

86nd Annual Royal Poinciana Fiesta – June 4 - June 11, 2023

SCHEDULE

Presented by the Tropical Flowering Tree Society

Sunday, June 4th, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 PM Poinciana Fiesta Celebration Party and Reception in the Garden House of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables. Starting at 6 PM, display of Highwaymen paintings and display of vintage postcards featuring the Royal Poinciana and piano music by Paul Williams. Starting at 7 PM, refreshments will be served including Royal Poinciana Punch. At 7:30 PM, presentations will take place for the 2023 Royal Poinciana Fiesta Queen and Court scholarship recipients, the Larry Schokman Book Award recipient, and the Poinciana Ambassador Award recipient. Poinciana cake will be served at the end of the presentations. A limited edition 2023 Royal Poinciana Fiesta poster by one of the original Highwaymen, James Gibson, will be available for sale. This event is free and open to the public, but guests are requested to bring a dish to share or make a donation. New memberships in the Tropical Flowering Tree Society are encouraged. Park and enter at the Fairchild South Entrance on Old Cutler Road (the old, traditional entrance to Fairchild.)

Wednesday, June 7th, 2023

7:00-9:00 PM Painting Royal Poinciana Trees. A “cocktail party with a paintbrush”. Join in for a fun experience painting Royal Poinciana Trees at this unique event. All supplies are included. Take home a wonderful DIY painting! This event will be \$45 per person. Sign up online at [TFTS.org/RPFPainting](https://www.tfts.org/RPFPainting) (limited seats available). Wine and light refreshments. Miami Art Club, Mall of the Americas #18, 7795 W. Flagler Street, Miami.

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

10:00 AM Simpson Park and South Miami Avenue Walking Tour presented by Dade Heritage Trust. View what remains of South Florida’s natural hammock and the Royal Poinciana tree-lined South Miami Avenue. Start at DHT Headquarters, 190 SE 12th Terrace. Free, but donations are welcome. Reservations: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/simpson-park-and-historic-south-miami-avenue-walking-tour-tickets-296007485357>

Saturday, June 10, 2023

1:00 PM Royal Poinciana Symposium at the Coral Gables Public Safety Building Community Room, 2151 Salzedo Street. Steve Pearson, former Director of the Gifford Arboretum and past president of the Tropical Flowering Tree Society, will present the history of the Royal Poinciana, its origins in S. Florida and its use by early settlers, as well as information on the care and horticultural aspects of the tree, and the inspiration it has provided in art, music, and poetry. Parking available in Lot 13, 234 Navarre.

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2:30-5:00 PM Royal Poincianas Trolley Tours begin at the front of the Coral Gables Public Safety Building, 2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, highlighting the best trees and blossoms of the 2023 season. Narrated by two poinciana experts and past presidents of the Tropical Flowering Tree Society. Tickets \$25 pp. Seating is limited to two trolleys, purchase your tickets at TFTS.org/RPFTour in advance. Parking available in Lot 13, 234 Navarre.

Sunday, June 11th, 2023

10:00AM - 2:00PM Bike Tour led by Bike Walk Coral Gables, starting at the Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables. Parking in nearby garage. Cost Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5. RSVP through Coral Gables Museum.

With support from the City of Coral Gables, TREEmendous Miami, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Dade Heritage Trust, Bike Walk Coral Gables, Coral Gables Garden Club, The Villagers and Others.

For more information or to purchase tickets, log onto www.tfts.org

All proceeds of these events will be used for scholarships for young women in horticulture or related fields and to further the mission of the Tropical Flowering Tree Society.

The Coral Gables Garden Club together with the Coral Gables Landscape Beautification Advisory Board commemorated National Arbor Day this year by planting a rare Yellow Royal Poinciana tree at Merrick Park across from City Hall on April 28.