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MOONLIGHT Magic in the GARDENS, October 9, celebrates 20th anniversary of signature fundraiser—and magical future!

CORPUS CHRISTI—South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center has released details for the 20th Anniversary celebration of its signature fundraiser! 'MOONLIGHT 'MAGIC' in the GARDENS,' is 6-9:30 pm, Friday, October 9—presented for the 12th year by **CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery!** Supporting Sponsors are **Joyce Barnette, Amanda & Ken Kellar, Dobson Family-Puente de Maravillas Foundation.** Featured performers include "**Diamond's Edge Band,**" a popular six-member South Texas 1970s/80s pop and rock group; and "**James Arthur, The Mentalist**" who delights crowds with mesmerizing magic!

The magic-themed evening, floral surroundings, entertainment, drinks and dining include souvenir wine glasses and mini-flashlights. Multiple bars will serve a **B&J's Brewhouse** botanical craft beer, **L&F Distributors** wine and traditional beer, plus signature "magical potion" sponsored by **Gulf Coast Growth Ventures** all evening! After a butterfly release, walks through the Gardens, some silent auction bidding, dinner features eight restaurant dining stations: **Brewster Street South, Texas Roadhouse, TAZA Modern Mexican, CRB POETS, Chops & Eggs, Jason's Deli, Hester's Café,** and new addition **Bubba's 33!**

"Diamond's Edge," a high-energy pop/rock group performing in South Texas 1983-1995, has opened for groups like The Romantics, Foghat, Pat Travers, The Bus Boys, The Fixx, and Fabulous Thunderbirds! Reuniting—with a majority of original members-- *Diamond's Edge* brings back hot and heavy 70s and 80s hits. Their music, with sound and light show, gets onto the dance floor—a full pop/rock concert experience!

More than \$180,000 in sponsorships was confirmed by September 9, with a goal of \$220,000. Patrons may choose MOONLIGHT SPONSORSHIPS underwriting the event; or GARDEN SPONSORSHIPS maintaining and growing the Botanical Gardens within its new Master Plan. Sponsors \$3000-\$15,000 have reserved tent seating. Sponsors \$1000-\$2000 are open seating. Single Admissions are \$150 members, \$175 others. Purchase ONLINE at <https://tickets.stxbot.org/?tab=Events> . See **STXBOT.ORG, Moonlight Event** for mail-in, or phone purchase. SPONSOR Reservations required by Oct 1. Single Admissions by Oct. 7.

OTHER TOP SPONSORS: Carmen Rodriguez, in memory of Eugene Boulogny; Del Mar College, Flint Hills Resources, Sally & James Gill, Harrison's Landing/The Exchange, H-E-B, Kitty & Dean Hommer, Debbie Isaacs, Valero.

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