

April 7 brings Botanical Gardens'
BIG BLOOM
 HURRICANE, SNOW, FREEZE FIX!
 Mega Plant Sale DOLLAR DAY
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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.

Plant selections will include popular orchids and plumeria; water-conserving native, Xeriscape and lots of other durable landscape choices; tropicals and exotics; roses, butterfly attractor plants, herbs, tomatoes, peppers and more. Independent vendors will offer more plants plus outdoor décor and other nature and garden-related merchandise. Nueces Master Gardeners, Corpus Christi Rose Society and Plumeria Society of South Texas members will be on hand for plant picks and horticulture help.



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 and civic sponsors underwrite Dollar Day!

Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own plant carriers. Parking is free with festival entrance through Rose Garden Pavilion. Vendor spaces are available through April 4. For more information, visit stxbot.org; or call 361.852.2100. ###



- KIDS PROJECTS, 10-5**
- NATURE TRAIL TOURS**
10:00, 1:00
- LADY BUG RELEASES**
10:30, 1:30, 4:00—Various
- FOOD TRUCKS, approx. 11-2**
- REPTILE SHOWS**
11:00, 2:00—EcoFun Tent
- BUTTERFLY RELEASES**
11:45, 2:45—Butterfly House
- PARROT TALKS**
12:30, 3:30—EcoFun Tent