

## February 2025 Around Town Calendar

**Note:** The Eagle Garden Calendar began 19 years ago as a weekly “special calendar” on The Eagle’s garden page. Garden clubs, special gardening events and interesting gardening related activities were included to tempt gardeners and gardeners to venture out and interact with fellow garden enthusiasts. One very nice outcome of this was an agreement between the local garden clubs to open the majority of their monthly meetings to the public, at no charge. This gave new gardeners an opportunity to attend garden related talks and interact with local garden club members. An agreement that still stands today. Those clubs involved were the A&M Garden Club, The Men’s Garden Club (now defunct), The Texas A&M University Women’s Club Garden Interest Group (PLEASE call us the GIG), Brazos County Master Gardeners, the Rose Society and the Orchid Club. As time has passed, more organizations have realized the importance of opening their meetings to the public for a free opportunity to learn more about their organizations and the good things they do. They too are included in the Around Town Calendar.

As you browse through the calendar each month and find a topic of interest to you, please feel free to attend a meeting. You might discover a new aspect of gardening/yardening that you need to explore.

### Special Events

**Monday and Tuesday February 10-11: Landscape Design School, Series 27**, George Bush Library theatre, C.S. sponsored by the A&M Garden Club. Cost. Information at: <https://amgardenclub.com> REGISTRATION FORM at: [LDS Registration Form 2.10.2025](#)

**Saturday, February 15: Rain Water Harvesting Program**, Brazos County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 4153 County Park Court Bryan, 9-11:30 a.m. The Brazos County Master Gardeners, in partnership with the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District, celebrate home water conservation with a **Rain Water Harvesting Program** with seminars exploring rainwater harvesting for garden use, including a workshop to build and take home your own rain barrel. Talks include: ‘How to Hook up your Rain Barrel’ and ‘Alternative Rainwater Harvesting Techniques.’

Exhibitors include Jennifer Nations, College Station Water Resource Coordinator, How To Make A Rain Chain station, Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District and Brazos County Master Gardeners answering gardening questions.

Master Gardeners will be available to assist with the assembly of rainwater barrels. Seating is limited.

Registration to make a rain barrel is \$25, each household is limited to one rain barrel. Please make sure your vehicle can accommodate the transport of a 55-gallon barrel to your home.

No child care or children's activities will be available. Thank you for your understanding. Additional details and to register: <https://txmg.org/brazos>

**Friday, February 28: Leach Teaching Gardens**, 578 John Kimbrough Blvd, W Campus Greenway, College Station. Evening, 5 – 8pm. **International celebration of Darwin Day**, an annual celebration of all things biology. Free. Details: <https://eeb.tamu.edu/darwin-day/darwin-day-2025/>. Sponsored by TAMU Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Program.

### Local Garden Clubs

**Thursday, February 6: 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. Bruce Dvorak, Assistant Professor in the Department of [Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning](#) will speak on “**Native plants for Green Roofs and Walls in Texas and Beyond.**” Free, Public invited. Details: <https://www.npsot.org/event/post-oak-npsot-chapter-meeting/>

**Wednesday, February 14:** Meeting of the **Rio Brazos Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m. Brazos Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan, 77802. Roy Nierdieck will be the speaker, ‘The Art of Bird Photography’. Topic to be determined. Free, Public Invited Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/event-calendar-2/>

**Friday, February 14: Meeting of A&M Garden Club.** 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. **“Historical Coffee Talk and Tasting”** presented by Chandler Wahrmond, Curator Educator, Texas Historical Commission, Washington on the Brazos. Free, Public Invited Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

**Tuesday, February 18:** 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. **“Why Are Plants So Good for Us?”** Charlie Hall, TAMU professor in Horticultural Sciences and holder of the Ellison Endowed Chair in International Floriculture, will discuss the concept of *biophilia* and why we as humans are drawn to plants, as well as the economic, environmental, health and wellness benefits that plants provide. Free, Public Invited Details: [tamugig@gmail.com](mailto:tamugig@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 25:** Meeting of the **Brazos County Master Gardener Association.** **Note new start time is 6:00 p.m for talks.** 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Zachary Howard will speak on **“Big Box Escapees.”** Free Public invited. Details: <https://txmg.org/brazos/>

Some other groups to consider:

**Tuesday, February 11: Meeting of the Bryan/College Station Rose Society.** Noon. Learn more about growing these lovely plants. Public invited. Contact [jaottis@gmail.com](mailto:jaottis@gmail.com) for time and location.

## **Recurring Activities**

**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](http://brazos.agrilife.org/horticulture)) and Brazos County Master Gardeners ([txmg.org/brazos](http://txmg.org/brazos))  
**Free.**

**Floral Fridays.** 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 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](mailto: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](http://www.gardeningwithskip.com)

## **Local Farmers’ Markets**

**Aggieldand Farmer’s Market – Saturdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** 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. Details: [www.aggielandfarmersmarket.com/](http://www.aggielandfarmersmarket.com/)

**Brazos Valley Farmers' Market - Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.** Downtown Bryan at Main and 21st<sup>d</sup> 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](http://www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com)

## **Looking Ahead:**

**Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2: B/CS 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Home and Garden Expo**, Legends Event Center, Bryan. Brazos County Master Gardeners will be offering gardening information and talks to help you have a successful garden. Each talk is 30 minutes long and there is time afterwards for your questions. Seminars are free with a paid ticket to the Expo.

### **Saturday, March 1**

<b>Master Gardener Presenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
10:00 Stephen Brueggerhoff*	Raised Beds - Construction and Use
11:00 Gene Haywood	Trees for Brazos County
12:00 Todd Riggle	Tomatoes!
1:00 Cathie Paull	Texas Native in My Backyard
2:00 Stephanie Cooper	Texas SuperStars for Your Garden
3:00 Anne Prescott	Attracting Pollinators

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### **Sunday, March 2**

<b>Master Gardener Presenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
11:00 Maureen Reap	Trees for Brazos County
12:00 Todd Riggle	Tomatoes!
1:00 Cathie Paull	Texas Natives in My Backyard
2:00 Stephanie Cooper	Texas SuperStars for Your Garden

Details:

**Friday and Saturday, March 14 & 15: 2025 Herbal Forum and Plant Sale**, "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Superpowers of Herbs." 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Festival Hill in Round Top, Texas. Speakers and agenda will be posted soon. Our annual herb and plant sale, as well as our popular gift shop, Thyme Well Spent, will be 9.a.m. to 4p.m. both days on the concert hall grounds. Watch this space for Forum registration and information and for more information on the plant and gift sale. Details: <https://www.herbsocietypioneer.org/2025-herbal-forum-and-plant-sale>

**Saturday, March 22:** Brazos County Master Gardener Annual PLANT SALE. 4153 County Park Court, Bryan. Public invited. More information to come. Details: <https://txmg.org/brazos/>

**TAMU Educator Open House, March 29, 10am to noon, Leach Teaching Gardens.** This event is free for all educators from public, charter, private, and homeschool organizations. For more information and to register: <https://calendar.tamu.edu/agrilife/all/tags/The%20Gardens>.