

### SET YOUR SITES ON BIRDING

April 20-24, in the BIRDIEST CITY, at the fifth BIRDIEST FESTIVAL in AMERICA, right here in Corpus Christi!

Experience thrills of Spring Migration in our "birdiest flyway!" Meet a whole new flock of friends from multiple states! Records have been broken, 314 different species over the past four festivals! Grab your choice of field trips, classes, reserve a seat for Keynote Speaker David Allen Sibley's "WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A BIRD?"

Explore the Festival, register now (\$25), WWW.BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG

### After reputation soared in 2021, Corpus Christi's 5th 'Birdiest Festival in America' aims higher!







pril 20-24, Corpus Christi's BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA turns Afive, with renowned keynote speaker, both pre-trip and first post-trip! In "Covid 2021," 289 different bird species were sighted by 163 registrants from 19 states—breaking its previous 262-species record; raising its four-year sighting history to 314!

Experience amazing spring migration along the Texas Gulf Coast in perhaps the busiest flyway in the country, a variety of field trips to famous South Texas ranch and coastal hot spots, several presentations and workshops; bird walks; and Jonathan Wood Raptor Project shows.

An opening reception with Happy Hour cash bar and Texas BBQ dinner; Vendor Trade Show; artisan booths; and Saturday Family Fun Day round out your basic Texas Coastal adventure!

Suspense is building for "What's it's Like to be a Bird," by acclaimed author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, David Allen Sibley, originally scheduled for cancelled 2020 festival, while Covid concerns kept him from presenting in 2021.

Pre-trip, April 16-19, heads to the Rio Grande Valley in deep South Texas for specialty birds, last year producing 193 species; while posttrip, April 25-28, treks north to the Upper Texas Coast and Piney Woods, on a scenic search for specialty song birds and shore birds. Each trip is \$850, maximum eight birders.



Basic Festival registration is \$25, plus opening dinner, field trips, speaker. PRESENTING SPONSOR is Flint Hills Resources!



### **HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS-Vans**

Port Aransas Hot Spots	\$ 70
Chasing Warblers	\$ 70
Shorebirds of Coastal Bend	\$ 70
<b>Knolle Farms</b>	\$ 75
Texas Scramble	\$ 70

### **NEW!**

Joe Fulton Corridor/Hilltop	\$ 70
Birding with David Sibley	Full

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<b>Hazel Bazemore Park</b>	\$ 35
Fennessey Ranch	\$ 55
Pollywog Ponds	\$ 35
Skimmer Boat Trip	\$ 85

### **FULL-DAY FIELD TRIPS**

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lunch	\$170		
Choke Canyon Lake lunch	\$ 95		
Big Day—Full Day	\$ 95		
<b>Rockport/Fulton Hot Spots</b>	\$ 85		
<b>Guadalupe Delta Preserve</b>			
lunch	\$ 95		

### NEW!

**Barnhart Q5 Ranch & Nature Retreat** *lunch* \$110

Descriptions of all field trip, pre-trip, post-trip destinations; presentations, workshops, walks, target birds, schedule & registration at:

BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG

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Shorebird ID	\$15	
Hawkwatching	\$15	
Finding Birds 101	\$15	
Birding Photography	\$ 15	

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Warblers, Colorful Gems	\$ 5
ID Challenges of Texas Coast	\$ 5
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**Challenges to Recovery** 

FRONT COVER BIRD PHOTOS, DENISE HOUSLER · Left to Right: INDIGO BUNTING · SUMMER TANAGER · PROTHONATORY WARBLER















\$ 5

### Five attractions offer half-price reciprocal admission to all members — February only!

YES, IT'S BACK! Members of any of these five Corpus Christi educational and cultural attractions—Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, Texas State Aquarium or USS Lexington Museum on the Bay—get an added valuable membership benefit during February—half-price reciprocal admission at the other four, and 10 percent off in all five gift shops. The third bonus is a 10 percent discount on any new membership—throughout February only! cost reductions, while supporting these non-profits! Be prepared to show your current membership card and photo identification at all facilities. (The reciprocal benefit applies only to those family members covered on the home membership category.)











