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Botanical Gardens BUCK DAY set for November 7; see new Orchid Conservatory, Tropical Garden, Parrot Talk, Butterfly House

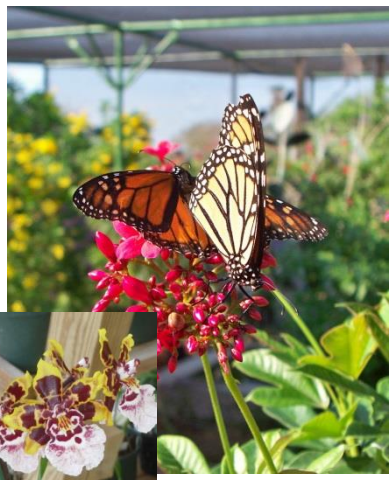
. . . *all for just a buck!*

CORPUS CHRISTI—While tropical color is in top form, before the Plumeria Collection goes into winter storage, while butterflies are abundant, and new Orchid Conservatory is in bloom, the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center stages ***Botanical Gardens BUCK DAY—***its second dollar day of 2015—from 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday, November 7, 8545 S. Staples St. Admission will be $1 per person, ages three and above.

Fall is peak season for many floral exhibits!

"Some people don't think of the Botanical Gardens in the fall; but it's actually one of the most ideal bloom times to visit—the Plumeria have grown to small trees this summer with blooms at eye level from the viewing ramp and platform. We're in one of two peak times for orchids and roses. Butterflies fill the Butterfly House—and Gardens in general due to fall migration. We've reconfigured Bromeliad Conservatory plantings, the new Tropical Garden is open—and it's *cooler*," emphasized Executive Director Michael Womack.

"We added BUCK DAY to our fall events in 2014 so more of the community can experience our bounty of fall floral color, nature trails and wetlands, Resident Reptiles, as well as this year's new introduction—visitor interactive PARROT TALK with several of our most personable our Exotic Parrots and their trainers" added Communications/Marketing Director MaryJane Crull.

Parrot Talk shows, butterfly releases . . .

Although lower key than April's huge BIG BLOOM dollar day, BUCK DAY will offer **butterfly releases at noon and 3 pm** for the first 100 guests lining up outside the Butterfly House; **Parrot Talk shows at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm**; small plant sale area near the Visitors Center with overflow from recent site plantings; and Nature's Boutique gift shop will be open. For more information, call 361-852-2100. # # #