

August & September, 2018 STBGNC Calendar

(Fees for MOST Classes included in General Admission/members FREE!)

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EDUCATION CALENDAR

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PARROT TALK VISITOR INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS

1:30 pm, Fridays / Saturdays / Sundays. Ask at Visitors Center for location.



ORCHIDOLOGY Thursdays, August 2 & September 6, 7 pm

On-going Orchid monthly class series and information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, with Orchid Conservatory volunteers, in Education Station classroom. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera to specific orchid culture techniques. FREE for all orchid lovers! Orchids for sale at most meetings. Information, 361-290-7429.



GETTING READY FOR FALL GARDENS Saturday, August 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Frank Eicholz, retired nurseryman & Nueces Master Gardener says vegetable garden season starts early in south Texas for a second crop of warm season veggie favorites; and will tell you what you need to do to ready your fall garden to plant.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM HARVEY – One Year Later! Saturday, August 25. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nueces County Extension Horticulture Agent Kevin Gibbs reviews impact of Harvey on local trees, landscapes and gardens, recovery information and what we can do to better prepare for future storms.

ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR GARDEN

Saturday, September 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Rosemary Plank, Texas Master Naturalists, tells exactly what to plant and which feeders to hang to attract more hummers to your landscape this fall migration season.



IRRIGATION SEASON BY SEASON Saturday, September 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Carlos Valdez, Nueces County Master Gardener and Texas Master Naturalist, shares best irrigation practices to both save water and keep a lush yard, with watering "schedules" to minimize risk of disease and insects.



RAISING MONARCHS & THREAT OF O.E. (*Ophryocystis elektroscirrha*)

Saturday, September 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

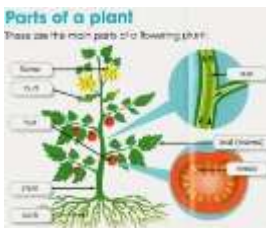
Learn about raising the beautiful State Insect of Texas, but also about O.E. Monarch disease threatening our populations. Master Naturalist Rosemary Plank shares ways to keep monarchs healthy.



WILDFLOWER PLANTING (& Seed Balls)

Saturday, September 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Texas Master Naturalist Mid-Coast Chapter & Native Plant Society expert Ernie Schertz, teaches fall windows of opportunity and other tips on planting correct wildflower species for our area.



PLANTS ON A PLATE / TASTE & GROW (Last of 2018 KIDS SUMMER CAMPS)

August 6-10, 9 am-noon, Ages 5-10: \$80 members, \$95 others.

Campers will have safe, monitored opportunities to taste roots, stems, leaves, fruits and seeds, learning types and parts of plants both in nature and gardens, choosing to plant a *pizza*, *mint* or *tootie fruitie* dish garden to take home. Instructor is Education Coordinator and Field Biologist Brenda Ermis.

T-A-G (trail and garden) TIME! Saturdays: Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10

2:15 pm (following Parrot Talk)

Children ages 5-10, with an accompanying adult, experience FITNESS combined with TRAIL AND GARDEN activities, such as planting plants, stick stacking, wheelbarrow push, using gardening tools—plus hula hoops, ring toss, sensory and compass games. Lead by Education Coordinator/Field Biologist Brenda Ermis.



STORYTIME WITH PARROTS Mondays: Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19—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!

