FUN FALL PROGRAMS!

As we feel the change of seasons and daylight savings time, we are preparing for several upcoming, fun programs at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse.

November will start with a wonderful art exhibit ‘Inspired by Orchids’. Artists include local Ball State University School of Art students who utilized the greenhouse during designated class times. Meet the artists at our reception on Friday, November 9, from 4 – 5 pm., and enjoy the show throughout the month of November.

On November 10, we host our annual ‘Tropical Edibles’ tasting program, with an opportunity to explore and taste the origins of various tropical foods and their uses. This year, several students in Dr. Deanna Pucciarelli’s Food Science course will be creating foods with tropical ingredients, and sharing scientific research and nutritional information. Come try some with us! Plan to visit and sample our home-grown bananas and much more! First come, first served. No registration required.

December will kick off the holiday season with our annual Holiday in Bloom event on December 1, from 6 – 9 pm. The evening will be especially fun, with music, special activities for children, hot chocolate, refreshments, prizes, and some special holiday items available at the greenhouse, glass sales and demonstrations at the Marilyn K. Glick Center for Glass, a

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your Calendars!

Nov. 9 - 30: ‘Inspired by Orchids’. Artists’ reception Friday Nov 3, 5 – 6 pm. Artwork from artists throughout the local and BSU community.

Nov 10: Tropical Edibles - Saturday, 11 – 2 p.m. Experience tropical tastes, smells, sights and so much more. Even some greenhouse-grown bananas!

Dec 1: Holiday in Bloom Saturday, 6 – 9 pm. A whole-family evening. See details, right.

Jan. 12: Winter Greenhouse Tour Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. General tours to help chase away the winter blues.
lighted pathway to the David Owsley Museum of Art (with their own special holiday program and music) and trolley transportation to and from the Minnetrista Luminaria event.

HOW WE DID

September was a beautiful and busy month at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. Our September program “Succulents’ what’s not to Love?” exceeded our expectations, with over 150 people interested in attending our indoor session designed for 15! In response, we added a second session! Guests learned about how to identify, care for and propagate a variety of succulents, and were able to take home a pot with plant starts.

As of mid-September, we have a new “animal” display in the greenhouse! Come in to see and learn about the tropical tent-making bats called the Honduran White Bat. Created by our very own artist, Kristine Freyer, there are now 7 tiny bats in the Conservatory. See if you can find them all!

Our new education program coordinator, Erica Forstater, created a very special, first-time ever Halloween program at the greenhouse! The Magic School Bus visited the greenhouse, complete with Ms. Frizzle (aka Erica), and shared a very special program about pollinators, seed dispersal and several other plant lessons, similar to those in the Magic School Bus series. Over 140 guests enjoyed the program!

ROGH FRIENDS

Are you a Friend of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse? You can support our free educational programs in many ways, one of which is to become a contributing member of the ROGH Friends. Consider an end-of-year gift to Ball State University Foundation #911 or visit bsu.edu/orchids and click on the link for Friends. Thank you!

See you at the greenhouse again soon!