



WINTER 2022/2023 NEWSMAGAZINE



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## SCOPE OUT OUR BIRDING

**April 26-30, in the BIRDIEST CITY, at the sixth BIRDIEST FESTIVAL in AMERICA, right here in Corpus Christi!**

New birder or festival pro? Experience Spring Migration, when birds fluff their feathers for their annual trek through South Texas via one of the country's busiest flyways!

To insure your choices of 19 different field trips, presentations/workshops, pre-trip and/or post-trip, and a seat for Keynote Speaker Tiffany Kersten's "**BIRDIE BIG YEAR: ELEVATING WOMEN BIRDERS**,"

**Explore the 2023 Festival, register NOW, at [BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG](https://birdiestfestival.org) !**

**Last year's festival rocked the records, as 239 registered birders from 30 states sighted 267 species, making five-year total 329!**

WINGS UP for many layers of festival enjoyment—*Southern Welcome to Texas* BBQ dinner, Vendor Trade Show, thrilling Jonathan Wood Raptor Project shows, artisan booths, and Saturday Family Fun Day.

Nineteen different field trips with NEW offerings like deeper-dive FULL DAYS to more divisions of world-famous King Ranch; "Birding with Tiffany Kersten," our Keynote speaker; and nearby city-operated Oso Bay Wetland Preserve, led by its Director.

Several excursions offer multiple dates. Half-Day tours have NEW morning or afternoon options allowing FLEXIBILITY to attend a variety of presentations, workshops.

April 22-25 Pre-Trip and May 1-4 Post Trip both head further south to popular bird mecca Rio Grande Valley, with experience leaders. Cost of each is \$875, with max of eight.

### KEYNOTE APRIL 28, 5:30 PM

**TIFFANY KERSTEN** didn't set out for A BIG YEAR! A sexual assault survivor, she spent 2021 traveling across the country tallying birds and gifting personal safety alarms to women she met. With a goal of seeing 700 species and raising women's awareness outdoors, she set a new "Lower 48" BIG YEAR record of 726!

Driving 49,000 miles in a Chevy Spark, hopping 50 flights, getting email sighting tips from friends, Tiffany's keynote leads us through fear, empowerment struggles, healing—all playing vital roles in personal growth on this wild adventure!

BANNER PHOTO: Henry Nabors    BIRD PHOTOS: Denise Housler







### HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS-Vans

Joe Fulton Corridor/Hilltop	\$ 75
Knolle Jersey Farms	\$ 75
Texas Scramble	\$ 75
Hazel Bazemore Park	\$ 75
Port Aransas Hot Spots/AM	\$ 70
Port Aransas Hot Spots/PM	\$ 60
Chasing Warblers/AM	\$ 75
Chasing Warblers/PM	\$ 60
Coastal Bend Shorebirds/AM	\$ 75
Coastal Bend Shorebirds/PM	\$ 60

#### **NEW!**

Birding w/ Tiffany Kersten/AM	\$ 85
Birding w/ Tiffany Kersten/PM	\$ 70

### HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS-UDrive

Fennessey Ranch	\$ 55
Skimmer Boat Trip	\$ 125

#### **NEW!**

Oso Bay Wetland Preserve	\$ 25
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### FULL-DAY FIELD TRIPS-Vans

King Ranch, Norias Division	
	(lunch) \$170

#### **NEW!**

King Ranch, Santa Gertudis Division	
Laureles Division	(lunch) \$120

Barnhart Q5 Ranch & Nature Retreat	
	(lunch) \$120

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge	
	(lunch) \$ 105

Big Day—Full Day	\$ 110
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Rockport/Fulton Hot Spots	\$ 105
	(lunch) \$ 105

Guadalupe Delta Preserve	
	(lunch) \$105

### WORKSHOPS

Shorebird ID	\$ 15
Bird Art Basics	\$ 30
Expressive Watercolor Art	\$ 30
Hawkwatching 101	\$ 15
Finding Birds 101	\$ 15
Better Nature Photography	\$ 15
iNaturalist	\$ 15

### PRESENTATIONS

More than just a Pretty Face, ID by Sight & Sound	\$ 7
Best Kids' Birding Program	\$ 7
Nearby Birding Sites	\$ 7
Warblers, Colorful Gems	\$ 7
iNaturalist, Enjoying Nature	\$ 7
Hummingbirds Amazing Lives	\$ 7

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

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

It's February, and 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, 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!

See Corpus Christi like a tourist, save on 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.)

