

2019 WINTER LECTURE SERIES continues

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center offers its 12th WINTER LECTURE SERIES for Texas winter visitors and area residents. Guest speakers present a variety of nature and horticultural topics which define and explain our unique South Texas environment, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., on **Wednesdays**, January 23 through March 6. Check in at Visitors Center, 8545 S. Staples. Class fee included in Gardens general admission, members free, or \$2 class only.

Feb 6 Nature Photography Techniques

Feb 13 Adding Water Features to Your Landscape

Feb 20 Saving the Monarchs

Feb 27 Space-Saving Container Gardens

Mar 6 Outdoor Dutch Oven Cooking, BRUNCH

Susan Chilcoat, Executive Director, *Wildlife in Focus*

Denise Housler, Aquaria Services

Rosemary Plank, Texas Master Naturalist

Carol Krank, STBGNC Horticulturist

Karen Howden, Nueces County Historical Commission

FEBRUARY, 2019 STBGNC Calendar

General Admission includes your class; Members Free; or \$2 per person for class only.

CHECK IN AT VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION

361-852-2100 www.stxbot.org 8545 S. Staples St. Corpus Christi

Orchid-ology February 7, 7 pm

The *Orchid-ology* Class meets at 7 p.m., Thursday, **February 7** at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples. Meeting the first Thursday of each month on a continuing basis, the orchid class series—led by Jorge Garcia and Orchid Conservatory volunteers—is an ongoing Orchid information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, in the Education Station classroom. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera, climate and acquisition to specific orchid culture techniques. **FREE CLASS** for anyone! Information, 361-813-4879.

Parrot Talk Shows Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 1:30pm

Parrot Talk, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center's ongoing interactive entertainment feature, is open to guests at 1:30 pm, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, included in admission, at 8545 S. Staples St. The 40-minute segment includes a 20-minute informal educational demonstration by Animal Care staff and parrot volunteers, followed by 20 minutes of visitor interaction and questions. Individual photo opportunities are available, for donations to parrot care. **Ask at Visitors Center for show location**, which varies with weather. The Botanical Gardens & Nature Center is open 9 am to 6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.

Youth Second Saturday—Junior Volunteer Workshop and Nature Play February 9

NEW!

Youth are in for two new experiences in 2019 at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, the 'Second Saturday' of each month, **except June, July and August**, at 8545 S. Staples. At "Junior Volunteer Workshop," from 9am to 3pm, youth ages 9-16 (16-youth maximum per session) interested in hands-on animal experiences will learn reptile and bird care, animal diet preparation, training, human interaction, shelter, desirability as a pet, more. Goal is to complete 50 hours of training/volunteering to certify as STBGNC "Level 3 Animal Handler", using volunteer hours for 4H, National Honor Society, Scouts, others. Training for higher certifications also will be available. Fees are \$50 per session, or \$35 each for two or more (family or friend). To reserve a space in any session, or more information, contact Brenda, 361-852-2100 x 223, or brendae@stxbot.org.

At 2:30 pm, following Parrot Talk, kids five through 10 visiting the Gardens may participate in 'Nature Play,' using "tree cookies," along with other nature building blocks, water play, sand and soil sensory stations, more. The Junior Volunteer Workshop team will assist staff with 'Nature Play,' which is included in general admission.

Planning for More Spring Vegetables' seminar February 2, 10:30am

Frank Eicholz, retired nurseryman and Nueces Master Gardener says vegetable garden season starts early in South Texas for maximum production of veggie favorites, teaching you garden prep, what and when to plant, in the 'Planning for More Spring Vegetables' seminar, from 10:30-11:30 am, Saturday, February 2, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St.

Bed to Bud to Bloom rose seminar February 9, 10:30am

Experts from the Corpus Christi Rose Society, which has openings for new members, present a South Texas rose-growing lecture and workshop featuring preparations for beautiful spring blooms, followed by hands-on pruning and planting demos in the Botanical Gardens rose beds, at the '**Bed to Bud to Bloom**' seminar, from 10:30-11:30 am, Saturday, February 9, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples.

Evaluating Backyard Greenhouse Needs seminar February 16, 10:30am

Nueces Master Gardener Rosemary Plank will explore types of backyard greenhouses helping home gardeners determine if a greenhouse is a good option, providing checklists of coverings, permitting and Home Owner Association considerations, at the 'Backyard Greenhouse' seminar, Saturday, February 16, 10:30 am-11:30 am, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St.

New, Improved Crepe Myrtles for your Yard seminar February 23, 10:30am

With a surge of new crepe myrtle colors and varieties available, Gill Nursery Landscape Designer Kathy Hubner will show the latest, helping home owners with sizes, colors and characteristics to best fit existing landscapes, at the 'New, Improved Crepe Myrtles for your Yard' seminar, 10:30 -11:30 am, Saturday, February 23, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St.