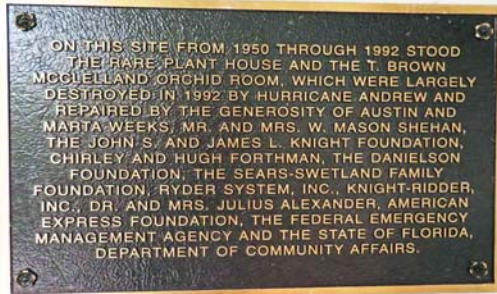




## Rare Plant House & Dale Chihuly's End of Day Tower

Hurricanes, especially in South Florida, have caused much devastation. The Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden begun in 1938 has seen its share of destruction.



David Fairchild (1869-1954) was an educator and scientist. Since the age of 22, Fairchild traveled the world for 37 years in search of unique plants to display in America. According to Fairchild.org, he traveled to every continent in the world except Antarctica.

The list of plants he brought back was very impressive. They included mangos, alfalfa, nectarines, dates, cotton, soybeans, bamboos and the flowering cherry trees that are admired in Washington DC.

In 1935 he retired to Miami, Florida and joined a group of equally passionate plant lovers. The result was an 83-acre site south of Miami that became the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The first fifteen years of site development included primary buildings, landscaping, lake, stone terracing walls and irrigation systems.

The Rare Plant House, a 16,500-square-foot conservatory, which had over 450 species of plants was devastated in 1992 by Hurricane Andrew. It lost many of the tropical and subtropical plants from around the world. However, through many private and public efforts, the House has had restoration including tropical fruit, orchids, Florida and native plants.

This photo program highlights the Rare Plant House and the Chihuly tower of blown glass.











*Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has two other exciting photo programs:*  
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