

April, 2017 Calendar

(Fees for **MOST** Saturday Classes included in General Admission/members FREE!)

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION!




WILDLIFE IN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION Through September 30!

Full-color award-winning photographs from the 2015 *Wildlife in Focus* biennial photography competition will be displayed, with photographers' metadata, on art pillars along the Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail. The varied collection was shot by photographers partnering with South Texas landowners, judged in segmented categories of birds, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles/amphibians and specialties. The exhibition is included in general admission, and may be viewed from 9 am to 6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas. For more information, contact the Botanical Gardens, 361-852-2100, www.stxbot.org; or Wildlife in Focus, 361-881-9316, wildlifeinfocus.org.



BIG BLOOM Plant Sale! Saturday, April 1, 9am-5pm, DOLLAR DAY! (Members 8 am)

Our spring garden festival and only Plant Sale of the year! Kids activities, Orchid Sale, specialty vendors, butterfly releases in the Butterfly House, Lady Bug releases, reptile shows, Parrot Talk, food trucks and more . . . plant experts on site. Texas Master Naturalists—nature trail 'walk and talk' tours, kids 'touch & learn' tables in EcoFun Tent, and birding scopes on Wetlands Boardwalk. Buy a *NEW* membership at 10% off; get discounts on plants and Nature's Boutique purchases. FLORA, FAUNA, affordable FAMILY FUN!

ORCHIDODOLOGY Thursday, April 6, 7 pm.

On-going Orchid monthly class series and information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, with Orchid Curator Sam Jones, in the Education Station classroom. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera to specific orchid culture techniques. FREE for all orchid lovers! Orchids for sale at most meetings. For information, call 361-290-7429.

SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS ORCHID SHOW

Saturday/Sunday, April 8/9, 9 am-6 pm, Education Station.

See beautiful specimen plants from Coastal Bend's orchid aficionados' private collections and locals that just love to grow these fascinating tropicals. Plants and other products will be available from vendors. *Anyone may exhibit plants. No exhibition fees.* Entries must be submitted on Friday, April 7, 9-6, at Education Station. FREE ADMISSION TO ORCHID SHOW in Education Station (General Admission applies to visit rest of Botanical Gardens). FMI: Sam Jones, Orchid Curator, 361-290-7429.



OPEN ROSE SHOW! Saturday, April 15/16, 9am-6pm. Education Station.

See beautiful *American Beauties* from area gardens as the Corpus Christi Rose Society invites people to show off their roses, and see and smell varieties that thrive here. Ask questions and get growing tips from Rose Society members. *Anyone may exhibit rose blooms. No exhibition fees.* Entries must be submitted Saturday 8 to 9am at Education Station. FREE ADMISSION TO ROSE SHOW (General Admission applies to visit rest of Botanical Gardens). FMI: Jan Shannon, 361-241-7141.



BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN NORTH AMERICA April 20-23, 9-6; Optional Field Trips

The four-day event begins at 1:30 pm, Thursday, April 20. A **\$35 per person basic registration fee includes** covers six seminars/special talks, vendor tent, arts/crafts booths, "Raptor Project" shows, Botanical Gardens admission, plus an opening reception Mexican fajita dinner, Thursday, April 20. **Optional, separately-priced features include** 15 different field trips Thursday-Saturday, April 21-23, and barbecue dinner, Saturday evening, April 22. Food trucks will be on-site for other meals. On-line registration, detailed information, and festival registration form are on the Botanical Gardens website, www.stxbot.org. Basic \$35 registration is required to be eligible for field trips and talks. Daily Botanical Gardens general admission will allow public access to "Raptor Project" shows, vendor tent, arts/crafts booths.



DIAGNOSING PLANT PROBLEMS - HANDS ON WORKSHOP Saturday, April 29, 10 am to noon.

Bring in your problem plants for Nueces County Extension Horticulturist Kevin Gibbs and Nueces Master Gardeners to diagnose during an example-filled hands-on workshop of common plant disease, care and pest issues—and hopeful cures.