# **Group Exploration Guide – Conservatory of Flowers**





- **1. Explore!** Take turns choosing a small area to explore with your group.
  - What do you see in this collection of plants?
  - o What do you find interesting?
  - o What do you think the scientists/gardeners found interesting?



### 2. "I spy" Details and Patterns (e.g. size, shape, texture, color)

- o Look closely! What details or patterns can you find?
- o What does this remind you of?
- O How are these things the same or different?



## 3. Juicy Question

- o See if you can answer the challenge question on the other side of this page.
- o Set a time for 5-minutes. Work together to find your answers.
- o It's ok if each person has a different opinion.



#### 4. Chat & Reflect

- o What is something you hadn't seen or noticed before in this area?
- O What's a question you have?
- o What is your favorite part?
- o Think of someone who isn't here who would enjoy hearing about this?



# 5. Do it again!

When you're done, take turns choosing the next area to explore.



# Juicy Questions to discuss with your group

Most plants in here are ferns and evolved before the dinosaurs.

What plant would you most like to cuddle with here?

What is the smelliest flower you can find here?

How would you describe the smell?

What plant(s) might you like to have in a garden of your own?

Explore the steamy, lush jungle.

What is the largest leaf you can find?

Why do you think this plant has large leaves?

Visit the cool tropical mountain tops, a place where plants live on other plants.

What is the smallest flower that you can find?

What shaped leaves do you notice here? (e.g. dinner plates, pitchers, tear drop, etc.)

How do you think different shapes help a plant survive?

