

November 2023 Around Town Calendar

Local Garden Clubs

Thursday, October 5: Meeting of the Post Oak Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. 6:00 meet and greet. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. Gary Halter Nature Center at Lick Creek Park, 13600 East Rock Prairie Rd., C.S. Rider Combs, the new property Manager for the Ecology and Natural Resource Teaching Area (ENRTA) will speak on **ENRTA Past, Present and Plants.** Guests welcome.

Tuesday, October 10: Meeting of the **BCS Rose Society.** Noon. **James Kneipp will discuss rose pruning** and demonstrate pruning techniques. Details: 979 680 8046 for program information and directions to meeting.

Wednesday, November 8: Meeting of **Rio Brazos Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. Carl Bierman will talk about **"Birds of South Africa, especially Kgapstad Trans Frontier Park"** Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Friday, November 10: Meeting of **A&M Garden Club.** 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. Jay White, publisher of Texas Gardener Magazine will discuss **Heirloom Bulbs – All you Need to Know.** Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/> and www.petflytrap.com

Tuesday, November 14: Meeting of the **Texas A&M University Women’s Club Garden Interest Group (GIG).** 9:30 a.m. George Bush Presidential Library education room, 1000 George Bush Dr W, C.S. **“Inspired Holiday Designs”** presented by Dr. Bill McKinley, TAMU Benz Endowed Chair of Floral Design and Senior Lecturer. Floral design that is inspired by music and the upcoming seasons for your table and home décor will be presented. Public invited. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Recurring Activities

First Friday of Each Month: The streets of **Historic Downtown Bryan** transform into one big stage on the First Friday of each month with live music, performances, art demonstrations, unique and interactive events and **The Farmers’ Market of Brazos County** selling locally grown produce and handmade goods. 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Details: <https://www.destinationbryan.com/firstfriday/>

Saturday, November 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/>

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, Brazos County Extension Agent-Horticulture, TAMU 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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NEW! NEW! College Station Farmer’s Market – Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Post Oak Mall Parking Lot, 1500 Harvey Road College Station, TX. A new, member-driven farmers’ market featuring locally sourced products including baked goods, seasonal vegetables, organic meats, free range eggs, plants, home-made jams, jellies and canned veggies and much, much more. Questions? Call David Wolff, one of the members, at 979 530 3768.

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. Details: www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com

Additional Events:

Thursday November 2: Ringer Library Gardening Series. 6:00-7:00 p.m. Larry J. Ringer Library, 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S, C.S. With Texas Arbor Day falling on November 3rd, what better time to learn about all things trees! Join Dr. Mike Arnold, with The Gardens at Texas A&M University to hear about trees best suited for our area and how to go about planting and caring for them. Free. Details: gardens@ag.tamu.edu or 979 314 2357. Check out the [Ringer Library Activities Calendar](#) for more information.

Friday-Sunday, November 3-5: : Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 FM 50, Brenham, TX. Fall Festival of Roses. Friday: Farm to Table dinner, a ticketed event, reservations required. **Saturday: Free Admission** 9:00 am Gardens open; 9:30 am – 10:00 am Welcome speech from Jim Keeter & family; 10:00 am -11:00 am Chris Wiesinger - Heirloom Flower Bulbs for Every Month; 11:15 am -12:15 pm Mike Shoup - How I

was Schooled by an Old Rose; 12:15 pm -1:00 pm: Lunch - We will have food trucks available at the gardens. 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Rhonda Kaiser - Garden Planning and Design; 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm Felder Rushing, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Dr. David Byrne; 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Social Hour - come mingle with us!

Sunday: Free Admission 9:00 am Gardens open; 9:00 am Worship and Sermon by Jim Keeter; 12:00pm - 1:00pm Final Session with Felder Rushing.

If you have questions about the Fall Festival, please call (979)-836-5548 or email events@wearerose.com . Details: www.aregardens.com

Saturday, November 18: John Fairey Garden Nursery. 20559 F.M. 359 Road, Hempstead, Texas. Open Day guests may tour the Garden on docent guided tours only. Tours leave at 10, 11, and 1 pm. Please arrive a few minutes before your tour to sign in. \$15 for non-members. Call 979 826 to schedule a tour.