



Coral Gables, Florida

Miami-Dade County, Miami-Metro's premier botanical garden, includes many delightful scenes, educational exhibits and displays in a beautiful setting. It is a place that you will want to visit more than once.

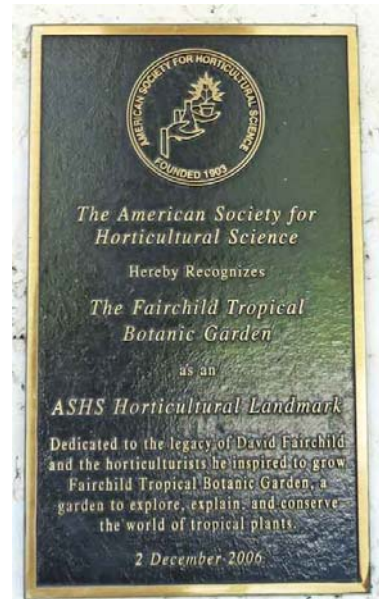
Smithsonian.com has provided a concise overview of the botanical garden:

"Established in 1938 and comprising 83 acres in Miami, FL., Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to exploring, explaining and conserving the world of tropical plants. The world-renowned plant collections feature palms, cycads, orchids, tropical fruit trees and more. Fairchild has the largest education program of any metropolitan area, reaching more than 200,000 school children each year with environmental programs like The Fairchild Challenge. It aims to inspire a greater knowledge and love for plants and gardening so that all can enjoy the beauty and bounty of the tropical world. Special events include Chocolate, Mango & Tropical Fruit, and Orchid Festivals in addition to an annual art exhibition, concerts, plant sales and more."

The garden was named by benefactor Col. Robert H. Montgomery for Dr. David Fairchild, botanist and founder of the U.S. Department Agriculture's Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction. The site was created via a master plan. During the Great Depression, the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was responsible for much of the garden, pathways and vista development.

Colonel Robert H. Montgomery was one of the founding partners of an accounting firm which is best known today as PricewaterhouseCoopers. A lover of plants, Montgomery founded the Fairchild Tropical Garden, located within one-mile north of Coral Gables. After his death in 1953, Montgomery's wife, Nell, furthered the couple's interest. She was responsible for both the Montgomery Botanical Garden (MBG) and the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden. Nell died in 1990. The MBG was combined with the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden. It has four core principles:

- 1) Plants must have scientific, conservation, and/or educational value;
- 2) Have a reasonable chance of growing on the property;
- 3) Be maintained following exemplary horticultural practices; and
- 4) Be incorporated into the collection in an aesthetically pleasing landscape design.

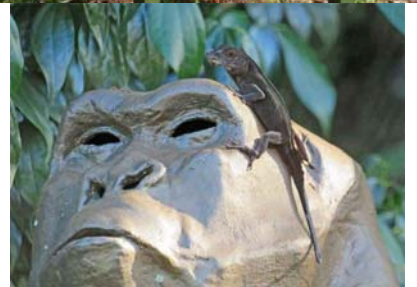


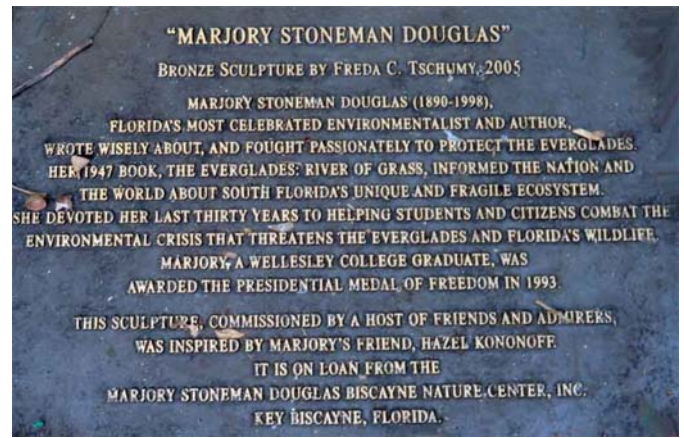


Dale Chihuly was born in 1941 in Tacoma, Washington. A graduate of the University of Washington, his blown glass development came from his work at the Venni glass factory in Venice, Italy.

Chihuly's work has been shown in over 200 museums worldwide.







Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has two other exciting photo programs:

Wings of the Tropics

Rare Plant House—Chihuly's End of Day Tower

**Wings of the Tropics
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