VISIT WEBSITES FOR MEMBERSHIP, HOURS, OR OTHER INFORMATION



[artmuseumofsouthtexas.org](http://artmuseumofsouthtexas.org)



[ccmuseum.com](http://ccmuseum.com)



[stxbot.org](http://stxbot.org)



[usslexingtonmuseum.com](http://usslexingtonmuseum.com)



[texasstateaquarium.org](http://texasstateaquarium.org)

## BIG BLOOM mega Plant Sale is April 1, no foolin'!

- 9 Membership Table Opens
- 9-10 Members-Only Shopping
- 10-5 Big Bloom Plant Sale, Orchid Sale, Vendors, Nature's Boutique Gift Shop, Bounce House, Monkey Mansion, Butterfly Releases, Parrot Talks, Ladybug Releases, Reptile Shows, Birding Scopes on Wetland Boardwalk.
- 11-2 FOOD TRUCKS *(Detailed Schedule will appear on STXBOT.ORG closer to event)*



PRESENTED BY:

**Corpus Christi  
Medical Center**



**PORTCORPUS CHRISTI**

**NavyArmy**  
COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

The huge, annual BIG BLOOM Plant Sale will be from 10 am-5 pm, Saturday, April 1! Butterflies, bromeliads, orchids, plumeria will delight shoppers as they browse a bountiful array of other plant varieties, unique vendor items, and enjoy eco-activities, with a \$2 Community Day entrance fee, made possible by PRESENTING SPONSOR, Corpus Christi Medical Center! MEMBERS enter free, and may start shopping at 9 am.

VENDORS may email [Kathie@stxbot.org](mailto:Kathie@stxbot.org) for applications, or call 361-852-2100.

ORCHID-ODOGY has returned the first Thursday each month to help first-time orchid buyers.

BRING A PLANT WAGON, we don't have enough for everyone.

CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD for expiration; renew at least 10 days before sale at STXBOT.ORG.







## CITGO, Botanical Gardens partner eighth year for popular, casual 'MOONLIGHT' fundraiser!

Blessed by another perfect fall evening, "Moonlight in the Gardens", presented by CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery October 7, raised more than \$200,000 for Gardens exhibit enhancement, growth and visitor experience in a relaxing, outdoor floral setting. Supporting Sponsor was **CHRISTUS Spohn Health System**.

Around 600 guests enjoyed brass and jazz by the Corpus Christi Brass Quintet, cocktails, seven different food stations, a butterfly release, pen and paper silent auction and meeting Animal Ambassadors. The delicious menu included:

• "Moonlight Mint" Craft Beer	B&J's PIZZA & BREWPUB
• Wine & Traditional Beers	L&F DISTRIBUTORS
• Margaritas	ARANSAS-CORPUS CHRISTI PILOTS
• Sliders, Appetizers	JASON'S DELI
• Fruit, Vegetable Trays	CC PRODUCE
• 4" Prawns, Chicken Strips	BREWSTER STREET SOUTH
• Asian Wraps	HU-DAT NOODLE HOUSE
• Chicken Fajitas	P.O.E.T.S FAMILY RESTAURANT
• Pulled Pork	TEXAS ROADHOUSE
• Mini Keylime & Specialty Desserts	HESTER'S CAFÉ

More than 60 companies and individuals supported MOONLIGHT, underwriting parts of the event, or Gardens Stewardship enhancement projects!

### LEAD SPONSORS:

Corpus Christi Medical Center, Devary Durrill Foundation, Kellar Consulting, Las Aguilas Enterprises, Char & Cliff Atnip, Joyce Barnette, Cindy & Mike Boudloche, Hicks Automotive Group, Valero.

