AUTUMN IS COMING

Summer has zipped by! Our July Mid-Summer Night’s Dream event, hosted by Muncie Ballet Studio, was well attended and resulted in many happy children! Visitors had fun finding orchids and fairies indoors, while dancing and craft-making were enjoyed outdoors.

Ball State University started the Fall semester on August 21. The week prior was Welcome Week for freshmen, over 40 first-time visitors for August’s monthly program. We also recently had a presence at two outreach activities, one at Scheumann Stadium (Fan Jam) and one at IUBMH, for their Wellness Fair. Docents helped staff the tables, inviting visitors to learn more about the greenhouse, and the fun and interesting things to see there. Lots of guests became aware of the ROGH as a result, and many plan to bring their families to visit the greenhouse soon.

September will be a busy month at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. The International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) Region 10 will hold a seminar at the greenhouse, and a free orchid care program will be held on the same day. Later that month, BSU families are invited to visit. If history repeats itself, Family Day will be very busy, with 250 – 300 visitors!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your Calendars!

Sept 9: International Phalaenopsis Alliance Seminar - Saturday, 10 – 3 p.m. See article for how to register. Pre-Register by Sept 6.

Sept 9: Orchid Care – Saturday, 1 – 2 pm. FREE. If you have an orchid and need more information. Free program. Seating is limited to 15. Contact curator to sign up.

Sept 16: BSU Family Weekend, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. General tours for new Ball State students and families.

Oct 14 – Community Artist Invitational Day Saturday, 10:00 & 2:00 p.m. Enjoy an hour or so of sketching, painting, photography, writing or other creative expressions in the greenhouse. Artists are invited to hang their work in the greenhouse for the month of November. No registration required.
Do you want to learn more about orchids, especially Phalaenopsis orchids? Plan to attend the Phalaenopsis Alliance seminar!

**International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting DETAILS:** The day-long program will be held on September 9th, starting at 10 AM, Saturday, at the Dr. Joe and Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse and Wheeler-Thanhauser Orchid Collection and Species Bank, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. General public and all interested in Phalaenopsis are invited to register to attend.

Activities to include two speakers, a tour of the species bank by the collection curator Cheryl LeBlanc, a repotting session and culture discussion, two presentations by professional orchid growers from the midwest region, an orchid auction and time for discussion of orchid culture. An optional visit is possible to a local commercial orchid greenhouse. Fine BBQ and Mexican restaurants nearby. Advanced registrations are $15 (by Sept 6) and $20 at the door. Contact Russ Vernon at newvisionorchids@aol.com or 765-749-5809.

In October, we will hold our annual Community Artist Invitational Day. Artists are invited to use the greenhouse at two different times, on Saturday, October 14, for inspiration for many forms of creative expression. Completed works will be hung in the greenhouse for the month of November.

Plan to attend and share your work with the greenhouse visitors!

**Mindful Meditation**

This fall, we are sad to say we are unable to offer Mindful Meditation at the greenhouse. We are looking for a leader who is willing to donate his/her time to lead these valuable sessions during our regular hours, so please contact the curator right away if you are interested.

**Change of Hours**

Starting at the beginning of the Fall Semester, the hours of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse have changed. Hours for public visitation are M – F 10 am – 4:30 pm and Sat. 10 – 3 pm.

Hours for Christy Woods remain the same as they have been, M – F 7:30 am – 4:30 pm.

We hope to see you at the greenhouse again soon. Enjoy the change of seasons!

**Visit us on the web:**
- www.bsu.edu/orchids
- www.facebook.com/WOCSB/
- Instagram: @BSU_ROGH

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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Monday – Friday**
- 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Saturdays**
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.