

# SCENE

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## A-List Afternoon

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and Neiman Marcus get their party bloom on.

#### THE PARTY

For all its nighttime shenanigans, Miami loves daytime celebrations just as much. Proof of this could be seen at the most recent Splendor in the Garden luncheon and fashion show held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in conjunction with Neiman Marcus at Village of Merrick Park.

### THE CROWD

More than 350 guests attended the event. Among those were Miami's most dedicated philanthropists, including co-chairs Swanee DiMare and Frances Aldrich Sevilla-Sacss as well as Raphael Bastian. Yolanda Berkowitz, Donna E. Shalala, Katherine Fernander Rundle and Jennifer Valoppi. The man of the hour, however, was none other than Ken Downing, the national fashion director of Neiman Marcus.

#### THE HIGHLIGHTS

After a cocktail reception and then a Le Basque-catered lunch.

Fairchild COO Nannette
Zapata welcomed the crowd
and spoke about the park's
recent accomplishments. Then
came the afternoon's signature
fashion show, curated by
Downing and highlighting
his favorite spring 2015 looks
for both men and women. The
soiree's most charming touch?
The chic flip-flops handed
to the ladies after the show
so they could comfortably
explore Fairchild's lush acres
of flora before heading home.

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