



Experience all that's NEW at YOUR Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

South Texas
Botanical Gardens &
Nature Center
8545 S. Staples
Corpus Christi, Texas
78413

OPEN DAILY

7:30-5:30

ADMISSION:

Adults (13-59)	\$6.00
Seniors (60+)	\$5.00
Active Military	\$5.00
College(w/ID)	\$5.00
Youth (5-12)	\$3.00
Child (Under 5)	FREE

MEMBERS FREE!

New Hours & Admission For New Year!

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center extended its hours beginning January 1, 2010, to accommodate birders, photographers and nature buffs in general. New daily hours are 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. If that's not enough, the Gardens will further extend closing hours for summer from May 1 to Labor Day, so start thinking about taking evening walks.

"Birders long have been telling us early mornings bring out the best in birds and birders," said Executive Director Dr. Michael Womack. "And of course, we want to attract more birders to the 'Birdiest City' in the United States," he added. Many professional as well as excellent amateur photographers also requested the earlier and later hours, both for best lighting and lighter winds.

Gardens & Nature Center staff also has noticed more and more people coming at 4 pm thinking the facility was open later, and not having enough time for an in-depth tour. Marketing Director MaryJane Crull explained the Botanical Gardens has wanted to lengthen open hours for quite awhile, but just recently reached the employee and volunteer mass to do it.

Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau President and CEO Keith Arnold says he and his staff are happy to see the expanded hours. "With our local and global focus on nature tourism now, meeting more needs of our nature tourists is paramount," he explained. "This change by the Botanical Gardens can bring

longer hotel stays, as well as accommodate our Coastal Bend residents."

With the new **Butterfly House** and **Anderson Bromeliad Conservatory** now open, general admission prices also have increased \$1 in all categories. Adults (13-59) are now \$6; seniors (60), active military (ID) and college students (ID) \$5; children (5-12) e \$3. Under age 5 and members will continue to be admitted free. **Membership is now more valuable than ever!**

2010 MAJOR EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

BIG BLOOM Plant Sale & Gardening Festival

Sat. April 12

Vendor space still available!

ART AT THE GARDENS Outdoor Art Festival :

Sat. & Sun.

May 29-30

WINTER LECTURES RETURN ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

JOIN US WEDNESDAY MORNINGS at 10!

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center offers its fourth WINTER LECTURE SERIES for Texas winter visitors and area residents. Guest speakers will present unique perspectives on regional environmental, agricultural and horticultural topics from 10 to 11:30 a.m., **Wednesdays, in January and February**, in the Visitors Center, 8545 S. Staples. Lecture Topics are:

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| January 6 | Rainwater Harvesting-Get your Feet Wet!
Celia Rae Hawkins, Nueces Master Gardener |
| January 13 | How Organic do you Want to Be?
Deanna Baumgartner, Gill Landscape Nursery |
| January 20 | Reptiles of South Texas
Michael Allen, Coastal Bend Reptile Rescue |
| January 27 | Butterflies of the World-See the New Butterfly House
Jack & Betty Prentiss, Collectors |
| February 3 | Ethnobotany-Historic Uses of Texas Plants
Sibyl Deacon, Master Naturalist |
| February 10 | Orchid Fever-Catch It!
Sam Jones, STBGNC Orchid Curator |

Memorial Day Weekend

Purchase art & crafts by local artisans...more details coming! Conducted in partnership with the Art Center of Corpus Christi

Vendors Needed!

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SOUTH TEXAS WINE & HERB FESTIVAL

Sat. October 16

MOONLIGHT IN THE GARDENS

Annual Outdoor Gala Benefit

Sat. October 23

February 17 **Herbs: Flower Pot to Cook Pot**
Carol Krank, Master Gardener Herb Team

February 24 **Turtle Watch-the Kemp's Ridley Story**
Cynthia Rubio, Padre Island National Seashore

Cost is General Admission only: \$6 Adults; \$5 Seniors (60), Active Military, College Students. STBGNC members are free. **No reservations needed.** For further information, call 361/852-2100.

OTHER UPCOMING LECTURES

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10-Noon!

Rose Bed to Rose Bud Seminar/Workshop

Saturday, January 30, 10-Noon

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center and Corpus Christi Rose Society present the annual "Rose Bed to Rose Bud," seminar/workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, January 30, beginning in the Visitors Center meeting room, 8545 S. Staples.

Rosarians from the Rose Society will discuss plant selection, bed preparation, planting, feeding and disease control for the South Texas region. A pruning workshop, with the Rose Society in the STBGNC Rose Garden will follow the seminar.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and hand pruners. Workshop fee, which includes handouts and Gardens & Nature Center admission, is \$7, \$3.50 members. For reservations, call 361/852-2100.

Growing Iris in the Texas Coastal Bend Seminar

Saturday, February 6, 10-Noon

Local Iris and Amaryllid specialist and Master Gardener John Gilbreath will lecture

on which iris be grown in the Corpus Christi area, and how to plant and care for them, from 10 am to noon, Saturday, February 6, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples Street, in the Visitors Center. The class will include a tour of the new Amaryllid Garden, which Gilbreath designed and planted.

Seminar fee is \$7 per person, \$3.50 members, and includes Gardens & Nature Center admission. For reservations, call 361.852.2100. Deanna Baumgartner, Gill Landscape Nursery

PREPARING FOR PURPLE MARTIN INVASION

Saturday, February 13, 10-Noon

Learn all about attracting Purple Martin communities to your garden including setting up and preparing houses from Louise Chambers of the Purple Martin Conservation Association. Seminar fee is \$7 per person, \$3.50 members, and includes Gardens & Nature Center admission. For reservations, call 361.852.2100.

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