

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.

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.

Helen Burgos studied in England and the U.S. She holds an M.F.A. from FIU, where she is an adjunct professor and teaches drawing and painting. She has been teaching her popular drawing and oils classes at Fairchild for over ten years.

Richard Campbell is the Director of Horticulture at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. 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 and the Americas to provide the latest information, quality trees and tropical fruit tastes to an enthusiastic public. He has authored over a hundred scientific and popular articles on fruit culture in the last decade, as well as, three books, "Mangos: A Guide to Mangos in Florida" (1992) and "Tropical Mangos: How to Grow the World's Most Delicious Fruit" (2002).

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.

Carolyn 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.

Jason Downing, Fairchild Orchid Biologist, received his BS in Biology from the University of Kansas, completed post-bachelor's studies at University of Miami, and his PhD at Florida International University. His research focus includes orchid ecology and conservation, which has led him to working with some of the world's rarest orchids in Florida, Brazil, and China. He is currently directing the propagation of native Florida orchids selected for reintroduction under the Million Orchid Project.

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 in Naples, Italy.

Urszula Dudek is a Polish born artist with a Fine Arts degree from Poland. Characterized with continuous experimentation of ideas and evolution of many artistic genres with prime focus on photo-realistic subject element paintings mostly of her own gardenscape and painting/dyeing of silk scarves using numerous techniques. By intertwining her love for nature, talent of composition and mastery in the art, Urszula's paintings are a constant display of attention to detail, vibrant colorization and ubiquitous passion for the canvas. One of her latest inspiration came from Lynda Wellens; silk painting that stirred her to the process called Shibori. After experimenting with the technique, Urszula's fascination for the art began her inspiration to share this technique with fellow artists looking to pursue. See www.UrszulaDudek.FineArtAmerica.com for more of her artwork.

Wendy Fleming Saltzburg is the founder of Wendy's Landscape and Design LLC. She has taught landscape design at Miami Dade College, Fairchild Gardens, as well been a long time speaker for the Coral Gables Farmers Market. Her love of creating Butterfly Gardens has been shared with garden clubs, schools, and private individuals for more than three decades.

Dottie Greene is a signature member of both the Florida and National Watercolor Societies. Her love for the natural world began at an early age and is a central theme in her art. She has taught people of all ages and Fairchild is proud to have her as an instructor.

Billo Jolly has been teaching Indian cuisine at Fairchild for over ten years. She co-owned Taste of India and Punjab Palace restaurants. She has taught Indian cooking at Bobbie and Carole's Cook Shop and at the MDC Kendall Campus.

Peter Kouchalakos is a 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.

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 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 three 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).

Chris Migliaccio teaches natural science at Miami Dade College and has taught palm, aroid and tropical botany classes at Fairchild for many years.

Martin Motes is the president of Motes Orchids, a hybridizer and the author of *Vandas, Their Botany, History and Culture* and his newest book, *Florida Vanda Growing: Month by Month*. He has observed wild orchids worldwide.

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.

Guillermo Salazar is a professional landscape designer and horticulturist with many years of experience in the south Florida landscape industry. His experience in the field includes adjunct faculty for Miami Dade College Landscape Technology program, ISA arborist and a Certified Landscape Inspector. He has been collecting orchid species since childhood and is currently studying to become a judge for the American Orchid Society.

Sandra Schultz Ph.D. Professor Emeritus Miami Dade College Past president of Orchid Society of Coral Gables and South Florida Orchid Society Native Miamian Grown and exhibited orchids for more than 30 years.

Johnson Teh, executive chef of LAN Pan-Asian Café and Yuga Restaurant in Coral Gables, specializes in East Asian cuisine. Chef Teh has over 25 years of culinary experience, including cooking at the Mandarin in Beverly Hills.

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.

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 museum, corporate and private collections. See www.marcellezanetti.com for more information.