

# APRIL, 2020 Calendar

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

General Admission includes your class • Members Free • or \$5 per person for class only.

361-852-2100 [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org) CHECK IN AT VISITORS CTR FOR CLASS LOCATION 8545 S. Staples St. Corpus Christi

## **BIG BLOOM Plant Sale** ■ Saturday, April 4, 10am-5pm ■ [Members-Only Shopping: 9-10 am]

**NEW START TIME | \$2 Admission** Our spring garden festival and only Plant Sale of the year with super discounted admission of **only \$2/person!** Kids activities, Orchid Sale, specialty vendors, butterfly releases in the Butterfly House, ladybug releases, reptile shows, Parrot Talk, food trucks and more. **1000s** of Texas Master Gardeners on site. Texas Master Naturalists—nature trail 'walk and talk' tours, kids 'touch & learn' tables in EcoFun Tent, and birding scopes on Wetlands Boardwalk. Buy a **NEW** member ship at 10% off, get discounts on plants and Nature's Boutique purchases. Tour entire site, all activities, shop! **FLORA, FAUNA, affordable FAMILY FUN!**

[ALL DETAILS, SCHEDULE @ [WWW.STXBOT.ORG](http://WWW.STXBOT.ORG), click on **BIG BLOOM!**

**VENDOR SIGN-UP, INFO:** [kathie@stxbot.org](mailto:kathie@stxbot.org), 361-852-2100 x 225.



## **BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA** Wednesday, April 22- Sunday, April 26.



Combining amazing spring migration in perhaps the busiest flyway in the country; field trips to famous South Texas ranch and Gulf Coast hot spots; and this year, a globally-known keynote speaker; the fourth "Birdiest Festival in America," April 22-26, has earned its wings! Based at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., the festival, now larger and longer, welcomes **David Allen Sibley**, author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, as its keynote, presenting "The Art of Identification," Friday April 24, at the Emerald Beach Hotel.

**LAST YEAR**, the third Birdiest Festival grew to five days, registered 32 percent more birders

from 16 states, sighted 262 species (286 over its three-year history), staged 14 different field trips, and produced eight new '150 Club' members! **THIS YEAR**, there are 17 different trips--one lead by Sibley; six presentations, two workshops; three different bird walks; eight Jonathan Wood *Raptor Project* shows; opening reception with Happy Hour cash bar and Texas BBQ dinner; Vendor Trade Show; artisan booths; Saturday Family Fun Day; and a brand new four-day RIO GRANDE VALLEY post-trip, limited to eight participants! [ALL DETAILS, SCHEDULE, REGISTRATION @ [WWW.BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG)] (or) [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org), click on **BIRDIEST FESTIVAL in AMERICA 2020!** (361-852-2100).



## **ORCHID-OLOGY** March 2, 7 pm

The *Orchid-ology Class* meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday each month, in Education Station. The orchid class series—led by Orchid Conservatory volunteers, and horticulturist Carol Krank—is an ongoing orchid information exchange, for novice to experienced growers. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera, climate and acquisition to specific orchid culture techniques. Bring problem orchids for diagnosis, and **hopeful fix!** **FREE CLASS** for anyone!



## **PARROT TALK SHOWS** Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 1:30pm (ongoing)

Parrot Talk, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center's ongoing visitor interaction entertainment feature, **sponsored by Feathered Friends & Co.**, is open to guests at 1:30 pm, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, included in admission. It features a 20-minute informal discussion, including what it is like having parrots as pets, plus visitor interaction and opportunities for photos. **Ask at Visitors Center for show location**, which varies with weather. Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.



## **REP-TALES** Saturdays, Sundays, 10:30am (ongoing)

During "Rep-Tales," a new visitor interaction included in general admission, **sponsored by Tropical Fish Haven**, guests will learn about different reptile species and sizes, and have a chance to feed them. Ask at Visitors Center for show location. Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.

## **NEW SPRING YOUTH PROGRAMS!** Info/Reservations: 361-852-2100 x223, [brendae@stxbot.org](mailto:brendae@stxbot.org)

1. **JR. VOLUNTEER CAMP DAYS:** Ages 13-17 ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. ■ through May ■ 9 am-3 pm. Fees apply.
2. **ANIMAL FRIENDS CAMP DAYS:** Ages 8-12 ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. ■ through May ■ 9 am-Noon. Fees apply.
3. **HOME SCHOOL DAYS:** **New Time:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. ■ through May ■ 1-2 pm. Fees apply.
4. **FIELD TRIPS:** Any Weekday, between 9 am & 6 pm ■ Reservations. Fees apply.
5. **GIRL SCOUT PATCH PROGRAM!** Max 15 youth ■ 3-weeks advance reservations. Fees apply.

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