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### Plans underway for the real deal, BIG BLOOM Plant Sale, April 2!

### Note time changes for BIG BLOOM 2022!

9 Membership Table Opens

Visit websites for membership, hours, or other information.

- 9-10 Members-Only Shopping
- 10-5 Big Bloom, Orchid Sale, Vendors, Nature's Boutique, Kids' Zone
- 11-2 FOOD TRUCKS

### FLORA, FAUNA, Eco-FUN highlights

10-5 Butterfly Releases, Parrot Talks, Ladybug Releases, Reptile Shows, Nature Trail Walk & Talks, Birding Scopes on Wetland Boardwalk.

(Detailed Schedule will appear on STXBOT.ORG closer to event)



f all goes "well," BIG BLOOM Plant Sale will be back from 10 am-5 pm, Saturday, April 2! Butterflies, bromeliads, orchids and plumeria will delight guests as they browse a bountiful array of plant varieties, unique vendor items, and enjoy eco-activities—all on a \$2 COMMUNITY DAY, free for members!

**ORCHID-OLOGY** also has returned the first Thursday each month to help orchid buyers.

**VENDORS** may email Kathie@stxbot.org for applications, or call 361-852-2100.

**BRING A PLANT WAGON**, we don't have enough to go around. Check your MEMBER CARD for expiration date; and renew at least 10 days before sale if expired, online at STXBOT.ORG, or mail in form, p. 8.

**TIME CHANGES:** 10 am opening, MEMBERS in at 9 am!

PHOTOS: Debbie Noble





## Botanical Gardens, CITGO partner in record-setting 'MOONLIGHT' fundraiser!

Rave reviews still echo around town about "Moonlight Returns to the Gardens," presented by CITGO-Corpus Christi Refinery, October 29, back in the South Texas Botanical Gardens' spectacular outdoor floral setting.

Raising \$227,000 for stewardship and enhancement of picturesque Gardens exhibits, the weather-perfect evening featured a casual roam-on-your own theme, as around 600 guests enjoyed cocktails and six different food stations, 200-item pen & paper silent auction and butterfly release. The evening's menu included:

- Moonlight Mint & Botanical Balm craft beers
- Wine & Traditional Beers
- Margaritas
- Vegetable & Fruit Trays
- Fried Shrimp & Chicken Strips
- Spring Rolls & Egg Rolls
- Chicken Fajitas & Spanish Rice
- Pulled Pork Sliders & Chili
- Cheesecakes & Brownies

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Corpus Christi Brass Quintet, Plumeria Winds, and Michael Moore on guitar provided musical interludes.

Lead sponsors were Las Aguilas Enterprises & Dobson Family, Corpus Christi Medical Center, Amanda & Ken Kellar, Emily Ann's Family Foundation, Char & Cliff Atnip, Joyce Barnette, Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation, Cindy & Mike Boudloche, Building Bridge Foundation, Christus Spohn, Devary Durrill Foundation, Hicks Automotive Group, Valero.

[New sponsors since last issue: Celika Storm, HOME2Suites, Sherriff J.C. Hooper.] Event Chairs were Manette Scanio and Callie Walker. Sponsorship Chair was Gloria Hicks; while Jessica Gilmore, Holly Osborn and Gaye White chaired the auction.

