

July 2024 Around Town Calendar

Special Events

June 4 – July 30. Each **Tuesday, Summer Storytime Series.** 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. The Leach Teaching 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 story time. 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

Saturday, July 20, 2024, 9 a.m. – Noon. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan. **Wish Upon a Butterfly**, an annual fundraiser at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History highlighting the elegant monarch, the Texas state insect.

This year, festivities begin inside the Museum where guests may make a “wish keepsake” and other butterfly crafts before receiving their purchased butterflies outside from 10 - 10:30 am for release. One butterfly ticket purchase per family includes admission inside the Museum where visitors may enjoy the observation bee hive, butterfly displays, live music, refreshments, activities, and other Museum exhibits. There will be a variety of fun activities for all ages including butterfly themed crafts. The Texas A&M Garden Club will be present to distribute seeds, butterfly plants, and discuss butterfly gardening. The Texas Master Naturalists, The Texas A&M Honey Bee Lab and others will have educational booths. Guests who come to the event in butterfly or caterpillar themed costumes will receive a surprise gift.

Guests may pre-purchase butterflies, each at a cost of \$20 or 6 for \$100, by calling the Museum to order by credit card, or by mailing a check to:

Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attn: Wish Upon a Butterfly

3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan TX 77802

Unable to attend or pick-up your butterfly? Museum staff will also release purchased butterflies upon request. While supplies last, butterflies will also be available for purchase at the event. For more information on how to be a sponsor, or to purchase a butterfly, call 979-776-2195!

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

Even **Brazos County Master Gardeners** are taking the month of July off to sip lemonade and plan for next year.

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, July 6: Rio Brazos Audubon Society. 7:30 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>

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Each Thursday: "Garden Success" radio show with Stephen Brueggerhoff, Brazos County Extension Agent- Horticulture, TAMU AgriLife Extension Service. noon to 1 p.m. Listen to Stephen'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 Retired Extension 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