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**PRESS RELEASE August 8, 2025 • SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER at Botanical Gardens**

**THESE SPECIAL EVENTS covered in separate Press Releases at later date.**

**Friday, Oct 10, 6-9:30 pm: '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 & raffle, animal ambassadors and convenient valet service for a vibrant moonlit evening. Casual, comfortable. Watch for website info at, STXBOT.ORG. **Sponsorships \$1000-\$10,000.** MaryJane, Michael, 361-852-2100. **Single admissions on sale September 1.** (Reservations Required, no Walk-Ins.)

**Oct 31: HAY BALE MAZE FOR KIDS OPENS**

Ocean Drive Garden Club partners in a Fall Hay Maze for children to navigate, decorated for Halloween by the Garden Club. One bale high, parents can watch and take photos of the fun.

**Nov 28/29, 5:30-7:30 pm: HOLLY-DAYS at the GARDENS,** first of 4 weekends! SANTA, trees, lights & holiday fun!

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**SATURDAY CLASSES, 9:30 am, free w/ Membership, Gen Admission, or \$5. Reserve, 361-852-2100.**

**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, & how to plant your vegetable choices, proven maintenance & fertilization tips along with charts & instruction sheets.

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

Learn to identify problems in your garden with Nueces Master Gardener Renee Brown and discover strategies to avoid and minimize damage.

**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 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: NATIVE PLANTS FRESHEN LANDSCAPES, POLLINATORS**

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 & DECORATING FRESH 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.

