

Around Town, September 2021

Local Farmers Markets

South Brazos County Farmers' Market - Every Tuesday, noon to 5 p.m. Corner of University and Glenhaven, C.S., across from Scott and White Clinic. Local produce, free-range eggs, herbs, jams, jellies, honey Texas olive oil and more. Details: 281.684.1372 or <https://www.facebook.com/SBCFarmersMarket>

Farm Fridays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2861 FM 974 "Tabor Road". New Farmers' Market offering fresh, locally grown produce, plants, eggs, dog treats, hand knotted blankets, skin care items, gluten free baked goods and more. Details: ronboltonllc@gmail.com or AquaticGreensFarm@gmail.com

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Brazos Valley Farmers Market - Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Downtown Bryan at Main and 21st^d St. Enjoy Texas products grown and made by Texans. Plants; organic meats and free-range eggs; baked goods; local honey, home-made jams, jellies, and canned veggies; seasonal vegetables, crafts, live music and much, much more. A food truck or two is usually available for morning/lunch time snacks. Details: www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com

Area Garden Clubs

Sept 2 -- **Native Plant Society of Texas, Post Oak Chapter**. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ray Morantx, Grazing Lands Pollinator Ecologist for the Xerces Society, will speak on "Conserving Pollinators in the South-Central United States." On-line <https://tinyurl.com/frogfruit>

September 2: New Monthly Gardening Series at the Ringer Library! "Winter Is Coming: Colorize Your Drab Off-Season Landscape" presented by Dr. Mike Arnold, Director of The Gardens at Texas A&M University and Professor of Landscape Horticulture. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Larry J. Ringer Public Library front meeting room. Details: Ashley at areed@bryantx.gov or (979)764 3416. This program is free and open to the public.

September 10: Meeting of A&M Garden Club. 10:30 a.m. Cheryl Lewis, member of A&M Garden Club, President of Post Oak Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas, will speak on "Native Plants for Birds" – why native plants are important for people, which native plants provide food and shelter for birds, and the importance of vegetation diversity for bird diversity. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, September 14: Meeting of the BCS Rose Society. Noon -- potluck. Master Gardener Sandy Lovering will discuss rainwater harvesting. The Rose of the Month is Belinda's Dream. Details and directions: mboriski@earthlink.net

Tuesday, September 21: Meeting of the Texas A&M Women's Club Garden Interest Group (GIG). 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Skip Richter, Texas A&M Horticulture Extension Agent for Brazos County will discuss "The Balance of Nature in the Garden: Plants, Insects, and Other Life." Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. Public invited. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Monday, September 13: Meeting of the Brazos Valley Orchid Society. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Station 6 Fire Department Community Room, on the corner of Tarrow and University. Details: maples.don7@gmail.com 9 August from 7-9pm in the Station 6 Community room. Open to all who want to talk about orchids. No cost for visitors.

Other Learning Opportunities

Sunday, September 12; Get Growing with Brazos County Master Gardeners. Lick Creek Park Classroom. 3:00pm. Master Gardener Molly Harris will talk about transforming backyards into habitat for wildlife, particularly birds and butterflies. Reservations required. Fee \$4.00 per person. <https://cstx.gov>

Saturday, September 18: Learning at the Library, Clara Mounce Library, 2nd floor meeting room. **10:00am, Warren Bracewell will talk about Rainwater Retention/Harvesting, Rain Gardens, etc.** Sponsored by the Brazos County Master Gardener Association.

Each **Thursday: "Garden Success"** radio show with Skip Richter, County Extension Agent- Horticulture, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. noon to 1 p.m. Listen to Skip's advice on gardening in the Brazos Valley on KAMU-FM 90.9. Call in garden questions at 979-845-5689 or e-mail: gardensuccess@tamu.edu

Each Wednesday and Friday: Aggie Horticulture Facebook Live Events - Excellent opportunity to view live and recorded short talks on various gardening topics. 1:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/Aggie-Horticulture-26803072143/>. Or <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/fblive/>

Out and About

The Gardens at TAMU: Visit these lovely gardens to learn what garden plants are thriving in our area. Open from dawn to dusk. Agriculture and Life Sciences Building, 600 John Kimbrough Boulevard, TAMU. Details: <https://gardens.tamu.edu/>

Saturdays, September 11, 18 & 25. John Fairey Garden, 20559 F.M. 359 Road, Hempstead. Open Day guided tours will leave on the hour at 10 am and 11 am. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. Tickets are free for member, \$10 for non-members. Nursery will be open. <https://jfgarden.org/>

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