




94th Annual Convention Friday September 15 & Saturday September 16th, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center - \$149 + tax

➤ 711 NW 72nd Ave, Miami, FL 33126 305-261-3800

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 friendly rooms

We're connected to the Miami International Merchandise Mart and the Miami Airport Convention Center. It's a five-mile drive to the shops at Dolphin Mall and Miami International Mall. We offer a free shuttle to Miami International Airport. Enjoy our beauty and spa salon, outdoor pool, and fitness facility. Less than 15 miles to south beach entertainment district and wonderful beaches.



The Miami Merchandise Mart... is connected to the doubletree and offers everything in one place atmosphere.

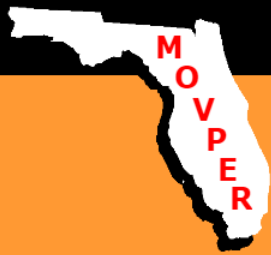
A Truly Unique Experience

The Miami Merchandise Mart is truly unique. The Mart is still rolling out carefully curated collections of affordable fashion for men and women in Miami and beyond. Style mavens and budding fashionistas alike can satisfy their cravings for the latest trends in clothing, jewelry, and accessories without breaking the bank. Showroom owners put together collections from manufacturers in Europe, the Orient, Latin America and the U.S. They offer a unique selection of women's, children, and men's fashion apparel clothing, footwear, swimwear, accessories, jewelry, gifts, retail bags, handbags, perfumes, cosmetics, decorative items, and more! They have new merchandise arriving daily, all displayed in typical wholesale mart style, fully on display and available for immediate delivery!

Dining

With multiple options such as DoubleShot Tapas and Burger Bar, Tea House Café, Lourdes Jimenez Mini Mart, Impressions Restaurant, Rioja Grille, and even a Miami (Subs) Grill and a grab and go option. You will not be hungry or thirsty.

Grotto fellowship combined with Beaches, Shopping, Botanical tropical gardens what more can you ask for.



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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH & SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16th, 2023

Hotel and Meeting Location

711 NW 72nd Ave,
Miami, FL 33126

Mail registration to:

12048 NW 20th ST
Plantation, FL 33323

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MI AM I Grotto or Zelle to Dale.Spear.SPG@outlook.com please make sure to note FSGA with payment and email your completed registration marked Zelle as well.

REGISTRATION FORM

Prophet:

Grotto: Prophet Monarch Past Monarch SCDD Supreme Officer

Lady:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:

Email:

REGISTRATION FEES

Add \$15 Per Person Late Registration Fee After August 28, 2023

	Cost	Number	Net Cost
Prophet Registration	\$20		= \$
Ladies Registration	FREE		= FREE
Friday Night Bourbon tasting <i>*Limited to 35</i>	\$30		= \$
Saturday Breakfast In hotel or light refreshments before meeting			On your own
Saturday Men's Lunch in hotel restaurant or nearby restaurants			On your own
Ladies visit to Fairchild tropical gardens*	\$30		\$
Saturday Banquet	\$60		= \$

*Please note any special request here. _____ **TOTAL \$** _____

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* Due to rarity of some of the small batch Bourbon this event will be limited to the first 35 people who register for it.

* We are arranging transportation for the ladies visit to Fairchild so the number going is important. Please register if your lady plans to go. Lunch will be available at the gardens for purchase. If your lady does not want to visit the gardens there is plenty of shopping in the hotel.

Let's Grotto



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Schedule of Events

All events at Hotel with exception of Fairchild tropical gardens

Friday Sept 15th, 2023

Registration/ Check in		4:30 PM -5:30 PM
Necrology Service		6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Bourbon Tasting	ticketed event	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Hospitality Room		8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Saturday Sept 16th, 2023

Registration/ Check in		7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Public opening		9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Ladies head to Fairchild tropical Gardens		9:30 AM
Business Meeting		9:30 AM - Noon
Lunch on your own		Noon
Installation of Officers		5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Banquet	ticketed event	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Hospitality Room		8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Sunday Sept 17th, 2023

Relax	Travel home	Make plans for FSGA Mid year meeting
Hit the Beach	More eating or shopping?	



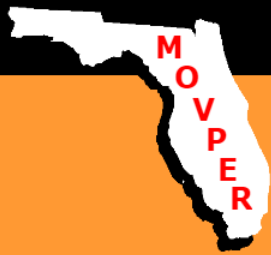
FAIRCHILD

TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

Dr. Fairchild retired to Miami in 1935 and joined a group of passionate plant collectors and horticulturists, including retired accountant Col. Robert H. Montgomery (1872-1953), environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas, County Commissioner Charles Crandon and landscape architect William Lyman Phillips. This core group worked tirelessly to bring the idea of a one of a kind botanic garden to life, and in 1938, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden opened its 83 acres to the public for the first time.. Col. Montgomery, who founded the Garden, named it to honor his friend. Many plants still growing in the Garden were collected by Dr. Fairchild, including a giant African baobab tree by the Gate House. In 1940, Dr. Fairchild embarked on the Garden's first official collecting expedition, sailing from the Philippines to the Indonesian archipelago on a special oceangoing Chinese junk called the *Cheng Ho*. The voyage provided many of the Garden's early botanical specimens before the outbreak of World War II forced the explorers to return home.

Robert H. Montgomery was an accountant, attorney and successful businessman with a passion for plant collecting. With the guidance of Dr. Fairchild, he pursued the dream of creating a botanical garden in Miami, the one place in the continental United States, where tropical plants could grow outdoors year-round. Opened to the public in 1938, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden was established on an 83-acre site south of Miami purchased by Col. Montgomery and later deeded in large part to Miami-Dade County. Renowned landscape architect William Lyman Phillips, a member of the Frederik Law Olmsted partnership and a leading landscape designer during the 1930s, designed the Garden.

In 1984, the Garden became a member of the Center for Plant Conservation, a consortium of botanic gardens involved in preservation of endangered U.S. flora. Since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, Fairchild plant collecting efforts have intensified dramatically, as scientists sought not only to restore the Garden's collections, but also to identify and save endangered plants throughout the tropics. Since that time, Fairchild's collections now include tropical fruit, orchids, and Florida and native plants.



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94th Annual Convention SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

Friday, September 15th At the Hotel

Registration/Check-in	Casual
Necrology Service	Business Casual
Hospitality	Casual

Saturday, September 16th at Hotel Meeting room

Registration/Check-in	Casual
Breakfast on your own	Casual
Business Meeting	Business Casual/Unit Shirt
Ladies Outing - this is an outdoor facility with a few indoor spaces	Casual
Prophet Luncheon -- you will have time to change if you desire	Casual/Unit Shirt
Installation of Officers - Officer being installed—Dark Suit	Business Casual/Unit Shirt
Banquet Dinner celebrating new officers -Officers Dark Suit	Business Casual
Hospitality at the Hotel	Casual

Thank you!