



NEWS MAGAZINE • SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS & NATURE CENTER • SUMMER 2025

MARIPOSA PALOOZA, 75 large metal butterflies skillfully designed by area professional and amateur artists, opened at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, Mother's Day weekend through November 2, the *Dia de Los Muertos* weekend. Sponsored by **City of Corpus Christi Arts & Cultural Commission**, an "artist call" went out as a design competition with cash awards, resulting in a beautiful, imaginative bounty of butterflies. See it soon!

Mariposas, symbols of renewal and new life in many cultures, surround pollinator gardens, *una ofrenda* (an altar) during *Dia de los Muertos*, and screened Butterfly House joining natural science to Mexican culture. *Dia de los Muertos* festival signage will tell summer visitors to return for the street festival!

OUR WINNERS! ▶

ADULT

- 1st Watermelon Orchid:** Leslie Adame
- 2nd Birds of the Coast:** Stephany Lucas
- 3rd Veyelet:** Autumn Yeager, Magenta Diaz, Veronica Moreno

MERIT: Kaylee's Light: Christina Torres, Sherry Culvahouse
 Flores Calidas: Sarah Landry • Wings of Serenity: Andrea Labrador
 Sparkle: Ann Snuggs • Evolution of Time: Audriana M. Gonzalez

UNDER 18

- 1st Altus:** Abilgail Medlin
- 2nd Almmaya:** Lyla Gurley
- 3rd Shimmering Sun:** Dylan Eager

MERIT: Splatterpaint Spiderman: Julian Airbinder





Keynote Speaker Kevin Karlson (center) leads a Bird Walk at home base South Texas Botanical Gardens.

PHOTOS: Debbie Noble

BIRDIEST FESTIVAL in AMERICA species highlights, with LIBBY EVEN, 2025 Program Coordinator

Weather was "FOR THE BIRDS!" Sunny skies, south/southeast winds allowed many birds to continue north, not stopping for a hoped rain and fallout. But our talented guides led us to a whopping **268 SPECIES** during five days—**280 TOTAL SPECIES** including pre- and post-trips!

- ✓ Sold Out PRE- and POST-FESTIVAL TOURS to the RIO GRANDE VALLEY ADDED RGV specialties:
Red-crowned Amazon • Green Parakeet • Ringed Kingfisher • Elf Owl • Plain Chachalaca • Red-billed Pigeon
First sightings for Festival: **Botteri's Sparrow • Bufflehead • Ruddy Duck • Cactus Wren • House Finch • Black Phoebe**
- ✓ Sold Out trips to GUADALUPE DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA saw:
Scarlet Tanager • Bald Eagle • Glossy Ibis, and treated to an **American Bittern** encounter.
- ✓ New KLEBERG COUNTY HOTSPOTS field trips found more than **75 species**;
and BFIA's only **Belted Kingfisher**—difficult to find here during nesting season.
- ✓ Birders on our private tour of BARNHART Q5 RANCH found **57 species**:
80 migrating Mississippi Kites • 35 Brown-crested Flycatchers • amazing 21 Olive Sparrows,
and this year's only **American Crow**.
- ✓ Sold out KING RANCH trips were delighted by specialty sightings of now famous:
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls • Tropical Parulas • Northern Beardless Tyrannule.
- ✓ TEXAS SCRAMBLE TRIPS found target birds:
Green Kingfisher • Monk Parakeet • Yellow-billed Cuckoo • Scissor-tailed Flycatcher • Least Grebe
plus bonus migrating flocks of **85 Franklin's Gulls**, and more than **300 American White Pelicans**.
- ✓ A SUNDAY van stopped as late migrant **Swallow-tailed Kite** performed its ballet dance hunt over Pollywog Pond!



Scarlet Tanager



Glossy Ibis



Green Kingfisher

PHOTOS: Denise Houser



GLORIA HICKS

JOYCE BARNETTE



Festival guests from **28 states, Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Australia** plus **three travel writers**, enjoyed numerous field trips, bird walks, presentations, workshops, Vendor Tent and social evenings.

