

SOUTH TEXAS Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

October, 2017 Calendar

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

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION

361-852-2100 www.stxbot.org

EDUCATION CALENDAR

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PARROT TALK VISITOR INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS (no reservations needed)

1:30 pm, Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays, Tropical Garden. Ask at Visitors Center for location. Included in Admission!



WILDLIFE IN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION The exhibition of full-color winning photographs from the 2015 *Wildlife in Focus* biennial photography competition on display, with photographers' metadata--has been extended through December, 2017. 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 and Christmas Day. Winners of 2017 competition will be announced in October, with the ninth *Wildlife in Focus* volume published in 2018. Information, 361-881-9316, wildlifeinfocus.org.



ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, October 5, 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.

MOONLIGHT IN THE GARDENS SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER, October 6

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center hosts its 11th signature fundraiser, *Moonlight in the Gardens*, beginning at 5:30 pm, Friday, at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Drive. Presented for the fourth consecutive year by CITGO-Corpus Christi Refinery, benefiting Botanical Gardens environmental education and conservation programs, this year honors Corpus Christi philanthropist Eugene Bouligny, who has poured millions of dollars into the community through challenge grants to numerous non-profits.

Moonlight in the Gardens' LUNAR, SOLAR, INTERPLANETARY TRAVEL theme returns with *Vulcan Valet*, *Constellation Check-In*, *Rocket Charge* pre-authorized credit card system, *Lightning Launch* Mixed Drinks cash bar, complimentary *Stellar Spirits* wine/beer/margaritas, *Starlight Silent Auction*, *Grand Galaxy Auction*, *Pictures with Parrots*, *Visitors from Planet Plant*, *Wine Pull*, *Aphrodite's Patio*, *Astronomical Appetizers*, *Martian Music Bar*, dining fare by Texas Roadhouse, Jason's Deli, and Spectra at the Ortiz Center, emcee Todd Hunter, *FlashBack*—playing *Nep-tunes*—decades of pop and rock dancing hits, *Galactic Gifts from the Gardens*.

Event sponsorships, with reserved seating from two to 16, range from \$350 to \$10,000. Non-reserved single seating is \$100 members, \$125 others. Reservations are required for the event which has sold out the past three years.



HOLIDAY FLORAL DESIGNS Saturday, October 14, 10 am-noon.

Floral designers from *H-E-B Plus* stores will teach you to create beautiful holiday arrangements to impress family, guests.



TREES FOR SOUTH TEXAS Saturday, October 21, 10 am-noon

There's more suitable tree possibilities out there than you might think! Botanical Gardens Executive Director Michael Womack shares several tree varieties, growth rates, soil preferences and how to plant and prune for optimum growth and strength.

CREATIVE COMPOSTING October 28, 10 am-noon

Even if your yard is small, learn the basics of composting and easy, practical ways to recycle your kitchen scraps and landscape debris into "Gardener's Gold", from Nueces Master Gardener Composting Specialist Deb Holliday, with helpful tips dispelling the "dirty and smelly" misconception.

