

March, 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; or Wildlife in Focus, 361-881-9316, wildlifeinfocus.org.



ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, March 2, 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.



LEGENDS OF TEXAS WILDFLOWERS Saturday, March 4, 10 am to noon.

Legendary Nueces Master Gardener Betty Whitt shares folklore on Texas wildflowers and native plants, providing appreciation for old favorites.

BLACKLOCK'S ADVANCED FIELD BIRD IDENTIFICATION: 6 Classes, 2 Field Trips

Sunday Afternoon **Classes**, 1:30-4:30 pm: Mar. 5, 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23, 30.

Saturday **Field Trips**, 7:15 am-3 pm: Apr. 8, 29.

A course for more experienced birders, including more detailed characteristics of bird groups--songbirds, waterfowl, birds of prey. **\$150 members; \$185 others** (includes a 1-yr single membership).

Prepaid Registration required by Mar. 2, 361.852.2100. Curriculum questions, 361-558-1829.



SPRING BREAK SCIENCE SATURDAY Saturday, March 11, 10-11 am; & 3-4 pm.

Staff Education Coordinator and former middle school science teacher Brenda Ermis shows **kids grades K-8** some spring break science with Flora, Fauna, and Fun among the trails, wetlands and exhibits.

KIDS DISCOVER REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS OF SOUTH TEXAS

Saturday, March 18, 10 to 11 am; & 3-4 pm.

Texas Master Naturalist Chad Huckabee teaches kids from three to 93 about habits and habitats of frogs, toads, iguanas, turtles, tortoises, lizards, snakes and other creatures, ones you may—or may NOT—want to have as pets! Great spring break activity. Class fee included in general admission. Members FREE! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



BLACKLOCK'S BEGINNING WILDFLOWER ID & NATURAL HISTORY: 1-Day Short Course

Saturday, Mar. 25—**Class**: 9-11:30 am, Education Station. **Field Trip**: 1-5 pm.

Celebrate spring with this practical, hands-on class and field trip for beginners and beyond identifying and studying native Texas wildflowers in Coastal Bend "hot spots." **\$45 members, \$60 others.**

Class minimum 12, maximum 20. **Prepaid registration required by March 22**, 361.852.2100.

