BIG NEWS! WE NEED YOU!

Greenhouse Expansion and New Environmental Education Center - Help Us Expand!

Environmental Education has always been at the core of what we do. As you know, we offer a variety of programs year-round to groups of all ages.

COMING SOON! The Dr. Joe and Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse is expanding to increase the size of the greenhouse and create a dedicated community learning space. Children from 2-100 years old will benefit from our expanded educational programs. Our expanded tropical display area will take you deeper into the tropical jungle to see incredible plants and amazing animals of all kinds. Come experience the largest collegiate Orchid species collection in the country!

Our new space will provide a new and vibrant space to experience nature in a new way and in an amazing space!

In 2019, over 10,000 visitors came to the Ball State University Field Station properties, which include the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, Christy Woods, and other outdoor properties. In 2019, our Education Program Coordinator inspired over 4,000 minds with her national-standard science programs, and over 6,000 visitors enjoyed the orchids and other biological wonders. We anticipate even greater attendance in the future and

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your Calendars!

March 9: Community Photographers Day Saturday, 9:00 – noon. Join us to capture the orchids in morning light!

April 7: OneBallStateDay visit bsu.edu/giving and select Fund #919 for expansion project or #911 for Friends of the ROGH

April 8: Showcase for Friends of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

April 11: All about Pollinators 11:00 – 2:00 pm. Bees, Butterflies, moths and more. Why are these tiny creatures so important?

April 3 - 30: Inspired by Orchids – Ball State Art Student Spring Exhibit. Meet the Artists Reception on Friday April 3, 4 – 5 pm.

April 16: National Orchid Day: Enjoy the orchids, 10 – 4:30. Also, Guided Meditation, noon - 12:30pm

April 24: Friends of ROGH Pre-Sale, 6 – 7 pm

April 25: Annual Greenhouse Fundraiser/Plant Sale, 9 – noon. Early sales for Friends of the Greenhouse only (Friday April 24, 6 – 7 pm).
are excited about growing our contribution to the young minds of our region, the Ball State University students, community members and guests from the region.

We are 90% of the way to our goal of $1,250,000 for this project and need your help! Our timeline is to complete fundraising by September 2020.

**How can you help?** Since we are in the final stages of fundraising, we have a few options for how to help:

1. **Giving directly:** please contact us right away. The Fund for this project is #919.

2. **Contact BSU Development Officer Deanna Zimmer directly (dzimmer@bsu.edu)**

3. **Give on OneBallState Day, April 7:** bsu.edu/giving, and select Rinard Orchid Greenhouse (Fund #919)

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**One Ball State Day**

What is One Ball State Day? One Ball State Day is a one-day fundraising event scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, 2020, for the Ball State community. This year will be the second annual OneBallStateDay. Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of Ball State University encouraged to participate. Let’s see what we can raise for the greenhouse expansion on OneBallStateDay! Every dollar counts, starting at $5.

**Friends of the ROGH Annual Showcase**

April will be an extremely busy month for us at the ROGH. Our second annual Friends Showcase will be held Wednesday, April 8 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the BSU Alumni Center.

Friends and additional guests are invited to see what we have been doing all year, what we are excited about, and learn more about our Expansion project! Our guest speaker is Pam Harwood, Professor, Department of Architecture, College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University. She will present about the importance of Nature Play for youth and people of all ages. Please join us if you can! Light refreshments will be served.

**Friends of the ROGH Annual Plant Sale**

Although spring still seems far away, we know it’s on the way! Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual fundraiser/plant sale on **April 25th from 9 – noon.** Friends of the ROGH can shop early (April 24, 6 – 7 pm) and Friends receive a 10% discount.

For those of you who already support us as a Friend of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, we thank you very much for your 2019 contribution! Our free programs depend on your continued interest and support of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. **We value you!** Thank you and see you soon!!

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