**EVENT CHAIRS:** Manette Scanio & Callie Walker.

**SPONSOR SALES** leadership: Gloria Hicks & Michael Womack.

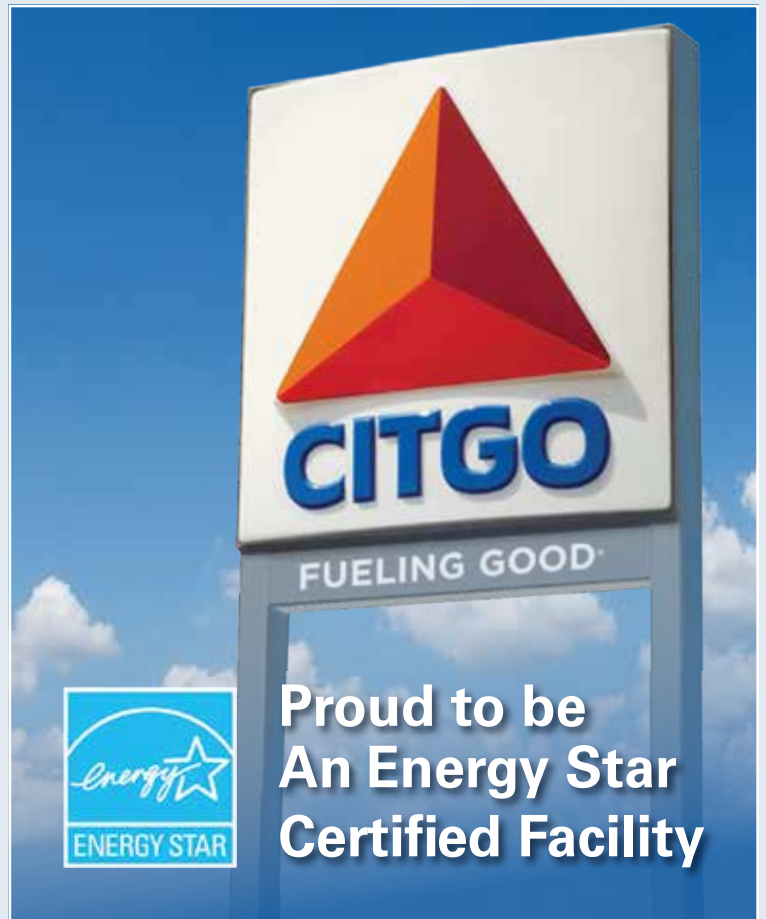
**SILENT AUCTION CHAIRS:** Sarah Garza & Stephanie Riske.







MOONLIGHT PHOTOS: Debbie Noble





# HOLLY DAYS 2022

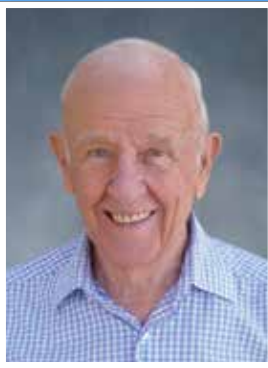


*A magical scene greeted Coastal Bend families and their guests Friday evenings and Saturdays, November 25-December 17! HOLLY-DAYS at the GARDENS featured SANTA, a 20-foot lighted fir tree donated by Joyce Barnette, 'Eco Christmas Tree' created from 3000 recycled plastic bottles by environmental artist Shelia Rogers, and shimmering trees and light displays throughout exhibits! Visitors took hayrides, posed for photos, visited animal ambassadors, explored the Hay Maze, Petting Zoo, enjoyed crafts for Kids and warmed up with S'mores and Cocoa!*

Presented by **VALERO**







Eugene Boulogny

## Another Boulogny Matching Challenge Grant comes our way . . .

One of Corpus Christi's most generous philanthropists, Eugene Boulogny, again has challenged the Botanical Gardens & Nature Center! This year, once we raise \$25,000 for new projects or from new donors, he will match it! Mr. Boulogny extended challenge matches to the Gardens in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021 totaling \$300,000; and was honored at "Moonlight" 2017. Contact Michael Womack or MaryJane Crull with questions, 361-852-2100. Here are ideas for qualifying donations:

- Landscape, signage for new S. Oso Parkway entrance drive at S. Staples St.
- Aluminum gate, fencing extensions, landscape at S. Oso Parkway entrance to parking area.
- New individual or corporate memberships; honorariums; memorial donations.
- Event sponsorships by new underwriters—BIG BLOOM, Birdiest Festival, Moonlight in the Gardens.
- Animal Ambassadors sponsored by new donors.



## Spring completion expected for new S. Oso Parkway entrance

Lots of heavy equipment and crew are working on construction of S. Oso Parkway at S. Staples St., a new and safer entrance to the Botanical Gardens! Road bed is in, curb/gutter underway, and adjacent Education Building parking lot drainage is going in. The entrance road will curve right approaching a decorative gate to current parking. The project was part of the city's 2018 bond package. Contractor is A. Ortiz Construction & Paving, Inc.

Being further west of the current entrance, S. Oso Parkway gives much improved sight distance of cars coming off Oso Creek bridge, often at high speeds. Leaving the Gardens, left, right and straight-ahead exit lanes will expedite traffic flow.