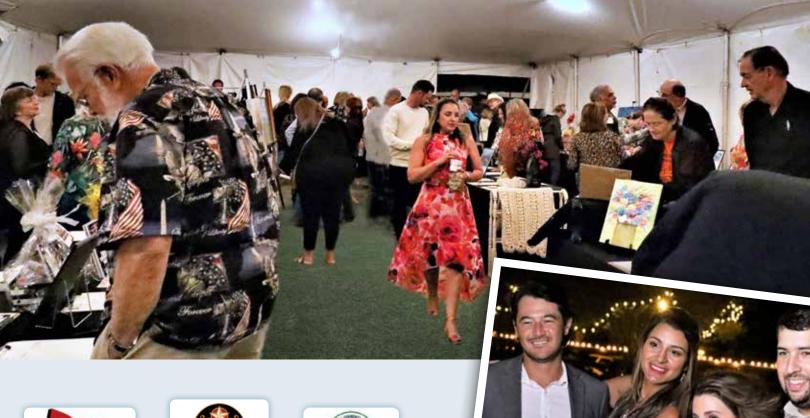






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More than 2700 visitors, double past years, enjoyed four days and nine nights of HOLLY-DAYS at the GARDENS, presented by Valero! Huge lighted fir tree, more light displays, SANTA, orchid tree, bromeliad tree, trees in the Plumeria Garden, candy canes, photos with Merry Macaws, hay rides, petting zoo, s'mores & cocoa, kids crafts—memorable family fun in one beautiful holiday setting. How will HOLLY DAYS grow in 2022?















### **AEP 'Outdoor Learning Center' canopy installed!**

A \$25,000 grant from AEP Texas soon will allow students on school field trips to learn comfortably in fresh air! The 20 x 40-foot heavy-duty dark green weatherproof canopy adjacent to the EarthKind Demo Gardens will shelter a crushed granite floor and aluminum bench seating, also utilized for expanded adult programing, including demonstration classes, hands-on activities for composting, waterwise plant selection, water gardening, hydroponics, innovative home food production in small spaces, and birding/nature classes.

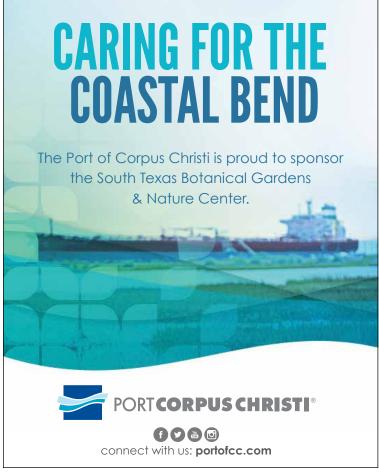
### Nature Trail flooding "bridged"!

A substantial, railed bridge now spans a low spot on the nature trail between the Hummer Garden and Birding Tower, often flooded by heavy rains in the Salt Grass wetland. Trail improvements funding came from 2020 Port Corpus Christi Moonlight sponsorship; and 2021 from Corpus Christi Medical Center.



### vine trellises built along S. Staples fence

Troop 3 Eagle Scout Sean Ramsey built additional vine trellises along the S. Staples fence to screen traffic view and noise in the Gardens. Several vines are being tried for water needs, cold-hardiness, and continuous color.







# "WINTER ORCHID" BLOOMS!









### MEMBERSHIP: What you get • how to join!

- ✓ Free General Admission (12 months)
- American Horticulture Society RECIPROCAL ADMISSION PROGRAM

  (FREE admission to 350 Gardens in US) listing at www.ahsgardening.org/rap
- √ 10% Discount at: Turner's Gardenland & Bay Area Landscape (with valid STBGNC Member Card & ID) (excludes labor, sale items)
- (with valid STBGNC Member Card & ID) (excludes labor Feathered Friends & Co. (excludes birds)
- FREE Better Homes & Gardens OR

  Martha Stewart Living Magazine Subscription
- 10% Discount at *Nature's Boutique* year-round (STBGNC Gift Shop)
- **✓** 10% Discount at **BIG BLOOM** Plant Sale
- Substancial Class & Kids Camp Discounts (most Saturday seminars free for members)
- ✓ Facilities Rental Privileges
- ✓ Newsletter Event Invitations Window Decal