Jonathan Wood's **"Raptor Project"** entertained birders and school field trips!

\$2 SUPER SATURDAY Community Day, added artisan vendors, butterfly and ladybug releases, Botanical Gardens animal ambassadors and food trucks to interest more locals in their **Birdiest Festival in America!**



BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA, APRIL 22-26, 2026!

Experience Monarchs overwintering in Central Mexico, eight days / seven nights

If experiencing Monarch Butterflies in their Mexican sanctuary forests is on your bucket list, then this exciting travel offering is for you!

The South Texas Botanical Gardens is coordinating a trip to central Mexico, February 10-18, to experience the amazing natural phenomenon of overwintering monarchs having made their annual migratory trek to the mountains of Central Mexico! Visiting these critically endangered forested habitats are thrilling for many nature-enthusiasts, who also will learn the culture of surrounding villages working to protect these environmentally sensitive spaces.



SIGN UP NOW. The window for reservations closes July 1, only 12 spaces available!

THE EXPERIENCE: Bilingual field trip guides are available throughout the trip. The Monarch Experience begins the first night with an educational program, before venturing to three different monarch sanctuaries. (Most other trips focus on one or two locations). This trip is considered *moderate to highly active* by other tour groups. After an initial air-conditioned van ride with professional driver to each sanctuary, visiting the monarch sites then requires hiking and horseback rides (*platforms used for easy mounting*) led by local guides (*ejidatarios*).



ACCOMODATIONS, MEALS, TIPS: Double-occupancy rooms at a Bed & Breakfast in Macheros, with pool and hot tub! Seven breakfasts and dinners are included, with box lunches provided for field trips. Single occupancy available for additional \$995. Unlike many tour operators, this trip includes tips for hotel staff, field trips guides, drivers, and of course purified water refills.

MORE THAN MONARCHS: Also included are cultural experiences including a trip to pyramids of Teotihuacan and regional Mercado visit, tour of local avocado orchard, authentic regional Mexican cooking class, Macheros cottage industry and local museum tour. Experience the village culture in an immersion into this mountain village of Central Mexico.

COST: \$4695 plus tax (double occupancy) — plus Airfare to Mexico City (approximately \$520-\$700).

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Oso Creek Loop Trail, connecting Wetland Boardwalk to lowland creek wildlife areas, goes from ragged grass-lined path to 10-foot A.D.A. raised hard-surface!

The 4000-foot Oso Creek Loop Trail connecting the Boardwalk, large wetland and Oso Creek banks, is now an attractive 10-foot A.D.A. accessible walkway, for scenic hiking and exploring lowland wildlife areas! When the end of the Wetland Boardwalk is raised to meet new trail elevation, trash receptacles, benches and distance markers are planned so walkers have a continuous loop from upper exhibit areas, along the Brennecke Nature Trail to the Boardwalk, Oso Loop Trail and back. The new trail is accessible **ONLY** during regular 9 am- 6 pm business hours.

Contractor *WyldByrd's Construction* dug out several inches of surface for a compacted crushed concrete base, topping with rolled decomposed crushed granite, covered by G3 trail stabilizer to prevent washout in the lowland floodplain.

Funded in 2020 from a \$250,000 **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department** grant, and \$89,000 **City of Corpus Christi Type B** "match" with help from Mayor Paulette Guajardo, COVID slowed plan approvals, inspection, and archeological survey to inspect for burial remains.



Six-foot aluminum fencing and gates added along new S. Oso Parkway entrance

Opening new S. Oso Parkway also opened up the west side of Gardens property, remedied with decorative six-foot aluminum fencing, matching front sections, two walk-through gates and a double lane rear entrance gate to Visitors Center parking. Security cameras and extra lighting also were installed. The \$71,000 fencing project was funded by **Coastal Bend Community Foundation**, **Earl C. Sams Foundation** and **Estate of Jo Gilbert Palmer**.

