A NEW Learning Center

Flamingo Gardens needs your generous help to raise $400,000 to replace our existing Meeting Room with a new and upgraded Learning Center to serve the 30,000 plus children visiting on field trips and provide much needed classroom space for our ecological programming.

For decades, the existing Meeting Room has been the primary venue for Flamingo Gardens classes and the site of meetings for at least a dozen affiliated community organizations. The Meeting Room is in use almost every day of the year and is the heart and soul of Flamingo Gardens ecological programming.

Meeting Room. The Learning Center will include 1,500 square feet of multi-purpose meeting/lecture space that can be subdivided into two smaller classroom spaces, much needed new restrooms that are ADA accessible, storage, and a small kitchenette. Beautiful, double doors will open out on to the Wray Lawn to allow easy entry to lectures and exhibitions during special events.

The Learning Center’s primary purpose will be to host the ecological education programs for students, as well as art, gardening, and environmental classes for adults. It will also provide additional exhibition space for special events like the annual Orchid Show.

“I’ve had the pleasure of seeing the joy in young children’s eyes during field trips to Flamingo Gardens. There has been true magic in providing students experiences to touch, feel, see, and learn about animals, plants, history, and environments outside of their normal scope of reference.”

DR. LORI CANNING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With heavy use, storms, and the ravages of time, this decades-old former stable has become structurally unsound. It must be replaced... and soon!

Although the Gallery has been repurposed for meeting use on a temporary basis, it cannot replace the Meeting Room. In fact, the Gallery is needed by May of 2019 to house an outstanding dinosaur fossil exhibit that has already been booked, and future exhibits have been contracted extending as far as 2021. This means that to free up the Gallery, construction must begin on a new learning space by January of 2019, only a few months from now!

A new and improved Learning Center with a versatile interior has been approved to replace the former and Bonsai Show. It will serve as meeting space for multiple affiliated groups like the Camera Club, Bonsai Society, and Orchid Societies, as well as rental space for numerous private functions. Finally, the new building will serve as a bunker for the animals during a hurricane.

Preliminary plans for the new Learning Center have been drawn, with design and construction costs estimated at $400,000.

Donor names for gifts of $1,000 or more will be permanently inscribed in the new building and additional naming opportunities are available for gifts of $50,000 or more.