

SOUTH TEXAS Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

## September, 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](http://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**

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. 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).



### **KIDS DISCOVER SOUTH TEXAS REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS**

**Saturday, September 2, 10-11am**

Texas Master Naturalist Chad Huckabee, and staff Animal Specialist Rich Hafemeister teach kids of all ages about habits and habitats of frogs, toads, iguanas, turtles, tortoises, lizards, snakes and other creatures, ones you may—or may NOT—want to have as pets! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

### **ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, September 7, 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.



### **INTRO TO EXCITING WORLD OF BIRDS Saturday, September 9.**

**Class:** 9 am - 11:30 am, Education Station. **Field trip:** 1- 5 pm

Basic introduction designed for beginning birders with little or no experience in birding. Study some of the 450 known bird species in South Texas, with noted birder, naturalist, author Gene Blacklock. \$45 each members; \$60 others. Prepaid registration by Sept. 6, 361.852.2100. Curriculum questions 361.558.1829.



### **FALL PLANTING FOR SPRING BLOOM Saturday, September 16, 10am-noon.**

Learn why our oft-forgotten fall planting season can be a gardener's best friend when Gill Landscape Nursery's Landscape Designer Kathy Hubner provides a plethora of planting possibilities for spectacular spring color including perennials, bulbs and shrubs,



### **BLACKLOCK'S BEGINNING BIRD ID SERIES 6 Classes, 2 Field Trips**

**Classes:** Mondays, 6:15-9 pm; Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23; Education Station.

**Field Trips:** Saturdays, Oct. 21, Nov. 4.

Designed for those who wish to know more about bird identification, but have little or no field experience.

With award-winning, entertaining birder/naturalist, author and educator Gene Blacklock.

\$150 members; \$185 others. Prepaid registration by Sept. 15, 361-852-2100. Curriculum 361-558-1829.



### **SHOREBIRD IDENTIFICATION SHORT COURSE Saturday, September 23**

Birder, naturalist, author Gene Blacklock leads a fascinating lecture, 9 to 11:30 am; and field trip 1 to 5 pm. For all levels of birders, studying Coastal Bend shorebirds, plovers, sandpipers, phalaropes . . . histories, migration timelines, (basic) plumage. Students should bring binoculars. Course fee is \$45 members, \$60 others, with prepaid registration by September 20. Curriculum: 361-558-1829.

### **SPA DAY FOR FALL ROSES Saturday, September 30, 10 to noon.**

Corpus Christi Rose Society members provide insights for fall grooming and rose care to get your "American Beauties" back into full bloom for the fall and winter.

[Rose photo courtesy of BRENT ROURKE]

