

January, 2017 Calendar

(Fees for **MOST** Saturday Classes included in General Admission/members **FREE!**)

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION!

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ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, January 5, 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.

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.



WINTER LECTURE SERIES From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, January 11 through February 22.

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. Make some new acquaintances and have a cup of coffee at these enjoyable morning sessions.

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| JAN 11 | No Such Thing as Houseplants | Botanical Gardens Executive Director, Michael Womack |
| JAN 18 | Heart Healthy Cooking with Herbs | Nueces Master Gardener Herb Specialist, Deb Holliday |
| JAN 25 | Healthier Plants using Household Products | Nueces Master Gardener, Retired Nurseryman, Frank Eicholz |
| FEB 1 | Vanishing Bee Populations & Basic Beekeeping | Lost Oaks on the Nueces Beekeepers, Kris & Phil Johnston |
| FEB 8 | Anyone Can Grow Orchids | Orchid Conservatory Curator, Sam Jones |
| FEB 15 | Propagating Mexican Spices | Nueces Master Gardener Propagation Specialist, Rosemary Plank |
| FEB 22 | Kitchen Composting | Nueces Master Gardener, Deb Holliday |



EAT YOUR WEEDS--WINTER FORAGING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 14, 9 am-noon.

Live off the land, and forage our trails with noted native plant expert, Mark "Merriwether" Vordergruggen, author of *Foraging Texas*. Learn to safely and ethically collect local wild plants for food or medicine, with new perspectives on our South Texas brush, enjoying your winter weeds in a salad! Mark says we *can* survive a zombie apocalypse--purchase his book that day! For ages 12 and up, workshop fees are \$40, \$35 members.



BLACKLOCK'S INTRODUCTION TO BIRDS OF SOUTH TEXAS:

Tuesday, January 24.

Class: 9-11:30 am, Education Station. Field Trip: 1-5pm.

Noted birder/naturalist Gene Blacklock teaches residents and Winter Texans to identify birds found in South Texas during winter months. **\$45 members; \$60 others.** Class minimum 12, maximum 20.

Prepaid registration required by Jan.21, 361.852.2100.



ROSE BED TO ROSE BUD Saturday, January 28, 10 am to noon.

Experts from the Corpus Christi Rose Society, which has openings for new members, present a South Texas rose-growing lecture and workshop featuring preparations for beautiful spring blooms, followed by hands-on pruning and planting demos in the Botanical Gardens rose beds.