

October Around Town Calendar 2024

Special Events

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

Saturday, October 12: Boonville Days and Buffalo Stampede. 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Texas Heritage Festival sponsored by the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Half Marathon and 5K starting at 7:30 a.m. Must register for these runs. Festival activities from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Demonstrations of period skills, musicians, dancers, reenactors, free pony rides, children’s crafts, authentic chuck wagon food and live animals. Details: 979-776-2195 or [www.brazosvalley](http://www.brazosvalley.com) museum.org.

Friday, October 11– Sunday, October 20. Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo and Exposition. 5827 Leonard Road, Bryan. Come join the **Brazos County Master Gardeners** at the Brazos Valley Fair & Exposition. This week-long event is dedicated to “*Showcasing Agriculture, Education, & Youth to Enhance our Texas Culture*”. The Brazos Valley Fair & Exposition is making a true impact on agriculture and education by providing Fairgoers with attractions that are not only entertaining, but also provide a variety of educational experiences for the public in agriculture and the rural way of life. The Scholarship program is an integral part of the educational impact of the Fair. The Fair is committed to providing funds for scholarships and other educational programs to educate the youth of Texas for future generations. Check out the web site for a full listing of all the events for the week: <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/>

Brazos County Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening and yardening questions on Friday and Saturday, October 18 & 19.

Saturday, October 19: Fall Festival at The Gardens! 556 John Kimbrough Blvd., C.S 9:00-11:30 am Come celebrate the arrival of fall in **The Gardens!** Enjoy some fall refreshments and apple cider as you stroll through The Gardens and visit various educational demonstrations and activity tables. Folks of all ages can make fall inspired crafts, learn about fall crops and vegetables, explore the journey of cotton from field to yarn, and much more. Come on out for *gourd* time in The Gardens!

There will be a Sensory Free/Quiet Zone during the Fall Festival for anyone who may want or need a quieter environment at any point during the event. Details: <https://gardens.tamu.edu/gardens-fall-festival/>

This is a free event that is open to the community! Attendees can park for free in Lots 97 or 100c. More information about our parking options can be found at [Parking and Transportation](#).

Saturday, October 26: Trees for Brazos County – Right Tree, Right Place, Right Reason! presented by **Brazos County Master Gardener Association** in conjunction with the **Texas Forest Service**. 4153 County Park Ct., Bryan. 9 a.m. – noon. Enjoy seminars on tree selection, tree planting and tree care, receive a free tree and more. This is a free event, but **you must register**. To learn more, go to www.brazosmg.com

Local Garden Clubs

Thursday, October 3: Meeting of the **Post Oak Chapter Native Plant Society**. 6 P.m. – 7:30 p.m. Lick Creek Park in the Gary Halter meeting room. **Cheryl Lewis** will speak on “**Gardening for Wildlife**.”

Wednesday, October 9: Meeting of the **Rio Brazos Audubon Society**. 6:30 p.m. Lick Creek Park Visitor Center, 13600 Rock Prairie Rd., C.S. **Cin-Ty Lee** will speak on “**New insights into bird migration** along the upper Texas coast from advances in field identification and novel acoustic surveys.”

She will focus on new developments in our understanding of bird migration along the Texas coast based on recent advances in field identification and acoustic detection of nocturnal migrating birds. This will show how improved understanding of flycatcher identification has allowed us to better reconstruct flycatcher migration timing and routes. Advances in acoustic detection of birds migrating over Houston, TX have also allowed us to monitor grassland bird populations in the northern prairies, three thousand miles away. Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/event-calendar-2/>

Friday October 11: Meeting of **A&M Garden Club**. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S, “**Roses are Herbs Too!**” presented by **Marie Jenkins**, Horticulturist/Display Gardens Manager, Antique Rose Emporium. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, October 15: Meeting of the **Texas A&M University Women’s Club Garden Interest Group (GIG)**. George Bush Presidential Library education room, 1000 George Bush Dr W, C.S. **Jay White**, owner and publisher of Texas Gardener Magazine will speak on “**Fall and Winter Blooms**”. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 22: Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association**. 7:00 p.m. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Mike Shoup, rosarian, rose rustler, horticulturist and founder of the Antique Rose Emporium, will chat about his long and interesting career, and love affair, with roses. 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/iQeUhM>. 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