



Celebrating National Public Gardens Day,
South Texas Botanical Gardens hosts
Mothers' Day free weekend, Orchid Show, more!

Moms are free Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 6-8!

CORPUS CHRISTI—Instead of giving flowers for Mothers' Day, bring Mom to the flowers—lots of flowers! The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., celebrates May 6 **National Public Gardens Day** with FREE ADMISSION FOR MOMS *all* Mothers' Day weekend--Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 6 through 8—and an **Orchid Show**, Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8; "**Nature's 'Brush Strokes'**" art exhibition on the Brennecke Nature Trail; and **Parrot Talk** at 1:30 pm, May 6, 7, 8! National Public Gardens Day is sponsored by the American Public Gardens Association.



Three ways to bring Mom free!

Just go to nationalpublicgardensday.org to download a South Texas Botanical Gardens coupon to admit Mom free. There also is a coupon on the Botanical Gardens website, stxbot.org. Or, just say "Moms love Flowers" at the Visitors Center front desk Friday, Saturday or Sunday!

Sorry, only moms get free admission that weekend—unless they're members, that is. And, a SPECIAL MOMS DAY DEAL is to buy her a Single, Couple, Family or Grandparent membership that weekend, at **20% off**-- for a year's worth of free admission, the 250-garden reciprocal admission program, free Saturday classes, *Nature's Boutique* gift shop discount, free year of *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine, and 10 percent discount on non-sale merchandise at *Turner's Gardenland*!

Second year for Orchid Show

The same weekend, Saturday and Sunday, the second South Texas Botanical Gardens Orchid Show will be held with stunning specimens from Coastal Bend's orchid aficionados' private collections lavishly displayed in Education Station. Anyone may exhibit without a fee, submitting entries Friday, May 6, from 9am to 6pm. Admission to the Orchid Show is free. General admission applies to the rest of the Botanical Gardens. Call Orchid Curator Samuel Jones with inquiries, 361-290-7429.



Moms can experience 'Nature's Brush Strokes' and 'Parrot Talk', too!

'Nature's Brush Strokes' juried art exhibition on the Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail, which opened at the April 2 BIG BLOOM, features 30 pieces of local artists' work depicting South Texas wild flowers and native plants. The popular 'Parrot Talk' visitor interactive show is held each Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm. The 40-minute segment held in the new Tropical Garden, includes 20-minute parrot/trainer show and tell; plus a visitor participation and photo opportunity session. Both extra guest experiences are included in general admission. For more information on Mothers' Day Weekend, call 361-852-2100, or visit stxbot.org.

