

SOUTH TEXAS Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

## March, 2018 Calendar

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

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION

361-852-2100 [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org) 8545 S. Staples St. Corpus Christi

EDUCATION CALENDAR

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**PARROT TALK** VISITOR INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS (no reservations needed)  
1:30 pm, Fridays / Saturdays / Sundays. Ask at Visitors Center for location. Included in Admission, members free!

### ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, March 1, 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. For information, call 361—290-7429.

### PROPAGATING MEXICAN SPICES Saturday, March 3, 10:30 am

Preparing for spring gardens, expand your menu with cuttings and seeds of favorite herbs used in true Mexican cooking and even some medicinal varieties! Attend the **Propagating Mexican Spices for Flavorful Spring Cooking** seminar and interactive presentations, with Nueces Master Gardener Certified Propagation Specialist Rosemary Plank. Help Rosemary prepare *Ensalada de Frutas con chili*, a mixture of Mexican spices and fruit, including papaya and chili pepper; and leave with cuttings or seeds—such as pablano, jalapeno, Mexican oregano, cilantro, tomatillo—to start your own Mexican herb garden!



### LAST 2018 WINTER LECTURES Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

A variety of unique nature and horticultural topics which define and explain our unique South Texas Environment. For Winter Texans, other travelers and Coastal Bend residents. Make some new acquaintances and have a cup of coffee at these enjoyable morning sessions.

Mar 7 Ranch Hand Cooking

Karen Howden, Nueces County Historical Commission

Mar 14 Home Hydroponics Systems

Gabriel Vega, BotaniCo

### 'CSI' SPRING BREAK CAMP Monday-Wednesday, March 12-14, 9am to noon

Kids ages 8-13, investigate different "Nature Crime Scenes" with Field Biologist/Youth Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, learning investigative techniques to explore the mysteries of nature, with a different "case" to solve each day, with intriguing nature activities. \$50 Members, \$60 others. Prepaid registration required by March 9.



### ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR GARDEN

Saturday, March 17, 10:30-11:30 am

Learn necessary components of a Butterfly Garden from "Butterfly Lady" Brenda Dziedzic, author of *Learn about Butterflies in the Garden*. Want Monarchs, Giant Swallowtails, or Cloudless Sulphurs in your landscape? Choose butterflies you want and learn the right plants to draw them to your yard.

### KIDS LEARN ANATOMY OF A BUTTERFLY Saturday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.

Kids of all levels are taught unique characteristics of butterflies, touching and seeing different stages of the butterfly life cycle, with "Butterfly Lady" and author, Brenda Dziedzic.

### STORYTIME WITH PARROTS March 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!

### ORCHID & ROSE EXHIBITION Saturday/Sunday, March 24/25

Top Coastal Bend orchid growers and Corpus Christi Rose Society combine to present a joint Orchid & Rose Show, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, filling Education Station. Visitors will see beautiful specimen plants from Coastal Bend's orchid aficionados' private collections in the meeting room area; and in the conference room, spectacular blooms from top local rose gardeners. Anyone may exhibit plants, with no exhibition fees. Orchid entries must be submitted Friday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and rose blooms between 8 and 9 a.m. Saturday, March 24. Show admission free, with general admission applying to visit the rest of the Botanical Gardens). Sam Jones, Orchid Curator, 361-290-7429; Jan Shannon, Corpus Christi Rose Society, 361-944-9243.



### EXCITING WORLD OF HAWKS AND THEIR IDENTIFICATION Friday, Saturday, March 30, 31

Learn about one of the most fascinating American raptors at the **Exciting World of Hawks & Their Identification** short course, with expert birder, naturalist and author/educator Gene Blacklock, along with his "common birds of prey" lecture, Class: Friday, 6:15- 8:30 pm, Education Station. Field Trip: Saturday, 9:45 a.m.-noon, Hazel Bazemore Park. **\$45 members, \$60 others. Prepaid Registration required by Tuesday, March 27.**