

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER, 2019 Calendar

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED,

General Admission includes your class • Members Free • or \$5 per person for class only.

361-852-2100 www.stxbot.org CHECK IN AT VISITORS CTR FOR CLASS LOCATION 8545 S. Staples St. Corpus Christi

ORCHID-OLOGY *September 1, October 3*

The *Orchid-ology Class* meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday each month, in Education Station. The orchid class series—led by Orchid Conservatory volunteers, and horticulturist Carol Krank—is an ongoing Orchid information exchange, for novice to experienced growers. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera, climate and acquisition to specific orchid culture techniques. **FREE CLASS** for anyone! Information, 361-852-2100.



PARROT TALK SHOWS *Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 1:30pm (ongoing)*

Parrot Talk, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center's ongoing visitor interaction entertainment feature, **sponsored by Feathered Friends & Co.**, is open to guests at 1:30 pm, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, included in admission. It features a 20-minute informal discussion, including what it is like having parrots as pets, plus visitor interaction and opportunities for photos. **Ask at Visitors Center for show location**, which varies with weather. Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.



TORTOISE TALES *Saturdays, Sundays, 10:30am (ongoing)*

During "Tortoise Tales," a new visitor interaction included in general admission, **sponsored by Tropical Fish Haven**, guests will learn about different tortoise species and sizes, and have a chance to feed them. Ask at Visitors Center for show location. Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.



WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW OF FALL VEGETABLE GARDENING

Saturday, August 10, 10:30am

These great gardening guidelines by retired nurseryman and Nueces Master Gardener Frank Eicholz, give you specific plans for what, when, where, and how to plant your vegetable choices, including proven maintenance, fertilization and insect prevention methods, with charts and instruction sheets available.



IMPACT OF FERTILIZERS ON SOILS, WATER *Saturday, August 17, 10:30am*

Discover the impact of fertilizers—not just on plants, but also area soils and estuaries—from Nueces County Extension Horticulturist Kevin Gibbs, who will discuss different fertilizer options to promote healthy lawns and gardens while minimizing potential runoff to protect our bays and estuaries. Learn about free soil testing, as part of the *Coastal Bend Fertilizer and Pesticide Monitoring Program*, from Sandra Ellis, City of Corpus Christi Storm Water program.



RAINWATER HARVESTING *Saturday, August 31, 10:30am*

Prior to rainy season, Master Gardener & Rainwater Harvesting Specialist Carlos Valdez explains how to convert your roof into a rainwater harvesting system with components and options from gutters to a variety of water storage containers, to start saving this valuable resource. Information on City of Corpus Christi's Rainwater Barrels also available.

PRUNING & PLANTING FOR FABULOUS FALL COLOR *Saturday, September 7, 10:30am*

Learn which plants need a fall haircut to stimulate flowering; and discover which fall annuals and perennials will create a colorful landscape and patio, in time to enjoy cooler weather, with staff horticulturist Carol Krank.



CREATING LIVING WALL ART: MOUNTING EPIPHYTES

Saturday, September 14, 10:30am

Orchids and bromeliads are exotic plants intriguing many gardeners, especially when they realize many of these plants don't require soil. Orchid aficionado and long-time STBGNC volunteer Jorge Garcia will show techniques for mounting these plants on wood, creating living artwork for your patio.



FINDING THE BEST TREES FOR SOUTH TEXAS

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 -11:30 am.

Texas A&M Forest Service Urban Forester Bill Green shares challenges of growing trees in the Coastal Bend along with his list of best adapted trees for our region, as well as online tree selection programs that pinpoint the best tree for your specific space, function and environmental conditions.