The city built the planned extension not only to connect parkway sections, but also to move our entrance west off the dangerous Staples St. bridge curve. Within the street project accelerated by Mayor Paulette Guajardo as part of Bond 2018, was a parking lot for school buses and those attending meetings in Education Station.

New S. Oso Parkway soon becomes sole entrance to the Botanical Gardens through the new rear gate! When new entrance signage is installed, the current front gate on Staples Street will be closed except to emergency traffic.



MOONLIGHT & *Mariposas* IN THE GARDENS

MULTIPLE EVENT-INSPIRED

FOOD & BEVERAGE STATIONS

SIGNATURE DRINK

Live Music, 'CLARISSA SERNA BAND'

SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

BUTTERFLY RELEASE

DRESS IN CASUAL COMFORT—WINGS OPTIONAL!

RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIP NOW—

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361-852-2100

SINGLE SEATING AVAILABLE
(August 15)



6-9:30 PM, Friday • October 10, 2025
SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS
8545 S. Staples St. • Corpus Christi

ANIMAL CARE DEPARTMENT

shares graduation, career news of both current and former employees, interns, volunteers!



Paige Allen graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi with a Master's degree In Wildlife Biology.



Haleigh Massey graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science and Bio Chemistry. A current employee, she also worked for Dr. Rafael and Dr. Tammy Fontanez. She plans to continue her education in Veterinary Medicine.



Sabbath Hoss, home-schooled and graduating high school, plans to pursue an Animal Biology degree.



Kevin Nguyen graduated from Long Island University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. While attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, he volunteered with Animal Care multiple years, giving technical assistance with some of our first formal protocols. Congratulations, Kevin!



- ✓ Free General Admission (12 months)
- ✓ American Horticultural Society **RECIPROCAL ADMISSIONS PROGRAM**
(FREE admission to 360 Gardens in US) ■ listing at www.ahsgardening.org/rap
- ✓ 10% Discount at: **Turner's Gardenland**
(with valid STBGNC Member Card & ID) (excludes labor, sale items)
Feathered Friends & Co. (excludes birds)
- ✓ **FREE Better Homes & Gardens online subscription**
- ✓ 10% Discount at **Nature's Boutique** (STBGNC Gift Shop) year-round
- ✓ 10% Discount at **BIG BLOOM Plant Sale**
- ✓ Substantial Class & Kids Camp Discounts
(most Saturday seminars free for members)
- ✓ Facilities Rental Privileges
- ✓ Newsletter ■ Event Invitations ■ Window Decal



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Membership Category MARK SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 40
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple *	\$ 60
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent **	\$ 90
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (Family or Grandparent + 2 guests)	\$ 125
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (Family or Grandparent + 4 guests)	\$ 250
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron (Family or Grandparent + 6 guests)	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (Family or Grandparent + 10 guests)	\$ 1000

*(Couple, Family: Must be Same Household)

** (Grandparents: Includes grandchildren / greatgrandchildren under age 18)

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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PLEASE MAIL TO: South Texas Botanical Gardens
8545 S. Staples St. ■ Corpus Christi, Texas 78413

OUR NEWEST REPTILE is "RAIDER,"

a four-year-old Bearded Dragon.

She's already sponsored by
Dr. Jayne Kading and family.



Corpus Christi Water Conservation

**Save water,
today and every day,
for tomorrow**

For water-saving tips, visit
www.cctexas.com/conserve

May 10-Nov 2: **MARIPOSA PALOOZA Butterfly Display**

Roughly 60 professional and amateur artists compete for cash prizes designing large metal butterflies, exhibit opening Mother's Day weekend, when Moms get in free with password "Butterfly." Butterfly and Monarch migration, life cycles and local Dia de los Muertos festival signage will be displayed. Exhibit funded by City Arts & Culture Commission H.O.T. grant. FREE WITH ADMISSION.

June 14,15: **FATHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND**

Just say, "Reptiles & Snakes," and Dad gets in free! Enjoy REP-TALES, 10:30; gardens, resident reptiles, Gator Lake, trails, newly surfaced Oso Loop Trail, guy stuff! Only dads are free—other non-members pay general admission. Buy Dad a membership this weekend, at 20% off for year of free admission, 360 Reciprocal Gardens!

