

SOUTH TEXAS Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

## July, 2016 Calendar

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

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION

Education Calendar  
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### 'Nature's Brush Strokes' art exhibition April 1-September 30

Features 30 outdoor reproductions of original works by area artists. Colorful wildflower and native plants in 30 x 60" vertical format, displayed along the Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail. Funded by Hotel Occupancy Tax through a City of Corpus Christi Arts & Cultural Commission grant. Included in general admission. Information, 361-852-2100, stxbot.org.

### Bonsai Bonanza July 2-4

Discover the serene beauty of these tiny trees as Corpus Christi Bonsai Club shares their personal specimens with the public throughout July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Club members will field questions conduct ongoing "how-to" demonstrations as they manipulate miniature branches into living works of art. Free admission to Bonsai Bonanza in Education Station; general admission applies to rest of Botanical Gardens. Information, Yvonne Padilla, 361-992-0009.



### Orchidology, July 7

On-going informal Orchid class series and information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, with Orchid Curator Sam Jones, at 7pm, the first Thursday of each month, 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



### Worth "Mulch" More July 9

Discover water-savings and other benefits of mulches and which types truly are the best for your landscape needs from Horticulturist and STBGNC Executive Director Michael Womack, in the "Mulch Worth More than Meets the Eye" seminar, from 10-noon, Saturday, July 9, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. General Admission includes this class; members free. Check in at Visitors Center for seminar location. Information, 361-852-2100, stxbot.org.



### Plumeria Passions July 16

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center and the Plumeria Society of South Texas present the popular "**New Plumeria Passions**" seminar from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 16, at the Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. Plumeria Society expert Frank Eicholz will discuss tips on purchasing special varieties, raising these exotic tropical beauties for residential yards, and lead a tour of the Gardens & Nature Center's amazing Plumeria Garden & Willoughby Viewing Platform. Winter hibernation also is covered. A limited number of plants may be for sale at the seminar. General admission includes this class. Check in at Visitors Center for seminar location. Information, 361-852-2100, stxbot.org.

This seminar gives novice and intermediate growers basic knowledge before the Plumeria Society of South Texas' annual Plumeria Sale, 10 am to 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 23, at the Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greeley. Information, 361-991-4376, frogged1@yahoo.com.

### Not Pretty Enough July 23

"Not Pretty Enough", the misconception many gardeners have about native plants, is dispelled in this seminar and beautiful video presentation on benefits of natives by Native Plant Project Board member Carol Goolsby, Supervisor of Outreach & Education at McAllen's *Quinta Mazatlan*, from 10 am to noon, Saturday, July 23, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. General Admission includes this class; members free. Check in at Visitors Center for seminar location. Information, 361-852-2100, stxbot.org.



### Christmas in July—Preparing for Herbal Holiday Cooking July 30

Start planning now for Holiday feasts seasoned with fresh herbs from your yard or patio! Nueces Master Gardener "Herbies" teach you to grow and use herbs for traditional Holiday meals, providing fun herbal recipes, at the "Christmas in July—Preparing for Holiday Herb Cooking" seminar, from 10 to noon, Saturday, July 30, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. General Admission includes this class, members free! Check in at the Visitors Center for class location. Information, 361-852-2100, or stxbot.org.



**NavyArmy**

### Kids Summer Camps June & July

This summer, the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center offers seven, half-day *Kids Summer Camps*, including **Blacklock's Kids Basic Birding Camp**, ages 8-13, Wednesday-Friday, July 6-8, 9am to 1 pm; **Birds & Reptiles**, ages 5-7, Monday-Friday, June 13-17, and ages 8-12, July 11-15; **Recycle/Repurpose**, ages 5-7, June 20-24, and ages 8-12, July 18-22; **Nature Rangers**, ages 5-7, June 27-July 1, and ages 8-12, July 25-29.

Summer Camps are sponsored by **NavyArmy Community Credit Union**. A limited number of financial need-based scholarships, funded by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, are available. Approximately half the sessions are held outside, with interactive class time and projects in air-conditioned Education Station. Campers will need comfortable, cool clothing and shoes; hats, sunglasses, sunscreen each day. Class size will not exceed 20. Tuition for each camper each session is \$75 members; \$90 non-members. Prepaid Registration and parent/guardian signature is required to register campers. Information, stxbot.org, 361-852-2100.