

January 2023 Around Town Calendar

Garden Clubs and Societies

Thursday, January 5: The Post Oak Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. 6:30 p.m. Gary Halter Nature Center in Lick Creek Park, 13600 East Rock Prairie Rd, C.S. "Conservation Priorities in College Station", presented by Laurie Brown, Recreation Supervisor for the Lick Creek Park Nature Center, and the Southwood Recreation Center. Join us as she introduces us to a world of beauty and possibilities for College Station.

Saturday, January 7: Rio Brazos Audubon Society. 8:30 a.m. Gary Halter Nature Center in Lick Creek Park, 13600 East Rock Prairie Rd., C.S. "Birding 101 Bird Walk" This event is a chance for new birders to sharpen their birding skills and learn the basics of identifying birds by sight and sound. A walk in Lick Creek Park to look for resident and migrating birds will follow a short talk on field guides, binoculars, etc. Loaner binoculars will be available. Bring water. Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Tuesday, January 10: Meeting of the Brazos County Rose Society. Noon. Mary Wells will present the program. Anyone interested in attending may call Maggie at 979 778-4252 for program information and directions to meeting.

Friday, January 13: Meeting of the A&M Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, C.S. Speaker Mickey Merritt "Right Tree, Right Place." Guests Welcome. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, January 17: Meeting of the Texas A&M Women's Club Garden Interest Group (GIG). 9:30 a.m. Education Room of the George Bush Presidential Library, 1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station. "My Top 10 Favorite Natives" presented by Cathie Paull, Brazos County Master Gardener. Cathie gardened in Southern Illinois for 45 years before moving to Texas, and will speak about her favorite Texas natives, beyond bluebonnets, from ground cover to a tree and how to use them in your own garden. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Saturday, January 28: In The Dirt With Master Gardeners - Fruit Trees. 10:00 a.m. The Gardens at Texas A&M University, meet at The Pavilion. A monthly talk with Brazos County Master Gardeners on various gardening topics. This month's talk will be on fruit trees with Master Gardener, Skip Richter. Each talk will include a short presentation and hands-on, interactive demonstration out in The Gardens at Texas A&M University. Free and open to the public. All talks are free and open for the community to attend. To find more information regarding parking, please visit [The Gardens Parking and Transportation webpage](#). Contact information: 979.314.2357 or gardens.tamu.edu

Other Learning Opportunities

Each Wednesday: Waterful Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. KAMU-FM 90.9 radio spot with Jennifer Nations, Water Resource Coordinator with the City of College Station, provides information about potable water such as best practices and procedures as well as safety tips. Find past episodes at <https://kamu.tamu.edu/radio/radio-programs/waterful-wednesdays>

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/>

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 are usually available for morning/lunch time snacks. Details: www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com

Out and About

The Demonstration Idea Gardens: Maintained by the Brazos County Master Gardeners Association, these gardens, often called the DIG, offer another opportunity to see what garden plants thrive in Brazos County. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Saturdays, January 14 and 28: John Fairy 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/>

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, February 2: 6:30pm - 7:30pm (CST) Larry J. Ringer Library, 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S., C.S. The Gardens at Texas A&M Present. A guest speaker from The Gardens at TAMU will give a free talk about gardening. For more information, [email Ringer Library](mailto:RingerLibrary) or call (979) 209-6347.