



**SOUTH TEXAS
BOTANICAL
GARDENS
& NATURE CENTER**

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For 10-11:30 am, Thursday, October 14, 2021

Ocean Drive Garden Club sponsors HAY BALE MAZE at South Texas Botanical Gardens, decorating Thursday, opening Saturday!

CORPUS CHRISTI—Ocean Drive Garden Club has partnered with the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center creating an “*Hay-mazing Adventure!*” Geared to kids, more than 110 bales of hay built a maze to challenge young sense of direction. Located near Monkey Mansion play area, the maze will be open 9 am-6 pm, beginning Saturday, October 16, celebrating fall!

The Garden Club will be doing some *a-mazing* decorating, 10-11:30am, Thursday, October 14, creating scarecrows, painting pumpkins and other colorful fall displays.

The maze experience, low enough to allow parents to watch their children while inside, is included in Botanical Gardens general admission.

Fall maze décor will transform to a Holiday vibe for annual HOLLY-DAYS weekends, November 26/27, December 3/4, 10/11, 17/18. The Gardens closes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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ABOUT US: *Flora, Fauna, Fun* are key at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, a major Corpus Christi area visitor destination and nature tourism facility! The non-profit 182-acre venue showcases 11 floral exhibits and gardens, including the 2600 square-foot Butterfly House, 1800 square-foot Samuel Jones Orchid Conservatory, Anderson Bromeliad Conservatory, seasonal Plumeria Garden with viewing ramp, plus Rose Garden and massive Rose Pavilion, delightful Hummingbird Garden, desert-like Arid Garden and “artscaped” Sensory Garden. Entertainment includes Resident Reptiles and vibrant Exotic Parrot collection. Tranquil Gator Lake, Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail with two Kent Ullberg bronze wildlife sculptures, birding tower, Palapa Grande, wetlands boardwalk and newly enhanced Oso Creek Loop Trail make this a key site on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, and headquarters for the April BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA! Bordering Oso Creek on Corpus Christi’s rapidly-growing upscale south side, this blend of beauty in the wild nearly touches the northern edge of the world-famous King Ranch in an intriguing wildlife corridor. A memorable experience for tourists, families, weddings, garden enthusiasts, birdwatchers, wildlife trackers, school tours--or an enjoyable relaxing change of pace.

Shop the delightful Joan Batman Nature’s Boutique in the Visitors Center. Memberships, docent-guided group tours, and facilities rentals are available. General Admission- \$9 adults; \$7 age 60, active Military, college students; \$5 children ages 3 through 12. Under 3 and members, free. Dog-friendly, leashes.

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