### ALSO JOIN ONLINE, WWW.STXBOT.ORG

□ Renewal or Fo	ormer Member	□ New Mem	ber
Members	hip Category <i>MAR</i>	K SELECTION	
□ Individual		\$	35
□ Couple *		\$	50
☐ Family *		\$	75
☐ Grandparent **		\$	75
<ul><li>Sustaining</li></ul>	( Family or $GP + 2$	guests) \$	100
□ Supporting	( Family or $GP + 4$	guests) \$	250
☐ Patron	( Family or $GP + 6$	guests ) \$	500
■ Benefactor	( $Family or GP + 10$	guests) \$	1000

\* (Couple, Family: Must be Same Household)

Age 60+/Active Military may take 10% off the membership level of their choice

### PHOTOGRAPHER MEMBERSHIP, for you & clients-\$150/year!

### Member Information PLEASE PRINT

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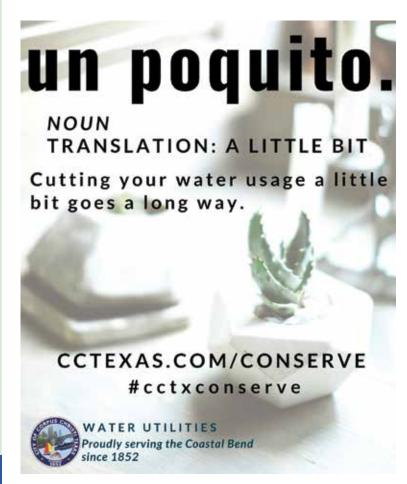
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### Bromeliads attaching to new "tree" in Anderson Bromeliad Conservatory

Emily Ann's Foundation 2020 'MOONLIGHT' sponsorship underwrote this concrete tree, created by David Price, of Aquaria Services, Inc. Bromeliads are epiphytes, not needing soil to grow, able to attach to nearly anything and thrive.



The conservatory was built to house a key portion of Nelwyn and the late John Anderson bromeliad collection, gathered worldwide. The "tree" makes the bromeliad exhibit even more fascinating for both student and adult guests.



<sup>\* \* (</sup>Grandparents: Includes grandchildren/ greatgrandchildren under age 18)

### **EDUCATION, EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR**

### **WEEKEND VISITOR /ANIMAL EVENTS**

(Included in general admission, Members free)

### **REP-TALES**

Saturdays, Sundays, 10:30 am

Meet, pet, learn about, and often feed several of our Resident Reptiles, with trainers, usually on Festival Lawn area.





### **PARROT TALK**

Saturdays, Sundays, 1:30 pm, Parrot Hut

Meet, greet, chat and learn about our most personable exotic parrots with their trainers & volunteers.

CLASS PROTOCOL, until further notice: Up to 20 in-person, MASKS required indoors, regardless of vaccination status. ZOOM Available. RESERVATIONS, Zoom Links, 361-852-2100.

Free with Membership, Admission—or \$5. (SATURDAY CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:30 AM.)

**ORCHID-OLOGY**, a FREE monthly discussion group of orchid enthusiasts of all levels, at 7 pm, the first Thursday of each month, Education Station. Questions welcome; or bring a problem orchid to be diagnosed. Reservations up to 20 in-person; or ZOOM link available. 361-852-2100.



**15th WINTER LECTURE SERIES**, for area residents and winter visitors. Learn valuable often unique lessons on South Texas horticulture from experts, with a cup of coffee, from 9:30–10:30 a.m., **Wednesdays**, through February 23. Class/lecture fees are: FREE with membership or general admission; \$5 others.

**February 2 STAGHORN FERNS & AIR PLANTS**Jorge Garcia, Botanical Gardens Orchid Curator

**February 9 DIY WATER GARDENS**Whitney Lance, horticulture staff

**February 16 WAKING UP YOUR PLUMERIA** Renee Brown, Plumeria Society of South Texas

**February 23 GROWING, USING, PRESERVING HERBS** Cindy Meredith, The Herb Cottage

**February 19: PRUNING TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES**. Staff Horticulturist Carol Krank helps you prioritize and plan annual pruning for more blossoms this spring! Learn about different tools, selecting best for specific job, pruning techniques; when and where to cut.