## Another shade structure added for groups using Kids Play Area

Child-friendly donor Joyce Barnette has underwritten a 20 x 40-foot shade structure in the Kids Play Area for families and groups watching their children or enjoying picnic lunches. Identical to the dark green canvas awning behind the Rose Garden, Play Area fencing will surround it, with some comfortable seating added. It also overlooks Monkey Mansion Treehouse, donated by Joyce several years ago—one of the most popular kids spots!

## Recycle Right



### PAPER

Mail, notebook paper, magazines  
Empty, flattened cardboard



### METAL

Empty aluminum cans, steel cans



### PLASTIC

Empty plastic bottles & containers  
with numbers 1, 2, 5

\*Plastic bags of any kind should not be placed in your recycling cart.



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[www.cctexas.com/howtorecycle](http://www.cctexas.com/howtorecycle)

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**“Winter Orchids” bloom this year,  
with new additions coming soon!**







Even orchid volunteers are a bit surprised by the number of orchids still in bloom after peak fall season! “It seems we have an extended bloom season from fall,” said Executive Director Michael Womack. “And we’re excited that our phalaenopsis all are spiking for a great bloom in the next couple of weeks.”

A number of generous memorial donations for the late **Tom Utter**, former Assistant City Manager, orchid aficionado and board member who died last year, will purchase new cultivars selected by Orchid Curator Jorge Garcia, expanding diversity in the permanent collection.

**37,803  
POUNDS**  
of material recycled by the  
Port of Corpus Christi in 2022

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## THESE LUCKY ANIMAL AMBASSADORS SPONSORED SINCE LAST ISSUE!

<b>TABASCO</b>	<i>Scarlet Macaw</i>	Marla Owens
<b>MAXWELL</b>	<i>African Grey Parrot</i>	“ “
<b>SPRITE</b>	<i>Giant Green Day Gecko</i>	Isaiah Landa
<b>TANGO</b>	<i>Green-winged Macaw</i>	Crisp Family
<b>RATATOUILLE</b>	<i>Great Plains White Snake</i>	Andi Shaw
<b>ROSIE</b>	<i>Rosy Boa</i>	Allison, Illiana, Mila Gonzales
<b>BIG CHARLIE</b>	<i>Green-winged Macaw</i>	Annette Sorrells In memory of Frank H. Wied, “The Birdman of Realitos”
		
<b>GOLDIE</b>	<i>Blue &amp; Gold Macaw</i>	Morgan Knight
<b>TEQUILA</b>	<i>Blue &amp; Gold Macaw</i>	Adelyn, Camille & Jason Ahern
<b>POPCORN</b>	<i>Red-eared Slider</i>	Norm Hedrich
<b>FUN</b>	<i>Diamond-backed Terrapin</i>	Jennifer Douglas
<b>BAMBI</b>	<i>Leopard Gecko</i>	Rhodes & Abbott Families
<b>PABLO</b>	<i>Pueblan Milksnake</i>	Rhodes & Abbott Families
<b>MAXIMUS</b>	<i>Green-winged Macaw</i>	Ryan & Simone Tobin
<b>ALADDIN</b>	<i>Desert King Snake</i>	Jackie Strickland
<b>EL JEFE</b>	<i>Sulcata Tortoise</i>	Olivia Tamez
<b>SWEETIE</b>	<i>Blue-fronted Amazon</i>	Carol & Bill Wenzl
<b>LUCY</b>	<i>Yellow-naped Amazon</i>	Rebekah & Michael Cyb
<b>BEAUMONT</b>	<i>Texas Tortoise</i>	Lisa Stoddard
<b>TONY</b>	<i>Red-footed Tortoise</i>	“ “
<b>LEONARDO, RAFAEL, SELENA, WILLIE</b>	<i>Box Turtles</i>	“ “
<b>RANGER</b>	<i>Great Plains Rat Snake</i>	Casey Kelley
<b>JABBA</b>	<i>Pac-man Frog</i>	“ “
<b>SPYRO</b>	<i>Bearded Dragon</i>	Dylan Lawley, Dustin Lawley, Corin Rerecich
		



## 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.



### CLASS PROTOCOL, until further notice:

**MASKS recommended. ZOOM Available.**

**RESERVATIONS, Zoom Links, 361-852-2100.**

**Classes free with Membership, Admission—or \$5.**

**(ALL SATURDAY CLASSES, 9:30-10:30 AM.)**

**ORCHID-LOGY**, a FREE monthly discussion group of orchid enthusiasts of all levels, at 7 pm, the first Thursday of each month, Education Station. Questions, tips; or bring a problem orchid to be diagnosed.



