

Inside Pinecrest Gardens



White Bat Flower Growing near the old alligator pits at the Gardens, this fascinating plant, originally from Asian rainforests, produces ghostly white flowers and long Fu-Manchu whiskers,



Moss-covered waterfall This miniature waterfall is in the colonnade entrance, just west of the Banyan Bowl, and is covered in ferns and small bromeliads. Butterflies abound near this pool.

Tropical Waterlily 'Panama Pacific' - named for the World's Fair in San Francisco, this modest waterlily grows in the lily pond at the front entrance.



Horticulture at the Gardens



Alocasia lutea - Visit the north Cypress Slough to see this beautiful alocasia from southeast Asia and Malaysia. This 8 foot giant grows in sunny marshes.

Alocasia 'Sarian' Growing in the north Cypress Slough, this imposing aroid can reach 11 feet, and makes a striking statement amongst the aroids, ferns and other rainforest plants.



Community Garden Charitable Fund, Inc.

The Garden Fund was created in 2007 to raise funds for green spaces such as community gardens, parks and wetland areas in Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, South Miami, Kendall, Miami, Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay and unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

Our mission is to identify and enhance the horticultural needs of our community through education, preservation and cultivation. The unique needs of Pinecrest Gardens are the primary focus.



Heliconia 'Criswick Red'

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The parks and gardens that exist today are priceless. They contribute significantly to the quality of life in the communities they serve.

As our green spaces shrink due to development, our public green spaces and gardens need extra help from the community to ensure that they survive and thrive. Most botanic and historic gardens have a non-profit organization that fulfills this need.

Pinecrest Gardens, formerly Parrot Jungle, is located on Red Road at Killian Drive in Pinecrest, Florida. The garden at Pinecrest Gardens is a 14-acre historical site. That site, plus an additional 9 acres adjacent to it, was purchased by The Village of Pinecrest in December, 2002 and opened in March 2003. For more information, visit www.pinecrest-fl.gov. Essential maintenance of this garden was postponed during the years

that the owners of Parrot Jungle were moving to Watson Island. When the Village of Pinecrest purchased it, funds were not available to do a much needed major renovation. Then the hurricanes of 2005 tore through the garden.

Pinecrest Gardens is a public garden. There is no admission fee, no volunteer organization, and no membership dues or other opportunities to generate income for the horticultural side of the facility. However, there are events and private celebrations that generate some income for maintenance of the general facility. Therefore, the Garden Fund Board of Directors has chosen Pinecrest Gardens Horticulture as its primary project.

There are many opportunities through this tax-exempt organization to write grants, hold fundraisers and membership drives to raise money for projects needing funding in our community green spaces. Garden Clubs and individuals can contribute resources to this Fund, and/or use it to write specific grant proposals. In this way, projects at the grass-roots level become possible. Donations are tax-deductable.

To become a member or contribute to the Garden Fund call 305 661-7488 or email kamashburn@comcast.net.



Lakeview Cactus Garden



The Historical Flamingo Lake

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