Christy Woods Greenhouses and Gardens Docent Training

Areas of Interest and Training Options

1 Rinard Orchid Greenhouse docents (pilot program Fall 2013 for 2014 launch)
2 Teaching/Research Greenhouse – program and training TBA
3 Christy Woods, for scheduled group tours – program and training TBA

Rinard Orchid Greenhouse Training
Tuesday, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 and 11/19
Room CP 188, 7:15 pm. – 9:00 p.m.

Week 1 - Introductions
Mission of program
Facilities
Docent program & paperwork
Why Orchids

Week 2 - plant biology, orchid biology
Plant anatomy
Flower anatomy
Orchid parts
Flower color, shape
Flower biochemistry/color

Week 3 - tropical ecology
Documentary film and Guest Dr. Gary Dodson
Tropical sustainability
Poison Arrow frogs

Week 4 - Pollination and Plant Classification
Orchid anatomy - review
Orchid pollination
Pollinator interactions
Plant classification*
Orchid diversity

Demo and Practice times – To be scheduled per volunteer availability
* For background information to assist with understanding of subjects, not necessary to include in tours.