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# ‘MOONLIGHT’ returns to Gardens outdoor ambiance after six years!

Friday, October 29, marks the 13<sup>th</sup> annual South Texas Botanical Gardens signature fundraiser, and seventh year sponsored by CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery, as “MOONLIGHT Returns to the GARDENS” after five years indoors and 2020 cancellation! Event Co-Chairs **Manette Scanio** and **Callie Walker** say timing couldn’t be better for *al fresco* festivities, under the stars, among flora, fauna and friends!

From 6:30-9:30 pm, a casual, informal roam-on-your-own theme prevails with three scattered musical venues, several favorite restaurant dining stations including *Hu Dat Noodle House*, *Texas Roadhouse*, *Jason’s Deli*, *CC Produce* and more. Beverage features include margaritas, a botanical craft beer brewed by *B&J’s Pizza & Brewpub*--a S. Staples neighbor, plus wine and traditional beer by *L&F Distributors*.

Before dark, guests should plan a Brennecke Nature Trail viewing of 15 new award-winning photography kiosks by *Wildlife in Focus*. A traditional tented silent auction, co-chaired by **Jessica Gilmore** and **Holly Osborn**, continues throughout the evening; plus a D.J. spinning favorite tunes on the Rose Garden dance floor. Garden strolls through floral exhibits, a butterfly release and visits with personable parrots and “resident reptiles” promise to be relaxing and entertaining. Finally, one lucky guest will win the take-all raffle!

Sales Chair **Gloria Hicks** says 50 MOONLIGHT sponsors, from \$1000-\$10,000 already are confirmed—most maintaining and enhancing specific Gardens exhibits during 2022. Event tickets are \$125 each. See [STXBOT.ORG](http://STXBOT.ORG), or contact Michael Womack, [wmwomack@stxbot.org](mailto:wmwomack@stxbot.org); or MaryJane Crull, [mjc@stxbot.org](mailto:mjc@stxbot.org); for more information, 361-852-2100. # # #

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