



**BALL STATE
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Newsletter

September-October, 2022

Welcome Back BSU Students!

It's so nice to see more faces on campus again! Classes started last week for BSU students. The ROGH and Nature Lab have already hosted several classes where the students can explore the indoor spaces and Christy Woods. We wish our students the best of luck this year!

Moongate and Water Feature Installation

Our Moongate and rock bubbler feature were installed last weekend by artists Eric Craig and Jason Verbeek. This structure is almost 9ft tall and made from cordon steel, which will turn a rich rust color with age. The rock bubbler creates a soothing babbling brook noise for visitors to hear as they enter the conservatory from outside. Our painted turtle, Micheal, has taken up residence in the rock bubbler pond next to the Moongate. The ROGH conservatory is complete now that the Moongate has been installed! Thank you, Eric and Jason, for such a beautiful piece!



The EEC's Newest Residents



Beaker, our Eastern Box Turtle, has been quite the hit with our visitors. We adopted Beaker from the IN DNR to use as a teaching subject, as he cannot be released back into the wild. He loves to eat bananas and strawberries and is usually buried under the substrate in his enclosure.

The indoor observation beehive is buzzing with activity! The worker bees are bringing back pollen from the prairie in Christy Woods to the hive and doing their waggle dances to tell other bees where to find the flowers. BEE on the lookout for our queen bee when you visit the Nature Lab! She is surrounded by her attendants as she lays eggs for the hive. You can also spot drones (male bees) hanging out in the hive amongst the worker bees.



Dean McCarthy in our bee suit!



Upcoming Events

September 10, 9am-3pm
Pollinator Party!!

September 17, 10am-3pm
BSU Family Weekend

September 17, 10am-3pm
Storytime Saturdays: "Brush with
Nature" and craft

September 24, 10am-3pm
Storytime Saturdays: "Crow not Crow"
and bird-watching activity

September 27, 6pm
Friends of the ROGH Social and
Meeting – open to all interested!

October 8, 11am-2pm
Community Artists Invitation Day.
Bring your sketch book, paints, camera
and creative eye!

October 31, 10am-4pm "Halloween
with Ms. Frizzle. Costumes



Maxillaria striata

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Friends of the ROGH Social and Meeting

September 27th, 6pm

Thank you to everyone who filled out our survey about involvement in the Friends of the ROGH! If you would like more information about being a Friend or would like to sign up to become a Friend, please join us for our FROGH social and meeting on Tuesday, September 27th, at 6:00pm in the Nature Lab. Join us to meet our current FROGH board and learn about what the Friends do to help keep the Greenhouse running for the public. Light refreshments will be provided and our monthly meeting will follow the social event.

Nature Lab Schedule for September

The Nature Lab will be having Saturday Story in September featuring different topics each week. Refer to the schedule for Nature Lab public open hours.

Bloom Alert!



Paphiopedilum henryanum from our Betty Kendall Lady Slipper Collection is currently in bloom.



Pollinator Party!

September 10th from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Dr. Joe & Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse and the Environmental Education Center

Visitors of all ages are invited to learn about our pollinators and native plants at this kid-friendly event. Crafts, storybooks, and hands-on activities will be available.



Dancing with Honeybees – all day

Monarch Madness – all day

Tour the Tropical Butterflies with the Friends of the ROGH – all day

Bee a Pollinator with Conservation Tales – all day

Songbird Banding with Dr. Islam – 9:00am to 12:00pm

All About Birds with Robert Cooper Audubon Society – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Batty Behavior with Dr. Carter's Lab – 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Habitat Hikes with the Red-tail Land Conservancy – 10:00am – 2:00pm



Scan the QR code for more info!



Nature Lab - September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Closed for Labor Day
4 Closed for Labor Day	5 Closed for Labor Day	6 NOTE: Open 1:00 - 4:00pm	7	8	9	10 Pollinator Party!
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Colors of Nature Storytime
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Songbirds Storytime
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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