

June 2024 Around Town Calendar

Special Events

June 4 – July 30. Each Tuesday, Summer Storytime Series. 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. The Gardens will offer children's story time weekly on Tuesdays starting at 9:00 am, in June and July. Each session will feature 1-2 garden-themed books which have been nominated or have won a Growing Good Kids book award, followed by a small craft. This series is recommended for ages 8 and under, but children of all ages, along with their guardians, are invited. Families are welcome to bring a blanket to sit on during storytime. This is a free program, but does not include parking. Those without a TAMU parking permit will need to pay to park in Lots 97 or 100c. Details: gardens@ag.tamu.edu or 979-314-235

Wednesday, June 12: Rio Brazos Audubon Society. 6:30 p.m. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy **Open Mike Night**. Four members will give short talks about their birding adventures. Free and open to the public. Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Thursday, June 13 Gardening with the Masters. Noon to 1 p.m. Demonstration Idea Garden, 2619 W State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77803. Topic To be announced. Public invited. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Saturday, June 15: Summer Celebration at the Leach Teaching Gardens. 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Gardens at Texas A&M University are turning six and we want to celebrate with you! Join us for a morning of FREE family-friendly fun at our annual Summer Celebration. Enjoy snow cones and other refreshments as you stroll through The Gardens and visit our various educational demonstrations and activity tables.

There will be a Sensory Free/Quiet Zone during the celebration for anyone who may want or need a quieter environment at any point during the event. Details: gardens@ag.tamu.edu or **979 314 2357**
Visitors may park for free in Lots 97 or 100. More information about our parking options can be found at: <https://gardens.tamu.edu/parking-and-transportation/>

Saturday, June 22: Learning at the Library. Mounce Library 201, East 26th St., Bryan. 10 a.m. Brazos County Master Gardener Warren Bracewell will present a program on "**Common Weeds**." Free and open to the public. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Saturday, June 22: Brazos County Master Gardeners will be at the **Aggieland Farmer's Market – 8 a.m. to noon**. Post Oak Mall Parking Lot, 1500 Harvey Road College Station, TX. Bring your gardening questions to the Masters.

Local Garden Clubs

The following clubs are on summer break and will resume activity in August or September:

A&M Garden Club, Texas A&M University Women's Club Garden Interest Group (GIG), BCS Rose Society

Thursday, June 6: Meeting of the Post Oak Chapter of the Native Plant Society. Gary Halter Nature Center, Lick Creek Park, 13600 Rock Prairie Rd., C.S. 6:00 p.m. Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Living Wild LLC. Will speak on Wildlife Friendly Gardening. Born in the dusty plains of Lubbock, TX, Abbe Ince Hendrickson obtained her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, receiving a B.S. in Microbiology, with emphasis in evolutionary ecology, and a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, with emphasis on conservation biology.

She worked for 2 years as a wildlife technician, studying snakes, birds, and tortoises, until she landed a position as a Wildlife Biologist researching bat and bird mortality under large wind turbines. Most of Abbe's master's degree work was done in the coastal estuary regions of the gulf, catching American alligators, and analyzing their parasitic gut fauna. Leading a field team and catching alligators reaffirmed her passion for fieldwork and herpetofauna. She graduated with her M.S. from Texas Tech University in May 2020.

Abbe and her husband currently own 15 acres of forested land just northeast of Conroe, managing it for wildlife and plant diversity. She is currently on the board of directors for the Native Plant Society of Texas and is also a certified Texas Master Naturalist. These past few years Abbe recognized an enormous need for a person to be environmentally minded while gardening and decided to start her own habitat restoration and native landscape design business: Living Wild LLC. According to Abbe, "Business is booming; everyone wants their own pollinator patch or hummingbird habitat, my dream come true!"

Details: [Post Oak Chapter-Native Plant Society of Texas](#)

Tuesday, June 25: Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association.** 7:00 p.m. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Learn about **Pollinators** from Wizzie Brown. 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, June 1: 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/>

NEW! Each Friday: Floral Fridays. Join Brazos County Horticulture Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff each Friday with a different gardening topic. You can find him live on the on the Brazos MG Facebook page.

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