

# MAY, 2019 Calendar

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED,

**General Admission includes your class • Members Free • or \$5 per person for class only.**

CHECK IN AT VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION

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

## **Orchid-ology** May 2, 7 pm

The *Orchid-ology Class* meets at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 2, in Education Station, 8545 S. Staples. Meeting the first Thursday of each month on a continuing basis, the orchid class series—led by Orchid Conservatory volunteers, and horticulturist Carol Krank—is an ongoing Orchid information exchange, for novice to experienced growers. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera, climate and acquisition to specific orchid culture techniques. **FREE CLASS** for anyone! Information, 361-852-2100.



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

Parrot Talk, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center's ongoing visitor interaction entertainment feature, **sponsored by Feathered Friends & Co.**, is open to guests at 1:30 pm, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, included in admission. It features a 20-minute informal discussion, including what it is like having parrots as pets, plus visitor interaction and opportunities for photos. **Ask at Visitors Center for show location**, which varies with weather. Open 9 am to 6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.



## **Tortoise Tales** Saturdays, Sundays, 10:30am

During "Tortoise Tales," a new visitor interaction included in general admission, **sponsored by Tropical Fish Haven**, guests will learn about different tortoise species and sizes, and have a chance to feed them. **Ask at Visitors Center for show location.** Open 9 am to 6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25.



## **Herbs, from Garden to Table** May 4, 10:30am

Nueces Master Gardener Deb Holiday shares secrets of her favorite herb varieties that thrive in South Texas, offering growing tips, harvesting techniques, and even simple recipes to get them from garden to table.



## **Mother's Day FREE WEEKEND—Moms get in free!** May 11-12

Celebrate Mothers' Day Weekend with us! At Visitors Center Check-in, all a mother needs to say is "**Moms Love Flowers!**", and she gets in free. Sorry, the rest of the family pays general admission. (Of course, members always get in free.) **SPECIAL MOMS DAY DEAL:** Buy Mom a membership this weekend, at 20% off for a year's worth of free admission, Nature's Boutique, nursery, BIG BLOOM and other discounts, national magazine subscription, plus free admission to 325 Reciprocal Gardens around the Country ([www.ahsgardening.org/rap](http://www.ahsgardening.org/rap)).



## **Marvels of Momma Martins** May 11, 10:30am

On Mother's Day weekend, Louise Chambers shares insights of attracting Purple Martins, their ideal housing, and gives a peek into nests of STBGNC Martin colony as she conducts nest checks, showing what it takes to mother these tiny, ravenous birds.

## **Super Succulents for Pots & Landscape** May 18, 10:30am

Retired nursery professional Merlien Wilder shows how to combine attractive varieties of these water-efficient plants in containers, or your yard, creating living art indoors or out.



## **Preparing for Less Water** May 25, 10:30am

Joanne Salge, Nueces Master Gardener and Xeriscape Corpus Christi chair teaches practical application of water conservation principles with easy ways to transition existing landscape into water-smart areas, able to economically survive and thrive in summer hot months.