

WEEKEND ANIMAL AMBASSADOR EVENTS

(Included in general admission, Members free)

REPTILES

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

still suspended due to risk of Avian Flu.

(Parrots Hope to Return Soon!)

February 4: SPRING PRUNING & CLEAN-UP.

Master Gardener Renee Brown provides a list and timing for spring chores, including pruning post-freeze, and fertilizing.

February 11: PLANTING BEGINS, Successful Veggie Gardens.

Gill Garden Center & Landscape Nurseries's Wyatt Page gives insights on planning spring vegetable gardens, maximizing crops.

February 18: COLOR UP YOUR EXISTING LANDSCAPE.

Learn creative, colorful spring planting ideas using annuals and perennials from Master Gardener Beth Spirko.

February 25: SOIL MANAGEMENT & SPRING FERTILIZATION.

Learn how to maintain your soil composition, and fertilize correctly for best spring/summer blooms and crops, with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Kevin Gibbs.

Apr 1: BIG BLOOM Plant Sale, GARDEN FESTIVAL!

Annual MEGA-PLANT SALE, 10 am-5 pm, MEMBERS enter at 9 am, hundreds of plants, family eco-activities, \$2 Community Day! Details TBA.

Apr 26-30: BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA

Amazing KEYNOTE SPEAKER Tiffany Kersten spent 2021, against all odds, setting a new U.S. record for 'The Big Year'--726 bird species!

Experience amazing spring migration along the Texas Gulf Coast in the busiest of U.S. flyways, with four-day pre- & post-trips; field trips to famous South Texas ranch & coastal hot spots; presentations & workshops; bird walks; & Jonathan Wood Raptor Project shows.

Based at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, a popular opening reception with Happy Hour cash bar & genuine Texas BBQ dinner; Vendor Trade Show; artisan booths; & Saturday

'Family Fun Day' still are only *part* your Texas Coastal adventure!

The 2022 *Birdiest Festival in America* had 239 registrants from 30 states, a 47% increase—and raised the number of bird species seen in its five-year history to 329! Beginning December 1, visit <https://www.birdiestfestival.org> for REGISTRATION, DETAILS, SCHEDULE. Questions to veteran Chair Denise, 361-563-5968.



CLASS PROTOCOL, until further notice:
40 spaced seats, MASKS optional. ZOOM Available.

To guarantee a seat, make RESERVATIONS or get Zoom Info, at 361-852-2100.

Classes FREE with Membership, General Admission, or \$5.
(ALL SATURDAY CLASSES begin at 9:30 AM.)



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

WINTER LECTURES, 2023

Our annual Winter Lecture Series returns, Wednesdays, 9:30 am, in Education Station. Learn valuable, unique lessons in South Texas environmental horticulture, with a cup of coffee! Free for MEMBERS, or Gardens General Admission, \$5 others. Reservations required. 361-852-2100. Masks recommended, but optional.

Jan 18	"Tree Pruning"	Certified Arborist John Wood, <i>Tree Amigos</i>
Jan 25	"Saving the Monarchs"	Dr. Michael Womack
Feb 1	"Super Succulents"	Kathie Fernandez <i>Nueces Master Gardeners</i>
Feb 8	"Gardening with Nature, Not Against It"	Dr. Michael Womack
Feb 15	"Beehive for Your Backyard"	Deb Houlihan <i>Nueces Master Gardeners</i>
Feb 22	"Plant Now for Fall Hummers"	Deb Holliday <i>Nueces Master Gardeners</i>

January 21: RIGHT TOOLS FOR YOUR GARDEN.

Master Gardener Carlos Valdez gives an inventory of basic garden Tools & variations making outdoor garden chores easy & efficient.

January 28: REBLOOMING ORCHIDS.

Got orchids, but no more flowers? Orchid Curator Jorge Garcia shares tips for getting your tropical treasures to re-flower, and keep them healthy.

May 13, 14: MOTHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND

At Visitors Center, all a Mom needs to say is "Show me the Flowers," and she gets in free! The rest of her party pays general admission, unless members. SPECIAL MOM'S 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).

June 17, 18: FATHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND!

Just says "Lizards & Snakes" and Dad gets in free, Saturday and Sunday, Father's Day weekend. Be buds with Dad, enjoy REPTILES at 10:30am, gardens displays, Reptile Room, Gator Lake, trails, other guy stuff. Only dads are free. All other non-members in his party general admission. Buy Dad a membership this weekend, at 20% off for a year of free admission, plus 350 RECIPROCAL Gardens!