

Local Garden Clubs & Nature Societies

After a summer recess, most local garden clubs and nature societies are preparing for their September through May programs. Information is still being gathered, so if your favorite garden association isn't shown here, it should be available in October.

Thursday, September 1: Native Plant Society, Post Oak Chapter Zoom meeting. 6:30 p.m. "Texas Tough Natives for Droughts and Floods" presented by Carol Clark, amateur botany enthusiast, Texas Master Naturalist, longtime member of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and Conservation Specialist with Monarch Watch. Online at: <https://tinyurl.com/frogfruit>

Thursday, September 15: Meeting of the **Brazos Valley Orchid Society**. 7 – 9 p.m. Station 6 Fire Station at the corner of Tarrow and University Drive.

Tuesday September 20: Meeting of the Texas A&M Women's Club Garden Interest Group (GIG). 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. George Bush Presidential Library, 1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station. "Gardening for the Wildlife You Want and Don't Want." Kati Krouse, Walker County Master Gardener and fifth generation farmer, will lead an interactive discussion on how to deter animals and insects that destroy your garden, but continue attracting important pollinators. Public invited. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 27: Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association**, 7:00PM Brazos County Extension Office, 4153 County Park Court, Bryan 77802. Daniel Hoffman, with Trophy Fisheries, will discuss **Garden Ponds – Construction, Features, and Maintenance**. Everyone appreciates a water features – especially after this summer. Learn how to introduce one into your landscape. Details: www.brazosmg.com Free and open to the public.

Other Learning Opportunities

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 at 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/>

Saturday, September 17: 10:00AM. Learning at the Library series presented by Brazos County Master Gardeners. Clara Mounce Public Library, 201 E. 26th St., Bryan. Brazos County Master Gardener and shutterbug Jim Miles will talk about "Wildlife Photography for the backyard nature lover." Pick up some camera tips from a pro. Free and open to the public. Details. www.brazosmg.com

Sunday, September 18: 3 p.m. **Get Growing with Master Gardeners.** Lick Creek Park, 13600 Rock Prairie Rd, College Station 77845. "Wildlife Photography" Brazos County Master Gardener and shutterbug Jim Miles will talk about Wildlife Photography for the backyard nature lover. Pick up some camera tips from a pro. NOTE: **FEE: \$4/PERSON AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT THE COLLEGE STATION PARKS & REC WEBSITE.**

Out and About

The Gardens at TAMU: Visit these lovely gardens to see 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/>

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: [Details: www.brazosmg.com](http://www.brazosmg.com)

Saturdays, September 10 and 24 : 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/>

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 NOTE: First Saturdays are always special with extra vendors and a special gift basket drawing.