

April 7 brings Botanical Gardens'

# BIG BLOOM

HURRICANE, SNOW, FREEZE FIX!

Mega Plant Sale DOLLAR DAY

FLORA | Fauna | ecoFun

The "fix is in" for the August hurricane, December snow, and hard freeze! South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center's annual **BIG BLOOM** mega Plant Sale, garden festival, and **Dollar Day**, will be 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday, April 7, on Gardens & Nature Center grounds, 8545 S. Staples St. Visitors may shop *and* tour the entire Botanical Gardens for just \$1 per person. Members will be admitted free, and may begin shopping at 8 a.m. More than 6000 people attended BIG BLOOM 2017.

Eco-entertainment features include two **NAVYARMY COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION** Butterfly Releases; EcoFun Tent, with Resident Reptile shows and Parrot Talks; Kids Fun Zone with 'Touch & Learn' projects and inflatables; plus three Lady Bug releases; nature trail walk-and-talks, Wetlands Boardwalk birding scopes; and Monkey Mansion Treehouse. BIG BLOOM visitors also can visit the 1800 square-foot *Samuel Jones Orchid Conservatory, Bromeliad Conservatory*, all other floral exhibits, trails, birding tower, and Palapa Grande on Gator Lake. Food trucks will be on site for lunch! Corporate **DOLLAR DAY** sponsors underwrite Dollar Day!



#### MEMBERS ONLY SHOPPING

8-9

**BIG BLOOM, ORCHID SALE, VENDORS, NATURE'S BOUTIQUE, KIDS ZONE, SEE THE GARDENS**

9-5

**BIRDING SCOPES ON BOARDWALK**

9:30-4

**KIDS PROJECTS**

10-5—Kids Zone

**FOOD TRUCKS Approx. 11-2**

#### NATURE TRAIL TOURS

10, 1—Start at Hummingbird Garden

#### LADY BUG RELEASES

10:30—Sensory Garden

1:30—Hummingbird Garden

4:00—Rose Garden

#### REPTILE SHOWS

11:00, 2:00—EcoFun Tent

#### BUTTERFLY RELEASES

11:45, 2:45—Butterfly House

#### PARROT TALKS

12:30, 3:30—EcoFun Tent

## STORYTIME WITH PARROTS April 16, 11 am.

Parrots may live to be 100, but never grow up; and like children, love to be read to! Kids of any age, just bring a storybook with pictures, your favorite adult if under 12, and pull up the floor for *Storytime with Parrots*, with education staff and parrot trainers!



**SOUTH TEXAS Botanical Gardens & Nature Center**

## April, 2018 Calendar

361-852-2100 [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org) 8545 S. Staples St. Corpus Christi



## Corpus Christi stages second birding festival, April 19-22, based at South Texas Botanical Gardens

**9 birding field trips | 3 photography field trips | 3 photography workshops | 8 presentations Raptor Project | trade show | family fun day | arts & crafts show | online registration open**

All binoculars are trained on Corpus Christi, the "birdiest city in North America" for a decade!

Spotlighting South Texas' peak spring migration, the second "Birdiest Festival in America," April 19-22, headquartered at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., is now accepting registrations! **Just \$35 includes:**

- Your favorite three of seven birding presentations (\$5 each extra), with a line-up of career birding professionals
- One complementary ticket to opening reception dinner, Thursday (*guest tickets available*)
- Four days admission to South Texas Botanical Gardens, Festival headquarters
- "The Raptor Project" shows, Thursday-Saturday
- Birding Trade Show, Thursday-Saturday
- Family Fun Area, Saturday
- Arts & Crafts Show, Saturday
- Access to birding & photography field trips & workshops with regional experts, at reasonable separate costs.

[www.birdiestfestival.org](http://www.birdiestfestival.org)



**A perfect way for Coastal Bend residents to take an entry step into the world of birding . . .**

**See all field trip, presentation, workshop, trade show, other details on above website!**