

May Around Town Calendar

Special Events to mark on your calendars

Thursday, May 4: Ringer Library Gardening Series. 6:30p.m. -7:30 p.m. 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy College Station, TX 7784. The Gardens at TAMU presents: **Utilizing Tropicals as Summer Annuals.** Free and open to the public. Details: bcslibrary.org or 979 209 6347.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 5-7: Spring Native Plant Sale.9 a.m. -1 p.m. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin. This Spring Native Plant Sale features a variety of Texas natives, including perennial and annual flowers, grasses, vines, shrubs and trees for shady and sunny gardens. Details: <https://www.wildflower.org/visit>

Saturday, May 13: NATIVE PLANT SALE sponsored by The Post Oak Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas. 9 a.m. to noon, or sell out. Lick Creek Park, 13600 Rock Prairie Rd., C.S. It's still spring and there's bound to be a native plant you need for your garden. Details: <https://npsot.org/wp/postoak/>

Saturday, May 13. BIRD DAY. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lick Creek Park. **13600 Rock Prairie Rd., C.S.** Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with a hike through Lick Creek Park's trails to explore the Brazos Valley's native and migrating species. Details: 979 764 6216 or <https://cstx.gov/lickcreek/>

Saturday, May 20: "Learning at the Library"10 a.m. -11 a.m. **Clara B. Mounce Public Library, 201 E. 26th St., Bryan.** Donna Murray, Brazos County Master Gardener, will share her special talent for creating floral masterpieces from "bits and pieces" around her garden during her chat on "Bouquets for Every Day." Using materials from the cutting garden, flower and veggie beds, untidy edges of the yard, and even roadside ditches she will delight you with her creativity. Rumor is that there will be a giveaway or two. Free and open to the public. Details: Janelle Williams, 209 5623.

Saturday, May 20: In The Dirt With Master Gardeners - Plant Pollinators. 10:00am - 11:30am at The Gardens at Texas A&M University. Learn about pollinator plants and their importance in our gardens with Brazos County Master Gardener, Molly Harris. Free. Parking information : The Gardens Parking and Transportation webpage. Details: 979.314.2357 or <https://calendar.tamu.edu/agrilife/day>

Garden Clubs and Societies

Saturday, May 6: 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/>

Thursday, April 6: Post Oak Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. 6 p.m. Visitor Center at Lick Creek Park, 13600 East Rock Prairie Rd, C.S. Cheryl Lewis, Master Naturalist, will present the program "Invasive Plants – Silent Killers". Details: <https://npsot.org/wp/postoak/>

Tuesday, May 9: Bryan/College Station Rose Society. Anyone interested in attending may call Mary at 979 680 8046 for program information and directions to meeting.

Wednesday, May 10: Rio Brazos Audubon Society. 6:30 p.m. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. Laurie Brown will talk about “Conservation and College Station and Bird City.” Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

May 12: A&M Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, C.S. Regular end of year potluck Luncheon and Meeting. Installation of 2023-2024 Officers of A&M Garden Club. Guests Welcome. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, May 23: Brazos County Master Gardener Association. 7:00 p.m. County Park Court, Bryan. William J. McKinley Director of Benz School of Floral Design & Senior Lecturer Department of Horticultural Sciences TAMU will demonstrate floral arrangements for Spring. 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.**” All classes begin at 1:00PM in the Conference Center. Master Gardeners can earn CEU’s when attending any of these seminars. Check their website for dates and topics. <https://www.producerscooperative..com/>

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 – Spring Veggies are Here!!!

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 May 13 and 27: John Fairy Garden, 20559 F.M. 359 Road, Hempstead. Open Day guided tours will leave on the hour at 10 am, 11 am and 1 p.m. 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/>