PLANT SALE & COVID-19

These past six weeks have been challenging for everyone, with closures, cancelations, social distancing and precautions. At the time, we canceled our annual and only fundraiser because we couldn’t find a way to hold the event safely.

One of the hidden perks (?) of this pandemic may be the advent of human ingenuity. In an effort to remain safe for all visitors and volunteers, we took notes from other places that offer curbside sales. Wouldn’t you know, we discovered that we can do this, too!

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the Friends of Rinard Orchid Greenhouse have taken their annual plant sale/Fundraiser ONLINE. The Friends of Rinard Orchid Greenhouse work hard to have a quality plant sale. They will select the best plants for your order. Orders will be between now and 5/16 at noon.

How this works: Visit the link in the accompanying email.

1.) You will place your order online (only) and pay with a credit card. If you will be picking up multiple orders, for yourself or for another person, please include this in ‘notes’ when you place your order. If you are picking up for another person, you will need their name and a copy of their receipt for pick up. If you place another order after setting up your pick up day and time, call 765-285-8839 to either add your order to your initial pick up OR schedule another pickup day and time.

2.) During the online purchase time, you will have an opportunity to set up a pick up day and time. Pick up dates will be Monday May 11 – Thursday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Saturday May 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Existing Friends of the Rinard will be allowed access to the online shopping a few days before anyone else. For your safety, and the safety of the Friends of Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, we will be allotting 4 customers to pick up their plants every 30 minutes.

Want to be a Friend of the ROGH?
Friends shop early
Friends receive a 10% discount
Friends receive our newsletter 6x year
Friends support our educational programs all year long
You can sign up and pay online!
minutes. Please **do not arrive before your scheduled pick up time**, and not more than 10 minutes after your scheduled pick up time. No exceptions!

3.) Please print your receipt OR have a copy of your receipt that you can show on your smartphone so you can bring it with you on the day and time of your pick up. Also, you may desire to protect your vehicle from the plants and moisture, if so cover the area where the plants will be placed with a tarp, trash bag, or towel.

4.) The day and time of your pick up, bring your receipt, and **arrive on time to the pickup location**. Please note, you will pull along the side of the parking lot for the greenhouse for pick up. **Please DO NOT exit your vehicle.** In your window, hold up a large sign with your last name.

5.) A (masked) member of the Friends or the Rinard will come to your vehicle. Please show your receipt through your window. If you are able, at that point, please open your trunk (or other area) for plants to be placed. Please ensure that the area where you would like the plants to be placed is covered prior to arriving.

6.) Your order will be brought to, and placed inside your vehicle by a Greenhouse staff or member of the Friends of Rinard.

7.) Please **pull ahead and take a moment to check to see if your order is correct.** If it is not correct, please alert the attendant. If you discover your order is not correct after leaving the pick-up location, please call the curator at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse at 765-285-8839 to arrange a correction.

Once your sale is complete, there will be no refunds. If you need more information about a plant, please look it up prior to purchasing. Make your selections carefully.

Donate to our cause to help keep all of our educational programs free! All donations stay local to assist Friends of the

Friends of the Rinard

Rinard Orchid Greenhouse.

A big shout-out goes to the Friends of the Rinard, Plant Sale committee! Co-chairs Beth Gonser and Ellen Buchanan kept things organized and volunteers Leslie Slack, Jean Gadziola, and Deb Frederick helped maintain the plants in the months preceding COVID restrictions. Our online plant is a result of their dedication and we hope you enjoy their efforts!

If you are not already a Friend of the ROGH, you can be now! Please consider supporting us. We will have an option to join as a Friend in the online plant sale link to Foundation #911. Thank you for your continued support! We hope to see you at the greenhouse again soon.

Environmental Education Center NEWS!

We are excited to share this news! We are currently selecting an architectural design firm for our expansion! They will design our facility, with an approximate timeline of 6 – 8 months for the process. This is the time when any additional funds will really make a difference. If you wish to support this project, you can add your support for the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse Expansion project via Fund #919 (www.bsu.edu/giving, select Rinard Orchid Greenhouse). Please consider helping us close the gap and create this amazing new facility!

We will update www.bsu.edu/orchids with the latest information as necessary and appreciate your understanding and patience during this time of uncertainty. Thank you, stay healthy and see you soon!