July 4: **FOURTH OFF for the 4th!**

Celebrate AMERICA'S NATURAL BEAUTY at the Botanical Gardens with 25% off admission on Independence Day, a "big bang" for your bucks! Just \$7.50 ages 13-59; \$6 Srs / Active Military / College; \$4.50 ages 3-12. Under 3 and Members free! Bring a picnic; dogs on leash; but NO FIREWORKS allowed!

ALL CLASSES

Make **RESERVATIONS** at 361-852-2100.
Classes **FREE** with Membership, General Admission,
Or \$5, unless special workshop.
(ALL SATURDAY CLASSES begin at 9:30 AM.)

July 12: **FAQ on GROWING PLUMERIA!**

Learn how to pick, plant, perfect and protect plumeria with experts in the Plumeria Society! Prepare yourself for big sale.

July 19: **Plumeria Society PLUMERIA SALE**

Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greeley. Local plumeria lovers look forward to this annual sale when Plumeria Society members sell propagations from private stock both in stick and larger potted plant forms! Sale runs from 10 am-1pm, Saturday, July 19, Free Admission. Proceeds support Botanical Gardens Plumeria Collection maintained by Plumeria Society.

Sept 6: **PLANTING HERBS FOR HOLIDAY FEASTS**

Cindy Meredith with The Herb Cottage in Hallettsville provides her insights on selecting, planting and growing the best herbs to spice up your holiday meals. Herbs available for purchase.

Sept 13: **SUCCESS WITH FALL VEGGIES**

Nueces Master Gardener Susan Gonzales tells you what, when, where, and how to plant your vegetable choices, proven maintenance and fertilization tips along with charts and instruction sheets.

Sept 20: **VIRUS AND FUNGUS AND BLIGHT! OH MY!**

Learn to identify and Nueces Master Gardener Susan Gonzales give you great gardening guidelines on what, when, where, and how to plant your vegetable choices, including proven maintenance and fertilization tips along with charts and instruction sheets.

Sept 27: TEXAS SUPERSTARS: TOUGH PLANTS FOR TEXAS Just in time for fall planting season, Nueces Country Master Gardener Tom Andrews shows you landscape plants tested throughout Texas, given Texas A&M "Superstar" seal of approval!

Oct 10: **'MOONLIGHT & Mariposas in the GARDENS'**

Delicious restaurant dining and beverage stations, including signature drink, dancing to Clarissa Serna Band! Beautifully themed around this year's "Mariposa Palooza" artists' metal butterfly exhibit! Enjoy garden strolls among tropical plumeria, orchids, bromeliads, butterfly release, silent auction and raffle, animal ambassadors and convenient valet service for a vibrant moonlit evening. Sponsorships, Tickets: Michael, 361-834-6413; watch for website info at, STXBOT.ORG. Reservations Required.

Oct 18: **SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF STARTING SEEDS**

Growing seeds is not always as easy as it sounds. Nueces Master Gardener and Propagation Specialist Renee Brown helps to take the mystery out of starting your own seedlings and transitioning them into the often-harsh realities of Coastal Bend gardens.

Oct 25: **BONSAI: NATURE IN MINIATURE**

Learn how to create your own "tiny tree" from Corpus Christi Bonsai Club's David Whittaker. Discover techniques to create these living works of art providing years of solace and relaxation, as well as a conversation piece for your patio.

Nov 1: **REJUVENATING LANDSCAPES & POLLINATORS WITH NATIVE PLANTS**

Discover incorporating native plants into your landscape from landscape ecologist, Dr. Shaun McCoshum, author of "Gardening for Wildlife in the Arid and South West Regions." His experience and insight will help you understand how your landscape choices impact local plant and pollinator populations.

