Corbin B, October 3 - Davis House**

**For more information call 305.667.1651, ext. 3325.**

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