

## 2022 Calendar:

**ORCHID-ODOLOGY**, a FREE monthly discussion group of orchid enthusiasts of all levels, at 7 pm, the first Thursday of each month, Education Station (masks required). Reservations up to **20** in-person; or ZOOM link available. 361-852-2100.

January 6  
February 3  
March 3  
April 7  
May 5  
June 2  
July 7  
August 4  
September 1  
October 6  
November 3  
December 1

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**15<sup>th</sup> WINTER LECTURE SERIES** for area residents and winter visitors. Learn valuable often unique lessons on South Texas horticulture from experts, with a cup of coffee, from 9:30–10:30 a.m., **Wednesdays**, January 19 through February 23, 8545 S. Staples St.

**Up to 20 may attend in-person, wearing masks, regardless of vaccination status; or by ZOOM.** Class/lecture fees are: FREE with membership or general admission; \$5 others. For reservations and ZOOM connection, call 361-852-2100.

Jan 19 **BALCONY & PATIO GARDENS**

Jan 26 **TREES FOR SOUTH TEXAS**

Feb 2 **STAGHORN FERNS & AIR PLANTS**

Feb 9 **DIY WATER GARDENS**

Feb 16 **WAKING UP YOUR PLUMERIA**

Feb 23 **GROWING, USING, PRESERVING HERBS**

**Beth Spirko**, Nueces Master Gardener

**Kevin Gibbs**, Texas AgriLife County Extension Agent

**Jorge Garcia**, Botanical Gardens Orchid Curator

**Joanne Salge**, Nueces Master Gardener

**Renee Brown**, Plumeria Society of South Texas

**Cindy Meredith**, The Herb Cottage

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**BIG BLOOM Plant Sale:** Plans are a return to the traditional BIG BLOOM Plant Sale, 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, April 2, with some Garden Festival elements, and a \$2 COMMUNITY DAY—if COVID cooperates. (More details TBA)

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**BIRDIEST FESTIVAL in AMERICA**, April 20-24. ([www.birdiestfestival.org](http://www.birdiestfestival.org))

**April 20-24, 2022**, Corpus Christi's **BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA** turns five, with renowned keynote speaker, both pre-trip and first post-trip! In "Covid 2021," 289 different bird species were sighted by 163 registrants from 19 states—breaking its previous 262-species record; raising its four-year sighting history to 311!

Experience amazing spring migration along the Texas Gulf Coast in perhaps the busiest flyway in the country, a variety of field trips to famous South Texas ranch and coastal hot spots, several presentations and workshops; bird walks; and Jonathan Wood Raptor Project shows. An opening reception with Happy Hour cash bar and Texas BBQ dinner; Vendor Trade Show; artisan booths; and Saturday Family Fun Day round out your basic Texas Coastal adventure!

Suspense is building for "**What's it Like to be a Bird,**" by acclaimed author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, **David Allen Sibley**, who originally scheduled for cancelled 2020 festival, while Covid concerns kept him from presenting in 2021!

**Pre-trip, April 16-19**, heads to the Rio Grande Valley in deep South Texas for specialty birds, last year producing 193 species; while **post-trip, April 25-28**, treks north to the Upper Texas Coast and Piney Woods, on a scenic search for specialty song birds and shore birds. Each trip is \$850, maximum eight birders.

Basic Festival registration is \$25, plus opening dinner, field trips, speaker. Beginning December 1, visit <https://www.birdiestfestival.org> for REGISTRATION, DESCRIPTIONS, SCHEDULE. Further questions to Denise, 361-563-5968.

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**WEEKEND 'REP-TALES', 10:30 am; 'PARROT TALK', 1:30 pm.**

Each Saturday & Sunday, meet and learn about our Animal Ambassadors, included in general admission.