

November/December, 2016 Calendar

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

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION!



ORCHIDOLOGY Thursdays, November 3 & December 1, 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

Now through September 30, 2017

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.

BOTANICAL BUCK DAY Saturday, November 5, 9 am to 6 pm

While tropical color is in top form, before the Plumeria Collection goes into winter storage, while butterflies are abundant, the Orchid Conservatory is in bloom, and a wildlife photo exhibit dresses the trail, the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center stages **BOTANICAL BUCK DAY**—second dollar day of 2016. Admission will be \$1 per person, ages three and above. Members under age 3 are free. **BUTTERFLY RELEASES** at noon and 3 pm for the first 100 guests lining up outside the Butterfly House; **PARROT TALK** shows at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm; and *Nature's Boutique* gift shop will be open. **Port Corpus Christi** is 2016 BUCK DAY sponsor.



WINTER WATER GARDEN CARE

Saturday, November 12, 10-noon.

Don't forget about your pond just because it turned cold! Discover how to keep your water garden healthy in winter from the professionals at Aquaria Services. Denise Housler shares tips on keeping your pond in top shape during the cold winter months for a quick recovery to a bounty of blossoms next spring.



PREPPING YOUR LANDSCAPE FOR WINTER

Saturday, November 19, 10-noon

Remember to leave time in your fall schedule to prepare your landscape for winter! Retired nurseryman and Master Gardener Frank Eicholz tells how to ready your plants and yard for the cold at the **Prepping your Landscape for Winter** seminar. The class also will cover what colorful freeze-hardy annuals and perennials will make your winter landscape festive.

HOLIDAY SALE FOR MEMBERS! November 19-December 31

Nature's Boutique gift shop **Holiday Sale for Members** of the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center means a **20 percent member discount** on all non-sale merchandise, books and available plants! To beat 'black Friday', avoid shopping crowds, finding unique merchandise in a relaxed, intimate setting with reasonable prices and get the discount, non-members may purchase any level of membership at regular price before paying for merchandise. No admission charge to the Visitors Center only, with entire Gardens access free for members. Open 9 am to 6 pm daily, **except** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas.