**February 26: IMPROVING CURB APPEAL**. Learn new landscape ideas making your yard to the envy of the block, from Landscape Designer Harry Villarreal, Gill Garden Center & Landscape Co. Find ideas on plant selection, groupings, more ways to take your lawn to the next level.

**March 5: GOOD BETTER BEST, Spring Vegetable Selection.** Nueces County Extension Agent for Horticulture Kevin Gibbs walks you through home vegetable gardening sharing which varieties do well here and which outperform their counterparts. This presentation includes the "howtos" as well as the "which ones."

**March 12: WHAT TO GROW, HARVEST & PRESERVE** (Freezing & Canning). Learn more about growing and preserving fresh backyard vegetables and fruits from Aransas County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health, Megan Glidden. Which varieties do better with canning vs. freezing, and tips for better preservation.

**March 26: HYPERTUFA**, **DYI Stone Accessories For Your Yard**. Nueces Master Gardeners Agnes Hamilton and Joanie Whitmire demonstrate techniques creating decorative stepping stones and garden accents using this substitute for natural porous limestone.

**[SPECIAL EVENT] April 2: BIG BLOOM Plant Sale, Garden Festival!** We plan a return to normal annual MEGA-SALE, hundreds of plants, family eco-activities, \$2 Community Day! (see article, p. 3).



**[SPECIAL EVENT] April 20-24: BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA,** Keynote Speaker, Pre-Trip, Post-Trip, 17 Field Trips! (*see article pp. 1-2*). www.birdiestfestival.org.

**April 30: HOME FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS for MOTHER'S DAY.** To surprise the "mom" in your life, Golden Petal's Floral Designer Tyra Craig will teach you to make an arrangement with plants/flowers

from your yard and supermarket packaged bouquets.

### [SPECIAL EVENT] May 7-8: MOTHERS DAY FREE WEEKEND / MOMS GET IN FREE!

At Visitors Center Check-In, all a mother needs to say is "Moms Love Flowers", and she gets in free. Sorry, the rest of the family pays general admission. (Of course, members always get in free.) SPECIAL MOMS DAY DEAL: Buy Mom a membership this weekend, at 20% off, for a year of free admission, Nature's Boutique, nursery, BIG BLOOM and other discounts, national magazine subscription, plus 350 Reciprocal Gardens in the U.S. (www.ahsgardening.org/rap).

**May 14: TERRARIUMS**. Staff Horticulturist Carol Krank shows how to create tiny ecosystems including techniques, demonstrations, choosing creative containers, which miniature plants and decorations to personalize your tiny contained garden.

May 21: CREATIVE CONTAINER GARDENS WITH SUCCULENTS. Whitney Lance, staff Horticulture Assistant, shows a variety of containers to transform into fun and unusual succulent gardens for these popular, heat-loving, water-saving plants.

**May 28: RAINWATER CAPTURE.** 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 store this most valuable resource.

**[SPECIAL EVENT] June 18-19: FATHERS' DAY FREE WEEKEND.** Just say, "It's Fathers' Day," and Dad gets in free Saturday & Sunday, Fathers' Day weekend! Be "buds" with Dad, enjoy REP-TALES, 10:30; PARROT TALK, 1:30; gardens, resident reptiles, Gator Lake, trails, other guy stuff! Sorry only dads are free-all other non-members pay general admission. Buy Dad a membership this weekend, at 20% off for a year of free admission plus other membership benefits.

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### PRIVATE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

### PRIVATE REPTILE ROOM ENCOUNTER

Interact with at least 3 of our scaly Animal Ambassadors.

Take photos in the Reptile Room, closed to the public during your session. Each guest can hold 1 animal; and your group will help staff offer Animal Ambassadors a snack!

