

April 2024 Around Town Calendar

Special Events

Saturday, April 6: Southside Historic Neighborhood Home Tour, Brison Park, College Station. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join the residents of College Station's oldest residential development for the Southside Historic Neighborhood Home Tour. Explore four homes built in the 1920s through 1950s, see original features, learn their stories, and view thoughtful restorations. Discover the historical significance of an additional five "campus homes" built on the Texas A&M campus between 1891-1918 and moved to the Southside Neighborhood between 1941-1948. Proceeds from the tour will go to preserve and promote this historic neighborhood. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, \$25 on the day of the event. Details: <https://www.southsidehometour.com/>

Saturday, April 20: The Gardens at Texas A&M University Hullabloom Fest. 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 556 John Kimbrough Boulevard, C.S., Spring has sprung at The Gardens so come by for a morning of FREE family-friendly fun to celebrate its arrival! Enjoy some refreshments as you stroll through The Gardens and visit the various educational demonstrations and activity tables. Visitors of all ages can make spring-inspired crafts, learn about all things pollinators, and even participate in a butterfly release! Come on out for *bloomin'* time in The Gardens! The butterfly release will begin at 11:00 am. Visitors will have the opportunity to sign-up to release a butterfly throughout the event at the Butterfly Release sign-up table. For more information about the event and parking, please visit our webpage: <https://gardens.tamu.edu/hullabloom-fest/>

Local Garden Clubs

Friday, April 12: Meeting of A&M Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. Samuel Robinson with Gardening God's Way Ministry will talk about **Gardens of Faithfulness**. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, April 9: Meeting of the **BCS Rose Society**. Noon. Details: 979 680 8046 for program information and directions to meeting.

Wednesday, April 10: Meeting of **Rio Brazos Audubon Society**. 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. Featured speaker: **Bruce Neville – "Journey to the End of the Earth: Birding and Shelling in Tierra del Fuego."** Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Thursday, April 11: Gardening with the Masters. Noon to 1 p.m. Demonstration Idea Garden, 2619 W State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77803. Master Gardener Cathie Paull will discuss **Gardening with Native Plants**. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Tuesday, April 16: 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. **Creating a Backyard Habitat presented by Molly Harris**, Brazos County Master Gardener. Molly will speak from her personal journey on creating a backyard habitat that provides food, shelter and water to attract birds, butterflies, other pollinators and desirable wildlife. Public invited. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Saturday, April 20: Learning at the Library. Mounce Library 201, East 26th St., Bryan. 10 a.m. Brazos County Master Gardener Todd Riggle will present **A Three Point Care Approach for St. Augustine Lawns**. Free and open to the public. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Tuesday, April 23: Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association**. 7:00 p.m. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Thomas Woodfin will present a **Brief History of Landscape Design**. Public invited. 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, April 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/>

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, retired 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/>

Each Saturday and Sunday: "GardenLine." Listen to Horticulturist Skip Richter on Gardenline, KTRH 740 AM and learn how to grow a beautiful garden here in the Lone Star State. Questions can be e-mailed to him at gardeningwithskip.com.

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. **Note:** once each month a Brazos County Master Gardener will be at the market to answer your gardening questions. 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