

JANUARY, 2016

Calendar

ORCHIDOLOGY

7 pm, January 7: (Each 1st 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.

Jan 6 **Turtle Patrol** – Dr. Donna Shaver, Padre Island National Seashore, Sea Turtle Science & Recovery

Jan 13 **Heirloom Gardening with the Three Sisters** – Justin Butts, Four String Farm

Jan 20 **Herbs for Healthy Living** – Susan “Sparky” Sparks, Chiron Holistic & Sparky’s Spa

Jan 27 **Preparing for the Purple Martin Invasion** – Louise Chambers, Purple Martin Conservation Association

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, Mid-Coast Chapter

Feb 17 **Tomatoes 101** – Carol Krank, staff Horticulturist

Feb 24 **Saving the Monarch** – Dr. Michael Womack, Executive Director & Horticulturist



BLACKLOCK'S INTRO TO EXCITING WORLD OF BIRDS: 1-Day Short Course

Tuesday, January 19—Class: 9 am-noon, Education Station. Field Trip: 1:30-5:30 pm

A short course and basic introduction designed especially for beginning birders with little or no experience in the sport of birding. Study some of the more than 450 known bird species in South Texas, with acclaimed birder, naturalist, educator and author **Gene Blacklock**. The Botanical Gardens is a **Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail** site. **\$45 members; \$60 non-members**. Class maximum 20, minimum 12.

Prepaid registration required by January 15, 361.852.2100. Curriculum questions 361.558.1829.

BEEKEEPING BASICS

Saturday, January 23, 10-noon.

Justin Hodge of *Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association* shares importance of these often misunderstood garden pollinators and how to start a home hive plus other resources for becoming a backyard beekeeper. Products will be available for purchase. Class fee included in general admission. Members Free!



ROSES—PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING!

Saturday, January 30, 10-noon.

Corpus Christi Rose Society members present a South Texas rose-growing lecture and workshop on preparations for beautiful spring blooms, followed by hands-on pruning and planting demos. Class fee included in general admission. Members Free!

