



MEDIA ADVISORY:

GLASS EXTERIOR PANELS FOR DICKINSON FAMILY EDUCATION CONSERVATORY CURRENTLY BEING INSTALLED AT SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

TIME: 11 AM – 12 PM

PLACE: Hamilton Children's Garden
300 Quail Gardens Drive
Encinitas, CA 92024

Construction on the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory continues this week with the installation of glass exterior panels to the frame of the building.

These panels measuring 2' x 2' and 3' x 5' were made by Deforche, a Belgian company with expertise in quality construction of botanical conservatories. Each panel is carefully installed using spider lift crane. This phase of the building should be completed by Friday, February 23rd.

The Conservatory was created by Green House Works out of Kansas City, MO and has been manufactured and is in the process of being built by Deforche, a Belgian company with expertise in quality construction of botanical conservatories.

Once completed, the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, will be a 30' high, glass enclosed structure totaling 8,232 sq. ft. Inside will be a 5,292 sq. ft. multi-purpose area consisting of plant displays, hanging plant chandeliers, and floating plant islands, and a 15' Living Wall. Also inside is another 3,291 sq. ft. space housing class rooms and meeting rooms, with a catering kitchen, an office, large restroom facilities, a janitor's room, table and chair storage and equipment rooms.

Once in place, the Conservatory will be climate controlled using a reverse osmosis fog system and boiler radiant heated floor, along with roof levers, fans and ceiling shades that are all connected to an automated control system using sensors.

The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory is designed to serve as a community meeting space where people of all ages can connect with plants and nature, fulfilling the mission of the Garden.

When completed, the Conservatory will consist of:

- A multi-purpose Main Hall:
 - Featuring tropical “chandeliers” of plants that can be raised to form a canopy or lowered for eye-level viewing
 - Elegant glass and metal design
 - Complete with state-of-the-art audio/video equipment
- A demonstration and catering Kitchen:
 - Hosting cooking and educational classes, many geared toward children to encourage healthy eating habits and educate them on where their food comes from
 - For farm-to-table, weddings, and other special events
- An outdoor Amphitheater:
 - With seating for 265 guests
 - Complete with a stage and outdoor lighting

The Conservatory was designed with three distinct purposes in mind to:

Grow Education – Sharing knowledge and experiences of the natural world

Grow Engagement – Connecting our community members with nature

Grow Conservation – Building stewardship and respect for the environment

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