

February 2024 Around Town Calendar

Local Garden Clubs

Thursday, February 1: Meeting of the Post Oak Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, Gary Halter Nature Center at Lick Creek Park, 113600 East Rock Prairie Rd, C.S. 6:00 meet and greet. Program starts at 6:30. Dr. Mark Vordergruggen, "The Medicine Man", an expert in wild, edible and medicinal plants will talk about "**Nine Native Medicinal Plants.**"

Friday, February 9: Meeting of **A&M Garden Club.** 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. Don Maples, President of the Brazos Valley Orchid Society, will discuss "**How to Love Your Orchids**" Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/> and www.petflytrap.com

Tuesday, February 13: Meeting of the **BCS Rose Society.** Noon. Details: 979 680 8046 for program information and directions to the meeting.

Wednesday, February 14: Meeting of **Rio Brazos Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. Roy Nierdieck will discuss "**The Art of Bird Photography**" Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Tuesday, February 20: 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. "**Enhance Your Landscape Enjoyment with Fragrant Plants.**" Skip Richter, Horticulturalist, gardening columnist and host of Garden Success and Gardenline, will help you take your landscape beyond just visual beauty with plants that also offer delightful fragrances. Public invited. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 27: Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association.** 7:00 p.m. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Lisa Morano, Professor of Biology and Microbiology at the University of Houston-Downtown and the Director of the UHD Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (CUAS) will talk about **Mycorrhizas**, a symbiotic relationship between plant roots and particular species of soil fungi. Details: www.brazosmg.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, February 3: **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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Aggieland 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:

Saturday, February 10 and 24: John Fairey Garden Nursery. 20559 F.M. 359 Road, Hempstead, Texas. Open days – an opportunity to tour parts of the garden on a docent lead walk. Reservations required. Details: www.jfaireygardens.org

Looking Ahead:

Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16: Pioneer Unit of the Herb Society will hold its annual **Herbal Forum and plant and gift sale.** Festival Hill, 248 Jaster Road, Round Top. The sale will be held Friday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 16: John Fairey Gardens & Nursery, 20559 FM 359 Hempstead. The **Budding Out Plant Sale and Festival** is expanding this year with returning and new vendors, more food options and music. Members have early access and get in for a discounted entry fee of \$5. Non-members admission is \$10. Children 12 and under are free. Members are admitted from 9 to 4. The general public is admitted at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details: www.jfaireygardens.org

Saturday, March 23: Brazos County Master Gardener Association Annual Plant Sale, parking lot 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for annuals, perennials, vegetables (TOMATOES), herbs and pass-a-long plants, garden treasures from the gardens of Master Gardeners. Come early, don't miss this great opportunity to enrich your garden with beautiful plants. Details: www.brazosmg.com