

# FEBRUARY, 2016

## Calendar



### ORCHIDOLOGY

#### 7 pm, February 4: (Each 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7 pm)

On-going Orchid *chat-and-learn* monthly class series, 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! Orchids for sale at most meetings. For information, call 361.854.7624.

### WINTER LECTURE SERIES From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, January 6 through February 24

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. MEMBERS FREE! Non-members free with General Admission. (Check in at Visitors Center.)

- Feb 3 Fascinating Fireflies – Don Salvatore, Boston Museum of Science, Firefly Watch Coordinator
- Feb 10 Plants That Grow Amuck! Invasives & Alter-natives – Kris Kirkwood, Texas Master Naturalist
- Feb 17 Tomatoes 101 – Carol Krank, staff Horticulturist
- Feb 24 Saving the Monarch – Dr. Michael Womack, Executive Director & Horticulturist



### BLACKLOCK'S INTERMEDIATE FIELD BIRD IDENTIFICATION: 3-Day Course

Feb. 2—Class 9 am-noon; Field Trip 1:30-5:30 pm.

Feb. 9—Field Trip 7:30 am-noon; Class 1:30-5:30 pm.

Feb. 16—Field Trip 7:30 am-noon; Class 1:30-5:30 pm.

For those needing intermediate field bird ID experience to jump from Beginners' long series to Advanced. Includes common characteristics of bird groups--songbirds, waterfowl, birds of prey--\$95 members; \$110 others.

Prepaid Registration by Jan. 28, 361.852.2100. Curriculum questions, 361.558.1829.

### CITRUS CANKER/CITRUS GREENING--NEW TEXAS DISEASE THREATS Saturday, Feb. 6, 10-noon

Texas Department of Agriculture experts will help homeowners and landscape professionals understand the history of this disease and its potential impact to landscapes and the agriculture industry. Get the most up-to-date information along with tips on how to identify the symptoms and how to protect your backyard citrus trees. Class fee included in general admission. MEMBERS FREE! (Check in at Visitors Center.)

### BLACKLOCK'S ADVANCED BIRD ID & NATURAL HISTORY SERIES:

#### 10 Classes, 3 Field Trips

Monday classes: 6:15-9:15 pm, Feb. 8, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21; Apr. 4, 11, 25; May 2.

Saturday Field Trips: March 19, April 16, May 7—times vary.

Next step after Beginning Birding Class/Series; or for those with some field experience in bird ID.

Seasonality, migration, habitats, identification marks, species in Biotic provinces of Texas.

\$200 members; \$235 others. Prepaid registration by Feb. 5, 361.852.2100. Curriculum questions, 361.558.1829



### MORE VEGETABLE GARDEN BOUNTY Saturday, February 13, 10-noon.

Staff Horticulturist Carol Krank gives great gardening guidelines and a specific plan for your vegetable garden--what, when, where, and how to plant--plus proven maintenance, fertilization and insect prevention methods, with charts and instruction sheets available. Class fee included in general admission. MEMBERS FREE! (Check in at Visitors Center.)



### MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE GARDENS FOR SOUTH TEXAS Saturday, February 20, 10-noon.

Gill Landscape Nursery Landscape Designer, Kathy Hubner discusses Mediterranean Coastal Area plants which will grow in here, plus others that will give you that unique design style here in South Texas. Class fee included in general admission. MEMBERS FREE! (Check in at Visitors Center.)

### RAINWATER HARVESTING Saturday, February 27, 10-noon.

Discover the different options to collect rainwater at your home from Nueces Master Gardeners Carlos Valdez and Suzy Murry. Get ideas on easy, practical ways you can adapt your home and landscape to conserve this valuable natural resource. Class fee included in general admission. MEMBERS FREE! (Check in at Visitors Center.)



### KIDS' SALAD IN A POT Saturday, February 20, 2-3 pm.

Nueces Master Gardener Emeritus Helen Orsak leads a kids' interactive workshop on nutrition, and how to grow their own salad garden in a five-gallon bucket, which each participant will get to take home and nurture. Class fee \$3 plus general admission. Members FREE! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. (Check in at Visitors Center.)