### WINTER LECTURES

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center offers its 16th 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, at 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays, through February 22.

**Feb 1 SUPER SUCCULENTS** Master Gardeners Succulent Team

**Feb 8 GARDENING WITH NATURE, NOT AGAINST IT!**

Dr. Michael Womack, Executive Director

**Feb 15 A BEEHIVE FOR YOUR BACKYARD**

Deb Houlihan, Nueces Master Gardener

**Feb 22 PLANT NOW FOR FALL HUMMERS**

Deb Holliday, Nueces Master Gardener

### 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 Nursery's Wyatt Page gives tips 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.

### March 4: REVITALIZING LANDSCAPES AFTER THE FREEZE

Did you lose a bunch of plants in the freeze? Learn whether to replace now for instant gratification, practice patience waiting for the come back, or make better choices next time from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Nueces County Horticulture Agent, Kevin Gibbs.

**March 11: PROPAGATING YOUR FAVORITE PLANTS** Learn professional methods of propagation to start your own plants, enhancing your landscape gardens at less cost, from Nueces Master Gardener Fred Pena.

### March 25: BRINGING BUTTERFLIES INTO YOUR GARDEN

Whether native butterflies or migrating visitors, learn exactly which plants draw butterflies to your surroundings, from "Butterfly Lady" Brenda Sattler.

### April 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 Entrance Fee. Hundreds of plant varieties, orchids, plumeria, bromeliads, Tropicals, xeriscape. Butterfly and Ladybug releases, Animal Ambassadors, VENDOR BOOTHS, food trucks, more. Schedule TBA. Presented by **Corpus Christi Medical Center**. (see article p. 3)

**April 8: COMPANION PLANTING** Learn how landscape designers know what plant varieties complement each other, and "grouping plants" with similar care needs making you yard look like a professional designed it, from Nueces Master Gardener Beth Spirko.

**April 15: CONTAINER GARDENING & PLANT CARE** Even if space is not your problem, everyone enjoys a pretty container garden, whether flowers, green plants, or even vegetables in a decorative pot. Learn designer techniques from horticulturist Carol Krank for your patio or corner of the yard.

**April 22: BIBLICAL PLANTS** Learn which plants have been with us literally forever, what they symbolize and how they were utilized, with your local Biblical plant expert Dr. Rosemary Plank.

### April 26-30: BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA

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## May 6/7: MOTHERS DAY FREE WEEKEND / MOMS IN FREE!

At Visitors Center Check-In, all a mother needs to say is "Show Me Flowers", & she gets in free. The rest of the party pays general admission. (Of course, members 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 & other discounts, national magazine subscription, plus 350 Reciprocal Gardens in the U.S. ([www.ahsgardening.org/rap](http://www.ahsgardening.org/rap)).

**May 13: RAIN WATER HARVESTING** Nueces Master Gardener and water harvesting specialist Carlos Valdez explains methods and equipment needed to catch and store rainwater for drier cycles we know will come.

**May 20: COLOR ON THE PATIO** Gain insight from STBG Landscape Specialist Whitney Lance on ways to add color to your patio with container plants and flowers. And visit the Gift Shop for wind chimes, outdoor wall décor and other deco items.

**May 27: SUCCULENTS FOR PATIO & LANDSCAPE** Nueces Master Gardener Kathy Fernandez will share her expertise in growing unusual succulents and creative ways to display them.

**June 17/18: FATHERS' DAY FREE WEEKEND.** Just say, "Reptiles & Snakes," & Dad gets in free! Be "buds" with Dad, enjoy REP-TALES, 10:30; gardens, resident reptiles, Gator Lake, trails, other guy stuff! Only dads are free- other non-members pay general admission. Buy Dad a membership this weekend, at 20% off for a year of free admission plus 350 RECIPROCAL GARDENS!

## Kids Summer Camps

**\$125 Members/\$150 Non-members/Scholarships**

Registration begins in February. Pre-register at least 7 days before camp session! FORMS/SCHLARSHIPS, [brendae@stxbot.org](mailto:brendae@stxbot.org), 361-852-2100.

**June 5-9 • Ages 6-8 • FEATHERS & SCALES • 9am-Noon**

Explore the world of our native birds & parrot friends at the Gardens! Learn about bird eggs, nests, feathers & more! Basic birding skills, trail walks, making science models...

