HOLIDAY EXCITEMENT

Seasons keep marching along both inside the greenhouse and outside in our gardens. Days continue to shorten, and as autumn winds down, the change are apparent in the floral display in the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. The late summer blooms made a spectacular show before short day-length triggered autumn blooming. It’s nearly time for the winter blooms, including our favorite, the Darwin Orchid, Angraecum sesquipedale (see photo and Upcoming Events to learn more).

We have recently partnered with the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to further our efforts in orchid conservation and education. ABG has a very strong program for propagating and disseminating rarer orchid species. ABG does not create hybrids, as there are many orchid specialists whom already do this. Rather, by propagating rarer orchid species, ABG (and now ROGH) can help conserve these rare species. Our effort in particular focuses on the Betty Kendall Ladyslipper Orchid Species Collection. Many of these very slow-growing orchids are rare or endangered in their natural habitat and all are on the CITES (The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Appendix I list. Appendix I plants are the most endangered among CITES-listed animals and plants and threatened with extinction. CITES prohibits international trade in specimens of these species.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12: Tropical Edibles Saturday, 11 - noon and 1 - 2 p.m. Explore and taste the origins of various tropical foods and their uses. Two ‘open house’ type sessions. First come, first served. No registration required.

November 15: Mini Education Program: “The story of the Darwin Orchid”. BSU Alumni Center Room 2 Tuesday, 1:30 pm – 2:15 p.m.

December 3: Holiday Open House, an evening of family fun Saturday, 6 - 9 p.m.

December 6: Mini Education Program: Holiday plants, poinsettias, mistletoe, etc. Group lunch at location TBA Tuesday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 p.m.
except when the purpose of the import is not commercial, for instance for scientific research. Watch for news and orchid babies!

Don’t forget that you can support the Rinard Orchid

Greenhouse in your end-of-year gifts. Become a Friend of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse as a way to help with our educational programs and community outreach. As a Friend, you also receive early access to our annual Plant Sale/Fundraiser (April 29, 2017), and other special greenhouse events. Our form is available here: http://bsu.edu/orchids

Yogi Shari Flanders continues to lead Tuesday Meditation in the greenhouse, from 3:30 – 4:15 each week. Join us for midweek meditation and mindfulness in the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. Meditation sessions are scheduled through December 15, 2016. Please let us know if you are interested in continuing this program at the greenhouse.

Please help us do a better job! You receive this newsletter because you are interested in the programs and activities at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, or are an active, inactive or new volunteer. We hope you continue to enjoy and appreciate the various programs and opportunities that are offered at the greenhouse.

Please send us a quick reply to a short series of questions that accompany this newsletter, so that we may do a better job of programming, scheduling, volunteer training, and sharing information. Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse.

We value you!!

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WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

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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DOCENTS AND KNOWLEDGABLE NATURE LOVERS:

Don’t forget to contact Cheryl to assist with giving the Mini-Educational Programs. January (17th, Topic: “Phalaenopsis”) and February (7th, “Dendrobiums”) do not yet have a speaker.

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