

# July, 2017 Calendar

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

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION!



## WILDLIFE IN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION Through September 30!

Full-color award-winning photographs from the 2015 *Wildlife in Focus* biennial photography competition will be displayed, with photographers' metadata, on art pillars along the Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail. The varied collection was shot by photographers partnering with South Texas landowners, judged in segmented categories of birds, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles/amphibians and specialties. The exhibition is included in general admission, and may be viewed from 9 am to 6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas. For more information, contact the Botanical Gardens, 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org); or Wildlife in Focus, 361-881-9316, [wildlifeinfocus.org](http://wildlifeinfocus.org).



## ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, July 6, 7 pm.

On-going Orchid monthly class series and information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, with Orchid Curator Sam Jones, in the 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. 361-290-7429.

## MUCH MORE THAN ALOE VERA Saturday, July 8, 10 am -noon.

Coastal Bend Cactus Succulent Society's Stewart Wills wants you to say "hello to aloes", among the easiest specimens to grow in South Texas landscapes. He'll introduce you to many other varieties besides common "Aloe Vera" he has discovered through his passion for these amazing plants and their uses, in his '*Much More than Aloe Vera*' seminar.



## LOCAL PLUMERIA PASSIONS GROWS Saturday, July 15, 10 am-noon.

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center plumeria enthusiasm has spread throughout the Coastal Bend, with specimens now in many Coastal Bend yards. Plumeria Society of South Texas veteran Frank Eicholz tells current and would-be growers secrets of obtaining starts, planting, care, winter storage, followed by a Plumeria Garden and Willoughby Viewing Platform tour.

## PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS SALE

### Saturday, July 22, 10 am-1:30 pm.

The Plumeria Society of South Texas will hold its annual Plumeria Sale, from 10 am to 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 22, at the Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely. For sale will be plumeria starts and fully-potted plants, grown by Plumeria Society members. Entrance to the sale is free, with proceeds benefiting plant care and maintenance of the Botanical Gardens Plumeria collection, curated by the Society. Information, Frank Eicholz, 361-991-4376, or [froggedw1@yahoo.com](mailto:froggedw1@yahoo.com).

## PLANT HERBS FOR HOLIDAY COOKING NOW!

### Saturday, July 29, 10 am -noon.

Start planning *now* for holiday feasts seasoned with *your* fresh herbs, as aptly-named Nueces Master Gardener Deb Holliday and fellow "herbies" teach you to grow and use herbs for holiday meals, and provide other fun herb recipes to spice up your buffet for guests.



## 'NATURE CSI' KIDS CLASS Saturday, July 22, 10 am -noon.

Youth, ages eight to 13, investigate *nature crime scenes* with Field Biologist/Youth Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, learning investigative techniques to explore the science of nature.

Ask about NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS for camps!  
Kathie, 361-852-2100, [kathie@stxbot.org](mailto:kathie@stxbot.org).

## YOUTH Half-Day NATURE + PHOTOGRAPHY CAMPS Prepaid Registration Required, 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org).

**Ages 11-14, June 5-9; Ages 14-18, July 10-14; Ages 11-18, July 31-August 4.**

**Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, \$125 members, \$135 others.** Instructors from *Wildlife in Focus*, Botanical Gardens staff, merging science and nature to see biology of potential photography subjects such as animal habitats, nature crime scenes, reptiles and birds, with hands-on camera experience.

## KIDS Half-Day NATURE CAMPS Prepaid Registration Required. 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org)

**Flora: Facts & Fun** Ages 5-7 July 12-16  
**Explore Birds & Reptiles** June 19-23  
**Nature Rangers** June 26-30

**Ages 8-12**  
July 10-14  
July 17-21  
July 24-28

Monday-Friday, 8:45 am-noon, \$80 members, \$95 others.  
Instructors Botanical Gardens Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, & former middle/high school teacher Sandy Anderson.



## KIDS Half-Day BASIC BIRDING CAMP Prepaid Registration Required. 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org)

**Ages 8-13, Wednesday-Friday, July 5-7, 9 am-1 pm, \$80 members, \$95 others.** Basic bird identification techniques, bird biology using games, challenges, guest speakers including birder/naturalist Gene Blacklock; and Purple Martin expert Louise Chambers, who lets campers observe baby Purple Martin nests.