Nov 8: **GETTING READY FOR WINTER**

Learn ways to get ready for cold weather and to help your plants and yard survive a freeze as you glean from the knowledge and experiences of STBGNC Landscape Specialist Whitney Lance.

Nov 15: **ORCHIDS ARE EASIER THAN YOU THINK**

If you are intimidated by the allure of growing tropical orchids, learn from STBGNC Orchid Curator Jorge Garcia about how these exotic beauties are easier to grow than you might think. Learn about winter care as well as how to rebloom them.

Dec 6: **WORKSHOP: CREATING AND DECORATING FRESH HOLIDAY WREATHS. (Cost \$12 members; \$17 non-members);**

Learn to create your own fresh wreath using fir branches with STBGNC Landscape Specialist Whitney Lance. Then, discover tricks to economically decorate your wreath, to welcome holiday guests to your home! Workshop materials included.

HOLLY-Days at the GARDENS

November 28/29 • December 5/6 • 12/13 • 19/20

4 special holiday weekends celebrating joys of the season with a beautiful 20' fresh-cut lighted fir tree and huge 18' recycled ECO CHRISTMAS TREE made of green plastic bottles + 4 smaller ones, created by Shelia Rogers! **FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, +SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.** Lighting displays, trees, SANTA, more TBA.



ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

Reptile Room, Tortoise Pens OPEN DAILY!

Saturdays, Sundays • REP-TALES • 10:30 am

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

Depending on weather, [SEE PARROTS](#)
in Reptile Room, Outdoor Enclosures, or Bromeliad Conservatory.



YOUTH FIELD TRIPS OPTIONS

Schools & Youth Groups visit the Gardens & Nature Center!
Learn about Butterflies, Animals, Parrots, plants, water . . .

A. SELF-DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 5 \$8 / student
GRADES 6 through 12 \$9 / student
Start at Visitor Center with map, PICK destinations!

B. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 5 \$12 / student
GRADES 6 through 12 \$14 / student
Choose Gardens & Nature Center areas for students' experience. Staff/volunteers available for Q/A.

C. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP with CUSTOMIZED SCIENCE LESSON, or NATURE CRAFT:

PRE-K to GRADE 5 Starts \$15 / student
GRADES 6 through 12 Starts \$17 / student

Minimum Field Trip is 12 students. \$5 Adult Chaperones.

* NEW FIELD TRIP STATION*

MEGA MAGNIFIER & MINI-MICROSCOPES with Butterflies:

Inside Education Station, students use 5-foot tall Mega Magnifiers and Mini-Microscopes to observe once-live butterflies. Museum quality exhibit of 100 plus butterflies from around the world with Moth and Butterfly Characteristics Q/A guided interaction.

* NEW SCIENCE LESSONS*

WATER WONDERS for PRE-K & KINDER:

Students use mini models of plants, animals and people to create a community with a *16 feet long River/real water model*. Students may also help make it rain, flood and more to observe outcomes in nature. Each student receives a "Water & You" Foldable with stickers. Located on Education Station Deck.

WATER WONDERS & MORE for GRADES 1-5:

Above description with added mini-student boats, Q/A about water usage, pollution and water re-use in nature using interactive water features. Each student receives a Mini-Nature Journal w/pencil to draw/write observations. Located on Education Station Deck.

**Contact BrendaE@stxbot.org
for descriptions, questionnaire, reservations,
Nature Fun Bag information.**

PRIVATE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Fun interactions with 3 Reptiles or 3 Parrots! Guests hold animals, gives them snacks, take photos in a private setting!

Up to 6 people	20 minutes	\$ 60	(plus admission)
Both Reptiles/Parrots	30 minutes	\$105	(plus admission)

- Price is for groups
- \$5 package discount members
- Limited spots available
- Hands/arms clean, no repellants, no sunscreens
- 361-852-2100



KID'S NATURE CAMPS

Jun 2-6	9-Noon (M-Fr)	Feathers & Scales	FULL	Age 6-8
Jun 9-13	9-Noon (M-Fr)	Trails, Tracks & Backpacks	FULL	Age 6-8
Jun 16-19	9-12:30 (M-Th)	Snakes & Friends		Age 9-13
Jun 23-26	9-12:30 (M-Th)	Nature Shutterbugs		Age 9-13
Jun 7-10	9-12:30 (M-Th)	ECO Ambassador Volunteers		Age 10-16

Camp Fees/Session: \$150 Members, \$175 Non-Member
Contact BrendaE@stxbot.org for applications, information.
Must pre-pay registration at least a week before sessions starts.

