SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

As students return to campus, those of us at the greenhouse notice the change: there is a definite increase in visitation, both by students, families, and classes. Many tours have already been scheduled for local and regional school groups as well as a number of Ball State University classes.

As part of the Ball State University “Welcome Week”, new students were invited to visit the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, and over 35 first-time visitors filled the greenhouse for BSU’s first Saturday of the semester.

Our summer social media intern, Stasia Merkle shared many colorful orchid photos, Wednesday Wellness tips for nature and health, and recorded our poison arrow frogs having breakfast, for “Froggy Fridays”. She encouraged us to get the word out about the greenhouse, so we designed a special t-shirt to “show and tell” more people about visiting the greenhouse. Can you recognize the orchid on the front? It’s a Dendrobium!

Don’t forget to join us for the newly created a new mini-educational series for docents and community members! In August, nine people attended our first program, “How to grow Phalaenopsis at Home”. To learn more about plants, join us one Tuesday a month at the BSU Alumni Center at 1:30 for a 30-minute presentation. See side-bar (right) for the topics for September and October. Hope to see you there!

Days are getting shorter by about 20 minutes each day and the plants are beginning to “notice”, with a visible shift in what is in bloom. It is “Stanhopea Season” These plants bloom upside-down, due to the heft of the thick, waxy flowers. They have a powerful, wonderful scent, and are pollinated by big Euglossine bees. Unfortunately each flower

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10: Orchid Care Saturday, 1 - 2 p.m. What’s wrong with your orchid? Do you want to know how to it to bloom again? Bring your plant with your questions. Limited to 15. First come, first served. No registration required.

September 13: Mini Education Program: “All About Carnivorous Plants”. BSU Alumni Center Room 2 Tuesday, 1:30 pm – 2:15 p.m.

September 17: Family Weekend – General tours Saturday, 10 am - 3 p.m.

October 8: Community Artist Invitation Day Saturday, 10 am & 2 p.m.

October 11: Mini Education Program: “Bonsai”. Tuesday, 1:30 pm – 2:15 p.m.
lasts only 3 – 4 days, so be sure to stop by often to see and smell them!

Look for us at the annual Living Lightly Fair, to be held on September 17, at Minnestrista Cultural Center. We hope to let more people know about the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse as a valuable asset at Ball State University.

On October 8, join us for our annual Community Artists Invitation Day! Enjoy the greenhouse for a source of inspiration and creative expression. Choose from two 90-minute sessions (10:00 a.m. & 1:00 pm), bring your paints, sketch books and cameras. Folding chairs provided.

Welcome social media intern Kylie Tyler to the greenhouse team! Kylie is a Wildlife and Botany dual major with an interest in learning more about plants.

MINDFUL MEDITATION IN THE GREENHOUSE

Back by popular demand!

Beginning on September 13, each Tuesday afternoon will be set aside for looking inward. Join us for midweek meditation and mindfulness in the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. Meditation leader is Shari Flanders, Massage Therapist and Yoga instructor of 30 years. Meditation sessions are scheduled weekly, for Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., starting September 13 through December 15, 2016. The setting is unique with orchid species and other tropical plants.

No prior meditation experience is necessary. The 45 minutes includes a variety of meditation practices, including seated meditation and walking meditation, proper sitting techniques and various energy healing/balancing techniques. There is no charge and reservations are not necessary; simply stop by. Wear comfortable clothing; we recommend bringing a towel, blanket, bolster or yoga mat. Folding chairs are available in the greenhouse. Mindfulness meditation is presented as a secular practice.

DOCENTS AND KNOWLEDGABLE NATURE LOVERS:

Don’t forget to contact Cheryl to assist with the Mini-Educational Programs. November (15th, topic to be selected), January (17th, Topic: “Phalaenopsis”) and February (7th, “Dendrobiums”) do not yet have a speaker.

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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