

## May, 2017 Calendar

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

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION!

2017 EDUCATION CALENDAR  
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### **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](http://www.stxbot.org); or Wildlife in Focus, 361-881-9316, [wildlifeinfocus.org](http://wildlifeinfocus.org).

### **ORCHIDOLOGY** Thursday, May 4, 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.



### **PURPLE MARTIN SEMINAR**

**Saturday, May 6, 10am-noon.**

Louise Chambers of the Purple Martin Conservation Association shares insights of Purple Martins' ideal housing; and a peak into a martin colony as she conducts nest checks. Learn what it takes to mother these ravenous baby birds.



### **MOTHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND** May 12-14.

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center hosts **Mothers' Day Free Weekend**—Friday through Sunday, **May 12 through 14**. Besides free admission for moms, enjoy **Wildlife in Focus photography exhibition** on the Brennecke Nature Trail; and **Parrot Talk** visitor interactive presentations at 1:30 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Tropical Garden! The festive free weekend for moms is in conjunction with National Public Gardens Day, May 12, sponsored by the American Public Gardens Association (APGA). Visit [stxbot.org](http://stxbot.org), or [nationalpublicgardensday.org](http://nationalpublicgardensday.org), to download a South Texas Botanical Gardens coupon to admit Mom free. Or, any mother can say, "Moms love Flowers" at the Visitors Center front desk Friday, Saturday or Sunday! Only moms get free admission that weekend—unless others in the party are members.



### **TOO MANY TOMATOES** Saturday, May 13, am-noon.

Retired Nueces County Extension Nutritionist & Master Gardener Gloria Van Zandt, go-to person for everything tomato, discusses recipes and methods of preserving your vast quantities of delicious fruit instead of endlessly dumping them on your neighbors.



### **ORGANIC GARDENING & PEST CONTROL OPTIONS**

**Saturday, May 20, 10am-noon.**

Develop a "taste" for organic gardening in this seminar with Andy Chidester, of Ladybug Products, learning about several organic gardening styles, techniques, products and how to utilize them.

### **PARROT TALK VISITOR INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS**

1:30 pm, Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays, Tropical Garden. Included in general admission!