MORE KIDS' EDUCATION

- ▶ **YEAR-ROUND CAMPS:** Ages 6-8, 9-13.
9 am-Noon, Mon-Fri. When you have a group of at least 8 campers, like holidays, we'll schedule your choice of topics—on your schedule!
- ▶ **HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM SERIES:** Ages 4-6, 7-11.
Minimum 6 students, Max 10. Request your date, time for Nature Journaling, ages 4-6; or Science Outdoors, ages 7-11. (45 minute sessions)
- ▶ **PRE-SCHOOL NATURE AWARENESS:**
Minimum 6 children, Max 10. Request your date, time. Reading with a Reptile, Kids & Critters, Animal Action.
Contact: BrendaE@stxbot.org; for fees and dates.

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NEWLY SPONSORED ANIMALS

**Adelyn, Bryson, Camile,
& Jason Ahern**

CLYDE

Eclectus

**Kylie Bartles / Bob & Peg
Mundahl**

JOSEPHINA

Scarlet-Chested Parakeet

Norm Hendrick

CRUSH

Red-Eared Slider

Jayne Kading

BONNIE

Leopard Gecko

Rachel Rogers, Alex Fletcher

BUFFY/WILLOW/XANDER

Hissing Roaches

Ann Snuggs

PENGUIN

Canary-Winged Parakeet

SKITTLES

Sun Conure

HARLEY

Gargoyle Gecko

Lisa Stoddard

DALLAS/HOUSTON/

AUSTIN/BEAUMONT

Texas Tortoises

SELENA/MICHAELANGELO

LEONARADO/RAFAEL

3-Toed Box Turtles

TONY

Red-Footed Tortoise

NATE

Ornate Box Turtle

Olivia Tamez

EL JEFE

Sulcata Tortoise

Haley/Jim Vera, Holly/Daniel Salinas

JOKER

Gargoyle Gecko

FATHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND FOR DADS!
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 14/15

(See CALENDAR, p. 9)



PLUMERIA SOCIETY SALE,
SATURDAY, JULY 19
10 AM-1 PM, GARDEN SENIOR CENTER 5325 GREELEY

FREE ADMISSION
(See CALENDAR p. 9)



OPEN DAILY, 9am - 6pm (except Thanksgiving Day, December 24, 25) ■ 8545 S. Staples St. ■ Corpus Christi, Texas 78413 ■ 361-852-2100 ■ Fax 361-852-7875
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TAMU-CC art classes' "Wildlife & Wonder: Coastal Bend Creations" exhibited at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

April 19-May 4, visitors enjoyed "**Wildlife & Wonder: Coastal Bend Creations**," nearly 60 amazing pieces of plant and wildlife art created by spring semester art students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Several pieces were sold. This is the second semester the Gardens and University have collaborated on student nature and wildlife art, both exhibits organized by Graduate Instructor Ian Manseau, growing from one class last fall semester to four classes this spring.

- ▶ **DESIGN II** class, created 13 concrete pavers with low relief carving—Ian Manseau, Instructor.
- ▶ **CERAMICS I** and **HAND BUILDING CERAMICS** classes sculpted 30 pieces of ceramic local wildlife Dr. Leonel Monsivais, Professor; Mariana Ruvalcaba Cruz, Instructor.
- ▶ **SCULPTURE I** built 15 concrete vermiculite sculptures with metal components for support and detail—Johnathan Durham, Professor.
- ▶ **CERAMICS I**, 14 students jointly created "Nature of Coastal Bend," Dr. JinSun Kim, Instructor.

