

March Around town Calendar

Special Events to mark on your calendars!

Saturday, March 4: 9am - 5pm and **Sunday, March 5:** 11am - 4pm: **Brazos County Annual Home and Garden Show.** Legends Event Center, 2533 Midtown Park Blvd, Bryan (Travis Bryan Mid-Town Park). Gardening Seminars presented by Brazos County Master Gardeners. Fee to attend the entire show: Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Children 12 and under free.

SATURDAY :

- 10:00 am Fred Rapczyk speaking on Rainwater Harvesting and Rain Barrels
- 11:15 am Annie Hatala speaking on Rain Gardens
- 1:00 pm Cathie Paull speaking on Natives in My Backyard
- 2:15 pm Barbara Lewis speaking on Gardening with Your Pets in Mind

SUNDAY:

- 10:30 pm Janet Taylor & Wanda Stuart on Gardening with Children
- 11:45 am Robert Martinez speaking on Heirloom Bulbs for Brazos Gardens
- 1:00 pm Master Gardener Panel Q&A with:
 - Specialist1 Sue Schuelke - Ornamental Plants
 - Specialist2 Mike Vidrine - Fruit & Veg
 - Specialist3 Sam Feagly - Soils & Fertilizers
 - Specialist4 Dennis Berthold - Pesticides
 - Specialist5 Fred Rapczyk - Irrigation & Rainwater

Details: <https://gbvbuilders.org/bcshomeexpo/>

Friday and Saturday, March 17-18: 28th Herbal forum and plant sale. Festival Institute, Jasper Road, Round Top, Texas. Great selection of herbs, annuals, perennials and natives to add to your garden. Details: <https://www.herbsocietypioneer.org/events/>

Saturday, March 18: John Fairy Garden, 20559 F.M. 359 Road, Hempstead. The **Budding Out Plant Sale & Festival** with an expanded sale, returning and new vendors, more food options, and music. Members have early access and get in free. Non-member admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are free. <https://jfgarden.org/>

Saturday, March 25: Brazos County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale. Brazos County Extension Office. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. THE PLANT SALE OF THE YEAR. Select annuals, perennial, vegetables, and herbs known to do well in the Brazos Valley. Pass-a-long plants from the gardens of county Master Gardeners. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Garden Clubs and Societies

Thursday, March 2: The Gardens at Texas A&M Present. 6:30pm - 7:30pm (CST) Larry J. Ringer Library, 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S., C.S. "Getting the Kids Outside." Spring has sprung, and a new season always means new things to explore! Learn about simple outdoor activities you can do with the kiddos in your life. From the backyard garden to the neighborhood park, Kat Grier will share her favorite ways to get outside. Details: 979 -209-6347.

Saturday, March 4: 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 an opportunity 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. Repeats the 1st Saturday of each month Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Saturday, March 4: The Gardens at Texas A&M University, 10-11:30. The Pavilion in the Gardens at TAMU. A monthly talk with Brazos County Master Gardeners on various gardening topics. **Mike Vidrine** will talk about growing vegetables in Brazos County. Free and open to the public. Parking information: [The Gardens Parking and Transportation webpage](#). Contact information: 979.314.2357 or gardens.tamu.edu

Thursday, March 8: Meeting of the Rio Brazos Audubon Society. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. 6: 30 p.m. Esme Cope will discuss "How environmental Factors Influence Avian Phenotypes". Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

March 14: Bryan/College Station Rose Society. Anyone interested in attending may call Mary at 979 680 8046 for program information and directions to meeting.

Friday March 10: A&M Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, C.S. Jennifer Nations, Water Resource Coordinator for the City of College Station will speak on -"Urban Water Conservation" an ever growing concern here in Texas. Guests Welcome. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, March 21: 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. Joseph Johnson, Garden Manager of The Gardens of Texas A&M University, will give an update on The Gardens and discuss what you can do to make your garden look amazing without having to hire a full time gardener. Free and open to the public. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 28: 4153 Brazos County Master Gardener Association 7:00 p.m. County Park Court, Bryan. Theresa Edwards, Brazos County Master Gardener and Fitness Trainer at Mature Well Lifestyle Center will speak about "Health and Fitness for Gardeners." Guests Welcome. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Other Learning Opportunities

Producer's Coop, 1800 North Texas Ave, Bryan, is offering weekly it's Saturday "Spring Garden Seminar Series," starting this weekend. All classes begin at 1:00PM in the Conference Center.

Dates, topics and speakers:

March 4 – Fruit Trees by Dr. Tim Hartmann, TAMU

March 11 – Warfare in the Garden by Dr. Keving Ong – TAMU

March 18 – Vegetable Gardening Success – Brazos County Master Gardener Mike Vidrine

March 25 – Making Biology Work for You – Greg Cooper, Microlife

April 1 – Turf Grass Management – Mark Bowen & Luis Chamarro, Heirloom Soils

April 8 – Texas Natives – Cheryl Lewis, Master Naturalist

April 15 – All Things Organic Gardening – Andy Chidester, FoxFarms

April 22 – Insect & Weed Control – Fred Heck, Fertilome

April 29 – Adding Color to the Landscape - TBA

Each Wednesday: Waterful Wednesdays. 7:42 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." 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

Out and About

The Demonstration Idea Gardens: 2619 Highway 21, West in Bryan. 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. See plants and trees that grow and thrive in Brazos County landscapes. You can observe, listen, and learn about Earth-Kind® landscape practices that are in tune with nature. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Saturdays, March 11 & 25: 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. Details: <https://jfgarden.org/>

Wednesday, March 29. Bluebonnet Garden Club presents Waltz Across Texas through a Floral Interpretation of Yesteryear. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Giddings Stone Mansion, 2203 Century Circle, Brenham. \$15.00 per person. Please telephone for tickets: 832 971 6363

Thursday, March 30. Bluebonnet Garden Club presents Waltz Across Texas through a Floral Interpretation of Yesteryear. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Giddings Stone Mansion, 2203 Century Circle, Brenham. \$15.00 per person. Please telephone for tickets: 832 971 6363