1-6 people 15 minutes \$30 6-10 people 20 minutes \$45

(more than 10 will split into 2 encounters, or request party information)

### PRIVATE PARROT PARTY

Interact with at least 3 of our feathered Animal Ambassadors. Take photos: Each person may take a photo holding a parrot. One bag of pistachio treats for parrots in outdoor enclosures.

1-4 people 20 minutes \$45 5-7 people 25 minutes \$50 8-10 people 30 minutes \$65



Scheduling/questions: dedrab@stxbot.org, 361-852-2100

### **SCOUT NATURE ADVENTURE PATCHES**

**SELF-LED:** ANY DAY, between 9 am-6 pm.

**PATCHES:** Butterflies, Birds, Reptiles, Trails, Gardens,

Nature Adventure Circle Patch.

Troop Leaders / Parents, Register your Scouts by Email, brendae@stxbot.org, 361-852-2100 x 223. Fees apply.



**STAFF LED:** SPECIAL SESSION PATCH • SATURDAY, 11am-1pm.

Feb 12th-Reptiles; March 5th-Birds; April 9th-Gardens; TBA-Trails, Butterflies. Program activities related to patch subject area conducted by Education Staff/Volunteers. \$30 per Scout, each Saturday.

Pre-register at least 1 week in advance, brendae@stxbot.org, 361-852-2100 x 223

### **SCHOOL FIELD TRIP OPTIONS**

Learn while encountering different Garden & Nature Center areas—Butterfly House, Reptile Room, Sensory Garden, Parrot Enclosures, Brennecke Nature Trail, more!

### A. SELF-DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 6 \$5 / student GRADES 7 through 12 \$6 / student [Start at our Visitor Center with a map, CHOOSE your destinations!]

### **B. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:**

PRE-K through GRADE 6 Starts \$6 / student GRADES 7 through 12 Starts \$7 / student [Choose Gardens and Nature Center areas for students' educational experience. Staff/volunteers will be available for Q/A sessions.]

### C. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP with CUSTOMIZED SCIENCE LESSON, NATURE CRAFT, or BOTH!

PRE-K through GRADE 6 Starts \$9 / student GRADES 7 through 12 Starts \$10 / student [A Directed Field Trip includes lessons or crafts, i.e. Earthworm Exploration, Composting, Invasive Species, Nature Suncatchers. Each student also receives a Nature Journal.]

### **OTHER IMPORTANT FIELD TRIP INFORMATION:**

Masks are worn INDOORS until further notice.
Minimum Field Trip is 12 students.
\$5 each Adult Chaperone. For more information and RESERVATIONS, email brendae@stxbot.org

### Kids Sammer Nature Gamps

### **REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MARCH!**

All Camps are conducted by Education & Animal Care
Staff, Volunteers, Guest Speakers.
Campers are divided into small groups, participating in
age-appropriate science investigations,
reptile and parrot interactions, nature crafts, trail
walks, journaling and more!

All camps are Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon, (except Mammal Art Camp, 1-4pm.) \$125 Members, \$150 Others.



June 6-10	Feathers & Scales	Ages 6-8
June 13-17	Snakes & Friends	Ages 9-12
June 20-24	Tiny Critters	Ages 6-8
June 27-July 1	Nature Buddies	Ages 6-8
July 11-15	Nature Shutterbugs	Ages 9-14
July 11-15	Mammal Art Camp	Ages 9-14
July 18-22	Girl Scout Camp	

Camp Registration Form, more information, contact brendae@stxbot.org, 361-852-2100.

(Daisy-Brownie-Junior groups)

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OCEAN DRIVE GARDEN CLUB donated \$500 to purchase 110 hay bales, creating this "Hay-mazing" Adventure, celebrating fall! Located near Monkey Mansion, Garden Club members decorated with pumpkins and scarecrows, which later changed to Christmas décor for HOLLY-DAYS weekends. Bales later were reused as mulch!

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