



**SOUTH TEXAS
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GARDENS
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MEDIA ADVISORY February 19, 2021

South Texas Botanical Gardens reopened post-freeze, Friday, February 19; with half-price admission through Sunday, February 28!

CORPUS CHRISTI—The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center reopened Friday, February 19, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., following a four-day closure for abnormally-low freezing temperatures, power outage and water pressure issues.

While assessing results of weather and relocating plants, **half-price admission** is in effect through Sunday, February 28--\$4.50 adults ages 13-59; \$3.50 seniors at 60 / Active Military / College; and \$1.50 children ages 3-12. Under 3 and members are free. Health protocols include social-distancing throughout, and masks required indoors.

Additionally, the Saturday, February 20, class, "*Gardening in Sand*," has been cancelled, to be rescheduled for a later date. However, the final Winter Lecture, "*Plumeria Winter Wake-up*," will happen as planned at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 24. For ZOOM connection, call 361-852-2100.

Executive Director Dr. Michael Womack said orchid and bromeliad collections were safe in Conservatories, as were many moveable plants relocated there from outside gardens. Plumeria already were in their winter greenhouse. Although some outside exhibits appear affected, many plantings will rebound after pruning, while others will be replaced.

All parrot and reptile animal ambassadors were moved to a building powered and heated via generator while power was out.

DONATIONS FOR PLANT REPLACEMENT are appreciated, will be matched by a current Eugene Bouligny challenge grant, and may be sent to the **South Texas Botanical Gardens, 8545 S. Staples St., Corpus Christi TX, 78413**, with donor name, address, e-mail and phone information. The Botanical Gardens is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