**June 12-16 • Ages 9-13 • SNAKES & FRIENDS • 9am-noon**

Youth interact with non-venomous snakes, lizards & turtles, supervised by Animal Care staff.

**June 19-23 • Ages 6-8 • TINY CRITTERS • 9am-noon**

Campers explore digging, crawling, flying insects & other tiny creatures using science lab tools.

**June 26-30 • Ages 6-8 • Nature Buddies, New Friends**

**9am-noon** Campers explore birds, reptiles, tiny critters & plants. Meet our new Animal Friends! Fun nature investigations using binoculars, cameras, other science tools.

**July 10-14 • Ages 9-13 • NATURE SHUTTERBUGS • 9am-noon**

Youth use cameras & various artistic techniques to express nature. Cameras available or use yours. (\$150 all campers).

**July 10-14 • Ages 9-13 • MAMMAL CAMP • 1-4pm**

Campers investigate the world of mammals through habitat walks, rescue animal interaction, hands-on models, outdoor art & guest speakers. (\$150 all campers)

**July 17-21 • Daisy/Brownie/Junior GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURE • 9am-Noon**

Scouts explore trails, birds, reptiles, gardens & butterflies! Nature Adventure Patch each topic!



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## YOUTH FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

Schools & Youth Groups; Self-Directed & Directed Options.

Visit the Gardens & Nature Center—  
Learn about Butterflies, Reptiles, Parrots, more!

### A. SELF-DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 6 ..... \$5 / student

GRADES 7 through 12 ..... \$6 / student

Start at Visitor Center with map, PICK destinations!

### B. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 6 ..... \$7 / student

GRADES 7 through 12 ..... \$8 / student

Choose Gardens & Nature Center areas for students' experience.  
Staff/volunteers available for Q/A.

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

PRE-K through GRADE 6 ..... Starts \$10 / student

GRADES 7 through 12 ..... Starts \$12 / student

Options: Tiny Critter Investigations; Critter Behavior;  
Earthworms/Composting; Butterfly Life Cycle;  
Nature Suncatcher; Snake in the Grass; Sun Prints;  
Water Use; Water & Plants.



**Minimum Field Trip is 12 students.** \$5 Adult Chaperones.  
Activities subject to weather, availability. Information & RESERVATIONS, email [brendae@stxbot.org](mailto:brendae@stxbot.org), 361-852-2100.

## PRIVATE REPTILE ROOM ENCOUNTERS

Interact with at least 3 scaly Animal Ambassadors. Take photos in Reptile Room, closed to public during session. Each guest holds an animal. Group helps give 1 a snack!



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

(More than 10 split into 2 encounters;  
or request party information.)

- Prices are for groups, plus Gardens admissions per person.
- \$5 package discount for Gardens members.
- Limited spots available each day.
- Hands/arms clean, free of repellants, sunscreens.

Scheduling, questions: [dedrab@stxbot.org](mailto:dedrab@stxbot.org), 361-852-2100

(ASK ABOUT Custom PARROT ENCOUNTERS, too!)



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**\$2,000**

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**\$1,000**

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& Cultural Commission  
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Medical Center  
Flint Hills Resources  
HOLLY DAYS, (page 4)  
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Kenedy Memorial Foundation  
NavyArmy Community Credit Union  
Port Corpus Christi  
Texas Parks & Wildlife

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Ruth Camp  
Carter Davis  
Sally & James Gill  
The late DeWitt Harvey  
Ocean Drive Garden Club  
Plumeria Society  
of South Texas

## MEMORIALS

**Rebecca Waid Brooks**

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Kathi & Abiud Garcia

## HONORARIUMS

**BJ & Mike Kershaw**

Dr. & Mrs. W.R. Cleaves

**Dr. Michael Womack**

Antiques & Flowers Garden Club

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

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Branded by Web Design  
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SafeGuard Mini Storage  
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Dr. Rafael Fontanez  
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Nan Bailey  
Whitney Lance  
Ocean Drive Garden Club

## NEW MEMBERS

(since previous issue)

### PATRON

Sonia Plemons & Teresa Castillo

### SUSTAINING

Norma Cantu  
Erica & Douglas Clay  
Alexandra Austin  
& Kevin De Santiago  
Erlinda Galvan  
Aaron Garcia  
Joseph Taylor & Alexa Hight  
Mike & Jennifer Marshall  
Diana Perez  
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### FAMILY

Anthony & Nicole Aguila  
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