

Brazos County Master Gardeners

September 2024 Around Town Calendar

Local Garden Clubs

Friday September 13: Meeting of A&M Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S, The Texas A&M AgriLife International Coordinator of the Texas Junior Master Gardener Program will speak on “The Secret Language of Flowers.” Details:

<https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, September 17: Meeting of the **Texas A&M University Women’s Club Garden Interest Group (GIG)**. Field Trip to the Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 Fm 50, Brenham, Tx. 9:30-10 a.m. Meet at the ARE for a personal tour of the ARE with Jim and Kim Keeter. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 24: Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association**. 7:00 p.m. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Monte Nesbitt, **Extension Program Specialist at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension**, will discuss “Selection, Care, and Cold Protection of Citrus in the Brazos Valley.” Public invited. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Recurring Activities

NEW! NEW! You are invited to subscribe to the **Brazos County Gardening eNews**, an eNewsletter for Brazos County Horticulture programs, sent out monthly with links to news of upcoming Brazos County Master Gardener events, education programs, articles by Stephen Brueggerhoff and Aggie Horticulture articles. Sign up at the following link: <http://eepurl.com/iQeUjM>. Sponsored by Brazos County AgriLife Extension Horticulture (brazos.agrilife.org/horticulture) and Brazos County Master Gardeners (www.brazosmg.com) **Free**.

NEW! Celebrate Gardening in the Brazos Valley. Join Brazos County Extension Horticulture Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff for **Floral Fridays**, a Facebook Live! program with timely gardening topics. Presented each Friday starting at 11 am from the Brazos County Master Gardener Facebook page. Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/brazosmg/events>

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>

Each Saturday: Rio Brazos Audubon Society. Gary Halter Nature Center. 8:30 am Birding 101. New and experienced birders are invited to sharpen their birding skills with the Rio Brazos Audubon Society. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound, use field guides and binoculars, and explore the Brazos Valley's native and migrating species. The class meets at the nature center and hikes through Lick Creek Park's trails. Dress appropriately for the outdoors and wear closed-toed shoes. Binoculars are available to borrow at the Gary Halter Nature Center. All Ages welcome. Free.

<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 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 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 www.gardeningwithskip.com

Local Farmers' Markets

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

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:

Tuesday, September 3: Educators Open House at The Garden Pavilion at the Leach Teaching Gardens. 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m., 566 John Kimbrough Blvd., C.S., TX Come to the first Educator Open House at The Gardens Pavilion! This free event is open to all educators from public, charter, and private schools. Homeschool and informal educators are also welcome. All educators in attendance will be entered to win 1 of 3 FREE field trips for up to 30 students. This is an opportunity to connect with AgriLife organizations, find educational resources, have Learning experiences, enjoy free popsicles and free activities for kids. Questions: kathryn.grier@ag.tamu.edu. To register: <https://gardens.tamu.edu/visit/events-programs> FREE

Saturday, September 14: Volunteer Days: Invasive Plant Pull. Volunteer alongside members of the **Post Oak Chapter of the Native Plant Society** and the **Brazos Valley Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist** to remove invasive plants, helping to preserve the unique ecosystems and demonstration gardens at Lick Creek Park. 9 a.m. -Noon. Gary Halter Nature Center. Bring gloves, a reusable water bottle, and your favorite garden tools. We are happy to provide certificates as proof of hours. Sign-up at the Nature Center or call 979.764.6216.

Wednesday, September 18: The Gardens at Texas A&M present “**Wild About Wildflowers.**” 6:00 p.m. at the Larry J. Ringer Library, 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S, College Station. Learn about best practices for planting, maintaining, and even harvesting beautiful wildflowers come spring! Attendees will get to make their own wildflower seed balls to take home and plant! **Registration required. Registration starts August 28.** For more information, e-mail the Ringer Library or call (979) 209-6347. To register (starting August 28), click the RSVP button on the library web site to be added to the top right corner on Aug. 28). [Activities calendar – Bryan + College Station Public Library System \(bcslibrary.org\)](https://www.bcslibrary.org)

Wednesday, September 18: Harvest Moon Forest Walk. 7:45 p.m. -9:15 p.m. Gary Halter Nature Center. Reservations limited to 20 people. To make reservations call 979-764-6216. Additional information and details: morgan.abbott@tfs.tamu.edu.

Thursday, September 19: “Gardening with the Masters” presented by the Brazos County Master Gardeners Association. Noon. Demonstration Idea Garden, 2619 Highway 21, West in Bryan. Jim Kracht, Brazos County Master Gardener, will present the talk “**Everything Just Went to Pot.**” Free and open to the public.

Saturday, September 21: Learning at the Library presented by the Brazos County Master Gardeners Association. 10 a.m. Cathie Paull, Brazos County Master Gardener, will speak on “**Cool Season Colors**” for your garden. Mounce Library, Bryan, Texas. Details: www.brazosmg.com

Saturday, September 21: Mud Day Morning. 9am to Noon. **Gary Halter Nature Center.** Beat the last day of summer heat at the Gary Halter Nature Center for a morning of all things mud! Join us for games, activities, and presentations all about mud. Roll in a giant mud wallow, throw a mud ball at a target at our mud archery grounds, learn what creatures call mud home, make a mud pie in our mud kitchen, and become an artist by creating your mud sculpture or painting and so much more. We will provide water hoses for quick rinse stations, but bring extra clothing or lots of towels for the ride home are strongly encouraged. All Ages Welcome and Free.

Looking Ahead – REGISTER NOW:

Saturday, October 5: John Fairey Gardens and Nursery, 20559 FM 359, Hempstead. 10 a.m. -3 p.m. **Annual Trunk Show** offering rare and difficult to find trees. Trunk show information and list of plants can be found here: Details: <https://jfgarden.org/>

Saturday, October 26: Brazos County Master Gardeners, in partnership with the **Texas Forest Service,** will host an Arbor Day-related event. 9 a.m. to noon. Brazos County Extension Office, 4153 County Park Ct., Bryan. Seminars on tree selection, tree planting and tree care. Tree gives away and more! Free event but must register. Details: www.brazosmg.com