NEARLY SUMMER

Our April Fundraiser/Plant sale is the star of the news this month. The sale took place on Saturday, April 29 and was a big success!

In spite of the continual rain, we had a steady flow of visitors (340+) who braved the elements. Friends of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse were able to enjoy a special ‘Friends Only Pre-Sale’ the evening prior to the sale and our post-sale half-price sale in the days following the sale brought another 100 visitors. Most of our 1200 plants are now enjoying new homes and we are quite pleased with the funds raised in support of our free educational outreach programs. Thank you all!

A special thanks goes to our new Plant Sale partner, Dr. Jessi Ghezzi (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management) and her Student Farm staff. These young able bodies greatly assisted with the heavy lifting and transporting plants, tents and table to and from the sales areas. The Student Farm brought tomatoes and peppers to the sale, and nicely expanded the variety of plant choices this year.

Thanks also go to the many people who donated potted plants to the sale! As a result, we were able to offer a large variety of perennials and houseplants, in addition our usual, native species, orchids, herbs, ferns, and succulents.

Last but not least, a huge thanks go to the Friends of the ROGH Plant Sale Committee, for propagating and grooming plants, organizing and

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your Calendars!

May 13: Tropical Treasures Saturday, 1 – 2 pm. Join us to explore and learn! We will have several ‘stations' for study.

June 10: Tropical Garden Tea. Saturday, 1 – 2 pm.

July 9: Mid Summer Night’s Dream Open House - Saturday, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Find faeries and trolls, learn garden lore, and join Muncie Ballet Studio dancers in the gardens. Wear your faerie or sprite costume!
coordination of the event: Leslie Slack (plant prep extraordinaire), Beth Hahn (marketing, publicity and planning), Michelle Bosch, Deb Frederick, Jean Gadziola (succulent queen), Beth Gonser, Jackie Harris, Suzanne Plesha, Kitty Sandy, Tom Schwartz, Usha Shivaswamy, Nancy Umbach, and Joy VanderHill.

To find out more about how to be a Friend of the greenhouse, contact us or visit http://bsu.edu/orchids for a form.

In other news, yogi and meditation leader Shari Flanders has ended her popular meditation in the greenhouse until the students return to campus. Watch for the return of this wonderful activity in August. Thank you Shari!

Docent Jean Gadziola will be offering a “Succulent Propagation” workshop later this year. Watch our Facebook and Instagram pages or this newsletter, for the schedule.

Volunteer Training

Volunteer training continues as an ongoing activity, with Volunteer Coordinator Beth Hahn and Volunteer Mentor Tom Schwartz. Our new “rolling” training sessions allow new volunteers to join the group anytime throughout the year. We have a new “Volunteer Resources” station, where new and existing volunteers can learn and review various orchid and other information anytime. We also have an online location for these resources. This online location is being updated, and we will share the link as soon as updates are complete.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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